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## ~ PART 2 ~

- # Experiment : Process or phenomenon that we wish to study statistically
- # Outcome : Result of the experiment
- # Sample Space : A sample space is a set that contains all outcomes of an experiment
  - Typically denoted by 'S'
  - Examples : 1. Tossing a coin  
 $S = \{\text{Head, Tail}\}$
  - 2. Throw a die  
 $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$
- # Events : An event is a subset of the sample space.  
(There is a technical restriction on what subsets can be events)

### EXAMPLES :

- (1) Toss a coin :  $S = \{\text{Head, Tail}\}$ 
  - Events : empty set,  $\{\text{Head}\}$ ,  $\{\text{Tail}\}$ ,  $\{\text{Head, Tail}\}$
  - 4 events
- (2) Throw a die :  $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$ 
  - Events :  $\emptyset$ ,  $\{1\}$ ,  $\{2\}$ , ...,  $\{6\}$ ,  $\{1, 2\}$ ,  $\{1, 3\}$ , ...,  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$
  - 64 events
  - Some can be described in words :
    - getting an even no.
    - getting a multiple of 3, etc.

## \* Events are central objects in probability theory.

- An event is said to have 'occurred' if the actual outcome of the experiment belongs to the event
- Events are sets
  - All set theory notions apply to events
- One event can be contained in another, i.e.,  $A \subseteq B$ 
  - Throw a die :  $A = \{2, 6\}$ ,  $B = \text{even no.}$
  - If  $A$  occurred,  $B$  has also occurred
  - If  $B$  occurred,  $A$  may or may not have occurred.
- Complement of an event  $A$ , denoted  $A^c = \{\text{outcomes of } S \text{ not in } A\} = \{S \setminus A\}$ 
  - Throw a die :  $A = \{2, 4, 6\}$  (even)  
 $A^c = \{1, 3, 5\}$  (odd)
  - If  $A$  occurred,  $A^c$  did not occur
  - If  $A^c$  occurred,  $A$  did not occur

## \* Combining Events To Create New Events

- Since events are subsets, one can do complements, unions, intersections.
- Union ('or' in English) denoted by 'U'
- Intersection ('and' in English) denoted by 'n'

## \* Disjoint Events

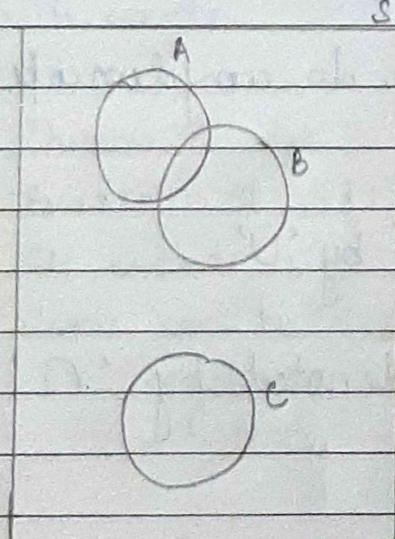
- Two events with an empty intersection are said to be disjoint events
- suppose A & B are disjoint :
  - If A occurred, B did not occur
  - If B occurred, A did not occur
- Event & Its complement
  - A &  $A^c$  are disjoint
  - $A \cap A^c = \emptyset$
  - $A \cup A^c = S$
- Multiple Events :  $E_1, E_2, E_3 \dots$  are disjoint if, for any  $i \neq j$ ,  $E_i \cap E_j = \emptyset$ .
- Large Sample space : partition into disjoint events for study

## DE-MORGAN'S LAW

$$(A \cup B)^c = A^c \cap B^c$$

$$(A \cap B)^c = A^c \cup B^c$$

## \* Events In Venn Diagrams



- Union → all covered regions
- Intersection → common region
- Disjoint Events → no overlap in regions (A & C)

→  $A \cap B^c$  → region of A outside B

# PROBABILITY

## # PROBABILITY

It is a function  $P$  that assigns to each event a real number between 0 and 1. The entire probability space (sample space, events & probability fn) should satisfy two axioms, which will be specified later.

→ Value assigned by the probability function is supposed to represent the 'chance' of the event occurring.

- Higher value means higher chance
- 0 means event can't occur
- 1 means event always occurs
- Often, probability is mentioned as percentage

→ Ingredients of the Theory

- sample space, events, probability - these together are called 'probability space'.

## # PROBABILITY SPACE AXIOMS

(1)  $P(S) = 1$  (probability of entire sample space equals 1)

(2) If  $E_1, E_2, E_3, \dots$  are disjoint events (how many events? could be infinitely many)

$$P(E_1 \cup E_2 \cup E_3 \cup \dots) = P(E_1) + P(E_2) + P(E_3) + \dots$$

- Axioms are intuitive and restrict the functions that can be probability functions
- They result in several intuitive deductions on probabilities of combination of events, probabilities of subsets of events, etc.

