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Probability Theory & Stats

Week 3

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Recap: Conditional Probability of A given B: prob that A happens when we know that event B has already happened.

Ex: Throw a die (fair) : $\Omega = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

$A = \{ \text{getting a 3} \}$ $\rightarrow P$: discrete uniform prob law

$B = \{ \text{getting an odd \#} \}$

$$P(A|B) = ?$$

$$P(B|A) = ? \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(A)} = 1$$

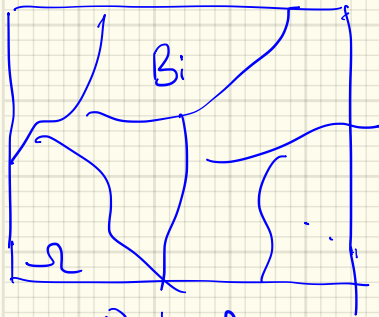
$$= \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} \leftarrow = \frac{1/6}{1/2} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$P(A) = \frac{1}{6}, \quad P(B) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$P(A \cap B) = \frac{1}{6}$$

Total Probability Law:

Let B_i be a partition of $\Omega = \bigcup_{i=1}^N B_i$ ← (also valid for an ∞ -sep of sets/events)
 sample space \leftarrow $B_i \cap B_j = \emptyset$ $i \neq j \forall i, j$



$$P(A) = \sum_{i=1}^N \underbrace{P(A \cap B_i)}_{\substack{\text{Total Probability} \\ \text{Law}}} = \sum_{i=1}^N \underbrace{P(A|B_i)P(B_i)}_{\text{Total Probability Law}}$$

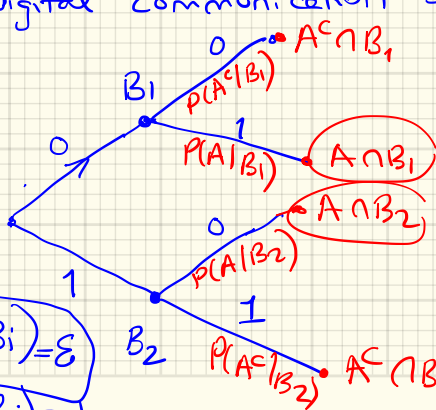
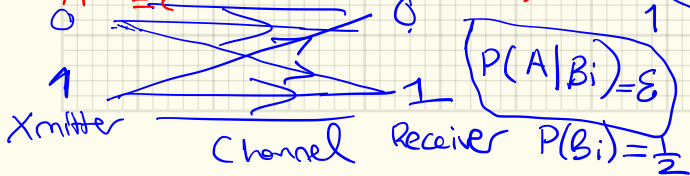
Ex: Prob of error in a digital communication system.

$B_1 = \{0 \text{ xmitted}\}$

$B_2 = \{1 \text{ xmitted}\}$

$A = \{\text{error at the receiver}\}$

$A^c = \{\text{No error}\}$



$$P(A) = P(A \cap B_1) + P(A \cap B_2)$$

$$P(A) = P(A|B_1) \cdot P(B_1) + P(A|B_2) \cdot P(B_2)$$

$$P(A) = \epsilon \cdot \frac{1}{2} + \epsilon \cdot \frac{1}{2}$$

$$P(A) = \epsilon$$

Recall: $P(\bigcap_i A_i) = ?$; $P(A \cap B) = P(A|B) P(B)$

$$P(A \cap B \cap C) = P(C|A \cap B) \underbrace{P(A \cap B)} = P(C|A \cap B) P(A|B) P(B)$$

Multiplication Rule (prob. Chain rule)

$$P(\bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i) = P(A_1) P(A_2|A_1) P(A_3|(A_2 \cap A_1)) \dots P(A_n | \underbrace{\bigcap_{i=1}^{n-1} A_i})$$

Compare to Total prob. law:

$$\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i = \Omega \quad P(B) = \sum_{i=1}^n \underbrace{P(B|A_i) P(A_i)}_{P(B \cap A_i)}$$

\uparrow $\bigcap_{i \neq j} A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset$ \uparrow

Independence: A & B are independent events when occurrence of A (or B) does not influence occurrence of the other

A & B independent: $\Rightarrow P(A|B) = P(A) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} \leftarrow \cdot P(B) \neq 0$

