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# Probabilistic Machine Learning

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## 1 EXAMple

 $\mathbf{a}$ 

For any two events  $A, B \in \Omega$ 

$$P(A \mid B) = \frac{P(A, B)}{P(B)}$$

$$P(A,B) \ge 0; P(B) \ge 0 \implies \frac{P(A,B)}{P(B)} \ge 0$$
 (1)

$$P(\Omega \mid B) = \frac{P(\Omega, B)}{P(B)}$$

$$= \frac{1 \cdot P(B)}{P(B)}$$

$$= 1$$
(2)

Let  $A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots \in \Omega$  be disjoint:

$$P(A_{1}, A_{2}, A_{3}, \dots \mid B) = \frac{P(A_{1}, A_{2}, A_{3}, \dots)}{P(B)}$$

$$= \frac{P(A_{1}) + P(A_{2}) + P(A_{3}) + \dots}{P(B)}$$

$$= \frac{P(A_{1})}{P(B)} + \frac{P(A_{2})}{P(B)} + \frac{P(A_{3})}{P(B)} + \dots$$

$$= P(A_{1} \mid B) + P(A_{2} \mid B) + P(A_{3} \mid B) + \dots$$
(3)

 $\mathbf{b}$ 

i

$$P(H_1, H_2 \mid B) = P(H_1 \mid B) \cdot P(H_2 \mid B) = 0.01 \cdot 0.01$$

ii

No!

$$P(H_1, H_2) \neq P(H_1) \cdot P(H_2)$$

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Let  $W_i$  be the event of winning in the *i*th "round"

i

$$P(W_1) = \frac{2}{3}$$

ii

$$P(W_2 \mid W_1) = \frac{1}{2}$$

iii

$$P(W_2 \mid \neg W_1) = 1$$

iv

$$P(W_2) = P(W_1) \cdot P(W_2 \mid W_1) + P(\neg W_1) \cdot P(W_2 \mid \neg W_1)$$

$$= \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} \cdot 1$$

$$= \frac{2}{3} = P(W_1)$$

It doesnt have any impact on my winning chances

 $\mathbf{v}$ 

$$P(W_1 \mid W_2) = \frac{P(W_2 \mid W_1)P(W_1)}{P(W_2)}$$
$$= \frac{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{2}{3}}{\frac{2}{3}}$$
$$= \frac{1}{2}$$

## 2 Theory

Let  $A, B \subset \{1, \ldots, p\}$  be any two events. With a fair dice, we get the probabilities

$$P(A) = \frac{|A|}{p}$$

$$P(B) = \frac{|B|}{p}$$

$$P(A, B) = \frac{|A \cap B|}{p}$$

Assume A and B are independent, then

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

$$\implies \frac{|A|}{p} \cdot \frac{|B|}{p} = \frac{|A \cap B|}{p}$$
$$|A \cap B| = \frac{|A| \cdot |B|}{p}$$

Because  $|A \cap B|$  is a natural number, this means that p divides  $|A| \cdot |B|$ . Because p is prime and the prime decomposition of any number is unique, p must also divide either |A| or |B| (otherwise we would have two prime decompositions of  $|A| \cdot |B|$ : One that contains p and one that doesn't). With 0 < |A| < p and 0 < |B| < p (which is true because we assumed that neither of the two events are the whole sample space of the empty set), we get a contradiction because no positive natural number can be divided by a number that is greater than itself. Thus, A and B cannot be independent.

# 3 Practical Question

### Exercise 01

hand in before 29.04.2022, 12:00 p.m. (noon)

In the lecture, we calculated the probability of someone having COVID given a positive COVID test. In this exercise, we ask you to code up a method that performs this calculation, given the sensitivity and specificity of a COVID test, depending on the prevalence of COVID.

### 1) COVID Prevalence

The 7 Day Incidence Rate per 100,000 people in Germany (as of 19.04.2022) is 698.9. How would you convert this number into the probability of someone having COVID in Germany? (Hint: Ignore the length of time for which people remain sick, and simply assume that the incidence rate represents the total number of people with COVID per 100,000 people on a given day)

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[1]: inc = 698.9

prevalence = inc / 1e5
prevalence
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#### [1]: 0.006988999999999996

## 2) Sensitivity and Specificity

Several "Schnell-tests" are available on the market for COVID self-testing. Their diagnosic accuracy is measured by their sensitivity and specificity. 1. How are the sensitivity and specificity of a test defined? 2. How would you compute the probabilities of a false positive test and a false negative test, given its sensitivity and specificity?

**Answer 2)** 1. sensitivity is the probability of a true positive: P('test: covid' | 'covid') specificity is the probability of a true negative: P('test: no covid' | 'no covid')

2. false pos: P('test: covid' | 'no covid') = 1 - P('test: no covid' | 'no covid') = 1 - specificity false neg: P('test: no covid' | 'covid') = 1 - P('test: covid' | 'covid') = 1 - sensitivity

## 3) Probability of Infection

- 1. Which probabilities would you need to compute the probability of an infection given a positive test?
- 2. Which mathematical theorem would you use to compute this quantity?

Answer 3) 1. - Probability of infection in overall population P(I) (from this we can also calculate P(not I)=1-P(I)) - Probability of a positive test given that the patient has covid P(T|I) = Sensitivity - Probability of a positive test given that the patient does not have covid P(T|not I) = 1-Specificity

2. Bayes' Theorem

### 4) Function definition

Write a function that returns the probability of having COVID given a positive test. The function should take as inputs the sensitivity and specificity of a test, and the COVID prevalence.

```
[2]: # Your code here
def covid_prob(sens, spec, prev = 698.9 / 1e5):
    p_positive = sens * prev + (1-spec) * (1-prev)
    return sens * prev * 1/p_positive
```

## 5) Test your code

Using the function you wrote above, compute the probability of having COVID, given a positive COVID test with sensitivity = 0.9652 and specificity = 0.9968 for prevalence: 1. 0.016319 (Korea, South) 2. 0.006989 (Germany) 3. 0.000613 (Norway)

(Prevalence based on https://oscovida.github.io/countries-incidence-rate.html, date of access: 19.04.22)

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[3]: sens = 0.9652
spec = 0.9968

countries = ['South Korea', 'Germany', 'Norway']
prevs = [0.016319, 0.006989, 0.000613]

for country, prev in zip(countries, prevs):
    print(f'In {country} the Probability of having covid after a positive test
→is {round(covid_prob(sens, spec, prev)*100, 2)}%')
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In South Korea the Probability of having covid after a positive test is 83.34% In Germany the Probability of having covid after a positive test is 67.98% In Norway the Probability of having covid after a positive test is 15.61%

## 6) Plot of infection probability

Plot how the probability of infection given a positive COVID test changes, depending on COVID prevalence.

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[4]: import numpy as np
  from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
  prev_space = np.linspace(0,1, 100)
  p_infection = covid_prob(sens, spec, prev_space)

plt.plot(prev_space, p_infection)
  plt.show()
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