## # BASIC PROPERTIES OF PROBABILITY

### (1) PROPERTY 1 : Empty Set

Probability of an empty set (denoted  $\phi$ ) equals 0.

$$\rightarrow P(\phi) = 0$$

### (2) PROPERTY 2 : Complement

Let  $E^c$  be the complement of Event E. Then,

$$P(E^c) = 1 - P(E)$$

### (3) PROPERTY 3 : subset

If Event E is a subset of Event F, i.e.,  $E \subseteq F$ , then

$$P(F) = P(E) + P(F|E)$$

which implies that  $P(E) \leq P(F)$ .

$$\# p(A \setminus B) = P(A \cup B) - P(B)$$

$$\# P(A \setminus B) = P(A) - P(A \cap B)$$

If  $A \setminus B$  are disjoint,  $P(A \setminus B) = P(A)$

#### (4) PROPERTY 4 : Difference & Intersection

If  $E$  &  $F$  are events, then

$$P(E) = P(E \cap F) + P(E \setminus F)$$

$$P(F) = P(E \cap F) + P(F \setminus E)$$

#### (5) PROPERTY 5 : Union & Intersection

If  $E$  &  $F$  are events, then

$$P(E \cup F) = P(E) + P(F) - P(E \cap F)$$

### # WORKING WITH PROBABILITY SPACES

#### (1) Tossing A Coin

#### (2) Restaurant Hiring

→ A waiter and a cashier are to be hired. There are 4 applicants - David & Megha from Delhi, and Rajesh & Veronica from Mumbai. The restaurant hires one person at a random as waiter, and another from the remaining as cashier.

(a) Write out sample space.

$$S = \{ (D, M), (D, R), (D, V), (M, D), (M, R), (M, V), (R, D), (R, M), (R, V), (V, D), (V, M), (V, R) \}$$

(b) Event A : Cashier is from Delhi

$$A = \{(D, M), (R, M), (V, M), (M, D), (R, D), (V, D)\}$$

(c) Event B : Exactly one position is filled by Delhiite.

$$B = \{(D, R), (D, V), (M, R), (M, V), (R, D), (V, D), (R, M), (V, M)\}$$

(d) Event C : Neither position is filled by a Delhiite.

$$C = \{(V, R), (R, V)\}$$

### (3) Fishing Town

→ Town with a few fishing boats going out to catch fish everyday.

- Once the year, folks have observed the following :
  - chance of catching more than 400 kg of fish in a day is 35%.
  - chance of catching more than 500 kg of fish in a day is 10%.

→ What is the chance of catching between 400 kg & 500 kg of fish in a day?

$$P(A) = P(\geq 400 \text{ kg}) = 0.35 ; P(B) = P(\geq 500 \text{ kg}) = 0.10$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore P(\geq 400 \text{ and } \leq 500) &= P(A \setminus B) = P(A) - P(B) \\ &= 0.35 - 0.10 \\ &= 0.25 \end{aligned}$$

Here,  $B \subseteq A$

#### (4) Weather Forecast

Suppose you hear the following forecast for rain & temperature :

- Chance of rain tomorrow = 60%
- Chance of max. temp above 30 deg = 70%
- Chance of rain & max temp above 30 deg = 40%

What is the chance of no rain and max temperature below 30 deg?

$$A : \text{rain} ; B = \text{temp} > 30^\circ$$

$$P(A) = 60\% \quad P(B) = 70\% \quad P(A \cap B) = 40\%$$

$$\therefore P(A^c) = 40\%$$

$$P(B^c) = 30\%$$

We want to know,  $P(A^c \cap B^c)$ , i.e.,  $P(A^c \cap B^c)$

$$\text{De Morgan's Law} : P(A^c \cap B^c) = P(A \cup B)^c$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore P(A \cup B)^c &= 1 - P(A \cup B) \\ &= 1 - (0.6 + 0.7 - 0.4) \\ &= 0.1\end{aligned}$$

# DISTRIBUTIONS

- Assign probabilities to individual outcomes
- When is this possible?
  - When outcomes can be enumerated as first, second, third and so on (called countable sample space)
  - Finite sample space
- EXAMPLE : uniform Distribution on a finite sample space.
  - $S = \{ \text{finite no. of outcomes} \}$
  - Equally likely outcomes - assign same probability to each outcome
  - $P(\text{one outcome}) = \frac{1}{|S|}$ , i.e.,  $\frac{1}{\text{no. of outcomes in } S}$
  - $P(\text{event}) = \frac{\text{No. of outcomes in event}}{\text{No. of outcomes in } S}$

## # EXAMPLES

- (1) 5 red and 8 blue marbles in an urn. Pick a marble from the urn at random.

$$\rightarrow S = \{ R_1, R_2, R_3, R_4, R_5, B_1, B_2, B_3, B_4, B_5, B_6, B_7, B_8 \}$$

$$P(\text{red}) = \frac{5}{13} \quad \begin{matrix} \xrightarrow{\text{no. of outcomes}} \\ \uparrow \text{event} \end{matrix} \quad ; \quad P(\text{blue}) = \frac{8}{13} \quad \begin{matrix} \xrightarrow{\text{total no. of outcomes}} \\ \xrightarrow{\text{fav.}} \end{matrix}$$

2. Throw 2 dice. What is the probability that the sum of the two no.s is 8?

$$\rightarrow S = \{(1,1), (1,2) \dots (1,6), (2,1) \dots (2,6) \dots (6,1) \dots (6,6)\}$$

$$\text{Event, } E = \{(2,6), (6,2), (3,5), (5,8), (4,4)\}$$

$$P(E) = \frac{5}{36}$$

3. The hats of 3 persons are identical and get mixed up. Each person picks a hat at random. What is the probability that none of the persons get their own hat?

$$\rightarrow S = \{(H_1, H_2, H_3), (H_1, H_3, H_2), (H_2, H_1, H_3), (H_2, H_3, H_1), (H_3, H_1, H_2), (H_3, H_2, H_1)\}$$

$$|S| = 6 \quad , \text{i.e. } 3!$$

Event : No. person gets its own hat

$$P(E) = \frac{2}{6} = \frac{1}{3} \quad \text{Ans.}$$

# What if, there were 30 people?

$\rightarrow$  It will be  $\frac{1}{e}$ , i.e., 37%.

## Derangement (With reference to questions)

Derangements are arrangements of some number of objects into positions such that no object goes to its specified position.

