

Homework 1: Getting Started with Probability

Reminder: Give partial credit for answers that show work that is partially correct. Default is 1/2 credit, but you can make it more or less in drastic cases. Don't count off for arithmetic mistakes, and don't take off twice when an incorrect number is used in a later answer.

1. (25 points total / 5 points each part / no work needed)

(a) B^c

(b) $B \cap G^c = B - G$

(c) $B \cup G$

(d) $B^c \cap G^c = (B \cup G)^c$ (DeMorgan's Law)

(e) $(B \cup G) - (B \cap G) = (B - G) \cup (G - B)$

2. (25 points total / 5 points each part / 1 point each for showing work, which should include stating the rule)

(a)

$$\begin{aligned}\Pr(A \cup B) &= \Pr(A) + \Pr(B) - \Pr(A \cap B) && \text{(Inclusion-Exclusion or Union Rule)} \\ &= 0.3 + 0.5 - 0.25 \\ &= 0.55\end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned}\Pr(A^c) &= 1 - \Pr(A) && \text{(Complement Rule)} \\ &= 1 - 0.3 \\ &= 0.7\end{aligned}$$

(c)

$$\begin{aligned}\Pr(A^c \cup B^c) &= \Pr((A \cap B)^c) && \text{(DeMorgan's Law)} \\ &= 1 - \Pr(A \cap B) && \text{(Complement Rule)} \\ &= 1 - 0.25 \\ &= 0.75\end{aligned}$$

(d)

$$\begin{aligned}\Pr(A \cap B^c) &= \Pr(A) - \Pr(A \cap B) && \text{(Difference Rule)} \\ &= 0.3 - 0.25 \\ &= 0.05\end{aligned}$$

(e)

$$\begin{aligned}\Pr(A^c \cap B^c) &= \Pr((A \cup B)^c) && \text{(DeMorgan's Law)} \\ &= 1 - \Pr(A \cup B) && \text{(Complement Rule)} \\ &= 1 - 0.55 && \text{(from part (a))} \\ &= 0.45\end{aligned}$$

3. (25 points total)

(a) (5 points total / no work needed)

$$\Omega = \{(1, 2), (1, 3), (2, 3), (2, 1), (3, 1), (3, 2)\}$$

(b) (8 points total / 2 points each / no work needed)

$$\begin{aligned}A &= \{(1, 2), (2, 3), (2, 1), (3, 2)\} \\ B &= \{(1, 2), (2, 1)\} \\ C &= \{(1, 3), (2, 3), (3, 1), (3, 2)\} \\ D &= \{(1, 3), (3, 1)\}\end{aligned}$$

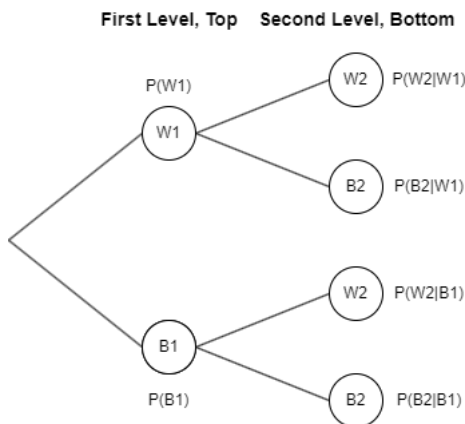
(c) (12 points total / 3 points for the event + 1 point for the probability)

$$\begin{aligned}A^c &= \{(1, 3), (3, 1)\}; && \Pr(A^c) = \frac{2}{6} = \frac{1}{3} = 0.\overline{33} \\ A \cup (C \cap D) &= \{(1, 2), (1, 3), (2, 3), (2, 1), (3, 1), (3, 2)\}; && \Pr(A \cup (C \cap D)) = \frac{6}{6} = 1 \\ A \cup D^c &= \{(1, 2), (2, 3), (2, 1), (3, 2)\}; && \Pr(A \cup D^c) = \frac{4}{6} = \frac{2}{3} = 0.\overline{66} \\ (D^c \subset A \rightarrow A \cup D^c &= A)\end{aligned}$$

4. (25 pts total)

(a) (10 pts total / 1 pt for each number in the tree)

$B1, W1$ is “black top” or “white top”, $B2, W2$ is “black bottom” or “white bottom”



First-level	Second-level	Joint Probabilities
$\Pr(B1) = \frac{11}{36}$	$\Pr(B2 B1) = \frac{6}{11}$	$\Pr(B1 \cap B2) = \frac{6}{36} = \frac{1}{6}$
	$\Pr(W2 B1) = \frac{5}{11}$	$\Pr(B1 \cap W2) = \frac{5}{36}$
$\Pr(W1) = \frac{25}{36}$	$\Pr(B2 W1) = \frac{5}{25}$	$\Pr(W1 \cap B2) = \frac{5}{36}$
	$\Pr(W2 W1) = \frac{20}{25} = \frac{4}{5}$	$\Pr(W1 \cap W2) = \frac{20}{36} = \frac{5}{9}$

- (b) (5 pts / no work needed) $\Pr(W1) = \frac{25}{36}$
(c) (5 pts / no work needed) $\Pr(W2 | B1) = \frac{5}{11}$
(d) (5 pts / 1 pt for showing work)

$$\Pr(B2) = \Pr(B2 \cap B1) + \Pr(B2 \cap W1) = \frac{1}{6} + \frac{5}{36} = \frac{11}{36} \text{ (Total Probability)}$$

OR

$$\Pr(B2) = \Pr(B1) = \frac{11}{36} \text{ (symmetry argument - top and bottom are same)}$$