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Lecture 5: Bayes' Theorem, Random Variables, and Probability Mass Function}
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\section*{Bayes' Theorem}

\subsection*{Weighted Average of Conditional Probabilities}
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Let A and B be events. We may express the event A as

$$\begin{aligned} A &= AB \cup AB^c, \\ \end{aligned}$$

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

Since AB and AB^c are mutually exclusive, by Axiom 3 of probability,

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(A) &\stackrel{def}{=} \Pr(AB) + \Pr(AB^c) \\ &\stackrel{def}{=} \Pr(A \mid B)\Pr(B) + \Pr(A \mid B^c)\Pr(B^c) \\ &\stackrel{def}{=} \Pr(A \mid B)\Pr(B) + \Pr(A \mid B^c)[1 - \Pr(B)]. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the probability of event A is a weighted average of the conditional probabilities, with weights given by the probabilities of the events on which it is conditioned.

\subsection*{Learning by Example}

\paragraph{Example 3.1 (Part 1)}

An insurance company classifies people into two categories:

- \begin{itemize}
 - \item Accident-prone
 - \item Not accident-prone

The probability that an accident-prone person has an accident within a 1-year period is 0.4 , while this probability is 0.2 for a person who is not accident-prone. It is assumed that 30% of the population is accident-prone.

\textbf{Question:} What is the probability that a new policyholder will have an accident within a year?

\textbf{Solution:}

Let

- \begin{itemize}
 - \item A_1 denote the event that the policyholder has an accident within a year,

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\item $A$ denote the event that the policyholder is accident-prone.  
\end{itemize}
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Then,

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\begin{aligned}\Pr(A_1) &= \Pr(A_1 \mid A)\Pr(A) + \Pr(A_1 \mid A^c)\Pr(A^c) \\&= (0.4)(0.3) + (0.2)(0.7) \\&= 0.12 + 0.14 \\&= 0.26.\end{aligned}
```

\textbf{Example 3.1 (Part 2)}

Suppose that a new policyholder has an accident within a year. What is the probability that the policyholder is accident-prone?

\textbf{Solution:}

We compute

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\begin{aligned}\Pr(A \mid A_1) &= \frac{\Pr(A \cap A_1)}{\Pr(A_1)}.\end{aligned}
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Using $\Pr(A \cap A_1) = \Pr(A)\Pr(A_1 \mid A)$,

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\begin{aligned}\Pr(A \mid A_1) &= \frac{\Pr(A)\Pr(A_1 \mid A)}{\Pr(A_1)} \\&= \frac{(0.3)(0.4)}{0.26} \\&= \frac{6}{13}.\end{aligned}
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\textbf{Formal Introduction}

\textbf{Law of Total Probability}

Let B_1, B_2, \dots, B_n be mutually exclusive and exhaustive events such that

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\begin{aligned}\bigcup_{i=1}^n B_i &= S.\end{aligned}
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Then for any event A ,

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\begin{aligned}\Pr(A) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \Pr(A \cap B_i).\end{aligned}
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This is known as the \textbf{Law of Total Probability}.

\subsubsection*{Bayes' Formula}

Using

$$\Pr(A \cap B_i) = \Pr(B_i | A) \Pr(A),$$

we obtain

$$\Pr(B_i | A) = \frac{\Pr(A | B_i) \Pr(B_i)}{\sum_{j=1}^n \Pr(A | B_j) \Pr(B_j)}.$$

This is known as \textbf{Bayes' Formula} (Proposition 3.1), where:

- \begin{itemize}
 - \item $\Pr(B_i)$ is the \textit{a priori} probability,
 - \item $\Pr(B_i | A)$ is the \textit{a posteriori} probability after observing event A .

\subsection*{Example 3.2}

Three cards are identical in form:

- \begin{itemize}
 - \item One card has both sides red (RR),
 - \item One card has both sides black (BB),
 - \item One card has one red and one black side (RB).

One card is randomly selected and placed on the ground. If the upper side is red, what is the probability that the other side is black?

\textbf{Solution:}

Let

- \begin{itemize}
 - \item RR, RB, BB denote the events that the selected card is all-red, red-black, or all-black respectively,
 - \item R denote the event that the upturned side is red.

We compute

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(RB \mid R) &= \frac{\Pr(R \mid RB)\Pr(RB)}{\Pr(R)}. \\ \end{aligned}$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(R) &= \Pr(R \mid RR)\Pr(RR) + \Pr(R \mid RB)\Pr(RB) + \Pr(R \mid BB)\Pr(BB). \\ \end{aligned}$$

Substituting values,

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(RB \mid R) &\triangleq \frac{(1/2)(1/3)}{(1)(1/3) + (1/2)(1/3) + (0)(1/3)} \\ &\triangleq \frac{1/6}{1/2} \\ &\triangleq \frac{1}{3}. \\ \end{aligned}$$

\section*{Random Variables}

\subsection*{Motivation and Concept}

In many experiments, we are interested in a function of the outcome rather than the outcome itself.

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\begin{itemize}
\item In tossing two dice, the sum is often of interest.
\item In flipping coins, the number of heads may be of interest.
\end{itemize}
```

