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1 Probability Theory

1.1 Elementary Probability

Definition 1.1.1 (Cardano's Principle). A be a random outcome of an experiment that may proceed in various ways. Assume each of these ways is **equally likely**, then, probability $P[A]$ of outcome A is

$$P[A] = \frac{\text{number of ways leading to outcome } A}{\text{number of ways the experiment can be proceeded}} \quad (1)$$

1.1.1 Basic principles of Counting

- Permutation:

$$A_n^k = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!} \quad (2)$$

- Combination:

$$\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!k!} \quad (3)$$

- Permutation of k **Indistinguishable** Objects:

$$\frac{n!}{n_1!n_2!n_3!\dots n_k!} = \binom{n}{n_1} \cdot \binom{n-n_1}{n_2} \dots \binom{n-(n_1+n_2+\dots+n_{k-1})}{n_k} \quad (4)$$

Remark:

In permutation of k indistinguishable objects, the elements has no order within a group but are different from each other; the groups either has order or are different from each other.

Example:

Consider 10 balls, 5 red, 3 green and 2 blue. How many ways can they be arranged on a line?

$$\frac{10!}{5! \cdot 3! \cdot 2!} = 2520 \quad (5)$$

1.1.2 Sample Points, Sample Space and σ -Field

Definition 1.1.2 (Sample Points). Mathematical objects are called sample points.

Definition 1.1.3 (Sample Space). The sample space S is large enough to accommodate all the sample points.

Definition 1.1.4 (Event). An outcome in the sense of Cardano's principle is interpreted as a subset A of a sample space S and called an event.

Definition 1.1.5 (Mutually exclusive). Two events A_1, A_2 are called mutually exclusive if $A_1 \cap A_2 = \emptyset$

Definition 1.1.6 (σ -Field). Suppose that a non-empty set S is given. A σ -field \mathcal{F} on S is a family of subsets of S such that:

- $\emptyset \in \mathcal{F}$
- If $A \in \mathcal{F}$, then $S \setminus A \in \mathcal{F}$
- If $A_1, A_2, \dots \in \mathcal{F}$ is a finite sequence of subsets, then the union $\cup_k A_k \in \mathcal{F}$

1.1.3 Probability Measures and Spaces

Definition 1.1.7 (Probability Measure). Let S be the sample space and \mathcal{F} be a σ -field. Then a function

$$P : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow [0, 1], A \mapsto P[A], \quad (6)$$

is called *probability measure* / *probability function* on S if

- $P[S] = 1$
- For any set of events $A_k \subset \mathcal{F}$ such that $A_j \cap A_k = \emptyset$ for $j \neq k$,

$$P[\cup_k A_k] = \sum_k P[A_k] \quad (7)$$

Theorem 1.1.1 (Basic Properties). $P[A_1 \cup A_2] = P[A_1] + P[A_2] - P[A_1 \cap A_2]$

1.2 Conditional Probability

Definition 1.2.1 (Conditional Probability). B occurs given that A has occurred

$$P[B | A] := \frac{P[A \cap B]}{P[A]} \quad (8)$$

1.2.1 Independence of Events

Definition 1.2.2 (independent). Two events are *independent* if

$$P[A \cap B] = P[A]P[B] \quad (9)$$

equivalent to

$$P[A | B] = P[A], P[B] \neq 0 \quad (10)$$

Definition 1.2.3 (Total Probability).

$$P[B] = P[B | A_1] \cdot P[A_1] + \cdots + P[B | A_n] \cdot P[A_n] = \sum_{k=1}^n P[B | A_k] \cdot P[A_k] \quad (11)$$

is called total probability formula for $P[B]$

1.2.2 Bayes' Theorem

Theorem 1.2.1 (Bayes's Theorem). Let $A_1, \dots, A_n \subset S$ be a set of pairwise mutually exclusive events whose union is S and who each have non zero probability of occurring. Let $B \subset S$ be any events such that $P[B] \neq 0$. Then for any $A_k, k = 1, \dots, n$

$$P[A_k | B] = \frac{P[B \cap A_k]}{P[B]} = \frac{P[B | A_k] \cdot P[A_k]}{\sum_{j=1}^n P[B | A_j] \cdot P[A_j]} \quad (12)$$