

Name: Solutions**Directions:** Show all work. No credit for answers without work.

1. A fair die is rolled 3 times. Let  $A$  be the event that the first roll is strictly smaller than the second (so  $(4, 5, 1) \in A$  but  $(4, 4, 1) \notin A$ ). Let  $B$  be the event that all three rolls are distinct.

- (a) [1 point] What is the probability space  $\Omega$ ? What is  $|\Omega|$ ?

$$\Omega = \{1, \dots, 6\}^3$$

$$|\Omega| = 6^3 = 216$$

- (b) [2 points] Determine  $\Pr(A)$  and  $\Pr(B)$ .

*Choose pair of distinct numbers for first two rolls*  
*Choose any number in  $\{1, \dots, 6\}$  for 3rd roll*

$$\Pr(A) = \frac{|A|}{|\Omega|} = \frac{\binom{6}{2} \cdot 6}{6^3} = \frac{\frac{6 \cdot 5}{2} \cdot 6}{6^3} = \frac{5}{2 \cdot 6} = \boxed{\frac{5}{12}}$$

$$\Pr(B) = \frac{|B|}{|\Omega|} = \frac{6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4}{6^3} = \frac{5 \cdot 4}{6 \cdot 6} = \frac{5}{3 \cdot 3} = \boxed{\frac{5}{9}}$$

- (c) [2 points] Determine  $\Pr(A|B)$  and  $\Pr(B|A)$ .

Count  $A \cap B$  using rule of product: ① Choose numbers for first two rolls ( $\binom{6}{2}$  options)  
② Choose 3<sup>rd</sup> roll different from first two (4 options)

$$|A \cap B| = \binom{6}{2} \cdot 4 = \frac{6 \cdot 5}{2} \cdot 4 = 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 4$$

$$\Pr(A|B) = \frac{\Pr(A \cap B)}{\Pr(B)} = \frac{(3 \cdot 5 \cdot 4)/6^3}{5/9} = \frac{3 \cdot 4 \cdot 4}{6 \cdot 6 \cdot 6} = \frac{4}{2 \cdot 3} = \boxed{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\Pr(B|A) = \frac{\Pr(A \cap B)}{\Pr(A)} = \frac{(3 \cdot 5 \cdot 4)/6^3}{5/12} = \frac{12 \cdot 3 \cdot 4}{6 \cdot 6 \cdot 6} = \boxed{\frac{2}{3}}$$

- (d) [1 point] Are the events  $A$  and  $B$  pos. correlated, neg. correlated, or independent?

Since  $\Pr(A|B) = \frac{1}{2} > \frac{5}{12} = \Pr(A)$ , these events are

positively correlated

2. [2 parts, 2 points each] Recall that a standard deck of cards has one card for each rank/suit pair, where the ranks are [ace, 2 through 10, jack, queen, king], and the suits are [clubs, hearts, diamonds, spades]. A 5-card poker hand is dealt from a freshly shuffled deck.

(a) What is the probability that hand has no spades?

$\Omega$ : all poker hands.

$A$ : hand has no spades

$$\Pr(A) = \frac{|A|}{|\Omega|} = \frac{\binom{52-13}{5}}{\binom{52}{5}} = \frac{\binom{39}{5}}{\binom{52}{5}} \approx 0.2215$$

(b) It is revealed that the hand has all distinct ranks. Now what is the probability that the hand has no spades?

$B$ : hand has all distinct ranks.

$$|B| = \binom{13}{5} \cdot 4^5$$

$\uparrow$  choose ranks       $\uparrow$  for each chosen rank, choose a suit

$A \cap B$ : cards with no spades and distinct ranks;  $|A \cap B| = \binom{13}{5} \cdot 3^5$

$\uparrow$  choose ranks       $\uparrow$  choose suits (no spades)

$$\Pr(A|B) = \frac{\Pr(A \cap B)}{\Pr(B)} = \frac{\frac{\binom{13}{5} \cdot 3^5}{\binom{52}{5}}}{\frac{\binom{13}{5} \cdot 4^5}{\binom{52}{5}}} = \frac{\binom{3}{4}^5}{\binom{4}{4}^5} = 0.2373$$