

Week 12: Bayes' rule and random variables

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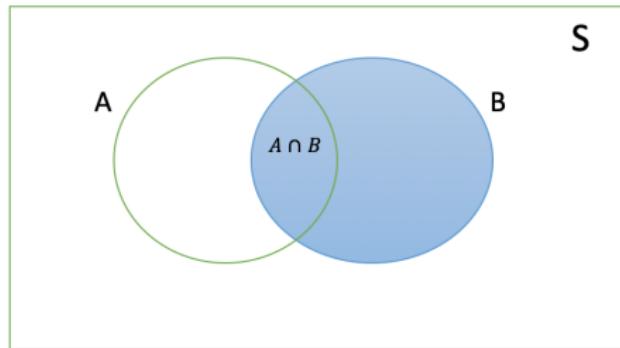
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Experiment, sample spaces, events

- An **experiment** is a situation with **uncertain outcomes**.
- The **sample space** of an experiment is the **set Ω** of all possible **outcomes** of the experiment.
- An **event** is a **subset** of the sample space Ω .

Conditional probability

- Conditional probability: $P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$



- The sample space for *possible outcomes* is B .

$P(A|B)$ = probability of event $A \cap B$ in the sample space B .

Independent events

- A and B are **independent** \Leftrightarrow one of the following equations holds
$$P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B), \text{ or } P(A|B) = P(A), \text{ or } P(B|A) = P(B).$$
- A and B are independent means

"the information that B occurs does not affect the probability that A occurs, and vice versa"

Multiplication rule for conditional probability

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

$$= P(A|B \cap C)P(B \cap C) \quad (\text{by (a)})$$

$$= P(A|B \cap C)P(B|C)P(C) \quad (\text{by (a)})$$

Mutually independent

Three events A, B, C are called **mutually independent** if

- ① any two events are independent

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

- ② and $P(A \cap B \cap C) = P(A)P(B)P(C)$

Example 1

You have a flight from Amsterdam to Sydney with a stopover in Dubai.

The probabilities that a luggage is put on the wrong plane at the different airports are

Amsterdam : 0.05, Dubai : 0.03.

What is the probability that your luggage doesn't reach Sydney with you?

Solution

For the luggage to reach Sydney,
it must be on the correct airplane
at both Amsterdam and Dubai.



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A =event that the luggage is put on the correct plane at Amsterdam

D =event that the luggage is put on the correct plane at Dubai.

You may assume A and D are independent (why?) $P(D|A) = P(D)$

The info. your luggage is put correctly at Amst doesn't affect the prob. it is put correctly at Dubai!

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$\overline{A \cap D}$ = event that your luggage doesn't reach Sydney is

$$P(\overline{A \cap D}) = 1 - P(A \cap D)$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(\bar{A \cap D}) &= 1 - P(A \cap D) \\ &= 1 - P(A)P(D), \quad P(\bar{A}) = 0.05, P(\bar{D}) = 0.02 \\ &= 1 - (1 - P(\bar{A})) (1 - P(\bar{D})) \\ &= 1 - 0.95 \times 0.97 \\ &= 0.0785 = 7.85\% \end{aligned}$$

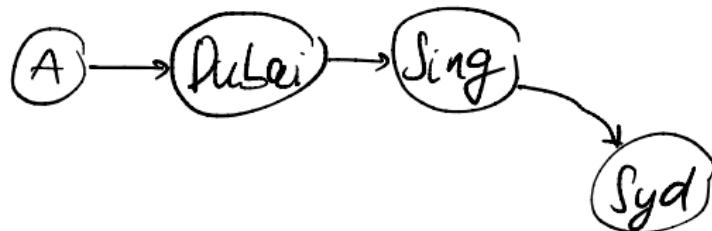
Example 2

You have a flight from Amsterdam to Sydney with stopovers in **Dubai** and **Singapore**. The probabilities that a luggage is put on the wrong plane at the different airports are

Amsterdam : 0.05, Dubai : 0.03, Singapore : 0.01.

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D =event that the luggage is put on the correct plane at Dubai.

S = event that the luggage is put on the correct plane at Singapore.

You may assume A, D, S are mutually independent.

