

1. Suppose you flip a fair coin three time.
 - (a) What is the probability that you get three heads?
 - (b) What is the probability that you get exactly two heads?
 - (c) What is the conditional probability that you get exactly two heads, given that at least one of the flips is a head?
 - (d) What is the conditional probability that you get exactly two heads, given that at least one of the flips is a tail?
 - (e) What is the conditional probability that you get at least one tail, given that exactly two flips are heads?
 - (f) Now you toss the coin 99 times, and get 99 heads. You need to bet whether the next 100th toss is head or tail. What is your choice?
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- (a) $\frac{1}{8}$.
- (b) $\frac{C(3,2)}{8} = \frac{3}{8}$.
- (c) $P(H = 2|H \geq 1) = \frac{P((H=2) \cap (H \geq 1))}{P(H \geq 1)} = \frac{P(H=2)}{P(H \geq 1)} = \frac{3/8}{1 - P(H=0)} = \frac{3/8}{1 - 1/8} = \frac{3}{7}$.
- (d) $P(H = 2|T \geq 1) = \frac{P((H=2) \cap (T \geq 1))}{P(T \geq 1)} = \frac{P(H=2)}{P(T \geq 1)} = \frac{3/8}{1 - P(T=0)} = \frac{3/8}{1 - 1/8} = \frac{3}{7}$.
- (e) You can find that the probability is 1, without doing any calculation - if there are exactly two heads, then there must be a tail.
- (f) Any choice you like. All tosses are independent.

2. True or False:

- (a) If E and F are mutually exclusive, then they are independent.
- (b) If E and F are independent, then they are mutually exclusive.
- (c) If E and F are mutually exclusive, then E^c and F^c are also mutually exclusive.
- (d) If E and F are independent, then E^c and F^c are also independent.
- (e) If E and F are independent and $P(F) > 0$, then $P(E|F) = P(E)$.
- (f) If E and F are independent and $P(E), P(F) > 0$, then $P(E|F) = P(F|E)$.
- (g) If E and F are mutually exclusive and $P(E), P(F) > 0$, then $P(E|F) = P(F|E)$.

- (a) False.
- (b) False. Actually, being mutually exclusive and independent are not related.
- (c) False. $E \cap F = \emptyset$ does not imply $E^c \cap F^c = \emptyset$. For example, consider $\Omega = \{1, 2\}$, $E = \emptyset$ and $F = \{1\}$.
- (d) True. This can be checked using the principle of inclusion and exclusion. We only need to show that $P(E^c \cap F^c) = P(E^c)P(F^c)$:

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(E^c \cap F^c) &= P((E \cup F)^c) \\
 &= 1 - P(E \cup F) \\
 &= 1 - (P(E) + P(F) - P(E \cap F)) \\
 &= 1 - P(E) - P(F) + P(E \cap F) \\
 &= (1 - P(E))(1 - P(F)) = P(E^c)P(F^c).
 \end{aligned}$$

- (e) True. Intuitively true (if two events are independent, then conditioning does not affect probability), and also mathematically true:

$$P(E|F) = \frac{P(E \cap F)}{P(F)} = \frac{P(E)P(F)}{P(F)} = P(E).$$

- (f) False. $P(E|F) = P(F|E)$ if and only if $P(E) = P(F)$, and this is not true in general.
- (g) True. Both $P(E|F)$ and $P(F|E)$ are zero, since $E \cap F = \emptyset \Rightarrow P(E \cap F) = 0$.