

Discrete Mathematics

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Prove all of your answers. Unless otherwise stated, you may use any method. The choice of the proof method will not affect your grade but if we get some particularly elegant and/or unexpected proofs, we can do them in the class.

If you work with others put their names clearly at the top of the assignment. Everyone must turn in their own independently written solutions. Homework is due at the beginning of class.

Homework 4, due November 4

1. Calculate the probability that in the game of preference (32 cards dealt among three players, 10 cards each, and 2 cards go to the widow) every player gets precisely one ace.
2. Give an example of three events in the same sample space such that every pair of these events is independent, but all three events are not mutually independent.
3. Our class is attended by 26 students, and its graduate version the next door is attended by 17 students. Every student in every of the two classes is present with probability 90% independently of the others.

Looking for you, your friend opens one of the two doors at random and sees 17 students in the room. What is the probability that he opened the right door?

4. Let X_1, \dots, X_6 be independent unbiased Bernoulli random variables (that is, $p(X_i = 0) = p(X_i = 1) = 1/2$). Calculate the conditional probability $p(X_1 + X_2 + X_3 + X_4 = 2 | X_3 + X_4 + X_5 + X_6 = 1)$.