The probability that your luggage doesn't reach Sydney is

$$P(\overline{A \cap D \cap S}) = 1 - P(A \cap D \cap S)$$

Given:

$$= 1 - P(A) P(D) P(S)$$

$$P(\overline{A}) = 0.05,$$

$$= 1 - (1-0.05)(1-0.03)(1-0.01)$$

$$P(\overline{D}) = 0.03,$$

$$= 0.087715$$

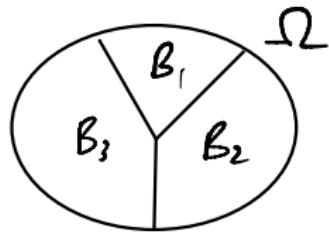
$$P(\overline{S}) = 0.01$$

$$\approx 8.77\%$$

Partition - Definition

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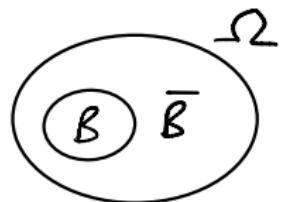
$$B_i \cap B_j = \emptyset$$



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 - ① $\{1\}, \{2, 3\}$ is a partition of $\{1, 2, 3\}$.
 - ② $\{1, 2\}, \{2, 3\}$ is not a partition of $\{1, 2, 3\}$.
 - ③ B and \bar{B} is a partition of Ω .



Law of total probability

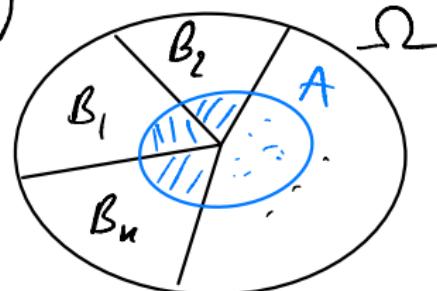
Theorem 1

Let P be a probability measure on Ω . Assume that B_1, \dots, B_n is a partition of Ω . Then for any event A , we have

$$P(A) = \sum_{i=1}^n P(A|B_i)P(B_i).$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(A) &= P(A \cap B_1) + P(A \cap B_2) + \dots + P(A \cap B_n) \\ &= P(A|B_1)P(B_1) + P(A|B_2)P(B_2) + \dots + \\ &\quad P(A|B_n)P(B_n) \end{aligned}$$

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Corollary of Theorem 1

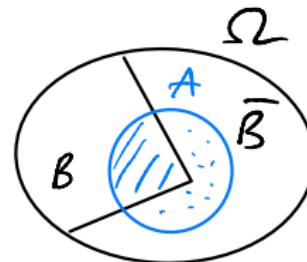
Corollary 1

Let A and B be events in the sample space Ω . Then

$$P(A) = P(A|B)P(B) + P(A|\bar{B})P(\bar{B}).$$

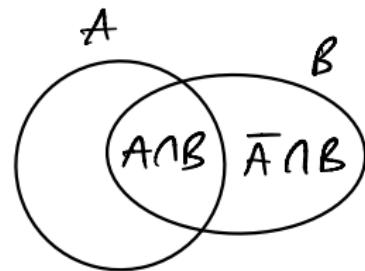
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- Question: What is the relation between $P(A|B)$ and $P(\bar{A}|B)$?

$$P(A|B) + P(\bar{A}|B) = P(A)? \text{ X}$$

$$P(A|B) + P(\bar{A}|B) = P(B)? \text{ X}$$

$$P(A|B) + P(\bar{A}|B) = 1? \text{ ✓}$$

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- Since A and \bar{A} form a partition for Ω

$$P(B) = P(B \cap A) + P(B \cap \bar{A}) = P(A \cap B) + P(\bar{A} \cap B),$$

- Hence

$$\begin{aligned} P(B) &= P(A|B)P(B) + P(\bar{A}|B)P(B) \\ 1 &= P(A|B) + P(\bar{A}|B) \end{aligned}$$

Bayes' rule (simplified version)

Theorem 2

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Example 3

1 in 100,000 people has a rare disease for which there is a fairly accurate diagnostic test. This test is correct 99.0% of the time when given to a person selected at random who has the disease, and correct 99.5% of the time when given to a person selected at random who does not have the disease. Find

- (a) The probability that a person who tests positive actually has the disease?

given event B

event A

- (b) The probability that a person who tests negative does not have the disease?

given event \bar{B}

event \bar{A}

(a) $P(A|B)$ (b) $P(\bar{A}|\bar{B})$

Solution

A =event that a randomly selected person has the disease.

B =event that a randomly selected person tests positive.

