

## STAT 110A HW2 Solution

1. (a) See class note.  
 (b) See class note.
2. (a)  $X \sim B(n = 4, p = 0.2)$   
 $Pr(\text{two or more people support Mr. A}) = Pr(X \geq 2)$   
 $= \binom{4}{2}0.2^20.8^2 + \binom{4}{3}0.2^30.8 + \binom{4}{4}0.2^4$   
 (b)  $X \sim B(n = 100, p = 0.2)$   
 $Pr(\text{at least 24 people support Mr. A}) = Pr(X \geq 24) = \sum_{i=24}^{100} \binom{100}{i}0.2^i0.8^{100-i}$
3. (a)  $Pr(A) = Pr(A \cap B_1) + Pr(A \cap B_2) + \dots + Pr(A \cap B_n)$   
 $= Pr(B_1)Pr(A|B_1) + Pr(B_2)Pr(A|B_2) + \dots + Pr(B_n)Pr(A|B_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n Pr(B_i)Pr(A|B_i)$   
 (b)  $Pr(B_j|A) = Pr(B_j \cap A)/Pr(A) = Pr(A \cap B_j)/Pr(A) = Pr(B_j)Pr(A|B_j)/Pr(A)$   
 $= Pr(B_j)Pr(A|B_j) / \sum_{i=1}^n Pr(B_i)Pr(A|B_i)$   
 (c) venn diagram
4. (a)  $Pr(\text{the second ball is red})$   
 $= Pr(1st=red)Pr(2nd=red|1st=red) + Pr(1st=black)Pr(2nd=red|1st=black)$   
 $= \frac{r}{r+b} \frac{r+1}{r+b+1} + \frac{b}{r+b} \frac{r}{r+b+1} = \frac{r}{r+b}$   
 (b)  $Pr(\text{the third ball is red})$   
 $= Pr(2nd=red)Pr(3rd=red|2nd=red) + Pr(2nd=black)Pr(3rd=red|2nd=black)$   
 $= Pr(1st=red)Pr(2nd=red|1st=red)Pr(3rd=red|2nd=red) +$   
 $Pr(1st=black)Pr(2nd=red|1st=black)Pr(3rd=red|2nd=red) +$   
 $Pr(1st=red)Pr(2nd=black|1st=red)Pr(3rd=red|2nd=black) +$   
 $Pr(1st=black)Pr(2nd=black|1st=black)Pr(3rd=red|2nd=black)$   
 $= \frac{r}{r+b} \frac{r+1}{r+b+1} \frac{r+2}{r+b+2} + \frac{b}{r+b} \frac{r}{r+b+1} \frac{r+1}{r+b+2} + \frac{r}{r+b} \frac{b}{r+b+1} \frac{r+1}{r+b+2} + \frac{b}{r+b} \frac{b+1}{r+b+1} \frac{r}{r+b+2}$
5.  $\frac{1\% \times 95\%}{1\% \times 95\% + 99\% \times 10\%} = 8.76\%$

6. (a)  $T_{ii} = 0; T_{ij} = 1/2, i \neq j$   

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1/2 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & 0 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
- (b)  $M_{ij} = Pr(X_{t+2} = j | X_t = i)$   
 $= \sum_{k=1}^3 Pr(X_{t+1} = k | X_t = i) Pr(X_{t+2} = j | X_{t+1} = k) = \sum_{k=1}^3 T_{ik} T_{kj}$   
 $\implies M = T^2$
- (c)  $M_{ij} = Pr(X_{t+s} = j | X_t = i)$   
 $= \sum_{a=1}^3 \sum_{b=1}^3 \cdots \sum_{r=1}^3 Pr(X_{t+1} = a | X_t = i) \times Pr(X_{t+2} = b | X_{t+1} = a)$   
 $\times Pr(X_{t+3} = c | X_{t+2} = b) \times \cdots \times Pr(X_{t+s} = j | X_{t+s-1} = r)$   
 $= \sum_{a=1}^3 \sum_{b=1}^3 \cdots \sum_{r=1}^3 T_{ia} T_{ab} T_{bc} \cdots T_{rj}$   
 $\implies M = T^s$
7. (a)  $p_0 = (1, 0, 0)$   
 $p_1(i) = Pr(X_1 = i) = \sum_{j=1}^3 Pr(X_0 = j) Pr(X_1 = i | X_0 = j)$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3$   
 $p_1(1) = 1 \times 0 + 0 \times 1/2 + 0 \times 1/2 = 0,$   
 $p_1(2) = 1 \times 1/2 + 0 \times 0 + 0 \times 1/2 = 1/2,$   
 $p_1(3) = 1 \times 1/2 + 0 \times 1/2 + 0 \times 0 = 1/2$   
 $\implies p_1 = (0, 1/2, 1/2)$   
 $p_2(i) = Pr(X_2 = i) = \sum_{j=1}^3 Pr(X_1 = j) Pr(X_2 = i | X_1 = j)$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3$   
 $p_2(1) = 0 \times 0 + 1/2 \times 1/2 + 1/2 \times 1/2 = 1/2,$   
 $p_2(2) = 0 \times 1/2 + 1/2 \times 0 + 1/2 \times 1/2 = 1/4,$   
 $p_2(3) = 0 \times 1/2 + 1/2 \times 1/2 + 1/2 \times 0 = 1/4$   
 $\implies p_2 = (1/2, 1/4, 1/4)$   
 $p_3(i) = Pr(X_3 = i) = \sum_{j=1}^3 Pr(X_2 = j) Pr(X_3 = i | X_2 = j)$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3$   
 $p_3(1) = 1/2 \times 0 + 1/4 \times 1/2 + 1/4 \times 1/2 = 1/4,$   
 $p_3(2) = 1/2 \times 1/2 + 1/4 \times 0 + 1/4 \times 1/2 = 3/8,$   
 $p_3(3) = 1/2 \times 1/2 + 1/4 \times 1/2 + 1/4 \times 0 = 3/8$   
 $\implies p_3 = (1/4, 3/8, 3/8)$
- (b)  $p_{t+1}(i) = Pr(X_{t+1} = i) = \sum_{j=1}^3 Pr(X_t = j) Pr(X_{t+1} = i | X_t = j)$   
 $= \sum_{j=1}^3 p_t(j) T_{ji}$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3$   
 $\implies p_{t+1} = p_t T$
- (c) It is a model for an individual walking on the three states who at each point of time takes one step to the other two states with probability  $1/2$  respectively. The probability of the person in the state of time  $t$  just depends on the state of time  $t-1$ . When it runs enough time, the probability of the person in each state will be  $1/3$ .