In the language of permutations, a derangement is a permutation  $\sigma$  of  $n$  elements with no fixed point, i.e,

$$\sigma(i) \neq i \text{ for all } i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$$

Let  $D(n)$  be the no. of derangements for  $n$  different objects, then

$$D_n = n! \sum_{n=0}^n \frac{(-1)^n}{n!}$$

→ This tends to 'e' for larger 'n'

$$D(1) = 0$$

$$D(5) = 44$$

$$D(2) = 1$$

$$D(6) = 265$$

$$D(3) = 2$$

$$D(7) = 1848$$

$$D(4) = 9$$

$$D(8) = 14792$$

The Derangement formula can be recursively written as:

$$D(n) = n \times D(n-1) + (-1)^n$$

# PROBABILITY :  $P(n) = \frac{D(n)}{n!} = \frac{n!}{e} \times \frac{1}{n!} = \frac{1}{e}$

# CONDITIONAL PROBABILITY

## # conditional Probability Space

- Consider a probability space : Sample space  $S$ , collection of Events, Probability function  $P$ .  
Let  $B$  be an event with  $P(B) > 0$
- DEFINITION (Conditional probability space Given  $B$ )

Sample Space :  $B$

Events :  $A \cap B$  for every event  $A$  in original space

Probability function :  $P(A \cap B) / P(B)$

denoted by  $P(A|B)$  and called conditional probability of  $A$  given  $B$ .

- For any event  $A$  in original space,

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

## # EXAMPLES

- (1) Throw a die

$S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$ , uniform distribution

$$P(\{1\}) = P(\{2\}) = P(\{3\}) = P(\{4\}) = P(\{5\}) = P(\{6\}) = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$\text{Event } E = \{2, 4, 6\}, P(E) = \frac{1}{2}$$

Conditional probability space given E,

$$\Rightarrow P(\{2\} | E) = \frac{P(\{2\} \cap E)}{P(E)} = \frac{P(\{2\})}{P(E)} = \frac{1/6}{1/2} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow P(\{4\} | E) = \frac{P(\{4\} \cap E)}{P(E)} = \frac{P(\{4\})}{P(E)} = \frac{1/6}{1/2} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow P(\{1\} | E) = \frac{P(\{1\} \cap E)}{P(E)} = \frac{P(\emptyset)}{P(E)} = \frac{0}{1/2} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow P(\{3\} | E) = P(\{5\} | E) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow P(\{2,5\} | E) = \frac{P(\{2,5\} \cap E)}{P(E)} = \frac{P(\{2\})}{P(E)} = \frac{1/6}{1/2} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow P(\{2,3,4\} | E) = \frac{P(\{2,3,4\} \cap E)}{P(E)} = \frac{P(\{2,4\})}{P(E)} = \frac{2/6}{1/2} = \frac{2}{3}$$

(2) Consider a class with 15 students - 4 from state 1, 8 from state 2 and 3 from state 3. Three different students are chosen at random one after another. What is the probability that the selected 3 are from State 1, State 3 and State 1 again in that order?

Solution: Total Students = 15

State 1  $\rightarrow$  4 students

State 2  $\rightarrow$  8 students

State 3  $\rightarrow$  3 students

Basically we need to find,  $P(E_1 \cap E_2 \cap E_3)$  where

- $E_1 \rightarrow$  selecting student from state 1
- $E_2 \rightarrow$  selecting student from state 3
- $E_3 \rightarrow$  selecting student from state 1

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore P(E_1 \cap E_2 \cap E_3) &= P(E_1) \cdot P(E_2 \cap E_3 | E_1) \\ &= P(E_1) \cdot P(E_2 | E_1) \cdot P(E_3 | E_1 \cap E_2) \\ &= \frac{4}{15} \times \frac{3}{14} \times \frac{3}{13} = \frac{6}{455} \quad \text{Ans.}\end{aligned}$$

(3) A family has two children. What is the probability that both are girls, given that at least one is a girl?

Sample Space = {BB, BG, GG, GB}  
Event,  $E_1 \rightarrow$  at least one is a girl = {BG, GG, GB}

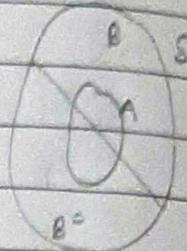
$\therefore P(\{\text{GG}\} \cap E_1)$  = We need to find,

$$P(\{\text{GG}\} | E_1) = \frac{P(\{\text{GG}\} \cap E_1)}{P(E_1)} = \frac{\frac{1}{4}}{\frac{3}{4}} = \frac{1}{3}$$

# LAW OF TOTAL PROBABILITY

## # Law of Total Probability

$$\begin{aligned} P(A) &= P(A \cap B) + P(A \cap B^c) \\ &= P(A|B) \cdot P(B) + P(A|B^c) \cdot P(B^c) \end{aligned}$$



Proof: A: disjoint union of  $A \cap B$  and  $A \cap B^c$

→ By Axiom 2,  $P(A) = P(A \cap B) + P(A \cap B^c)$

→ Using conditional probability on each term above, we get the result.

## # Example

(1) An economic model predicts that if interest rates rise, then there is a 60% chance that unemployment will increase, but that if interest rates do not rise, then there is only a 30% chance that unemployment will increase. If the economist believes there is a 40% chance that interest rates will rise, what should she calculate is the probability that unemployment will increase?

