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1.1 Introduction

Why study probability?

- as a discipline in its own right.
- as a part of mathematics/ applied mathematics
- Most importantly, as a tool for statistical inference

The meaning of probability (i.e when we say "the probability" of an event A is 2/3, what do we mean) Ex a box has 6 Red and 4 green marbles. Draw a marble at random from the box. What is the probability that the marble is red?

1. If we say $P(red) = \frac{6}{10}$ what do we mean by this statement?

Sol.

We cannot simply define "the probability" of getting a red as $\lim_{N\to\infty} \frac{\# \text{ of red}}{\# \text{ of trials}}$ since we do not know if this limit will exist and be unique for every sequence of trials. So instead in the 1930. The Great Russian mathematician A.N. Komolgorov proposed 3 axioms/assumptions that probability should satisfies and then developed a theory of probability from these.

Note. As a consequence of The law of large number, we interpret probability as a limiting relative frequency. However it has nothing to do with relative frequencies.

2. How did you arrive at this answer?

Sol

In order to arrive at the answer $\frac{6}{10}$, we need to use the Komolgorov axioms and any theorm that follows from that to prove that this is indeed correct.

1.2 Basic Set Algebra

- 1. $A = \{\omega : \omega \in A\}$ where A is an event (a set) consist of elementary outcomes w.
- 2. $A \cap B = \{\omega : \omega \in A \text{ and } \omega \in B\}$ note: "and" \Rightarrow intersection
- 3. $A \cup B = \{\omega : \omega \in A \text{ or } \omega \in B\}$ **note:** "or" \Rightarrow union.
- 4. $A \subset B := \omega \in A \Rightarrow \omega \in B$
- 5. All discussion take place in the context of the universal set S
- 6. $A^c := \{ \omega \in S : \omega \notin A \}$ note: It is sometimes easier to first find $P(A^c)$
- 7. $A \cap B = \phi \Rightarrow A$ and B disjoint or mutually exclusive
- 8. De Morgan's Law:
 - a) $(A \cap B)^c = A^c \cup B^c$
 - b) $(A \cup B)^c = A^c \cap B^c$

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2.1 Experiment

DEF 2.1. An experiment is defined informally as the performance of some actions

DEF 2.2. An Random Experiment is one for which the outcome are not known in advance. i.e there is uncertainty in the outcome that will be observed. (Once thet experiment has been conducted though you may not know the outcome, there is nothing random about the outcome)

Ex 2.1. Toss a coin twice and observe the outcome The pre-experiment outcomes are random / uncertain

Ex 2.2. Take 60 subjects who will undergo surgery for a certain disorder before we observe their time to recovery,

outcome

are random/uncertain

Ex 2.3. Toss a coin until you observe the first head. Let the trial at which this happens be the outcome of interest. This outcome is random before you start tossing.

2.2 Sample Space

DEF 2.3. The set of all possible outcome of an experiment is called the **Sample Space** (S) of the experiment. We denote each outcome as ω , an elemenatry outcome.

Note. a sample space mainly depend on how you define your outcomes.

Ex 2.4. Draw a marble at random from 6 Red and 4 Green.

- 1. If order does not matter, Let w_1 := event which a red marble is drawn, w_2 := event which a green marble is drawn. then the sample space is as following: $S = \{w_1, w_2\}$
- 2. If order matters, number the marbles WLOG $\{\underbrace{1,...,6}_{Red},\underbrace{7,...,10}_{Green}\}$ Let $w_i := event$ which marble i is drawn for i=1,...,10 Then the sample space is: $S=\{w_1,...,w_{10}\}$

Ex 2.5. Suppose there are n people in a room, ask these people when their birthday are. Let S be the set of outcomes that we could get at the completion of our experiment. Then S could be defined as:

S = \[\left[\left[\text{Inn1} \right] \right] \left[\text{Dec31} \right] \right] \[\text{Dec31} \right] \]

$$S = \{\underbrace{\{Jan1, ..., Jan1\}}_{w_1}, ..., \underbrace{\{Dec31, ..., Dec31\}}_{w_n}\}$$

Note. Here the elementary outcomes are n-dim vectors

Ex 2.6. Toss a coin until you observe the 1st head. Let n be the trial number at which this occurs. Then $S = \{w_1, ..., w_n\} = \{1, ..., n\}$. S is an example of sample space with a countably many numbers of possible outcomes.