Need to compute $P(A|B)$ and $P(\bar{A}|\bar{B})$.

$$P(A) = \frac{1}{100000} = 10^{-5}, P(B|A) = 0.99, P(\bar{B}|\bar{A}) = 0.995$$

$$\begin{aligned} a) P(A|B) &= \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} = \frac{P(B|A)P(A)}{P(B|A)P(A) + P(B|\bar{A})P(\bar{A})} = \frac{P(B|A)P(A)}{P(B|A)P(A) + P(B|\bar{A})P(\bar{A})} \\ &= \frac{0.99 \times 10^{-5}}{0.99 \times 10^{-5} + (1 - 0.995) \times (1 - 10^{-5})} \\ &\approx 0.002 = 0.2\% \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} (b) \quad P(\bar{A}|\bar{B}) &= \frac{P(\bar{A} \cap \bar{B})}{P(\bar{B})} = \frac{P(\bar{B} \cap \bar{A})}{P(\bar{B} \cap A) + P(\bar{B} \cap \bar{A})} = \frac{P(\bar{B}|\bar{A})P(\bar{A})}{P(\bar{B}|A)P(A) + P(\bar{B}|\bar{A})P(\bar{A})} \\ &= \frac{0.995 \times (1 - 10^{-5})}{(1 - 0.99) \times 10^{-5} + 0.995 \times (1 - 10^{-5})} \cong 0.99999\dots \\ &\equiv 100\% \end{aligned}$$

Bayes' rule (general version)

Theorem 3

Let A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n be a partition of Ω and let A be an event.

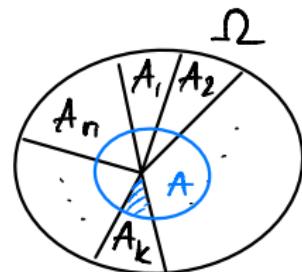
Assume $P(A) > 0$ and $P(A_i) > 0$ for all i . Then for any

$k \in \{1, \dots, n\}$, we have

$$P(A_k|A) = \frac{P(A|A_k)P(A_k)}{\sum_{i=1}^n P(A|A_i)P(A_i)}.$$

Interpretation of Bayes' rule

$$P(A_k|A) = \frac{P(A|A_k)P(A_k)}{\sum_{i=1}^n P(A|A_i)P(A_i)}$$



- A_i 's are possible causes for the occurrence of A .
- The Bayes' formula computes the probability that A_k caused A , given that A occurred.

Proof of Theorem 2

Writing $P(A_k \cap A)$ in two different ways, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(A_k|A)P(A) &= P(A|A_k)P(A_k) \Rightarrow P(A_k|A) = \frac{P(A|A_k)P(A_k)}{P(A)} \\
 P(A_k|A) &= \frac{P(A_k \cap A)}{P(A)} = \frac{P(A \cap A_k)}{P(A \cap A_1) + \dots + P(A \cap A_n)} \\
 &= \frac{P(A|A_k)P(A_k)}{P(A|A_1)P(A_1) + \dots + P(A|A_n)P(A_n)} = \frac{P(A|A_k)P(A_k)}{\sum_{i=1}^n P(A|A_i)P(A_i)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Summary on Bayes' rules

- Partition $\Omega = B \cup \bar{B}$

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

- Partition $\Omega = A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3$

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Example 4

A factory uses 3 machines M_1, M_2, M_3 to produce certain items.

- M_1 produces 50% of the items, of which 3% are defective.
- M_2 produces 30% of the items, of which 4% are defective.
- M_3 produces 20% of the items, of which 5% are defective.

Suppose that a defective item is found. What is the probability that it came from M_2 ?

A_1, A_2, A_3 = events that a given item comes from M_1, M_2, M_3 .

A = event that a given item is defective.

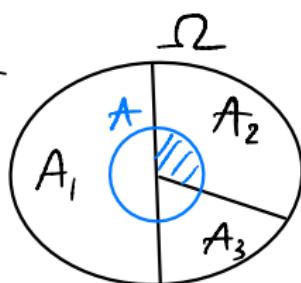
Need to find $P(A_2 | A)$.

Given: $P(A_1) = 0.5$, $P(A_2) = 0.3$, $P(A_3) = 0.2$

$P(A|A_1) = 0.03$, $P(A|A_2) = 0.04$, $P(A|A_3) = 0.05$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} P(A_2 | A) &= \frac{P(A_2 \cap A)}{P(A)} = \frac{P(A \cap A_2)}{P(A \cap A_1) + P(A \cap A_2) + P(A \cap A_3)} \\ &= \frac{P(A|A_2)P(A_2)}{P(A|A_1)P(A_1) + P(A|A_2)P(A_2) + P(A|A_3)P(A_3)} = \dots = \frac{\frac{12}{37}}{\frac{12}{37}} \cong 32\% \end{aligned}$$



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- Usually we are not interested in the whole Ω (too complex), but only extract information of interests, for examples,
 - the sum of all numbers that show up, or
 - the number of sixes, or
 - the number of ones
- Each of these quantities is a random variable.

Random variables

- A **random variable** on the sample space Ω is a function

$$X : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R},$$

that is, X assigns a **real number** to each possible outcome.

- Capital letters X, Y, Z, \dots denote **random variables**.
Small letters x, y, z, \dots denote **possible values** of X, Y, Z .

