

Introduction to Probability

Quiz 3

Let $S = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ and suppose that A and B are independently, equally likely to be any of the 2^n subsets (including the null set and S itself) of S . Show that

$$P\{A \subset B\} = \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^n.$$

Hint: Let $\#B$ denote the number of elements in B . Use

$$P\{A \subset B\} = \sum_{i=0}^n P\{A \subset B \mid \#B = i\} P\{\#B = i\}$$