

**Homework 9 MORALLY Due Apr 18 at 9:00AM**  
**WARNING: THIS HW IS FIVE PAGES LONG!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

1. (0 points but please DO IT) What is your name?
2. (30 points) Bill has the following:

- A fair 6-sided die. So the  $\Pr(1) = \dots = \Pr(6) = \frac{1}{6}$ .
- A bias die with
$$\Pr(1) = \Pr(2) = \Pr(3) = \frac{1}{4}$$
$$\Pr(4) = \Pr(5) = \Pr(6) = \frac{1}{12}$$

Emily picks one of these die at random (each with prob  $\frac{1}{2}$ ).

- (a) (15 points) If she rolls it  $n$  times and gets  $n$  1's, what is the prob she picked the biased die?
- (b) (15 points) If she rolls it  $n$  times and gets  $n$  6's what is the prob she picked the biased die?

**SOLUTION**

Let  $F$  be picked Fair Die.

Let  $B$  be picked Bias Die.

Let  $A$  be the event that Emily rolled the die  $n$  times and got all 1's.

$$\Pr(B \mid A) = \Pr(A \mid B) \frac{\Pr(B)}{\Pr(A)}$$

We now compute these probabilities separately.

$$\Pr(A \mid B) = \frac{1}{4^n}$$

$$\Pr(B) = \frac{1}{2}.$$

$$\Pr(A) = \Pr(A \mid B)\Pr(B) + \Pr(A \mid F)\Pr(F)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4^n} \times \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{6^n} \times \frac{1}{2}$$

Hence

Lets put it all together

$$\Pr(B \mid A) = \frac{1}{4^n} \frac{1/2}{(1/2)(1/4^n + 1/6^n)} = \frac{1}{4^n} \frac{1}{(1/4^n + 1/6^n)} = \frac{1}{1 + (2/3)^n}$$

**END OF SOLUTION****GOTO NEXT PAGE**

3. (25 points) Emily tosses  $m$  balls into  $n$  boxes at random. Assume  $m \ll n$ .

- (a) (15 points) What is the probability that at least FOUR balls are in the same box. (You may use the approximations we used for the problem of THREE balls.)

**SOLUTION**

Prob that  $i, j, k, l$  in the same box is  $\frac{n}{n^4} = \frac{1}{n^3}$ .

Prob that  $i, j, k, l$  NOT in the same box is  $1 - \frac{1}{n^3} \sim e^{-1/n^3}$ .

Prob that no 4-set is in the same box is approx

$$(e^{-1/n^3})^{\binom{m}{4}} \sim e^{-m^4/24n^3}$$

Prob that SOME 4-set is in the same box is approx

$$1 - e^{-m^4/24n^3}$$

**END OF SOLUTION**

- (b) (10 points) Let  $n$  be fixed and large. Fill in the following statement:

*If  $m = XXX$  then the prob of having 4 people in a room is OVER  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $m$  is close to the least such value of  $m$ . (HINT: Use Part 1 of this problem.)*

**SOLUTION**

$$1 - e^{-m^4/24n^3} > \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} > e^{-m^4/24n^3}$$

$$-\ln(2) > -\frac{m^4}{24n^3}$$

$$\ln(2) < \frac{m^4}{24n^3}$$

$$24 \ln(2)n^3 < m^4$$

$$m > (24 \ln(2))^{1/3} n^{3/4}$$

**END OF SOLUTION**

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4. (25 points) Do a COMBINATORIAL PROOF (NOT algebraic, NOT by induction) for the following statement:

*For all  $n \geq 0$ ,  $\sum_{s=0}^n \binom{n}{s} 2^s = 3^n$ .*

(HINT: The Right Hand Side is the answer to the question:

*How many ways can you 3-color  $\{1, \dots, n\}$ .*

Argue that the Left Hand Side solves this same problem.)

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5. (25 points) We are playing with a normal Earth-poker: 13 ranks, 4 suites, hands of size 5.

What is the probability that a hand has a flush OR a straight but NOT a straight-flush. Give it both in terms of notation like  $\binom{52}{5}$  and an actual number like 0.0414 (to 4 places).