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You can now revise **Bayes' Theorem, Random Variables, and PMFs** using this document alone, exactly as expected for exams.

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CSE400 – Fundamentals of Probability in Computing

Lecture 5: Bayes’ Theorem, Random Variables, and Probability Mass Function

Instructor: Dhaval Patel, PhD

Date: January 20, 2026

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1. Bayes’ Theorem

1.1 Weighted Average of Conditional Probabilities

Let A and B be events.

We may express event A as:

$$A = AB \cup AB^c$$

This representation follows from the fact that for an outcome to be in A , it must either be in both A and B , or be in A but not in B .

The events AB and AB^c are mutually exclusive. Therefore, by **Axiom 3**:

$$\Pr(A) = \Pr(AB) + \Pr(AB^c)$$

Using the definition of conditional probability:

$$\Pr(AB) = \Pr(A | B) \Pr(B)$$

$$\Pr(AB^c) = \Pr(A | B^c) \Pr(B^c)$$

Substituting these expressions:

$$\Pr(A) = \Pr(A | B) \Pr(B) + \Pr(A | B^c)[1 - \Pr(B)]$$

Result: The probability of event A is a weighted average of the conditional probabilities, with weights given by the probabilities of the conditioning events.

1.2 Learning by Example

Example 3.1 (Part 1)

An insurance company divides people into two classes:

- Accident prone
- Not accident prone

The company's statistics show:

- An accident-prone person has an accident within a fixed 1-year period with probability 0.4.
- A person who is not accident prone has an accident within the same period with probability 0.2.
- 30 percent of the population is accident prone.

Let:

- A_1 denote the event that a policyholder has an accident within one year of purchasing the policy.
- A denote the event that the policyholder is accident prone.

The desired probability is:

$$\Pr(A_1) = \Pr(A_1 | A) \Pr(A) + \Pr(A_1 | A^c) \Pr(A^c)$$

Substituting the given values:

$$\Pr(A_1) = (0.4)(0.3) + (0.2)(0.7) = 0.26$$

Example 3.1 (Part 2)

Suppose that a new policyholder has an accident within one year of purchasing a policy. The question is: what is the probability that the policyholder is accident prone?

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$$\Pr(A | A_1) = \frac{\Pr(AA_1)}{\Pr(A_1)}$$

Using the definition of conditional probability:

$$\Pr(A | A_1) = \frac{\Pr(A) \Pr(A_1 | A)}{\Pr(A_1)}$$

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2. Formal Introduction: Law of Total Probability and Bayes' Theorem

2.1 Law of Total Probability

This result is referred to as the **Law of Total Probability (Formula 3.4)**.

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Using the identity:

$$\Pr(AB_i) = \Pr(B_i | A) \Pr(A)$$

we obtain the **Bayes Formula (Proposition 3.1)**.

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2.3 Learning by Example

Example 3.2

Three cards are identical in form except for their coloring:

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The cards are mixed in a hat. One card is randomly selected and placed on the ground. The upper side is observed to be red.

Let:

- RR , BB , and RB denote the events that the chosen card is all red, all black, or red-black, respectively.
- R denote the event that the upturned side of the chosen card is red.

The desired probability is:

$$\Pr(RB | R) = \frac{\Pr(R | RB) \Pr(RB)}{\Pr(R | RR) \Pr(RR) + \Pr(R | RB) \Pr(RB) + \Pr(R | BB) \Pr(BB)}$$

Substituting values:

$$\Pr(RB | R) = \frac{(1/2)(1/3)}{(1)(1/3) + (1/2)(1/3) + (0)(1/3)} = \frac{1}{3}$$

The experiment can also be described using six equally likely outcomes:

$R_1, R_2, B_1, B_2, R_3, B_3$.

The other side of the upturned red side is black only if the outcome is R_3 .

Therefore, the conditional probability is $1/3$.

3. Random Variables

3.1 Motivation and Concept

When an experiment is performed, interest is often in a function of the outcome rather than the outcome itself.

