

Wednesday: Sept 4, 2019, (L3)

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Review

Last time we started with counting methods in the use of finding probability of an event.

Def. 2.6 Suppose S is a sample space associated with an experiment. To every event A in S , we assign a number, $P(A)$, called the probability of A , so that the following hold:

- i. $P(A) \geq 0$
- ii. $P(S) = 1$
- iii. If A_1, A_2, \dots form a sequence of pairwise mutually exclusive events in S

$$(A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset \text{ if } i \neq j) \text{ then } P(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A_i)$$

Then using your great ability of reasoning, prove the following intuitive (silly) theorems:

Thm: For each event A , $P(A) = 1 - P(\bar{A})$

$$\begin{aligned} S &= A \cup \bar{A} \\ P(S) &= P(A \cup \bar{A}) \\ 1 &= P(A) + P(\bar{A}) \end{aligned} \quad 1 - P(\bar{A}) = P(A)$$

Thm: $P(\emptyset) = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} S &= S \cup \emptyset \\ P(S) &= P(S \cup \emptyset) \\ P(S) &= P(S) + P(\emptyset) \\ 0 &= P(\emptyset) \end{aligned}$$

Thm: Given the events A and B where $A \subseteq B$, then $P(A) \leq P(B)$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Note: } B &= (A \cap B) \cup (\bar{A} \cap B) \\ P(B) &= P(A \cap B) + P(\bar{A} \cap B) \\ &\quad \text{since } A \subseteq B \\ P(B) &= P(A) + \underbrace{P(\bar{A} \cap B)}_{\geq 0} \\ P(B) &\geq P(A) \end{aligned}$$

Let us start section 2.7 with a couple of examples.

Section 2.7: Conditional Probability and the Independence of Events

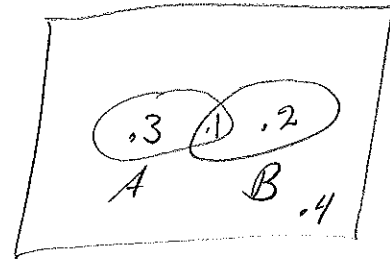
Ex. Given $P(A) = 0.4$, $P(B) = 0.3$, $P(A \cap B) = 0.1$

Draw the Venn diagram and find:

$$P(\bar{A}) = .6$$

$$P(A \cup B) = .6$$

$$P(\overline{A \cap B}) = .4$$



conditional prob \rightarrow

$$P(A|B) = \frac{.1}{.3} = \frac{1}{3}$$

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

*P(A given B is true)
The Universal set changes*

Ex. A package contains 20 tulip bulbs, which will bloom early (E) or late (L) summer either red (R) or yellow (Y) blooms:

	Early (E)	Late (L)	total
Red (R)	5	8	13
Yellow (Y)	3	4	7
total	8	12	20

Find:

$$P(E) = \frac{8}{20} = .40$$

$$P(R) = \frac{13}{20} = .65$$

$$P(R \cap E) = \frac{5}{20} = \frac{1}{4} = .25$$

$$\rightarrow P(R|E) = \frac{5}{8} \leftarrow \begin{matrix} P(R \cap E) \\ P(E) \end{matrix} = .625$$

Definition 2.9

The *conditional probability of an event A*, given that an event B has occurred, is equal to

$$P(A | B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}, \quad P(B) > 0$$

Definition 2.10*** (know this definition)

Two events A and B are said to be *independent* if any one of the following holds:

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

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

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

Otherwise, the events are said to be dependent.

Section 2.8: Two Laws of Probability

Theorem 2.5 **The Multiplication Law of Probability**

The probability of the intersection of two events A and B is

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

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

If A and B are independent then

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

The proof follows from the definitions of *conditional probabilities* and *independent* events.

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

$$\begin{aligned} P(A|B) \cdot P(B) &= P(A \cap B) \\ \uparrow \\ \text{independent} \end{aligned}$$

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

Theorem 2.6 **The Addition Law of Probability**

The probability of the union of two events A and B is

$$P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$$

If A and B are mutually exclusive events, then $P(A \cap B) = 0$ and

$$P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B)$$

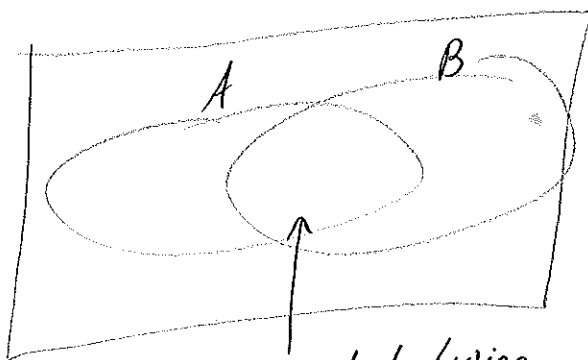
Proof

Notice the following: $A \cup B = A \cup (\bar{A} \cap B)$ and $B = (\bar{A} \cap B) \cup (A \cap B)$