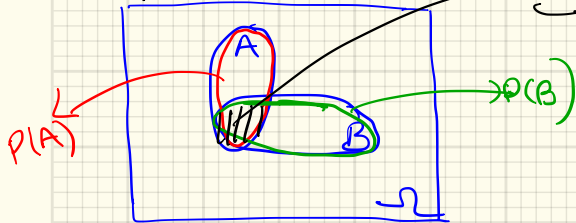
Def: A & B are independent iff (if and only if)

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A) \cdot P(B)$$

check A & B indep
 $P(A|B) = \frac{P(A) \cdot P(B)}{P(B)} = P(A)$ ✓

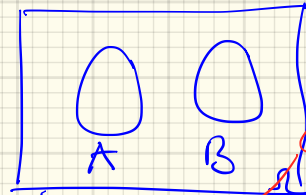
for independence check whether

$P(A \cap B) \stackrel{?}{=} P(A) \cdot P(B)$
 prob of that shaded area



both are non-zero prob. events.

Q. Are disjoint events independent? **No!**



Let A & B be disjoint

$A \cap B = \emptyset$
 $P(A \cap B) = P(\emptyset) = 0$

$\Rightarrow A$ & B are NOT independent

Don't confuse disjointness w/ independence
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$P(A \cap B) = 0 \neq \underbrace{P(A)}_{>0} \cdot \underbrace{P(B)}_{>0}$

Conditional Independence: (same rules apply)

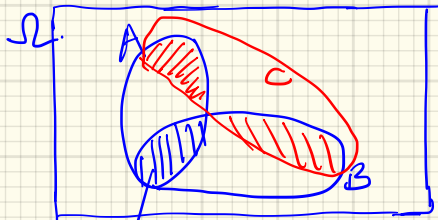
A & B are (conditionally) independent & C occurred

$$P(A \cap B | C) = P(A | C) \cdot P(B | C)$$

∴ independence applies in a conditional universe.

— Assume A & B are independent:

Now, we are given that C occurred.



$$P(A \cap B) = P(A) \cdot P(B)$$

In the new sample space w/ conditioning by C

Are $A|C$ & $B|C$ independent?

$A|C$ & $B|C$ are disjoint

∴ → they are not independent

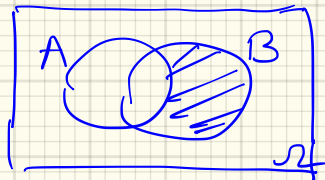
⇒ Conditioning may affect independence!

* Having independence in the original space does not imply independence in the conditional sample space.

* These statements are equivalent:

- (1) A & B are independent
- (2) A^c & B^c are independent
- (3) A & B^c " "
- (4) A^c & B " "

Show (4) ; assume (1)
 $P(A^c \cap B) = P(B) - P(A \cap B)$

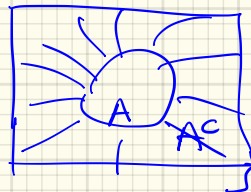


A & B are independent:
 $P(A \cap B) = P(A) \cdot P(B)$

$$\rightarrow P(A^c \cap B) = P(B) \underbrace{(1 - P(A))}_{P(A^c)}$$

$$\rightarrow P(A^c \cap B) = P(B) \cdot P(A^c)$$

$\Rightarrow A^c$ & B are independent



A & A^c are disjoint
 $P(A^c) = 1 - P(A)$
 $A \cup A^c = \Omega$

Exercise: Show the equivalence of these 4 statements,
 eg. start w/ 2

Ex: Tossing a fair coin two times w/ $p=0.5$ $\begin{matrix} \rightarrow H \\ \rightarrow T \end{matrix}$

Events: A_1 : H on the 1st toss

A_2 : H on the 2nd toss

A_3 : same outcome on both tosses

Sample Space $\Omega = \{ \text{HH}, \text{HT}, \text{TH}, \text{TT} \}$, $|\Omega| = 4$
each outcome is equally likely
 $P(\cdot) = \frac{1}{4}$

$$P(A_1) = \frac{1}{2} = P(A_2) = P(A_3)$$

Q: Are A_i pairwise independent? Yes, all 3 are pairwise indep.

$$\underbrace{P(A_1 \cap A_2)}_{\frac{1}{4} \{HH\}} \stackrel{?}{=} P(A_1) \cdot P(A_2) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$P(A_1 \cap A_3) = P(A_1) \cdot P(A_3) = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$P(A_2 \cap A_3) = P(A_2) \cdot P(A_3) = \frac{1}{4}$$

