

1. An urn contains 4 identical balls labeled with one of the letters {a}, {b}, {c}, and {d} (one letter on each ball). List all events associated with a single random draw of a ball from the urn.

2. For each of the following five measurements, indicate whether it falls on the **nominal**, **ordinal**, **interval**, or **ratio scale**. Make a short comment justifying your choice (and a longer comment if you feel it is not 100% obvious).
 - The time spent studying for this exam
 - The name of the university your best high school friend attends
 - The total of all your points at the end of this course
 - Temperature in degrees Kelvin
 - The strength of a tornado measured on the Fujita scale: F0, F1, F2, F3, F4, or F5

3. Demonstrate that the set of all rational numbers between -1 and 1 is countable.

4. For the events given below defined on the unit square with the location of the point (X, Y) following a uniform distribution, sketch the event and compute its probability. In each case, the event A is the set of points (X, Y) satisfying the constraint
 - (a) $Y > \frac{4}{3} - X$
 - (b) $\min(X - 0.1, Y) > 0.6$
 - (c) $(X - 0.3)^2 + (Y - 0.6)^2 \leq \frac{1}{64}$

5. When discussing Kolmogorov's Axioms, we try to use as few assumptions as possible. Suppose, for example, when describing the list of all events, \mathcal{F} , we start with only the 2 assumptions:
 - (1) if $A \in \mathcal{F}$, then so is A^c , its complement
 - (2) if A and B are events in \mathcal{F} , then so is $A \cup B$, their union.Show by using elementary set operations that the event $A \cap B$ is also in \mathcal{F} .

Hint: Draw a Venn Diagram and highlight the set $A^c \cup B^c$.

6. Questions about events A , B and C .

- (a) Suppose event B is independent of event A , that is, $P(B|A) = P(B)$. Show that event A must be independent of event B .
- (b) Suppose events A and B are *not* independent and that B is more likely to occur when A does, that is,

$$P(B|A) > P(B).$$

Now A cannot be independent of B . One of the following is true:

- (a) $P(A|B) = P(A)$
 (b) $P(A|B) < P(A)$
 (c) $P(A|B) > P(A)$
 (d) cannot tell, in general.

Find it and show that is it true.

- (c) Show the following is always true.

$$P(A|BC) + P(A^c|BC) = 1.$$

Hint: You may assume all relevant events have non-zero probability.

7. Suppose the random variable X has density

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} c \cdot (1 - x^2) & \text{for } -1 < x < 1 \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere.} \end{cases}$$

- (a) Find the value of the constant c so that $f(x)$ is a PDF.
- (b) Compute (directly) the mean and standard deviation. (Do not use the MGF approach.)
8. While playing poker with a well-shuffled full deck of 52 cards, the first three (of five) cards that you are dealt are the set (event)

$$\{ 4_{\spadesuit}, 7_{\heartsuit}, 7_{\clubsuit} \}.$$

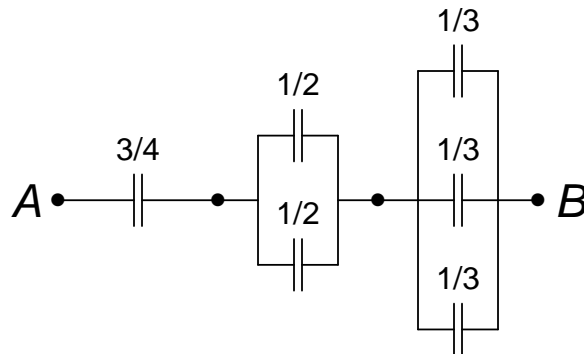
- (a) How many equally-likely ways are there to complete your 5 cards?
- (b) How many ways are there of getting 4-of-a-kind or one pair?
- (c) List all the remaining possible hands you may end up with, and how many for each.

Poker Hands (in order of quality):

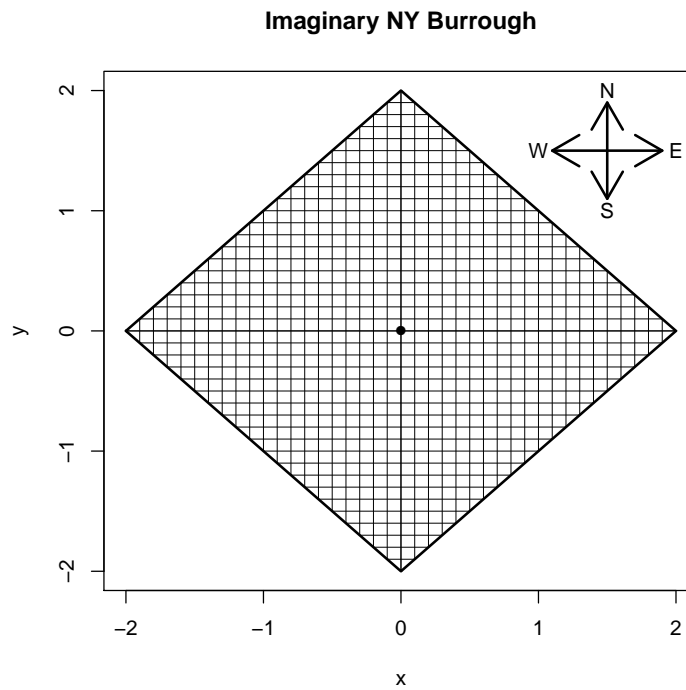
1. Royal Flush (AKQJ10, one suit)
2. Other Straight Flushes (45678, one suit, Ace low OK in Texas Hold'em)
3. Four of a Kind (KKKK8)
4. Full House (AAA22, three-of-a-kind plus one pair)
5. Flush (5 cards same suit, not in sequence)
6. Straight (23456 different suits, Ace low OK in Texas Hold'em)
7. Three of a Kind (555JK)
8. Two pair (AAQQ7)
9. Pair (AA268)
10. "Nothing" (everything else — Jack high, for example)

Order of suits (best to worst): *Spades, Hearts, Diamonds, Clubs.*

9. Suppose the 6 components in the diagram below are all stochastically independent. The probability each works is indicated on the diagram. What is the probability that a signal will reach B when sent from A ?



10. Suppose you are an urban planner for a new burrough with the geometry shown in the figure (a square rotated 45 degrees). Some of the grid of streets and avenues are also shown. You are tasked with placing 4 hospitals to serve the region, supposing demand will be uniformly distributed over the region.
- (a) Where should you locate them so all 4 regions are "fair" to all the residents? Indicate on the figure what region each hospital should serve.



- (b) How is this related to one of our homework problems? For example, what is the furthest anyone will be from a hospital?
- (c) In particular, if the random variable D measures the distance from a random emergency in the burrough to the nearest of the 4 hospitals, what is the CDF of D , that is, what is $F(d) = \text{Prob}(D \leq d)$?