Example 5

- $X = \# \text{ heads in 3 coin tosses.}$

$$\Omega = \{\text{HHH}, \text{HHT}, \text{HTH}, \text{THH}, \text{HTT}, \text{THT}, \text{TTH}, \text{TTT}\}.$$

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$$X(\text{HHH}) = 3,$$

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- The set of possible values of X is $\{0, 1, 2, 3\}$.

Example 6

$X = \#$ number of heads in 3 consecutive fair-coin tosses.

Find $P(X = 3)$, $P(X \leq 1)$ and $P(X \neq 2)$.

$$\Omega = \{HHH, HHT, HTH, THH, HTT, THT, TTH, TTT\}$$

$$P(X=3) = P(\{HHH\}) = \frac{1}{8}$$

$$P(X \leq 1) = P(X=0) + P(X=1)$$

$$= P(\{HTT, THT, TTH\}) = \frac{1}{8} + \frac{3}{8} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$P(X \neq 2) = 1 - P(X=2) = 1 - P(\{HHT, HTH, THH\})$$

$$= 1 - \frac{3}{8} = \frac{5}{8}$$

Example 7

$p \in [0, 1]$. A calibrated coin has chance of landing head is p .

$X = \#$ tosses until a head comes up.

Given $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$. Find $P(X = n)$ and $P(X \leq n)$.

possible values for X are $1, 2, 3, \dots$

$$P(H) = p$$

$$P(T) = 1 - p$$

$$P(X=1) = P(H) = p$$

$$P(X=2) = P(TH) = (1-p)p$$

$$P(X=3) = P(THH) = (1-p)^2 p$$

⋮

$$P(X=n) = P(\underbrace{T \dots T}_{n-1 \text{ tosses}} H) = (1-p)^{n-1} p$$

$$P(X \leq n) = P(X=1) + \dots + P(X=n) = p + (1-p)p + \dots + (1-p)^{n-1} p$$

Discrete random variables

A random variable is **discrete** if it takes on only *countably many values*, that is, the set of possible values of X is **countable**.

- Countable means there is an **order** to list out everything. Examples

- ➊ Any finite subset $S = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$ of \mathbb{R} is countable.
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 - ➌ $\mathbb{Z}^+ = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ is countable.
 - ➍ \mathbb{R} is not countable.
 $[0, 1]$ is not countable.
 - ➎ We only focus on discrete random variables in this course

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Probability mass function (PMF)

The **probability mass function (PMF)** of a discrete random variable X is a function $p : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, 1]$ defined by

$$p(x) = P(X = x)$$

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$$p(0) = P(X = 0) = P(\{\text{TTT}\}) = 1/8$$

$$p(1) = P(X = 1) = P(\{\text{HTT}, \text{THT}, \text{TTH}\}) = 3/8$$

$$p(2) = P(X = 2) = P(\{\text{HHT}, \text{HTH}, \text{THH}\}) = 3/8$$

$$p(3) = P(X = 3) = P(\{\text{HHH}\}) = 1/8$$

Example 8

- $X = \#$ heads in 3 independent fair-coin tosses.
The set of possible values of X is $\{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ and

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- Note that

$$p(0) + p(1) + p(2) + p(3) = 1.$$

Properties of PMF

Lemma 3

If $X : \Omega \rightarrow R$ is a discrete random variable with PMF $p(x)$. Then

$$\sum_{\text{all } x} p(x) = 1$$

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Remark

$$P(X \leq n) = F(n)$$

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- F is a **nondecreasing** function, that is,

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Example 9

$X = \# \text{ heads in 3 independent fair-coin tosses.}$

Find $p(x)$ and $F(x)$ for all possible values x of X .

0, 1, 2, 3

$$\Omega = \{\text{HTH}, \text{HTT}, \text{HTH}, \text{TTH}, \text{TTT}, \text{THT}, \text{TTH}, \text{TTT}\}$$

$$x=0: p(0) = P(X=0) = P(\{\text{TTT}\}) = \frac{1}{8}$$

$$F(0) = P(X \leq 0) = P(X=0) = p(0) = \frac{1}{8}$$

$$x=1: p(1) = P(X=1) = P(\{\text{HTT}, \text{THT}, \text{TTH}\}) = 3/8$$

$$F(1) = P(X \leq 1) = P(X=0) + P(X=1) = p(0) + p(1) = \frac{1}{8} + \frac{3}{8} = \frac{4}{8}$$

$$x=2: \dots$$

$$x=3: \dots$$

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x	$p(x)$	$F(x)$
0	1/8	1/8
1	3/8	4/8
2	3/8	7/8
3	1/8	1

$$F(x) = P(X \leq x) = \sum_{k \leq x} p(x=k) = \sum_{k \leq x} p(k)$$