Ex 2.7. Suppose that you measure the height of a dam every July 1^st. The set of possible heights might be $S = \{[0,20]\}$ where 20 is the height of the dam wall in meters. Here S is an uncountably infinite set. **Note:** In real lift no such sample space exits.

Kolmogorov Axioms

DEF 2.4. Any subset $E \subset S$ is defined as an **event**. The empty set $\phi \subset S$ is also an event.

DEF | 2.5. a function P() is a set function on the subset of S if P(A) is a real number for every subset of S. Let S be a sample space. Then P() is called a probability measure if P is a real valued set function on S s.t

- 1. $\forall E \subset S, P(E) \geq 0$
- 2. P(S) = 1
- 3. Let $E_1, E_2, ...$ be any countable connection of events such that they are mutually exclusive, i.e $E_i \cap E_j = \phi$ $\forall i \neq j$. Then $P(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(E_i)$

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$$E_i \cap E_j = \phi$$
 $\forall i \neq j$. Then $P(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(E_i)$

Note. From these 3 axioms, we developpe the entire theory of probability including the Law of Large numbers which allows us to interpret probability as a limiting relative frequency. We shall state and prove 5 theorem that will be useful for solving word problems.

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3.1 The 5 theorems

Thm 3.1. 1. For any event A, $P(A^c) = 1 - P(A)$

PROOF:.

$$A \cup A^c = S, \Rightarrow P(A \cup A^c) = P(S) = 1$$
 (Ax 2)

$$A \cap A^{c} = \phi \Rightarrow P(A \cup A^{c}) = P(A) + P(A^{c})$$

$$\Rightarrow P(A^{c}) = 1 - P(A)$$
(Ax 3)

2. $P(\phi) = 0$

3. $P(A \cap B^c) = P(A) - P(A \cap B)$

PROOF: trick: Try to write unions as disjoint unions and apply Ax 3

$$A = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap B^c) \Rightarrow P(A) = P(A \cap B) + P(A \cap B^c)$$

$$\Rightarrow P(A \cap B^c) = P(A) - P(A \cap B)$$
 (Ax 3)

4. $A \subset B \Rightarrow P(A) \leq P(B)$

PROOF:.

$$B = A \cup (B \cap A^c), A \cap (B \cap A^c) = \phi$$

$$\Rightarrow P(B) = P(A) + P(B \cap A^c)$$

$$\geq P(A)$$
(Ax 1)

5. For any two events A and B, $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$

Note. if $A \cap B = \phi$, then $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B)$

PROOF:

$$A \cup B = \underbrace{(A \cap B^c) \cup (A \cap B) \cup (A^c \cap B)}_{\text{mutually exclusive}}$$

$$\Rightarrow P(A \cup B) = P(A \cap B^c) + P(A \cap B) + P(A^c \cap B)$$

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

$$= P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$$
(Thm 3)
$$= P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$$

Cor 3.1.1. For any event $A, 0 \le P(A) \le 1$

Note. Do not use tree diagram to present your answer. Start by defining the simplest possible event then construct more complicated event by using set operations.

"Either ... or...", "At least" $\Rightarrow \bigcup$, "and" $\Rightarrow \bigcap$, "Not" \Rightarrow complement. Then apply axiom or theorem.

Ex 3.1. Suppose that it's known that 20% of people smoke and that 1% of old people will developpe lung cancer. Suppose that the probability of someone will either smoke or developpe lung cancer is 0.205. Let A:= the event of someone smokes.