A `\textbf{random variable}` is a real-valued function defined on the sample space. Its value is determined by the outcome of an experiment, and probabilities are assigned to its possible values.

\subsection*{Example}

Suppose three fair coins are tossed. Let Y denote the number of heads observed.

Then Y takes values $\{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ with probabilities:

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(Y=0) &\triangleq \Pr(t,t,t) = \frac{1}{8}, \\ \end{aligned}$$

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\Pr(Y=1) &= \Pr(t,t,h),(t,h,t),(h,t,t) = \frac{3}{8}, \\
\Pr(Y=2) &= \Pr(t,h,h),(h,t,h),(h,h,t) = \frac{3}{8}, \\
\Pr(Y=3) &= \Pr(h,h,h) = \frac{1}{8}. \\
\end{align*}
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Since Y must take one of these values,

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\[
\sum_{k=0}^3 \Pr(Y=k) = 1.
\]
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\section*{Probability Mass Function}

\subsection*{Concept}

A random variable that takes at most a countable number of values is called **discrete**.

Let X be a discrete random variable with range

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\[
R_X = \{x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots\}.
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The function

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\[
p(x_k) = \Pr(X = x_k)
\]
```

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

Since X must take one of the values in R_X ,

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\[
\sum_k p(x_k) = 1.
\]
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\subsection*{Example}

The PMF of a random variable X is given by

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\[
p(i) = c \lambda^i, \quad i = 0, 1, 2, \dots,
\]
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where $\lambda > 0$.

Since probabilities must sum to 1,

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\[
\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} c \lambda^i = 1.
\]
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This gives

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\[
c \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \lambda^i = c \frac{1}{1-\lambda} = 1,
\]
hence
\[
c = 1-\lambda.
\]
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Therefore,

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\[
\Pr(X=0) = p(0) = 1-\lambda,
\]
and
\begin{aligned}
\Pr(X>2) &\leq 1 - \Pr(X \leq 2) \\
&\leq 1 - \sum_{i=0}^{2} (1-\lambda)\lambda^i.
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since an outcome in A must either occur with B or with B^c .

The events AB and AB^c are mutually exclusive. Hence, by Axiom 3,

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\begin{aligned}
\Pr(A) &= \Pr(AB) + \Pr(AB^c) \\
&\equiv \Pr(A \mid B)\Pr(B) + \Pr(A \mid B^c)\Pr(B^c) \\
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\end{aligned}
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Thus, $\Pr(A)$ is a weighted average of the conditional probabilities.

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\subsection*{Learning by Example}
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\subsubsection*{Example 3.1 (Part 1)}
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An insurance company divides people into accident-prone and not accident-prone. The probability of an accident within one year is $\$0.4\$$ for accident-prone individuals and $\$0.2\$$ otherwise. Assume $\$30\%$$ of the population is accident-prone.

Let $\$A_1\$$ be the event that a policyholder has an accident within one year, and $\$A\$$ the event that the policyholder is accident-prone.

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(A_1) &= \Pr(A_1 \mid A)\Pr(A) + \Pr(A_1 \mid A^c)\Pr(A^c) \\ &= (0.4)(0.3) + (0.2)(0.7) = 0.26. \end{aligned}$$

\subsubsection*{Example 3.1 (Part 2)}

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

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(A \mid A_1) &= \frac{\Pr(A \cap A_1)}{\Pr(A_1)} \\ &= \frac{\Pr(A)\Pr(A_1 \mid A)}{\Pr(A_1)} \\ &= \frac{(0.3)(0.4)}{0.26} \\ &= \frac{6}{13}. \end{aligned}$$

\subsection*{Formal Introduction}

\subsubsection*{Law of Total Probability}

Let $\$B_1, B_2, \dots, B_n\$$ be mutually exclusive and exhaustive events. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(A) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \Pr(A \cap B_i). \end{aligned}$$

This is the Law of Total Probability (Formula 3.4).

\subsubsection*{Bayes' Formula}

Using

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\[
\Pr(A \cap B_i) = \Pr(B_i | A)\Pr(A),
\]
we obtain
\[
\Pr(B_i | A) = \frac{\Pr(A | B_i)\Pr(B_i)}{\sum_{j=1}^n \Pr(A | B_j)\Pr(B_j)}.
\]