Then $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(\bar{A} \cap B)$ and $P(B) = P(\bar{A} \cap B) + P(A \cap B) \Rightarrow P(\bar{A} \cap B) = P(B) - P(A \cap B)$

Rewriting the second equation $P(B) - P(A \cap B) = P(\bar{A} \cap B)$ followed by the substitution of the first give the desired results: $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$.

The proof can easily be shown by drawing the Venn diagram.



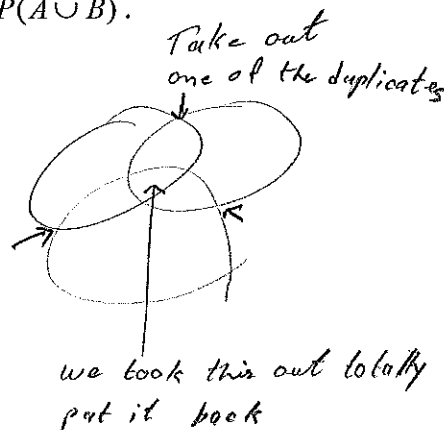
counted twice
in $P(A) + P(B)$

take out one of the
 $P(A \cap B)$'s

Helpful hints:

- When dealing with unions and intersections it is often quite helpful to draw the Venn diagram. Most problems give enough information to complete the diagram.
- From the Addition Law of Probability: $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$
it would also make sense that $P(A \cap B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cup B)$.
- Extending the Addition Law of Probability using three events:

$$\begin{aligned} P(A \cup B \cup C) &= P(A) + P(B) + P(C) \\ &\quad - P(A \cap B) - P(A \cap C) - P(B \cap C) \\ &\quad + P(A \cap B \cap C) \end{aligned}$$



Example 2.16

Three brand of coffee, X , Y , and Z are to be ranked according to taste by a judge. Define the following events:

A: Brand X is preferred to Y .

B: Brand X is ranked the best.

C: Brand X is ranked second best.

D: Brand X is ranked third best

$$E_1 = X Y Z \quad \checkmark$$

$$E_2 = X Z Y \quad \checkmark$$

$$E_3 = Y X Z$$

$$E_4 = Y Z X$$

$$E_5 = Z X Y \quad \checkmark$$

$$E_6 = Z Y X$$

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

If the judge actually has no taste preference and randomly assigns ranks to the brands, is event A independent of events B , C , and D ?

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} = \frac{\frac{2}{6}}{\frac{2}{6}} = 1 \quad \text{No}$$

$$P(A|C) = \frac{P(A \cap C)}{P(C)} = \frac{\frac{1}{6}}{\frac{3}{6}} = \frac{1}{3} \quad \text{Yes}$$

$$P(A|D) = \frac{P(A \cap D)}{P(D)} = \frac{0}{\frac{1}{6}} = 0 \quad \text{No}$$

Example: Suppose that a fair six-sided die is tossed. What is the probability that the number tossed is ≤ 3 given that an even number was tossed?

$$P(\text{even}) = P(2, 4, \text{or } 6) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$P(x \leq 3) = P(1, 2, 3) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$P(\text{even} \cap x \leq 3) = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$P(x \leq 3 | \text{even}) = \frac{P(\text{even} \cap x \leq 3)}{P(\text{even})} = \frac{\frac{1}{6}}{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{3}$$

Example: Suppose you are dealt 6 cards from a standard deck of playing cards. What is the probability that the 6th card is your third spade? =

$$A = P(2 \text{ spades out of } 5 \text{ cards}) = \frac{\binom{13}{2} \binom{39}{3}}{\binom{52}{5}} = .274$$

$$P(A \cap B) = (.274) \frac{11}{47} = .064$$

Example: Suppose that $P(A) = \frac{1}{6}$, $P(B) = \frac{5}{12}$ and $P(A|B) + P(B|A) = \frac{7}{10}$. Find $P(A \cap B)$.

$$P(A|B) + P(B|A) = \frac{7}{10}$$

$$\frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} + \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(A)} = \frac{7}{10}$$

$$P(A \cap B) \left(\frac{12}{5} + \frac{6}{1} \right) = \frac{7}{10}$$

$$P(A \cap B) = \frac{7}{10} \cdot \frac{5}{42} = \frac{1}{12}$$