

## Week 01

- 1] What is probability
- \* Probability is the measure of how likely an event is to happen.
- \* It gives numerical value (between 0 and 1) to the chance of something occurring.  
0 → Impossible  
1 → Definitely happening

Formula for equally likely outcomes

$$P(E) = \frac{\text{Number of favorable outcomes}}{\text{Total no. of possible outcomes}}$$

Example : Toss a coin

- \* Total outcomes = 2 (H, T)
- \* Favorable outcome for "getting heads" = 1

$$P(\text{Heads}) = \frac{1}{2} = 0.5$$

2] Complement of probability

- \* The complement of a probability means the chance that an event does not happen

$$P(E') = 1 - P(E)$$

### 3] Sum of probabilities (Disjoint events)

Disjoint events  $\rightarrow$  Two events are disjoint (mutually exclusive) if they cannot happen at the same time.

Ex:- Tossing a dice

- \* Event A : rolling 2
- \* Event B : rolling 5

These are disjoint because you can't roll both 2 and 5 in a single toss.

If A and B are disjoint;

$$P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B)$$

### 4] Sum of probabilities (Joint events)

Joint events  $\rightarrow$  Two events are joint if they can occur together

$$P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$$

$P(A)$  = probability of event A

$P(B)$  = probability of event B

$P(A \cap B)$  = probability that both A and B happen together

## 5] Independence

\* Two events are independent if the outcome of one does not affect the probability of the other.

### Product Rule

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A) \cdot P(B)$$

Ex: Coin tosses

\* Event A: First coin is heads  $\rightarrow P(A) = \frac{1}{2}$

\* Event B: Second coin is heads  $\rightarrow P(B) = \frac{1}{2}$

Both are independent because tossing one coin does not affect the other.

$$P(A \cap B) = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{4}$$

## 6] Birthday problem

30 friend in a party: Probability that everyone has a different birthday

$$1 \text{ person} \rightarrow \frac{365}{365} = 1$$

$$2 \text{ persons} \rightarrow \frac{364}{365} = 0.997$$

$$3 \text{ persons} \rightarrow \frac{363}{365} = 0.992$$

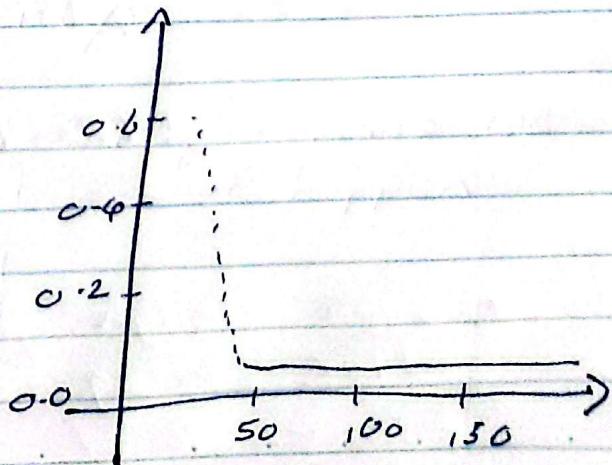
$$10 \text{ persons} = \frac{355}{365} = 0.883$$

$$20 \text{ persons} = 0.589$$

$$23 \text{ persons} = 0.493$$

$$30 \text{ persons} = 0.294$$

$$100 \text{ persons} = 0.0000003$$



## 7] Conditional probability

\* Conditional probability of an event A given that another event B has already occurred

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} \quad (\text{If } P(B) > 0)$$

•  $P(A|B)$  = probability of A happening given that B happened

•  $P(A \cap B)$  = probability that both A and B happening

•  $P(B)$  = probability of B happening

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A|B) \cdot P(B)$$

• IF A and B are independent then,

$$P(A|B) = P(A)$$

## 8] Bayes Theorem

Bayes theorem let us update probabilities when we get new information.

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

$P(A)$  = prior probability of A (our belief about A before seeing B)

$P(B|A)$  = likelihood (probability of seeing B if A is true)

$P(B)$  = total probability of B (normalizing factor)

$P(A|B)$  = posterior probability (updated probability of A after seeing B)

Ex: If people have a certain disease =  $P(D) = 0.01$

The test is 99% accurate:

- If a person has the disease, the test is positive 99% =  $P(\text{Positive} | D) = 0.99$
- If a person does not have the disease, the test is falsely positive 5% of the time  
 $\rightarrow P(\text{Positive} | D') = 0.005$

$$P(D | \text{Positive}) = \frac{P(\text{Positive} | D) \cdot P(D)}{P(\text{Positive})}$$

## 9] Prior and Posterior

### Prior ( $P(A)$ )

- \* The prior is your initial belief about an event before you see any new evidence.
- \* It is based on background information, previous data or population statistics.

ex:-

Suppose a disease affects 1% population. Before testing anyone, your belief that a random person has the disease is:

$$P(D) = 0.01 \text{ (Prior)}$$

### Posterior ( $P(A|B)$ )

- \* The posterior is your updated belief about an event after seeing new evidence.
- \* It tells you: given what I observed, how likely is the event now?

ex:- You run a test and it comes back positive. Now that your belief that the person has disease updated using bayes theorem

$$P(D | \text{Positive}) = \frac{P(\text{Positive} | D) \cdot P(D)}{P(\text{Positive})} \approx 0.16$$

- \* Even though your prior belief was 1%, after seeing a positive test, your posterior becomes 16.7%.

## 10] The naive bayes model

- \* Naive bayes is probabilistic classifier based on Bayes' theorem
- \* It predicts the probability of a class(label) given some features(evidence)

$$P(C|x) = \frac{P(x|C) \cdot P(C)}{P(x)}$$

C = Class label (spam or no spam)

X = features (words in email)

$P(C)$  = prior probability of the class

$P(x|C)$  = likelihood of seeing features X given class C

$P(C|x)$  = posterior probability of class given features

- \* It is naive because it assume that all features are independent given the class.

- Ex :-
- Email words : "buy", "cheap", "offer"
  - Naive bayes assumes each word's presence is independent of others given the email is spam, which is not strictly true in reality
  - This simplification makes the computation fast and easy , and surprisingly effective .
- \* Spam detection, Sentiment analysis, Text classification are the use cases of naive bayes model