August 29, 2013 STA 4442/5440

Problems from the Sheldon Ross book (8th Edition)

Page 16-17: Problem no. 10, 13, 19, 31 Page 18-19 (Theoretical Exercises): 8, 9, 11

"Points on the plane" problem

Given ten points in the plane with no three collinear.

- 1. How many different segments joining two points are there?
- 2. How many ways are there to choose a directed path of length two through three distinct points?
- 3. How many different triangles are there?
- 4. How many ways are there to choose 4 segments?
- 5. If you choose 4 segments at random, what is the chance that some three form a triangle? Chance is defined as (the number of ways of choosing 4 segments that includes a triangle) divided by (the number of ways to choose 4 segments).