

CS4LL5 Advanced Computational Linguistics

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0.1 Question 1

Consider the following equations:

i $P(A, B) = P(A) * P(B)$

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

Show that (i) implies (ii), and also that (ii) implies (i).

Answer:

If $P(A, B)$ happening is the same as $P(A) * P(B)$, then A and B are independent. Similarly if $P(A|B)$ is the same as $P(A)$, then A and B are independent.

(i) implies (ii):

$$P(A, B) = P(A) * P(B)$$

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

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

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

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

(ii) implies (i):

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

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

$$P(A) = P(A, B)/P(B)$$

$$P(A) * P(B) = P(A, B)$$

$$P(A, B) = P(A) * P(B)$$

0.2 Question 2

(a) Calculate $P(gw|ps)$:

Sample space of ps is 30, and out of those 30, gw happened 28 times, therefore $P(gw|ps) = 28/30$.

The sample space of not-ps is irrelevant since we're working with the probability gw happened given ps already happened.

(b) Calculate $P(ps|gw)$

Sample space of gw is 168, and out of that ps occurred 28 times. Therefore $P(ps|gw) = 28/168$.

The sample space of not-gw is irrelevant here because we are only concerned about the chance ps occurred given gw has already occurred.

0.3 Question 3

Let vmel stand for Speaker = 'Victor Meldrew'.

Let dbi stand for DBI = true.

Work out which of vmel or not-vmel is likelier, given dbi, supposing the following probabilities:

(a)

$$P(vmel) = 0.01$$

$$P(dbi|vmel) = 0.95$$

$$P(dbi|notvmel) = 0.01$$

$$P(dbi|vmel)P(vmel) = 0.95 * 0.01 = 0.0095$$

$$P(dbi|notvmel)P(notvmel) = 0.01 * 1 - 0.01 = 0.0099$$

Therefore not-vmel is likelier given dbi.

(b)

$$P(vmel) = 0.15$$

$$P(dbi|vmel) = 0.95$$

$$P(dbi|notvmel) = 0.01$$

$$P(dbi|vmel)P(vmel) = 0.95 * 0.15 = 0.1425$$

$$P(dbi|notvmel)P(notvmel) = 0.01 * 1 - 0.15 = 0.0085$$

Therefore *vmel* is likelier given *dbi*.

(c)

$$P(vmel) = 0.01$$

$$P(dbi|vmel) = 0.95$$

$$P(dbi|notvmel) = 0.001$$

$$P(dbi|vmel)P(vmel) = 0.95 * 0.01 = 0.0095$$

$$P(dbi|notvmel)P(notvmel) = 0.001 * 1 - 0.01 = 0.00099$$

Therefore *vmel* is likelier given *dbi*.

0.4 Question 4

Find $P(cool+)$ and $P(cool+|noisy+)$ and conclude from this whether or not *cool+* is independent of *noisy+*

$$P(cool+) = 170/500 = 17/50$$

$$P(cool+|noisy+) = 62/100$$

A condition of independence is $P(A|B) = P(A)$, so if *cool+* and *noisy+* are independent they must follow this rule.

$$P(cool+) = P(cool+|noisy+)$$

$17/50 = 62/100$ is not true, and therefore *cool+* is not independent of *noisy+*.

0.5 Question 5

With reference to table 2, find $P(cool+|open+)$, $P(cool+|open+,noisy+)$.

$$P(cool+|open+) = 90/100$$

$$P(cool+|open+,noisy+) = 54/60$$

Is *cool+* conditionally independent of *noisy+* given *open+*?

Conditional independence = $P(X|Y, Z) = P(X|Z)$.

Let $X = cool+$, $Y = noisy+$ and $Z = open+$.

$$P(cool+|open+,noisy+) = P(cool+,open+)$$

$$90/100 = 54/60$$

$$0.9 = 0.9$$

Therefore $cool+$ is conditionally independent of $noisy+$ given $open+$.

With reference to table 3, find $P(cool+|open-)$ and $P(cool+|open-, noisy+)$.

$$P(cool+|open-) = 80/400$$

$$P(cool+|open-, noisy+) = 8/40$$

Is $cool+$ conditionally independent of $noisy+$ given $open-$?

$$P(cool+|open-, noisy+) = P(cool+|open-)$$

$$8/40 = 80/400$$

$$0.2 = 0.2$$

Therefore, $cool+$ is conditionally independent of $noisy+$ given $open-$.