

Bayes' formula:

So we take A_1, \dots, A_k be a complete system of event.

(We mean a complete system. It must meet two conditions.)

$$\begin{cases} \textcircled{1} A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset \\ \textcircled{2} \bigcup_{i=1}^k A_i = \Omega. \end{cases}$$

and let B be an event with $P(B) > 0$.

So according to the conditional proba.

$$P(A_j/B) = \frac{P(A_j \cap B)}{P(B)} \quad (*)$$

$$P(B/A_j) = \frac{P(B \cap A_j)}{P(A_j)}$$

$$\Rightarrow P(B/A_j) \cdot P(A_j) = P(B \cap A_j) = P(A_j \cap B)$$

so we replace in $(*)$

$$P(A_j/B) = \frac{P(B/A_j) \cdot P(A_j)}{P(B)}$$

this one way of writing the formula.

according to law total probability.

$$P(A_j/B) = \frac{P(B/A_j) \cdot P(A_j)}{\sum_{i=1}^K P(B/A_i) \cdot P(A_i)}$$

generalization of Bayes' formula.

Exp:

* you have a couple and they got two different children and you're asserted that at least one of those children is going to be a girl.

What's the probability of two girls given at least one girl??

* Each child can be

B: Boy

G: Girl

So all possible combinations are 4 cases.

- ① G - G $\leftarrow \frac{1}{4}$
- ② G - B $\leftarrow \frac{1}{4}$
- ③ B - G $\leftarrow \frac{1}{4}$
- ④ B - B $\leftarrow \frac{1}{4}$

Total Valid cases = 4

So Each case has a probability $\frac{1}{4}$.

So according to Bayes' formula,

$$P(2G/1G) = \frac{P(1G/2G) \cdot P(2G)}{P(1G)}$$

$$= \frac{1 \times \frac{1}{4}}{\frac{3}{4}} = \boxed{\frac{1}{3}}$$