Solution: Let B be the event that unemployment will increase and A be the event that interest rates rises.

$$\therefore P(A) = 0.4 \Rightarrow P(A^c) = 0.6$$

$$P(B|A) = 0.6 \quad \text{and} \quad P(B|A^c) = 0.3$$

Thus,  $P(B) = P(B|A) \cdot P(A) + P(B|A^c) \cdot P(A^c)$

$$= (0.6 \times 0.4) + (0.3 \times 0.6)$$

$$= 0.24 + 0.18$$

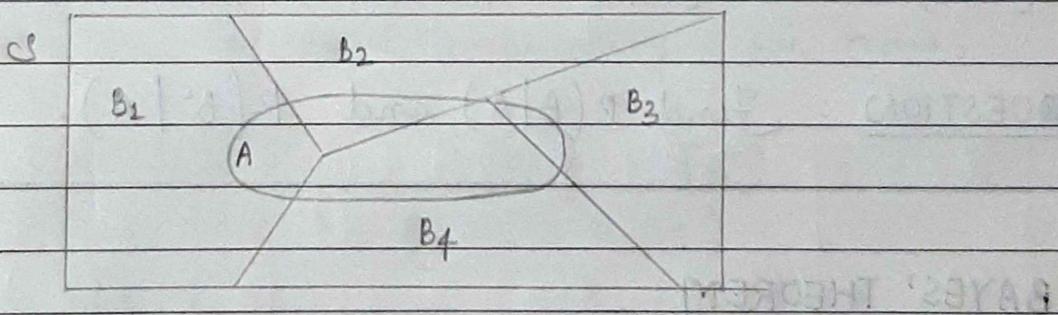
$$\Rightarrow P(B) = 0.42$$

There is 42% chance that unemployment will increase.

Generally,  $B_1, B_2, B_3, \dots$  : Partition of S

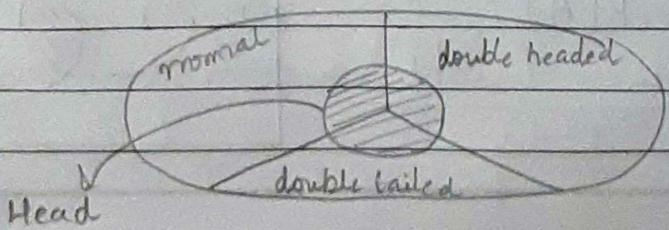
$$P(A) = P(A \cap B_1) + P(A \cap B_2) + P(A \cap B_3) + \dots + P(A \cap B_n)$$

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



Example 2 : A man has 5 coins - 2 are double-headed, 1 is double-tailed, 2 are normal. He picks a coin at random and tosses it. What is the probability that he sees a head?

Solution :



$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{head}) &= P(h|dh) \cdot P(dh) + P(h|dt) \cdot P(dt) + P(h|n) \cdot P(n) \\ &= \left(1 \times \frac{2}{5}\right) + \left(0 \times \frac{1}{5}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{2}{5}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow P(\text{head}) = \frac{2}{5} + \frac{1}{5} = \frac{3}{5} \quad \text{Ans.}$$

## BAYES' THEOREM

### # Problem

Two events : A and B

$P(A)$  and  $P(B)$  are known.

$P(A|B)$  and  $P(A|B^c)$  are either known or easy to find.

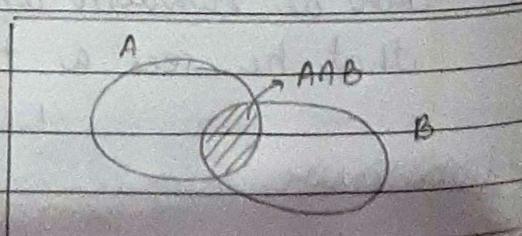
QUESTION : Find  $P(B|A)$  and  $P(B^c|A)$ .

### # BAYES' THEOREM

A, B : events with  $P(A) > 0$ ,  $P(B) > 0$

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

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



## # EXAMPLES

- (1) 17. of people in a city have swine Flu. Flu Test : 95% of people with Swine Flu test positive , 2% of people without the disease will test positive.  
 A person is randomly chosen from city and tests positive.  
 What is the probability that the person actually has swine Flu?

Solution : Let the events be as follows:

A : person tests positive

B : person has swine flu

$$P(B) = 0.01$$

$$P(B^c) = 0.99$$

$$P(A|B) = .95 \quad ; \quad P(A|B^c) = 0.02$$

From the law of total probability, we have,

$$\begin{aligned} P(A) &= P(A|B) \cdot P(B) + P(A|B^c) \cdot P(B^c) \\ &= (0.95 \times 0.01) + (0.02 \times 0.99) \\ &= 0.0293 \end{aligned}$$

Applying Bayes' Theorem,

$$P(B|A) = \frac{P(B) \cdot P(A|B)}{P(A)} = \frac{0.01 \times 0.95}{0.0293} = 0.3242$$

∴ 32.42% of is the probability percent that person actually has swine flu.

(2) of student attempting an MCA with 4 choices (of which one is correct) knows the correct answer with probability  $\frac{3}{4}$ . If she does not know, she guesses a random choice. Given that a question was answered correctly, what is conditional probability that she knew the answer?

Sol. Let the events be as follows:

$A \rightarrow$  answer is correct

$B \rightarrow$  knows the answer

$B^c \rightarrow$  doesn't know the answer

Given that,

$$P(A|B) = 1 ; P(A|B^c) = \frac{1}{4} ; P(B) = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$P(B^c) = \frac{1}{4}$$

Using law of Total Probability,

$$\begin{aligned} P(A) &= P(A|B) \cdot P(B) + P(A|B^c) \cdot P(B^c) \\ &= (1 \times \frac{3}{4}) + (\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{4}) \\ &= \frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{16} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow P(A) = \frac{13}{16}$$

Applying Bayes' Theorem,

$$P(B|A) = \frac{P(B) \cdot P(A|B)}{P(A)} = \frac{\frac{3}{4} \times 1}{\frac{13}{16}} = \frac{12}{13}$$

(3) You first roll a fair die, then toss as many fair coins as the no. that showed on the die. Given that 5 heads are obtained, what is the probability that the die showed 5?