 $B:= the \ event \ of \ someone \ has \ cancer$

Then
$$P(A) = 20\%$$
, $P(B) = 1\%$ and $P(A \cup B) = 0.205$

1. Find the proportion of people who smoke and developpe lung cancer.

Sol. WTS
$$P(A \cap B)$$

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

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

$$= 0.2 + 0.01 - 0.205$$

$$= 0.005$$
(thm 5)

2. What is the probability that someone does not smoke but have lung cancer.

Sol . WTS
$$P(A^c \cap B)$$

$$P(A^{c} \cap B) = P(B) - P(A \cap B)$$

$$= 0.01 - 0.005$$

$$= 0.005$$
(thm 3)

3. What is the probability that someone smokes but does not have lung cancer.

Sol. WTS
$$P(A \cap B^c)$$

$$P(A \cap B^{c}) = P(A) - P(A \cap B)$$

$$= 0.2 - 0.005$$

$$= 0.195$$
(thm 3)

4. What is the probability that someone neither smoke nor have lung cancer.

Sol WTS
$$P(A^c \cap B^c)$$

$$P(A^c \cap B^c) = P((A \cup B)^c)$$
 (De Morgan's Law)
= 1 - P(A \cup B)
= 1 - 0.205
= 0.195

3.2 Tools for calculating probability

Thm 3.2. Let S be a finit sample space with N equally likely outcomes. Let E be any event in S. Then

$$P(E) = \frac{\mid E \mid}{N} = \frac{\text{\# of outcoms in } E}{Tot.possible outcomes}$$

Note. The calculation of a probability can be then reduced to a counting problem

<u>PROOF:</u>. write the event E as the union of the elementary outcomes i.e

$$E = \bigcup_{w_i \in E} w_i \Rightarrow P(E) = P(\bigcup_{w_i \in E} w_i) = \sum_{w_i \in E} P(W_i)$$

$$P(S) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} P(w_i) = 1 \Rightarrow P(w_i) = \frac{1}{N} \qquad \forall i = 1, ..., N$$
 (Ax 2) Hence:
$$P(E) = \sum_{i=w_i \in E} \frac{1}{N}$$

$$= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=w_i \in E} 1$$

$$= \frac{|E|}{N}$$

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we want a sample space with equally likely outcomes.

Recall. $S = \{1,2, ..., 10\},$ $R = \{1,2,3,4,5,6\},$ $G = \{7,8,9,10\}$

All of these outcomes are reasonably equally likely. There are N=10 such outcomes.

Therefore by the above thm(last class), $P(R) = \frac{\text{\# of ways to get a red marble}}{\text{tot. no. of possible outcomes}} = \frac{6}{10}$.

Note. Now although the above thm(last class) is easy to understand, the counting can sometimes be very difficult. it is useful to have some counting tools

4.1 Counting Rule

- 1. If you have a set of n distinct object, then the number of ways to order the objects in n!
- 2. If you have a set of n distinct object, then the number of ways to draw r object from the set, and the order is unimportant, sampling **without** replacement is denoted as "n choose r".

$$\binom{n}{r} = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!r!}, \quad \text{note: } 0! = 1 \text{ by def}$$

3. If we have a set of n distinct objects. The number of ways to draw r objects from these n and the order does matter, sampling **without** replacement is denoted by "n permutation r"

$$P(n,r) = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!}$$

4. Multiplication Rule (Sausage Rule)

Suppose that you have k set of $n_1, n_2, ..., n_k$ distinct objects respectively. The number of ways to form a set by selecting one object from each set is given by

$$n_1 * n_2 * ... * n_k$$

4.2 The Birthday Problem

Suppose there are n people in a room. What is the probability that at least two have the same birthday?

PROOF:.

Suppose that there are 356 possible birthday

Let E := event that at least two people have the same birthday.