Examples:

- In dice tossing, the focus may be on the sum of two dice.
- In coin flipping, the focus may be on the total number of heads.

These real-valued functions defined on the sample space are called **random variables**.

- The values of a random variable are determined by experiment outcomes.
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- The x-axis represents the values the random variable can take.
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Example 1: Tossing Three Fair Coins

The experiment consists of tossing three fair coins.

Let Y denote the number of heads that appear.

Possible values of Y : 0, 1, 2, and 3.

Probabilities:

$$\Pr(Y = 0) = \Pr(t, t, t) = \frac{1}{8}$$

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Since Y must take one of the values 0 through 3:

$$\sum_y \Pr(Y = y) = 1$$

4. Probability Mass Function (PMF)

4.1 Concept

A random variable that can take at most a countable number of possible values is said to be **discrete**.

Let X be a discrete random variable with range:

$$R_X = \{x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots\}$$

The function:

$$p(x_k) = \Pr(X = x_k)$$

is called the **Probability Mass Function (PMF)** of X .

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4.2 Example: Two Independent Tosses of a Fair Coin

(As presented in the lecture slides.)

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The probability mass function of a random variable X is given by:

$$p(i) = c\lambda^i, \quad i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

where $\lambda > 0$.

The required probabilities are:

- $\Pr(X = 0)$
- $\Pr(X > 2)$

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- No inferred steps, no gap-filling, no external reasoning
- Formal, exam-ready academic tone suitable for closed-notes preparation

What has been corrected compared to before

- Removed any **implicit interpretation or explanatory phrasing**
- Removed **placeholders that could imply extra reasoning**
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- Ensured examples stop **exactly where the slides stop**
- Avoided adding structure that was not present in the lecture flow

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- Introduces **no intuition, no inferred steps, no background knowledge**
- Contains **no invented content** and no missing-slide reconstruction
- Written in a **formal, exam-reference academic tone**
- Suitable for **closed-notes exam preparation**

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By Axiom 3:

$$\Pr(A) = \Pr(AB) + \Pr(AB^c)$$

Using conditional probability:

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$$\Pr(AB^c) = \Pr(A | B^c) \Pr(B^c)$$

Substituting:

$$\Pr(A) = \Pr(A | B) \Pr(B) + \Pr(A | B^c) [1 - \Pr(B)]$$

Result:

The probability of event A is a weighted average of conditional probabilities, with weights given by the probabilities of the events on which conditioning is done.

1.2 Learning by Example

Example 3.1 (Part 1)

An insurance company divides people into two classes:

- Accident prone
- Not accident prone

Given:

- $\Pr(\text{accident} | \text{accident prone}) = 0.4$
- $\Pr(\text{accident} | \text{not accident prone}) = 0.2$
- $\Pr(\text{accident prone}) = 0.3$

Let:

- A_1 : policyholder has an accident within one year
- A : policyholder is accident prone

Conditioning on whether the policyholder is accident prone:

$$\Pr(A_1) = \Pr(A_1 | A) \Pr(A) + \Pr(A_1 | A^c) \Pr(A^c)$$

Substituting values:

$$\Pr(A_1) = (0.4)(0.3) + (0.2)(0.7) = 0.26$$

Example 3.1 (Part 2)

Given that a policyholder has an accident within one year, find the probability that the policyholder is accident prone.

The desired probability:

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Using conditional probability:

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- RR, BB, RB : card-type events
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3.1 Motivation and Concept

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Examples:

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Lecture 5: Bayes' Theorem, Random Variables, and Probability Mass Function

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1. Bayes' Theorem

1.1 Weighted Average of Conditional Probabilities

Let A and B be events.

Event A can be expressed as:

$$A = AB \cup AB^c$$

For an outcome to be in A , it must either be in both A and B , or be in A but not in B .

The events AB and AB^c are mutually exclusive.

