

Probability distribution

⇒ A probability distribution over Ω is a function of subsets of Ω satisfying the following three rules:

1. Non-negative: For every event A , $0 \leq P(A) \leq 1$
2. Addition: If B_1, \dots, B_n is a partition of Ω ,
then $P(\Omega) = P(B_1) + \dots + P(B_n)$
3. Total one: $P(\Omega) = 1$

⇒ Properties.

1. complement rule: $P(\text{not } A) = P(A^c) = 1 - P(A)$.

Proof: A, A^c is a partition of Ω

By addition rule, $P(\Omega) = P(A) + P(A^c)$

By total one rule, $1 = P(A) + P(A^c)$

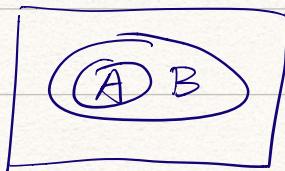
$$P(A^c) = 1 - P(A).$$

2. Difference Rule:

If occurrence event A implies occurrence of event B ,
then $P(A) \leq P(B)$

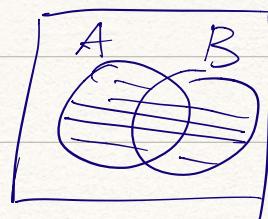
and the difference between $P(A), P(B)$ is

$$P(B \text{ and not } A) = P(BA^c) = P(B) - P(A)$$



3. Inclusion-Exclusion rule

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

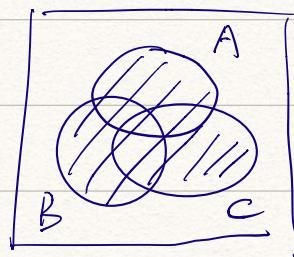


Three events

$$P(A \cup B \cup C)$$

$$= P(A) + P(B) + P(C) -$$

$$P(AB) - P(AC) - P(BC) + P(ABC)$$



A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n

$$P(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n P(A_i) - \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < i_2} P(A_{i_1} A_{i_2}) \\ + \dots + (-1)^{n+1} P(A_{i_1} A_{i_2} \dots A_{i_n})$$

$$\text{e.g. } P(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3 \cup A_4)$$

$$= P(A_1) + P(A_2) + P(A_3) + P(A_4)$$

$$- P(A_1 A_2) - P(A_1 A_3) - P(A_1 A_4) - P(A_2 A_3) - P(A_2 A_4) - P(A_3 A_4)$$

$$+ P(A_1 A_2 A_3) + P(A_1 A_2 A_4) + P(A_1 A_3 A_4) + P(A_2 A_3 A_4)$$

$$- P(A_1 A_2 A_3 A_4)$$

e.g. Among all students on campus majoring stat or math

$$A = \{ \text{taking stat/math 309} \}$$

$$B = \{ \text{taking stat 461} \}$$

$$C = \{ \text{taking stat 333} \}$$

$$P(A) = 0.3 \quad P(B) = 0.3 \quad P(C) = 0.2$$

$$P(AB) = 0.1 \quad P(AC) = 0.1 \quad P(BC) = 0.1$$

$$P(A \cup B \cup C) = 0.6$$

What is $P(A \cap B \cap C)$?

$$P(ABC) = P(A \cup B \cup C) + P(AB) + P(AC) + P(BC) - P(A) - P(B) - P(C).$$

$$= 0.6 + 0.1 + 0.1 + 0.1 - 0.3 - 0.3 - 0.2$$

$$= 0.1$$

Counting Techniques

⇒ Addition rule

If $B_1, B_2 \dots B_n$ is a partition of B , then

$$\#(B) = \#(B_1) + \#(B_2) + \dots + \#(B_n)$$

⇒ Multiplication Rule
(Product)

A set of ordered pairs, n_1 choices for the 1st element, for each choice of the 1st element; there are n_2 choices for 2nd element, and for each choice of 1st and 2nd element,

n_k possible choices of the k th element

Then, the total num of choices for the K -tuple is

$$n_1 n_2 n_3 \dots n_k$$

e.g.1. Menu in a Chinese Restaurant.

Ingredients	chicken, beef, shrimp
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Made	Kung-Pao, Ma-Po, Orange, Sesame
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If one dish is going to be ordered,
how many choices are there?

$$3 \times 4 = 12$$

2. Birthday Problem.

In a classroom, there are $n=60$ students.

What is the probability that at least 2 students have the same birthday?

A^c : every student have different birthday.

$$P(A^c) = \frac{\#(A^c)}{\#S} = \frac{366 \times \dots \times 307}{366^{60}} = 0.0059.$$

$$P(A) = 1 - P(A^c) = 1 - 0.0059 = 0.9941.$$

\Rightarrow Permutation: an ordered sequence of k distinct objects taken from a set of n distinct objects is called a permutation of k

The total number of permutations of size k from n objects is denoted by. $P_{k,n}$ or $(n)_k$ or $n P_k$

$$= \underbrace{n(n-1) \dots (n-k+1)}_k$$

$$\text{If } k=n, P_{n,n} = (n)_n = n P_n = n(n-1) \dots 1 = n!$$

$$P_{k,n} = n(n-1) \dots (n-k+1)$$

$$= \frac{n!}{(n-k)!}$$

\Rightarrow Combination

An unordered subset of size k from a set of n distinct objects

is called a combination.

The number of combinations of size k from n distinct objects is denoted by $C_n^k = \binom{n}{k} = \frac{P_{k,n}}{k!} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$

e.g. Roll a fair dice 20 times. What is the probability that the sum of all 20 numbers is 22?

$$1 \times 19 + 3 \text{ or } 1 \times 18 + 2 \times 2 = \\ \downarrow \\ 20 \quad \quad \quad \binom{20}{2} = 190.$$

$$\#(A) = 20 + 190 = 210.$$

$$P(A) = \frac{\#(A)}{\#(\Omega)} = \frac{210}{6^{20}}$$