

$$= P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^m A_i\right) + P(A_{m+1}) - P\left[\bigcup_{i=1}^m A_i \cap A_{m+1}\right] \quad \dots (5)$$

Again,

$$P\left[\bigcup_{i=1}^m A_i \cap A_{m+1}\right]$$

$$= P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^m [A_i \cap A_{m+1}]\right)$$

$$= P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^m B_i\right), \text{ say, where } B_i \equiv A_i \cap A_{m+1}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^m P(B_i) - \sum_{\substack{i,j=1 \\ i < j}}^m P(B_i \cap B_j) + \sum_{\substack{i,j,k=1 \\ i < j < k}}^m P(B_i \cap B_j \cap B_k) - \dots + (-1)^{m-1} P\left(\bigcap_{i=1}^m B_i\right)$$

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[∵ We have already assumed an expression

for $n = m$]

$$= \sum_{i=1}^m P(A_i \cap A_{m+1}) - \sum_{\substack{i,j=1 \\ i < j}}^m P(A_i \cap A_j \cap A_{m+1}) +$$

$$\left(\sum_{\substack{i,j,k=1 \\ i < j < k}}^m P(A_i \cap A_j \cap A_k \cap A_{m+1}) - \dots + (-1)^{m-1} P\left(\bigcap_{i=1}^m A_i\right) \right) \quad \dots (6)$$

Now by Boole's inequality,

$$P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i^c\right) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n P(A_i^c)$$

$$\Rightarrow P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i^c\right) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \{1 - P(A_i)\}$$

$$\Rightarrow P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i^c\right) \leq n - \sum_{i=1}^n P(A_i)$$

$$\Rightarrow -P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i^c\right) \geq \sum_{i=1}^n P(A_i) - n$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 - P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i^c\right) \geq \sum_{i=1}^n P(A_i) - (n-1)$$

$$\Rightarrow P\left(\bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i\right) \geq \sum_{i=1}^n P(A_i) - (n-1)$$

Hence proved

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P-1 Arrange the following quantities in increasing order.

$P(A_1)$, $P(A_1) + P(A_2)$, $P(A_1) + P(A_2) - 1$, $P(A_1 \cup A_2)$, $P(A_1 \cap A_2)$

$$- P(A_1 \cup A_2) \leq P(A_1) + P(A_2) \quad P(A_1) + P(A_2) - 1 = \sum_{i=1}^2 P(A_i) - (2-1)$$

$$P(A_1) + P(A_2) - 1 \leq P(A_1) \leq P(A_1 \cup A_2) < P(A_1 \cap A_2) \leq P(A_1) + P(A_2)$$

$$P(A_1) + P(A_2) - 1 < P(A_1 \cap A_2) < P(A_1) < P(A_1 \cup A_2) < P(A_1) + P(A_2)$$

Now,

$$B = (B \cap [A_{m+1} \cup A_{m+2} \cup \dots \cup A_n]) \cup (B \cap [A_{m+1} \cup A_{m+2} \cup \dots \cup A_n]^c)$$

$$\Rightarrow P(B) = P(B \cap [A_{m+1} \cup \dots \cup A_n]) + P(B \cap [A_{m+1} \cup \dots \cup A_n]^c)$$

[∵ The two events on RHS are mutually exclusive]

$$\Rightarrow P(B \cap [A_{m+1} \cup A_{m+2} \cup \dots \cup A_n]^c) = P(B) - P(B \cap [A_{m+1} \cup A_{m+2} \cup \dots \cup A_n])$$

Again,

$$P(B \cap [A_{m+1} \cup A_{m+2} \cup \dots \cup A_n]) = P([B \cap A_{m+1}] \cup [B \cap A_{m+2}] \cup \dots \cup [B \cap A_n])$$

$$= P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{n-m} [B \cap A_{m+i}]\right)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n-m} P(B \cap A_{m+i}) - \sum_{\substack{i, j=1 \\ i < j}}^{n-m} P(B \cap A_{m+i} \cap A_{m+j})$$

$$+ \sum_{i, j, k=1}^{n-m} P(B \cap A_{m+i} \cap A_{m+j} \cap A_{m+k})$$

$$- \dots + (-1)^{n-m-1} P(B \cap A_{m+1} \cap A_{m+2} \cap \dots \cap A_n)$$

$$= \frac{(m+i)!}{i! m!} = \binom{m+i}{m}, \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, n-m$$

Thus,

$$P(m) = S_m - \binom{m+1}{m} S_{m+1} + \binom{m+2}{m} S_{m+2} - \dots \\ + (-1)^{n-m} \binom{n}{m} S_n$$

- 1) A person wrote n letters sealed them in n envelopes and wrote diff. addresses randomly on them. Show that the prob. that exactly m ($\leq n$) letters are placed in correct envelopes is approximately $\frac{1}{m!}$ when n is large.

— Let A_i be an event denoting that the i th letter will be put into the correct envelope ($i = 1, 2, \dots, n$). The required prob. is then given by

$$P(m) = S_m - \binom{m+1}{m} S_{m+1} + \binom{m+2}{m} S_{m+2} - \dots \\ + (-1)^{n-m} \binom{n}{m} S_n$$

$$\text{where } S_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n P(A_i), \quad S_2 = \sum_{\substack{i,j=1 \\ i < j}}^n P(A_i \cap A_j),$$

$$S_3 = \sum_{\substack{i, j, k=1 \\ i < j < k}}^n P(A_i \cap A_j \cap A_k)$$

The total no. of ways n letters may be put into n envelopes is $n!$. If the i th letter is put into the correct envelope, then the remaining $n-1$ letters may be placed into the other $n-1$ envelopes in $(n-1)!$ ways.

$$\therefore P(A_i) = \frac{(n-1)!}{n!} \quad \forall i$$

$$\therefore P(A_i \cap A_j) = \frac{(n-2)!}{n!} \quad \forall i < j$$

$$\therefore P(A_i \cap A_j \cap A_k) = \frac{(n-3)!}{n!} \quad \forall i < j < k$$

and so on.

Proceeding in this way, we may say that each term of S_m has the value $\frac{(n-m)!}{n!}$ and there are in all $\binom{n}{m}$ terms. Each term of S_{m+1} has the value $\frac{(n-m-1)!}{n!}$ and there are in all $\binom{n}{m+1}$ terms and so on. Hence in general, each term of S_{m+i} has the value $\frac{(n-m-i)!}{n!}$ and there are $\binom{n}{m+i}$ terms in all. ($i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n-m$)