It is easier to compute $P(E^c) = P(\text{no two have the same birthday})$, then

$$P(E) = 1 - P(E^c)$$
 (by Thm 1)

The sample space here is $S = \{(Jan 1, ..., Jan 1), ..., (Dec 31, ..., Dec 31)\}$

First we assume that all of these outcomes are equally likely. There are finitely many of them. Therefore

$$\begin{split} P(E^c) &= \frac{\text{\# of ways that } E^c \text{can occur}}{Tot.no.of outcomes ins} \\ &= \frac{\text{P}(365, \text{n})}{365^n} \\ &= \frac{365*364*...*(365-n+1)}{365^n} \end{split}$$

Hence

$$P(E) = 1 - \frac{365 * 364 * \dots * (365 - n + 1)}{365^n}$$

4.3 The Fish in the Lake Problem

Suppose a lake has N fish in it, of which **a** are tagged and **N-a** are untagged. If you draw a sample n fish from the lake, sampling **without** replacement, What is the probability of getting **x** tagged fish in my sample?

PROOF:.

We want a sample space with equally likely outcomes.

Start by numbering the fish from 1 to N.

We will suppose that the fish with numbers 1,...,a correspond to those with tags and the remaining N-a numbers to the untagged fish.

An outcome for our experiment is defined to a set of n integers selected from the integers 1,...,N The order is considered unimportant and assume that all sets of n numbers are equally likely. Hence we can use our thm to solve the problem.

Let E:=event that there are x tagged in sample

$$P(E) = \frac{\text{number of ways to get x tagged}}{\text{total number of poss. outcomes}}$$

We have

Tot. number of possible outcomes = number of ways to draw n integers from a set of N distinct integers

$$= \binom{N}{n}$$
 (counting rule 2.)

Now use Multiplication Rule

each sub-sausage contains $x \leq a$ integers selected from integer 1,...,a

each sub-sausage contains n-x integers selected from integers (a+1),...,N. So we must count the number of objects in each of these two sausages, n_1, n_2 . say for the number of ways to get x tagged fish is $= n_1 * x * n_2$ we have

$$n_1 = \binom{a}{x}, \qquad n_2 = \binom{N-a}{n-x}$$

finally

$$P(x \text{ tagged fish out of n}) = \frac{\binom{a}{x} * \binom{N-a}{n-x}}{\binom{N}{n}}$$

4.4 Capture & Recapture Problem

Have N fish in the lake Capture Phase

- 1. Remove and tag a fish.
- 2. Return the fish to the lake

Recapture Phase

- 1. capture n fish
- 2. Count how many tagged fish in the recaptured sample

$$P(X = x) = \frac{\binom{a}{x} * \binom{N-a}{n-x}}{\binom{N}{n}}$$

N is unknown, But

$$\frac{a}{N} \approx \frac{x}{n}$$

$$N = \frac{a * n}{x}$$

However, in real world, the captured face tends to be harder to be recaptured

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5.1 Conditional Probability

Idea: Sometimes, knowning that an event A has occured influences the probability that the event B will occure.

Ex 5.1. In our marble problem, The probability of getting a red marble on the second of two draws (without replacement) knowning that we got a red on the first, is different from simply the probability of getting a red on the second draw. Argument

$$P(R_2) = P[(R_2 \cap G_1) \cup (R_2 \cap R_1)]$$

= $P[R_2 \cap G_1] + P[R_2 \cap R_1]$

which is easy to see, $P(R_2)$ is different from $P(R_2 \text{ knowning } R_1)$

We therefore feel justified in formally defining the notion of "Conditional Probability"

DEF 5.1. Let A and B be two events such that $P(A) \neq 0$, then we define the probability of B given A as follows:

$$P[B \ given \ A] := P[B \mid A] = \frac{P[A \cap B]}{P(A)}$$

Note: the RHS is the ratio of two probability and we have defined probability (The 3 Axioms)

Note.

1. we need to check whether conditional probability satisfies the 3 Axioms.