Solution : For a fair die,

$$P(1) = P(2) = P(3) = P(4) = P(5) = P(6) = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$P(\text{5 heads} | \text{die showed } i) = 0, \quad i = 1, 2, 3, 4$$

$$\text{Now, } P(\text{5 heads} | \text{die showed 5}) = \frac{1}{32}$$

$$P(\text{5 heads} | \text{die showed 6}) = \frac{6}{64} = \frac{3}{32}$$

$$\therefore P(\text{5 heads}) = \left( \frac{1}{32} \times \frac{1}{6} \right) + \left( \frac{1}{32} \times \frac{3}{32} \right) = \frac{1}{48}$$

Applying Bayes' Theorem,

$$P(\text{die showed 5} | \text{5 heads}) = \frac{P(\text{die showed 5}) \cdot P(\text{5 heads} | \text{die showed 5})}{P(\text{5 heads})}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } = \frac{\frac{1}{6} \times \frac{1}{32}}{\frac{1}{48}} = \frac{1}{4}$$

# INDEPENDENCE OF EVENTS

## # Independence of 2 events

Two events A and B are independent if

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

- If  $P(B) > 0$ ,  $P(A|B) = P(A)$  [if A & B are independent]
- Probability of A is unaffected by occurrence of B, i.e., A and B are independent

## # Example : Throw A Die

(1) A : even , B : odd

$$A = \{2, 4, 6\} \quad ; \quad B = \{1, 3, 5\}$$

$$A \cap B = \emptyset$$

$$P(A \cap B) = 0 \neq P(A) \cdot P(B)$$

## \* POINTS TO REMEMBER

- Disjoint events are never independent
- Why? If A and B are disjoint and B occurs, A definitely did not occur  
i.e. Occurrence of B definitely impacts conditional probability of A.
- For events to be independent, they should have a

non empty intersection.

$$(2) A: \text{even no. } A = \{2, 4, 6\}$$

$$B: \text{multiple of 3 } B = \{3, 6\}$$

$$A \cap B = \{6\}$$

$$P(A \cap B) = \frac{1}{6} \times \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{18}$$

$\rightarrow A$  and  $B$  are independent.

#### \* TYPICAL POINTS OF CONFUSION

- $A$  and  $B$  have an intersection. How can they be independent?
- There is only 1 throw of die. How can two events be independent when there is only one throw?

#### (3) CARD FROM A PACK

$A: \text{Card is a spade } B: \text{Card is a king}$

$A \cap B = \text{Card is king of spades}$

$$P(A \cap B) = \frac{1}{52} = \frac{13}{52} \times \frac{4}{52} = P(A) \cdot P(B)$$

$\rightarrow A$  and  $B$  are independent.

#### TYPICAL POINTS OF CONFUSION :

- Isn't there a spade-king card? How can card being a spade be independent of card being a king when there is a spade king card?
- There is only one card drawn. How can two events be defined and be independent when there is only one card?

## # MUTUAL INDEPENDENCE OF 3 EVENTS

Events A, B and C are independent mutually if

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

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

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

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

### \* Two Constraints

- A and B are independent, A and C are independent, B and C are independent.
- Additional constraint on  $A \cap B \cap C$  - this is important

## # MUTUAL INDEPENDENCE OF MULTIPLE EVENTS

Events  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$  are mutually independent if, for all  $i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k$ ,

$$P(A_{i_1} \cap A_{i_2} \cap \dots \cap A_{i_k}) = P(A_{i_1}) P(A_{i_2}) \dots P(A_{i_k})$$

\* Almost  $2^n$  constraints

$\rightarrow P(\text{intersection of any subset of events}) = \text{Prod. of Prob(events)}$

\* Interesting result :  $A \& B$  are independent, it means,  
 $A \& B^c$  are independent

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow P(A \cap B^c) &= P(A \setminus B) = P(A) - P(A \cap B) \\ &= P(A)(1 - P(B)) = P(A) \cdot P(B^c) \end{aligned}$$

\* Also,  $A \& B$  are independent  $\Rightarrow A^c \& B^c$  are independent

\*  $n$  events are mutually independent  $\Rightarrow$  any subset with or without complementing are independent as well.

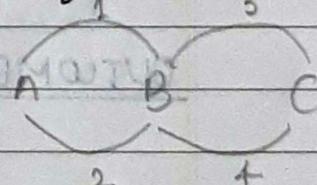
Example : Two roads each connect A and B and B and C. Each of the four roads gets blocked with probability  $p$  independent of all other roads. What is the probability that there is an open route from A to B given that there is no open route from A to C?

Sol:  $P(\text{no open route from A to B}) = P(1 \text{ is blocked} \& 2 \text{ is blocked})$

$$= p \cdot p = p^2$$

$$P(\text{open route from A to B}) = P(1 \text{ is open or } 2 \text{ is open})$$

$$= 1 - p^2$$



$$\therefore P(\text{no open route from A to C}) = P(\underbrace{\text{no open route from A to C}}_{\text{from A to C}} \mid \underbrace{\text{open route from A to B}}_{\text{from A to B}}) \cdot P(\text{open route from A to B})$$

$$\cdot P(E/F^c) \cdot P(F^c)$$

$$= p^2 (1 - p^2) + 1(p^2) = 2p^2 - p^4$$

$$\therefore P(F|E) = \frac{P(E|F) \cdot P(F)}{P(E)} = \frac{p^2(1-p^2)}{2p^2 - p^4} = \frac{1-p^2}{2-p^2} \text{ Ans.}$$

# BERNOULLI TRIALS

## # A single Bernoulli Trial

SETTING : Occurrence of Event A in a sample space is considered "success". Non-occurrence of A is considered "failure". Let  $p = P(A)$

BERNOULLI TRIAL : Sample space is {success, failure} with  $P\{\text{success}\} = p$  or,  $\{0, 1\}$  with  $P(1) = p$ ,  $P(0) = 1 - p$

This distribution is denoted Bernoulli( $p$ ).