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This is Bayes' Formula (Proposition 3.1). Here, $\Pr(B_i)$ is the *a priori* probability and $\Pr(B_i | A)$ is the *a posteriori* probability.

\subsection*{Example 3.2}

Three cards are identical: one with two red sides (RR), one with two black sides (BB), and one with one red and one black side (RB). A card is chosen at random and placed face up. If the visible side is red, find the probability that the other side is black.

Let R denote the event that the visible side is red.

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\[
\Pr(RB | R) = \frac{\Pr(R | RB)\Pr(RB)}{\Pr(R | RR)\Pr(RR) + \Pr(R | RB)\Pr(RB) + \Pr(R | BB)\Pr(BB)}.
\]
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Substituting values,

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\[
\Pr(RB | R) =
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\section*{Random Variables}

\subsection*{Motivation and Concept}

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\]
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Since Y must take one of these values,

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\[
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Thus, the probability of event A is a weighted average of the conditional probabilities, with weights given by the probabilities of the events on which it is conditioned.

\subsection*{Learning by Example}

\subsubsection*{Example 3.1 (Part 1)}

An insurance company believes that people can be divided into two classes: those who are accident prone and those who are not. The probability that an accident-prone person will have an accident within a fixed 1-year period is $\$0.4\$$, whereas this probability is $\$0.2\$$ for a person who is not accident prone. Assume that $\$30\%$$ of the population is accident prone.

Let $\$A_1$$ denote the event that the policyholder will have an accident within a year of purchasing the policy, and let $\$A$$ denote the event that the policyholder is accident prone.

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(A_1) &= \Pr(A_1 \mid A)\Pr(A) + \Pr(A_1 \mid A^c)\Pr(A^c) \\ &= (0.4)(0.3) + (0.2)(0.7) \\ &= 0.26. \end{aligned}$$

\subsubsection*{Example 3.1 (Part 2)}

Suppose that a new policyholder has an accident within a year of purchasing a policy. Find the probability that the policyholder is accident prone.

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(A \mid A_1) &= \frac{\Pr(A \cap A_1)}{\Pr(A_1)} \\ &= \frac{\Pr(A)\Pr(A_1 \mid A)}{\Pr(A_1)} \\ &= \frac{(0.3)(0.4)}{0.26} \\ &= \frac{6}{13}. \end{aligned}$$

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

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The cards are mixed and one card is randomly selected and placed face up. If the upturned side is red, find the probability that the other side is black.

Let R denote the event that the upturned side is red.

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\begin{aligned}
\Pr(RB | R) &= \\
&\frac{\Pr(R | RB)\Pr(RB)}{\Pr(R | RR)\Pr(RR) + \Pr(R | RB)\Pr(RB) + \Pr(R | BB)\Pr(BB)} \\
&\\
&\frac{(1/2)(1/3)}{(1/2)(1/3) + (1/2)(1/3) + (1/2)(1/3)} \\
&= \frac{1}{3}
\end{aligned}
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{(1)(1/3) + (1/2)(1/3) + (0)(1/3)} \\
&= \frac{1}{3}.
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\section*{Random Variables}

\subsection*{Motivation and Concept}

A random variable is a real-valued function defined on the sample space of an experiment. Values are determined by the outcomes of an experiment, and probabilities are assigned to possible values of the random variable.

\subsection*{Example}

Suppose the experiment consists of tossing three fair coins. Let Y denote the number of heads that appear. Then Y can take values $0, 1, 2, 3$ with probabilities:

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\begin{aligned}
\Pr(Y=0) &= \Pr(t,t,t) = \frac{1}{8}, \\
\Pr(Y=1) &= \Pr(t,t,h), (t,h,t), (h,t,t) = \frac{3}{8}, \\
\Pr(Y=2) &= \Pr(t,h,h), (h,t,h), (h,h,t) = \frac{3}{8}, \\
\Pr(Y=3) &= \Pr(h,h,h) = \frac{1}{8}.
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Since Y must take one of these values,

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\sum_{k=0}^3 \Pr(Y=k) = 1.
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\section*{Probability Mass Function}

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

Let X be a discrete random variable with range

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R_X = \{x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots\},
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where the range may be finite or countably infinite. The function

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\]
```

is called the Probability Mass Function (PMF) of X . Since X must take one of the values x_k ,

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