Q. What about mutually independent?

$$\underbrace{P(A_1 \cap A_2 \cap A_3)}_{\frac{1}{4}} \stackrel{?}{=} \underbrace{P(A_1)}_{\frac{1}{2}} \underbrace{P(A_2)}_{\frac{1}{2}} \underbrace{P(A_3)}_{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{8}$$

\therefore Not mutually independent

⇒ Pairwise independence does not imply mutual independence of multiple events

Multiple Events are independent $P(\bigcap_i A_i) = P(A_1) \cdot P(A_2) \cdot \dots \cdot P(A_n)$

Def: A collection of events A_i are called mutually independent iff every sub-collection consists of independent events.

Multiple Random Experiments:

- A coin toss → one random experiment : Sample Space $\Omega_1 = \{H, T\}$
Success ↓ Failure ↓

- Two coin tosses → two independent experiments

$$\Omega = \Omega_1 \times \Omega_2 = \{HH, HT, TH, TT\}$$

1st toss A_1 2nd toss A_2

$$\Omega_2 = \{H, T\}$$

An event in Ω : $A = (A_1, A_2) \rightarrow P(A) = P(A_1) P(A_2)$
 $= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2}$

$$P(A) = \frac{1}{4}$$

One coin toss \equiv A binary Outcome experiment
 \Downarrow A Bernoulli experiment.

Bernoulli Sequence \equiv Experiments composed of sub-experiments
which are INDEPENDENT

Binary outcome: "Success" \leftrightarrow Failure
 $P(A) = p$; $P(A^c) = 1 - p = 1 - P(A)$
 $p \in [0, 1]$

\rightarrow Multiple coin tosses \equiv Bernoulli sequence
M times ; M independent coin tosses.

say 7 coin tosses $M=7$ \rightarrow Bernoulli seq. w/ prob. of success = p
 $p(H) = p$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} P(\overset{\uparrow}{p} \overset{\uparrow}{(1-p)} \overset{\uparrow}{p} \overset{\uparrow}{p} \overset{\uparrow}{(1-p)} \overset{\uparrow}{(1-p)} \overset{\uparrow}{(1-p)}) &= p^3 \cdot (1-p)^4 \\ P(\overset{\uparrow}{(1-p)} \overset{\uparrow}{(1-p)} \overset{\uparrow}{(1-p)} \overset{\uparrow}{p} \overset{\uparrow}{p} \overset{\uparrow}{p} \overset{\uparrow}{(1-p)}) &= p^3 (1-p)^4 \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{all 7 tosses sep.} \\ \text{w/ 3 heads} \\ \text{have equal} \\ \text{probability} \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow p(\text{Bernoulli sequence}) = p^{\# \text{Heads}} \cdot (1-p)^{\# \text{Tails}}$$

$$P(k \text{ heads in } n \text{ tosses}) = \sum_{\substack{\text{k-head} \\ \text{sequences}}} p(\text{sequence}) = \sum_{\text{k-head sequences}} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$$

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$P(3 \text{ heads in } 7 \text{ tosses})$

$$P(k \text{ heads in } n \text{ tosses}) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$$

Binomial Law for $k=0,1,\dots,n$

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k} = 1$$

Recall: Counting w/ replacement vs w/o replacement

Ex: Lottery (NY state 44 balls) → pick 6 numbers for your ticket.

Turkish lottery 49 balls.

Winning # is randomly selecting 6 #s from 44 1 in a w/ replacement: $44^6 = N^{r=6} \rightarrow \frac{1}{44^6} \approx 7 \text{ billion}$

w/o replacement:

44	43	42		39
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$$N_r = (44)_6 = \frac{N!}{(N-r)!} = \frac{44!}{38!} \approx 5 \text{ billion}$$

unordered w/o replacement ; account for $r!$ ways of ordering
 r elements out of N elements!

$$\frac{N!}{(N-r)! \cdot r!} = \binom{N}{r} : N \text{ choose } r.$$

Ex: Coin tossing experiment : 10 tosses of independent coin tosses

→ Bernoulli experiment

Event B = 3 out of 10 tosses were "Heads"

