The quantitative rules

Proof of 2.19

Credit to atwwgb

Continuing to get 2.19 from 2.18:

We have then $G(x,y)G(y,z) = P(x,z)$. Pick any fixed z. Denote $P(x,z) = A(x)$ and $G(y,z) = B(y)$. Then $G(x,y) = \frac{A(x)}{B(y)}$ [and $G(y,z) = \frac{A(y)}{B(z)}$].

Plug this in to $G(x,y)G(y,z) = P(x,z)$ to get $\frac{A(x)A(y)}{B(y)B(z)} = P(x,z)$. So $A(y)/B(y)$ is independent of y, so is constant equal to r. This means

$G(x,y) = \frac{A(x)}{B(y)} = \frac{A(x)A(y)}{A(y)B(y)} = r\frac{A(x)}{A(y)}$

Brief explanation of the overall line of reasoning on from 2.45 to 2.58

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Proof of Equation 2.50

Source: stackexchange, I've reworded it and added detail to (hopefully) make it clearer.

We will use the Taylor series approximation, which is an approximation of $f(t)$ around the point a:

$$f(t) = f(a) + f'(a)(t-a) + O((t-a)^2)$$

Big O notation is described on Wikipedia.

The proof:

Letting $\delta = e^{-q}$, we have from (2.48):

$$S(y) = S\left[\frac{S(x)}{1-\delta}\right]$$

We then use a Taylor series approximation of the function $f(\delta) = \frac{1}{1-\delta}$ around with $a = 0$.

$$S(y) = S[S(x)(1 + \delta + O(\delta^2))]$$

$$S(y) = S[S(x) + S(x)\delta + S(x)O(\delta^2)]$$

Now we want to get rid of the $S[]$ surrounding the equation, so we will use another Taylor approximation of the function $S(t)$. We approximate around the point $a = S(x)$.

This gives us the approximation of $S(t)$ as:

$$S(t) = S[S(x)] + S'[S(x)](t - S(x)) + O((t - S(x))^2)$$

Letting $t = S(x) + S(x)\delta + S(x)O(\delta^2)$

$$S[S(x)+S(x)\delta+S(x)O(\delta^2)] = S[S(x)]+S'[S(x)](S(x)\delta+S(x)O(\delta^2))+O((S(x)\delta+S(x)O(\delta^2))^2)$$

$$S[S(x)+S(x)\delta+S(x)O(\delta^2)] = S[S(x)]+S'[S(x)]S(x)\delta+S'[S(x)]S(x)O(\delta^2)+O((S(x)\delta+S(x)O(\delta^2))^2)$$

With big O notation we can get rid of constant factors:

$$S[S(x)+S(x)\delta+S(x)O(\delta^2)] = S[S(x)]+S'[S(x)]S(x)\delta+O(\delta^2)+O((\delta+O(\delta^2))^2)$$

With big O notation we can also get rid terms that drop asymptotically faster than the largest term.

$$S[S(x) + S(x)\delta + S(x)O(\delta^2)] = S[S(x)] + S'[S(x)]S(x)\delta + O(\delta^2)$$

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Explanation of 2.52, 2.53

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Proof of 2.57

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Proof of 2.58

Exercise 2.1

I think this problem is ambiguous and can be interpreted in multiple ways, see here for a different interpretation. But I think the following interpretation makes more sense.

With X representing any background information:

$$p(C|(A+B)X) = \frac{p(A+B|CX)p(C|X)}{p(A+B|X)}$$

$$= \frac{(p(A|CX) + p(B|CX) - p(AB|CX))p(C|X)}{p(A|X) + p(B|X) - p(AB|X)}$$

$$= \frac{p(AC|X) + p(BC|X) - p(ABC|X)}{p(A|X) + p(B|X) - p(AB|X)}$$

Exercise 2.2

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Exercise 2.3

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