## # Repeated Bernoulli Trials

SETTING : Repeat a Bernoulli Trial multiple times independently.

Perform  $n$  independent Bernoulli( $p$ ) trials.

OUTCOME : 0 or 1 (Trial 1), 0 or 1 (Trial 2), 0 or 1 (Trial 3)  
..... 0 or 1 (Trial  $n$ )

Sample Space :  $2^n$  outcomes

Eg :  $n = 3 \rightarrow S = \{000, 001, 010, 011, 100, 101, 110, 111\}$   
no. of outcomes =  $2^3 = 8$

Probabilities : Use independence

Let  $n = 3$ .

$$\begin{aligned} P(000) &= P(\text{trial 1 is 0} \ \& \ \text{trial 2 is 0} \ \& \ \text{trial 3 is 0}) \\ &= (1-p) \times (1-p) \times (1-p) = (1-p)^3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(101) &= P(T_1 \text{ is 1} \ \& \ T_2 \text{ is 0} \ \& \ T_3 \text{ is 1}) \\ &= p \times (1-p) \times p = p^2(1-p) \end{aligned}$$

### # EXAMPLE

(1) Toss a fair coin 5 times

Toss a fair coin 5 times.

H is 0 and T is 1

Sample space has  $2^5 = 32$  equally likely outcomes.

For example,

$$P(HHHHH) = \frac{1}{32}, \quad P(HTHTH) = \frac{1}{32}, \text{ etc.}$$

$$P(0 \text{ tails}) = P(HHHHH) = \frac{1}{32} = \frac{5C_0}{32}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(1 \text{ tail}) &= P\{T H H H H, H T H H H, H H T H H, H H H T H, H H H H T\} \\ &= \frac{1}{32} + \frac{1}{32} + \frac{1}{32} + \frac{1}{32} + \frac{1}{32} \\ &= \frac{5}{32} = \frac{5C_1}{32} \end{aligned}$$

$$P(2 \text{ tails}) = P(\{\text{TTHHH}, \text{THTHH}, \text{THHTH}, \text{THHHT}, \text{HTTHH}, \\ \text{HTHTH}, \text{HTHHT}, \text{HHTTH}, \text{HHTHT}, \text{HHHTT}\})$$

$$\Rightarrow P(2 \text{ tails}) = \frac{10}{32} = \frac{5C_2}{32}$$

$$P(3 \text{ tails}) = P(\{\text{HHHTT}, \text{HTHTT}, \text{HTTHT}, \text{HTTTH}, \text{THHTT}, \\ \text{THTHT}, \text{THTTH}, \text{TTHHT}, \text{TTHTH}, \text{TTTHH}\})$$

$$\Rightarrow P(3 \text{ tails}) = \frac{10}{32} = \frac{5C_3}{32}$$

$$P(4 \text{ tails}) = P(\{\text{HTTTT}, \text{THTTT}, \text{TTHTT}, \text{TTTHT}, \text{TTTHH}\}) \\ = \frac{5}{32} = \frac{5C_4}{32}$$

$$P(5 \text{ tails}) = P(\{\text{TTTTT}\}) = \frac{1}{32} = \frac{5C_5}{32}$$

Now,

$$P(\text{at least 4 tails}) = P(4 \text{ tails or } 5 \text{ tails}) \\ = \frac{5}{32} + \frac{1}{32} = \frac{6}{32}$$

$$P(\text{at most 3 heads}) = P(0 \text{ or } 1 \text{ or } 2 \text{ or } 3 \text{ heads})$$

$$= \frac{1}{32} + \frac{5}{32} + \frac{10}{32} + \frac{10}{32} = \frac{26}{32}$$

## # Computing Probabilities for Bernoulli Trials

Perform  $n$  independent Bernoulli ( $p$ ) trials.

Example:  $n = 10$

$$P(0110001011) = (1-p) \cdot p \cdot p \cdot (1-p)(1-p)(1-p) \cdot p \cdot (1-p) \cdot p \cdot p \\ = p^5 (1-p)^5$$

In general,

★  $P(b_1 b_2 \dots b_n) = p^n (1-p)^{n-w}$ , where  $w = \text{no. of } 1's \text{ in } b_1 b_2 \dots b_n$

- The actual sequence of 0s and 1s does not matter. Only the no. of successes matters in the probability computation.

Ex.  $P(b_1 b_2 \dots b_{200} \text{ with } 36 \text{ } 1s) = p^{36} (1-p)^{200-36} = p^{36} (1-p)^{164}$

EXAMPLE: Toss a Biased coin 5 times

H is 0 and T is 1.

$$P(H) = 1/3, P(T) = 2/3$$

$$P(HHHHH) = (1/3)^5, P(TTTTT) = (2/3)^5$$

$$P(1 \text{ tail}) = P(\{\text{THHHH, HTHHH, HHTHH, HHHTH, HHHHT}\}) \\ = 5 \times \left(\frac{2}{3}\right) \times \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^4$$

$$P(2 \text{ tails}) = P(\{\text{TTHHH, THTHH, THHTH, THHHT, HTTHH, HTHTH, HTHHT, HHTTH, HHTHT, HHHTT}\})$$

$$\Rightarrow P(2 \text{ tails}) = 10 \times \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 \times \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^3$$

$$P(3 \text{ tails}) = 10 \times \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^3 \times \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2$$

$$P(4 \text{ tails}) = 5 \times \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^4 \times \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)$$

## BINOMIAL DISTRIBUTION

# Binomial ( $n, p$ ) : Binomial Distribution

Perform  $n$  independent Bernoulli ( $p$ ) trials.