(a)
$$P(B \mid A) \ge 0$$

PROOF:.

$$P[B \mid A] = \frac{P[A \cap B] 0}{P(A)}$$

Hence true

(b) $P[S \mid A] = 1$

PROOF:.

$$P[S \mid A] = \frac{P[A \cap S]}{P(A)} = \frac{P(A)}{P(A)} = 1$$

Hence true □

(c)
$$P[\bigcup B_i \mid A] = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P[B_i \mid A]$$
 where $B_i \cap B_j = \phi$ $\forall i \neq j$

$$PROOF: \text{ (exercise)}$$

It then follows that the 5 theorem also go through for conditional Probability

2.
$$P(A \mid B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$$
 if $P(B) \neq 0$

The definition of conditional probability leads to a fundamental theorem that allows us to sometimes find the probability of an intersection

5.2 Multiplication Rule for Conditional Probability

Follows immediately from the definition of conditional probability

$$P(B \cap A) = P(B \mid A) * P(A)$$
$$= P(A \mid B) * P(B)$$

The hope is that when you are required to find $P[A \cap B]$, you know either P(A) or P(B) and one of the conditional probability. In word problems,

"of those that" ⇒ Conditional Probability

Do not confuse "and" with "given that"

Ex 5.2. We have two inspectors for items coming off an assembly. The proportion of items that are declared non-defective by the first inspector is 0.90 of those items that are declared non-defective by inspector 1, 0.95 are declared non-defective by inspector 2. What is the probability that an item is declared non-defective by both inspectors.

Sol.

Let ND_i (i=1,2) := event non-defective for each of the inspectors resp.

WTS: $P[ND_1 \cap ND_2]$

Given: $P[ND_1] = 0.90$ and $P[ND_2 | ND_1] = 0.95$

$$P[ND_2 \cap ND_2] = P[ND_2 \mid ND_1] * P[ND_1]$$

= 0.90 * 0.95

*Extension: LEt $A_1, ..., A_n$ be any sequence of events. Then

$$P[A_{1} \cap ... \cap A_{n}] = P[A_{n} \mid A_{1} \cap ... \cap A_{n-1}] * P[A_{1} \cap ... \cap A_{n-1}]$$

$$= P[A_{n} \mid A_{1} \cap ... \cap A_{n-1}] * P[A_{n-1} \mid A_{1} \cap ... \cap A_{n-2}] * P[A_{1} \cap ... \cap A_{n-2}]$$

$$= ...$$

$$= \prod_{i=1}^{n} P[A_{i} \mid A_{1} \cap ... \cap A_{i-1}] * P(A_{0})$$
(i=1,...,n)

Ex 5.3.

$$P(A_1 \cap A_2 \cap A_3) = P(A_3 | A_1 \cap A_2) P(A_1 \cap A_2)$$

= $P(A_3 | A_1 \cap A_2) P(A_2 | A_1) P(A_1)$

The process of repeatedly conditioning stating with the last event is called the process of *conditioning* backwards.

When you are required to find the probability of the intersection of several evetns, think of conditioning backwards

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6.1 Conditioning Backwards

DEF 6.1. The process of repeatedly conditioning stating with the last event is called the process of conditioning backwards.

When you are required to find the probability of the intersection of several evetns, think of conditioning backwards

Ex 6.1. The Marble Problem

1. Suppose that you draw 2 marbles without replacement. What is the probability that the second marble drawn is green?

Sol . Conditioning Backwards.

$$G_2 = (R_1 \cap G_2) \cup (G_1 \cap G_2)$$

Implies

$$P(G_2) = P((R_1 \cap G_2)) + P((G_1 \cap G_2))$$

$$= P(G_2|R_1)P(R_1) + P(G_2|G_1)P(G_1)$$

$$= \frac{4}{9} * \frac{6}{10} + \frac{3}{9} * \frac{4}{10}$$
(Ax 3)

2. Suppose that you draw 5 marbles. What is the probability that you will get the sequence R_1, R_2, G_3, G_4, R_5 .

Sol . Conditioning Backwards

$$P(R_1 \cap R_2 \cap G_3 \cap G_4 \cap R_5) = P(R_5 | R_1 \cap R_2 \cap G_3 \cap G_4) * P(G_4 | R_1 \cap R_2 \cap G_3)$$
$$* (P(G_3 | R_1 \cap R_2) * (P(R_2 | R_1) * P(R_1))$$

Hence

$$P(R_1 \cap R_2 \cap G_3 \cap G_4 \cap R_5) = \frac{4}{6} * \frac{3}{7} * \frac{4}{8} * \frac{5}{9} * \frac{6}{10}$$

The following theorem on conditional probability are fundamental

6.2 The Law of Total Probability

Thm | 6.1.

