

Bayes Theorem

For events:

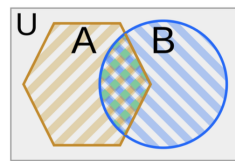
$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}, \quad \text{if } P(B) \neq 0$$

Similarly,

$$P(B|A) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(A)}, \quad \text{if } P(A) \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow P(A|B) = \frac{P(B|A)P(A)}{P(B)}, \quad \text{if } P(B) \neq 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(A) &= \frac{\text{orange hexagon}}{\text{square}} , & P(B|A) &= \frac{\text{blue diamond}}{\text{orange hexagon}} \\ P(B) &= \frac{\text{blue circle}}{\text{square}} , & P(A|B) &= \frac{\text{blue diamond}}{\text{blue circle}} \\ P(A) \cdot P(B|A) &= \frac{\text{orange hexagon}}{\text{square}} \times \frac{\text{blue diamond}}{\text{orange hexagon}} = \frac{\text{blue diamond}}{\text{square}} \\ P(B) \cdot P(A|B) &= \frac{\text{blue circle}}{\text{square}} \times \frac{\text{blue diamond}}{\text{blue circle}} = \frac{\text{blue diamond}}{\text{square}} \\ &= P(A) \cdot P(B|A) , \quad \text{i.e.} \end{aligned}$$



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

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Extension

Suppose that A_1, A_2, \dots, A_m are partitions of S (sample space)

$$\Rightarrow P(B) = \sum_{i=1}^m P(B|A_i)P(A_i)$$

Special Case $m = 2$

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

For continuous random variables,

$$f_{X,Y}(x,y) = f_{Y|X}(y|x)f_X(x) = f_{X|Y}(x|y)f_Y(y)$$

$$\Rightarrow f_{X|Y}(x|y) = \frac{f_{Y|X}(y|x)f_X(x)}{f_Y(y)}$$

$$= \frac{f_{Y|X}(y|x)}{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(u,y)du} f_X(x)$$

$$= \frac{f_{Y|X}(y|x)}{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(u)f_{Y|X}(y|u)du} f_X(x)$$