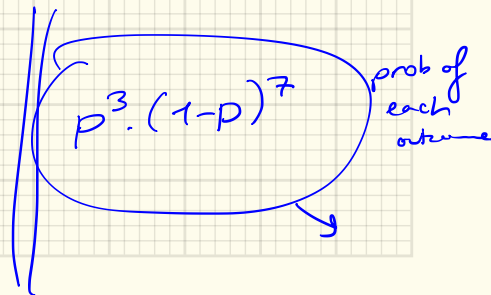
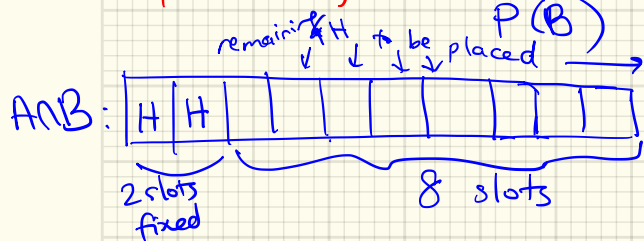
Event A = The 1st two tosses were "Heads"

Given
B occurred

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} = \frac{\binom{8}{1}}{\binom{10}{3}}$$

$\binom{8}{1}$ ways = 8

$$|B| = \binom{10}{3}$$



Binomial Prob Law: $p(\text{success}) = p$

$P(k \text{ successes in } M \text{ Bernoulli trials experiments})$

$= P(k \text{ successes in } M \text{ (binary outcome) attempts in any order})$

$$= \binom{M}{k} p^k (1-p)^{M-k}$$

Geometric Prob Law: Another Bernoulli sep. experiment
F: Fail (Tails), S: Success (Heads)

Events: F . F . F F . S

↑ $k-1$ Fails ↑ k^{th} is a success

$$p(S) = p$$
$$p(F) = (1-p)$$

$P(\text{success at the } k^{\text{th}} \text{ attempt in a Bernoulli experiment}) = ?$

$$= (1-p)^{k-1} \cdot p$$

Ex: (Ex 4.8 ^{Book} (Skay)). Fax machine dials a phone # that is busy,
80% of the time. $\rightarrow p=0.2$, $(1-p)=0.8$

$$P(\text{success at the } \underbrace{g^{\text{th}}}_{k^{\text{th}}} \text{ trial}) = (0.8)^8 \cdot (0.2)$$

$$P(\text{success at the } k^{\text{th}} \text{ trial}) = (1-p)^{k-1} \cdot p.$$

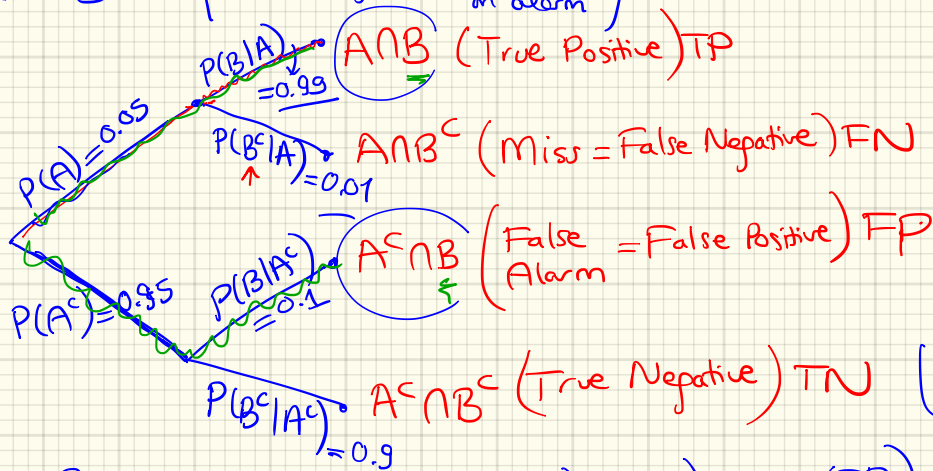


Ex : (1.3 Bertekas) Radar Detection : Detecting an Aircraft

Event $A = \{ \text{aircraft present} \}$ $A^c = \{ \text{aircraft not present} \}$

Event $B = \{ \text{radar fires} \equiv \text{generates an alarm} \}$ $B^c = \{ \text{radar does not fire} \}$