Let A be any event, let $B_1, B_2, ...$ be m events that satisfy the following

1.
$$B_i \cap B_j = \phi \quad \forall i \neq j$$

2.
$$\bigcup_{i=1}^{m} B_i = S$$
 we call $\{B_1, B_2, ...\}$ a partition of S

Then
$$P(A) = \sum_{i=1}^{m} P(A|B_i)P(B_i)$$

<u>PROOF:</u>. (Of theorem) known $A = \bigcup_{i=1}^{m} \underbrace{(A \cap B_i)}_{\text{all disjoint}}$ Hence

$$P(A) = \sum_{i=1}^{m} P(A \cap B_i)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{m} P(A|B_i)P(B_i)$$
(Ax 3)

Note. Maybe A is complicated and it is difficult to find its probability directly or the given information does not provide P(A) directly.

The hope is that we can find $P(A|B_i)$ easily or that they come with the provided information and that we know $P(B_i)$.

In word problem, the clue to use the Law of Total Probability is that you are given a bunch of conditional probability and the probability $P(B_i)$ and you are asked to find P(A).

6.3 Baye's Theorem

Thm 6.2. Let A and $B_1, B_2, ...$ be defined exactly as in the Law of Probability. Then we can write

$$P(B_k|A) = \frac{P(A|B_k) * P(B_k)}{\sum_{i=1}^{m} P(A|B_i)P(B_i)} \qquad (k = 1, 2, ..., m)$$

PROOF:.

$$P(B_k|A) = \frac{P(B_k \cap A)}{P(A)}$$

$$= \underbrace{\frac{P(A|B_k)P(B_k)}{P(A|B_1)P(B_i)}}_{\text{Law of tot.Prob.}}$$
Law of tot.Prob.

Note. Mathematically, Baye's Theorem allows you to reverse one or more given conditional probability. In word problem, the clue to use the Baye's thm is that you are required to reverse one or more conditional probability statement.

Ex 6.2. Suppose that there is a diagnostic test for breast cancer and that in a certain population $\frac{5}{1000}$ women have breast cancer. Known that the test has the following properties:

- 1. if a woman has breast cancer, the test will be positive 95% of the time.
- 2. if a woman does not have breast cancer, the test will be negative 95% of the time.

Question is

i) What proportion of women will test positive?

Sol.

 $Let\ Pos\ :=\ event\ that\ a\ test\ is\ positive$

 $Let \ Neg := event \ that \ a \ test \ is \ negative$

Let Bc := event that a woman has breast cancer

Let $Bc^c := event that a woman does not have breast cancer$

Known

$$P(Pos | Bc) = 95\%$$

 $P(Pos | Bc^c) = 1 - 95\% = 0.05$
 $P(Neg | Bc^c) = 95\%$
 $P(BC) = 0.005$
 $P(BC^c) = 1 - 0.005$

We have that BC and BC^c are disjoint and BC \cup BC^c = S. Therefore by the Law of Tot. Prob.

$$P(Pos) = P(Pos | Bc) * P(BC) + P(P(Pos | Bc^c)) * P(Bc^c)$$

= $0.95 * 0.005 + 0.05 * (1 - 0.005)$
= 0.054

ii) If a woman tests postive, what is the probability that she has breast cancer?

Sol . Known

$$P(Pos | Bc) = 95\%$$

$$P(Neg | Bc^c) = 95\%$$

$$P(BC) = 0.005$$