

# MATH 262

## Section 1.5

Day 6

1. A sequence of  $n$  independent trials are to be performed. Each trial results in a success with probability  $p$  and a failure with probability  $1 - p$ . What is the probability that...

(a) ...all trials result in successes?

(b) ...at least one trial results in a success?

(c) ...exactly  $k$  trials result in successes?

2. Consider an urn containing four balls, labeled 110, 101, 011, and 000. One ball is drawn at random. For  $k \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ , let  $A_k$  be the event that the  $k^{\text{th}}$  digit is a 1 on the ball that is drawn.

(a) Are the events  $A_1$ ,  $A_2$ , and  $A_3$  pairwise independent? Why or why not?

(b) Are the events  $A_1$ ,  $A_2$ , and  $A_3$  mutually independent? Why or why not?

3. If  $A$  and  $B$  are independent events each with positive probability, show that they cannot be mutually exclusive.

4. Create an example of three events  $A, B, C$  such that  $P(A \cap B \cap C) = P(A)P(B)P(C)$  but the events are not mutually independent. (One way to do this is to draw a Venn diagram, specifying probabilities of  $A, B, C$  and their intersections.)

★ **BONUS:** Suppose that  $A$  and  $B$  are independent events, and event  $C$  is such that  $P(C) > 0$ . Is it true that  $P(A \cap B \mid C) = P(A \mid C)P(B \mid C)$ ?