Outcome : no. of successes, which will denote  $B(n, p)$   
or  $B$  in short

Sample Space :  $\{0, 1, 2, \dots, n\}$

Example :  $n = 3$

$$P(B=0) = P(\text{trials result in } 000) = (1-p)^3$$

$$P(B=1) = P(\text{trials result in } 001 \text{ or } 010 \text{ or } 100) = 3p(1-p)^2$$

$$P(B=2) = P(\text{trials result in } 110 \text{ or } 101 \text{ or } 011) = 3p^2(1-p)$$

$$P(B=3) = P(\text{trials result in } 111) = p^3$$

# Binomial (5, p)

$n = 5$ ,  $B = \text{no. of successes in } n \text{ Bernoulli (p) trials}$ .

$$P(B=0) = P(\text{trials result in 00000}) = (1-p)^5$$

$$P(B=1) = 5p(1-p)^4$$

$$P(B=2) = 10p^2(1-p)^3$$

$$P(B=3) = 10p^3(1-p)^2 = P(\text{trials result in 3 1s}) \quad {}^5C_3 p^3(1-p)^2$$

$$P(B=4) = 5p^4(1-p) = P(\text{trials result in 4 1s}) \quad {}^5C_4 p^4(1-p)$$

$$P(B=5) = p^5 = P(\text{trials result in 5 1s})$$

# Binomial (n, p) : small n

## PROBABILITY OF NO. OF SUCCESSES

 $B=0$  $B=1$  $B=2$  $B=3$  $B=4$  $B=5$ 

$n=1$	$= 1-p$	$p$			
$n=2$	$(1-p)^2$	$2p(1-p)$	$p^2$		
$n=3$	$(1-p)^3$	$3p(1-p)^2$	$3p^2(1-p)$	$p^3$	
$n=4$	$(1-p)^4$	$4p(1-p)^3$	$6p^2(1-p)^2$	$4p^3(1-p)$	$p^4$
$n=5$	$(1-p)^5$	$5p(1-p)^4$	$10p^2(1-p)^3$	$10p^3(1-p)^2$	$5p^4(1-p)$
					$p^5$

# Binomial ( $n, p$ ) : Expression for probability

In general, what is  $P(B(n,p) = k)$ ?  $\{k=0, 1, 2, \dots, n\}$

$P(B(n,p) = k) = P(\text{trial results in } b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n \text{ with exactly } k \text{ 1s})$

$$\text{no. of successes} = (\text{no. of } b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n \text{ with exactly } k \text{ 1s}) p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$$

$$\star \text{No. of } b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n \text{ with exactly } k \text{ 1s} = {}^n C_k = \frac{n!}{k! (n-k)!}$$

$$\therefore P[B(n,p) = k] = {}^n C_k p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$$

# Graph of Binomial ( $n, p$ ) : Some Observations

- Starts at  $(1-p)^n \rightarrow$  increases and reaches a peak  $\rightarrow$  falls to  $p^n$
- Where is the peak? Near  $np$   
 $\rightarrow$  Exactly, floor( $p(n+1)$ ), i.e., largest integer  $\leq p(n+1)$
- $P(B=0 \text{ or } B=1 \text{ or } B=2 \text{ or } \dots \text{ or } B=n) = 1$

$$\Rightarrow P(B=0) + P(B=1) + P(B=2) + \dots + P(B=n) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow (1-p)^n + {}^n C_1 p (1-p)^{n-1} + {}^n C_2 p^2 (1-p)^{n-2} + \dots + p^n = 1$$

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EXAMPLES

- (1) Each person has a disease with probability 0.1 independently. Out of 100 random persons tested for the disease, what is the probability that 20 persons test positive?

Solution:  $p = 0.1$   
 $n = 100$

$$P(B(100, 0.1) = 20) = {}^{100}C_{20} (0.1)^{20} (0.9)^{80}$$

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- (2) Suppose a fair coin is tossed 10 times.

- (a) What is the probability that the no. of heads is a multiple of 3?  
(b) What is a probability that the no. of heads is even?

Solution:  $n = 10$        $p = 0.5$

(a) S/A: No. of heads is multiple of 3 = {0, 3, 6, 9}

$$\therefore P(B(10, 0.5) \in \{0, 3, 6, 9\}) = P(B=0) + P(B=3) + P(B=6) + P(B=9)$$

$$\Rightarrow {}^{10}C_0 (0.5)^0 (0.5)^{10} + {}^{10}C_3 (0.5)^3 (0.5)^7 + {}^{10}C_6 (0.5)^6 (0.5)^4 + {}^{10}C_9 (0.5)^9 (0.5)^1$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{10} + {}^{10}C_3 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{10} + {}^{10}C_6 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{10} + {}^{10}C_9 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{10} \quad \text{Ans.}$$

(b) No. of heads is even =  $\{0, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10\}$

$$P(\text{no. of heads even}) = P(B=0) + P(B=2) + P(B=4) + P(B=6) + P(B=8) + P(B=10)$$

$$= {}^{10}C_0 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{10} + {}^{10}C_2 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{10} + {}^{10}C_4 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{10} + {}^{10}C_6 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{10} + {}^{10}C_8 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{10} + {}^{10}C_{10} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{10}$$

$$= \frac{1 + {}^{10}C_2 + {}^{10}C_4 + {}^{10}C_6 + {}^{10}C_8 + 1}{2^{10}} \quad \text{Ans.}$$

(3) A bit (0,1) sent by Alice to Bob gets flipped with  $p=0.1$ .