Sequential Description



Let's consider an event

$A \cap B$: aircraft present & radar fires

$$P(A \cap B) = P(B|A)P(A) = (0.99)(0.05)$$

$$P(A \cap B) = 0.0495$$

$$\rightarrow P(B) = ? \quad \underbrace{P(B|A)P(A)}_{0.0495} + \underbrace{P(B|A^c)P(A^c)}_{(0.95)(0.1)} = \underbrace{P(TP) + P(FP)}_{0.1445}$$

Q. Given that your radar fired, how likely is it that there is an airplane out there?

$$P(A|B) = ? \quad \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} = \frac{0.0495}{0.1445} = 0.34 \rightarrow \text{This is inference!}$$

Bayes Theorem

allows us to switch $P(A|B)$ vs $P(B|A)$

- "Prior" probabilities : $P(A_i)$ our initial belief about how likely each event A_i are to occur.
- We know $P(B|A_i) \forall i$: likelihood probabilities.
- "conditional" probabilities

Now, we're told that event B occurred

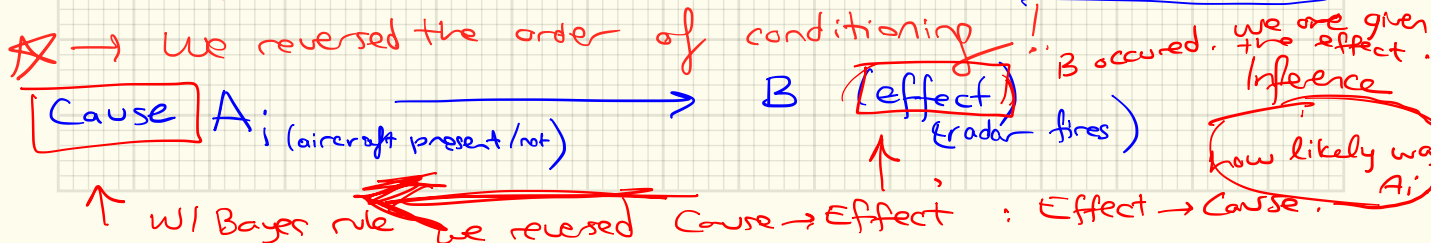
$$P(A_i | B) = \frac{P(A_i \cap B)}{P(B)}$$

posterior probability = $\frac{\text{cond. likelihood} \times \text{prior}}{\dots}$

$$P(A_i | B) = \frac{P(B | A_i) P(A_i)}{\sum_j P(B | A_j) P(A_j)}$$

Bayes Thm (Rule)

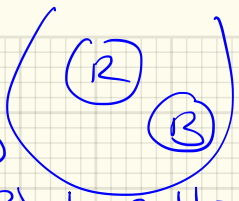
P(B): from Total Prob Thm.



Ex: We have an urn w/ Red & Black balls.

[Skay]

$A = \{ \text{observe 10 Red balls in a row w/ replacement} \}$



Hypothesis:

$B = \{ \text{urn is fair} \} \equiv \# \text{ Red Balls} = \# \text{ Black Balls}$

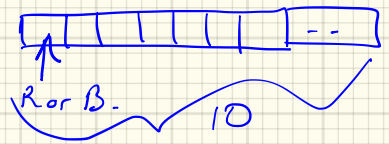
$B^c = \{ \text{urn is not fair} \} \Rightarrow \text{all Red Balls.}$

$P(B|A) = ?$ $P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$ given $P(B) = 0.9$ prior belief

$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$

$P(A|B) = \binom{10}{10} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{10} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^0 = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{10}$

↑ fair urn urn is fair



$\therefore P(A|B^c) = 1$

$P(A) = P(A|B)P(B) + P(A|B^c)P(B^c)$

$P(A) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{10} \cdot 0.9 + 1 \cdot (0.1)$

$P(B|A) = \frac{P(A|B)P(B)}{P(A|B)P(B) + P(A|B^c)P(B^c)} = \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{10} \cdot (0.9)}{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{10} (0.9) + (0.1)} \approx 0.0087$

posterior prob. that the urn is fair is only ~1%.

⇒ reject the hypothesis of a fair urn!

Quantity: "Odds ratio": Odds against the hypothesis
eg. "fair urn"

$$\text{Odds} = \frac{P(B^c|A)}{P(B|A)} = \frac{1 - P(B|A)}{P(B|A)} = \frac{1 - 0.0087}{0.0087} \sim 113,$$

∴ having an unfair urn is 113 times more likely (probable)
than a fair urn.