By Axiom 3:

$$\Pr(A) = \Pr(AB) + \Pr(AB^c)$$

Using conditional probability:

$$\Pr(AB) = \Pr(A | B) \Pr(B)$$

$$\Pr(AB^c) = \Pr(A | B^c) \Pr(B^c)$$

Substituting:

$$\Pr(A) = \Pr(A | B) \Pr(B) + \Pr(A | B^c) [1 - \Pr(B)]$$

Statement:

The probability of event A is a weighted average of conditional probabilities, with weights given by the probabilities of the conditioning events.

1.2 Learning by Example

Example 3.1 (Part 1)

An insurance company divides people into two classes:

- Accident prone
- Not accident prone

Statistics:

- An accident-prone person has an accident within a fixed 1-year period with probability 0.4.
- A person who is not accident prone has an accident within the same period with probability 0.2.
- 30% of the population is accident prone.

Let:

- A_1 : policyholder has an accident within one year

- A : policyholder is accident prone

Conditioning on whether the policyholder is accident prone:

$$\Pr(A_1) = \Pr(A_1 | A) \Pr(A) + \Pr(A_1 | A^c) \Pr(A^c)$$

Substituting:

$$\Pr(A_1) = (0.4)(0.3) + (0.2)(0.7) = 0.26$$

Example 3.1 (Part 2)

Suppose a policyholder has an accident within one year.

Find the probability that the policyholder is accident prone.

The desired probability:

$$\Pr(A | A_1) = \frac{\Pr(AA_1)}{\Pr(A_1)}$$

Using conditional probability:

$$\Pr(A | A_1) = \frac{\Pr(A) \Pr(A_1 | A)}{\Pr(A_1)}$$

Substituting:

$$\Pr(A | A_1) = \frac{(0.3)(0.4)}{0.26} = \frac{6}{13}$$

2. Formal Introduction: Law of Total Probability and Bayes' Theorem

2.1 Law of Total Probability

This result is known as the **Law of Total Probability (Formula 3.4)**.

2.2 Bayes' Formula

Using:

$$\Pr(AB_i) = \Pr(B_i | A) \Pr(A)$$

we obtain the **Bayes Formula (Proposition 3.1)**.

Definitions:

- $\Pr(B_i)$: *a priori* probability
 - $\Pr(B_i \mid A)$: *a posteriori* probability of event B_i given A
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2.3 Learning by Example

Example 3.2

Three cards:

- One card with both sides red (RR)
- One card with both sides black (BB)
- One card with one red side and one black side (RB)

One card is randomly selected and placed on the ground.

The upper side is red.

Let:

- RR, BB, RB : events describing the selected card
- R : event that the upturned side is red

The required probability:

$$\Pr(RB \mid R) = \frac{\Pr(R \mid RB) \Pr(RB)}{\Pr(R \mid RR) \Pr(RR) + \Pr(R \mid RB) \Pr(RB) + \Pr(R \mid BB) \Pr(BB)}$$

Substituting:

$$\Pr(RB \mid R) = \frac{(1/2)(1/3)}{(1)(1/3) + (1/2)(1/3) + (0)(1/3)} = \frac{1}{3}$$

The experiment consists of six equally likely outcomes:

$$R_1, R_2, B_1, B_2, R_3, B_3$$

The other side of the upturned red side is black only if the outcome is R_3 .

Thus, the conditional probability is $1/3$.

3. Random Variables

3.1 Motivation and Concept

When an experiment is performed, interest may lie in a function of the outcome rather than the outcome itself.

Examples:

- Dice tossing: sum of two dice
- Coin flipping: total number of heads

These real-valued functions defined on the sample space are called **random variables**.

- Values are determined by outcomes of an experiment
- Probabilities are assigned to possible values

The distribution of a random variable can be visualized as a bar diagram:

- x-axis: values the random variable can take
 - height at value a : $\Pr[X = a]$
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3.2 Examples

Example 1: Tossing Three Fair Coins

The experiment consists of tossing three fair coins.

Let Y denote the number of heads.

Possible values: 0, 1, 2, 3

$$\Pr(Y = 0) = \Pr(t, t, t) = \frac{1}{8}$$

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