(a) If 5 bits are sent by Alice independently, what is the probability that at most 2 bits gets flipped?

(b) If 10 bits are sent by Alice independently, what is the probability that at most 2 bits gets flipped?

Solution: (a)  $P(B(5, 0.1) \in \{0, 1, 2\}) = P(B=0) + P(B=1) + P(B=2)$

$$= {}^5C_0 (0.9)^5 + {}^5C_1 (0.1)^1 (0.9)^4 + {}^5C_2 (0.1)^2 (0.9)^3$$

$$= (0.9)^5 + 5(0.1)(0.9)^4 + 10(0.1)^2 (0.9)^3$$

$$=$$

(b)  $P(B(10, 0.1) \in \{0, 1, 2\}) = P(B=0) + P(B=1) + P(B=2)$

$$= {}^{10}C_0 (0.9)^{10} + {}^{10}C_1 (0.1)^1 (0.9)^9 + {}^{10}C_2 (0.1)^2 (0.9)^8$$

# GEOMETRIC DISTRIBUTION

# Geometric ( $p$ ) : Geometric Distribution

Perform independent Bernoulli ( $p$ ) trials indefinitely.

OUTCOME: No. of trials needed for first success, which we denote  $G(p)$  or  $G$ .

sample space :  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots, \text{(goes on and on)}\}$

$$P(G=1) = P(\text{first trial is success}) = p$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(G=2) &= P(\text{first trial is failure \& second trial is success}) \\ &= (1-p)p \end{aligned}$$

$$P(G=3) = P(\text{trial result 001}) = (1-p)^2 p$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(G=k) &= P(\text{first } k-1 \text{ trials will be failure \& } k^{\text{th}} \text{ trial success}) \\ &= (1-p)^{k-1} p \end{aligned}$$

# Graph of Geometric Distribution : Observations

- Starts at  $p$  and keep falling
- Keeps on decreasing but, if  $p \leq 1$ , never goes all the way to zero.

What if?  $P(G > k) = 1 - P(G \leq k)$   
 $= (1-p)^k$

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•  $P(G \leq k) = P(G=1 \text{ or } G=2 \text{ or } \dots \text{ or } G=k)$

$\Rightarrow P(G \leq k) = P(G=1) + P(G=2) + \dots + P(G=k)$

$\Rightarrow P(G \leq k) = p + (1-p)p + (1-p)^2p + \dots + (1-p)^{k-1}p$

$P(G \leq k) = 1 - (1-p)^k$

Important formula

## # EXAMPLE

(1) In Ludo, a player needs to repeatedly throw a die till she gets a 1. What is the probability that she needs lesser than 6 throws? What is the probability that she needs lesser than 11 throws? What is the probability that she needs lesser than 21 throws?

Sol.  ~~$P(\text{less than 6 throws}) = P(G=1 \text{ or } \dots \text{ or } G=5)$~~   
 ~~$= (1/6 + 5/6) \times (1/6) \times (5/6)^2 \times (1/6) \times$~~

$P(\text{less than 6 throws}) = P(G=1 \text{ or } \dots \text{ or } G=5)$   
 $= 1/6 + (5/6 \times 1/6) + (5/6)^2 (1/6) + (5/6)^3 (1/6) + (5/6)^4 (1/6)$   
 $= 1 - (5/6)^6 = 0.5981$

$P(\text{less than 11 throws}) = 1/6 + (5/6 \times 1/6) + \dots + (5/6)^{10} (1/6)$   
 $= 1 - \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^{11} = 0.8654$

$P(\text{less than 21 throws}) = 1 - \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^{21} = 0.9783$

(2) Player 1 is 40% free throw shooter, while Player 2 is a 70% shooter. Each throw is independent of all previous throws. The 2 players alternate shooting with Player 1 starting till the first basket is scored.

(a) What is the probability that player 1 wins before the 3<sup>rd</sup> round?

(b) What is the probability that Player 1 wins?

Solution:  $p(P_1) = 0.4$        $p(P_2) = 0.7$

(a) Favourable outcomes :  $1_{P_1}, 0_{P_1} 1_{P_2}, 0_{P_1} 0_{P_2} 1_{P_1}, \dots$

$$\therefore P(G \leq 3) (= (0.4) + (0.6 \times 0.3 \times 0.4)) = 0.472$$

(b) Favourable Outcomes :  $1_{P_1}, 0_{P_1} 1_{P_2}, 0_{P_1} 0_{P_2} 1_{P_1}, 0_{P_1} 0_{P_2} 0_{P_1} 1_{P_2}, \dots$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore P(\text{player 1 wins}) &= (0.4) + (0.6 \times 0.3 \times 0.4) + (0.6 \times 0.3 \times 0.6 \times 0.3 \times 0.4) + \\ &\quad (0.6 \times 0.3 \times 0.6 \times 0.3 \times 0.6 \times 0.3 \times 0.4) + \dots \\ &= (0.4) + (0.18 \times 0.4) + (0.18)^2 \times 0.4 + (0.18)^3 \times 0.4 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

Using GP formula, we have,

$$P(P_1 \text{ wins}) = \frac{0.4}{1 - 0.18} = \frac{0.4}{0.82} = 0.487$$