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Bayes's Summary

Recall 3.3 Bayes's Formula

E, F are events

$$P(F|E) = \frac{P(EF)}{P(E)}$$

$$EF = E \cap F$$

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$$P(E) = P(EF) + P(EF^c)$$

$$E = EF \cup EF^c$$

↪ mutually
exclusive

$$= P(E|F)P(F) + P(E|F^c)P(F^c)$$

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$$P(F|E) = \frac{P(E|F)P(F)}{P(E|F)P(F) + P(E|F^c)P(F^c)}$$

More generally, for $S = \bigcup_{i=1}^N F_i$ F_i mutually
exclusive events

$$\underline{P(F_j|E)} = \frac{\underline{P(E|F_j)P(F_j)}}{\sum_{i=1}^N \underline{P(E|F_i)P(F_i)}}$$

$$E = EF_1 \cup EF_2 \cup \dots \cup EF_n$$

Example 2g (p. 61)

An ordinary deck of cards is randomly divided into 4 piles of 13 cards each.

What is the probability that each pile has exactly one ace?

Method 1

Recall, the number of ways to distribute 52 cards into 4 piles of 13 is

$$\frac{52!}{(13!)(13!)(13!)(13!)}$$

If we want to count ~~separately~~ the number of ways for a particular distribution we need

$$\frac{4!}{1!1!1!1!} \cdot \frac{48!}{12!12!12!12!}$$

ways to distribute 4 aces into 4 piles

distribute the other 48 cards into 4 piles of 12.

multiply since any ace can go with any pile of 12.

$$\text{So } P(\text{exactly one ace per pile}) = \frac{\frac{4!}{1!1!1!1!} \cdot \frac{48!}{(12!)^4}}{\frac{52!}{(13!)^4}} = \frac{4! \cdot 48!}{52!} (13)^4 = \frac{4! (13)^4}{52 \cdot 51 \cdot 50 \cdot 49} \approx 0.105$$



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Note that this calculation is equivalent to

$$\left(\frac{\binom{4}{1} \binom{48}{12}}{\binom{52}{13}} \cdot \frac{\binom{3}{1} \binom{36}{12}}{\binom{39}{13}} \cdot \frac{\binom{2}{1} \binom{24}{12}}{\binom{26}{13}} \cdot \frac{\binom{1}{1} \binom{12}{12}}{\binom{13}{13}} \right)$$

= probability of each hand containing one of the four aces and 12 other cards.

Method 2 - use conditional probabilities (not Bayes's yet... just conditional prob.)
(~~Ace~~ Ace #1)

Let E_1 = event that ace of spades is in any one of the piles
 A_1

E_2 = event that ace of spades + ace of hearts are in different piles (e.g. A_1 and A_2 are in different piles)

E_3 = event that ace of spades, ace of hearts, ace of diamonds are in different piles (e.g. A_1, A_2, A_3 are in different piles)

E_4 = event that all four aces are in different piles.

Use multiplication rule

$$\begin{aligned} P(E_4) &= P(E_1, E_2, E_3, E_4) = \cancel{P(E_1, E_2, E_3, E_4)} \downarrow \\ &= P(E_4 | E_1, E_2, E_3) P(E_1, E_2, E_3) \\ &= P(E_4 | E_1, E_2, E_3) \left[P(E_3 | E_1, E_2) P(E_1, E_2) \right] \downarrow \\ &= P(E_4 | E_1, E_2, E_3) P(E_3 | E_1, E_2) \left[P(E_2 | E_1) P(E_1) \right] \end{aligned}$$

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Let's compute the probabilities in this expression

$$P(E_1) = 1$$

$$P(E_2|E_1) = 1 - \text{probability that } A_2 \text{ is in pile with } A_1$$

$$= 1 - \frac{12}{51} = \frac{39}{51} \quad \left(> \frac{3}{4} \right)$$

12 spots in pile 1
51 cards to choose from

1+2
in separate
piles

$$P(E_3|E_1, E_2) = 1 - \text{probability that } A_3 \text{ is in one of first two piles}$$

$$= 1 - \frac{24}{50} = \frac{26}{50} \quad \left(> \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

24 spots in two piles
50 possible cards
2 aces already in play

$$P(E_4|E_1, E_2, E_3) = 1 - \text{probability that } A_4 \text{ is in one of first 3 piles}$$

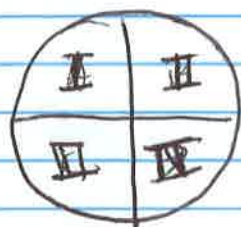
$$= 1 - \frac{36}{49} = \frac{13}{49} \quad \left(> \frac{1}{4} \right)$$

So

$$P(E_1, E_2, E_3, E_4) = \frac{13}{49} \cdot \frac{26}{50} \cdot \frac{39}{51} \cdot 1 \approx \boxed{0.105}$$

EX

Consider a related problem: Drop 4 coins down a ~~deep~~ deep wishing well with the following grid pattern on the bottom



Assume the probability that a coin lands in Quadrant i is $1/4$ (each area is $1/4$ total area)

What is the probability that the four coins land in different quadrants (assume ~~the events are~~ each coin drop is an independent event).

$P(A_i)$ = probability that ~~coin~~ coin i lands in an "unoccupied" quadrant (given that $i-1$ quadrants are occupied)

First coin: $P(A_1) = 1$

2nd ~~coin~~: $P(A_2) = \frac{3}{4}$

(one occupied)

$P(A_3) = \frac{1}{2}$

(two occupied)

$P(A_4) = \frac{1}{4}$

$$P(A_1) \cdot P(A_2) \cdot P(A_3) \cdot P(A_4) = \frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{4} = \frac{3}{32}$$

ie. this is also

$$P = \frac{4!}{4^4}$$

← # of ways for the four coins to be separate

← total number of 4 coin position outcomes

$$= 0.09375$$

* Why is this less likely than the four aces in 4 piles problem?

induction?

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EX

Consider another related problem.

Consider a nonstandard deck of cards with $4N$ cards including four aces. None of the other cards are aces. Divide this deck into 4 piles of N cards. What is the probability that ~~therefore~~ each pile has an ace?

Let's use the same definitions of E_1, E_2, E_3, E_4 (see notes, p. 62).

$$P(E_1 E_2 E_3 E_4) = P(E_4 | E_1 E_2 E_3) \cdot P(E_3 | E_2 E_1) P(E_2 | E_1) P(E_1)$$

$$P(E_1) = 1$$

$$P(E_2 | E_1) = 1 - \frac{N-1}{4N-1}$$

of spots left in pile 1
of cards that could go in pile 1
probability that A_2 is in pile 1 given A_1 is in pile 1.

$$P(E_3 | E_1 E_2) = 1 - \frac{2(N-1)}{4N-2} = 1 - \text{prob. that } A_3 \text{ is in piles 1 or 2 given } A_1 \text{ in pile 1, } A_2 \text{ in pile 2}$$

$$P(E_4 | E_1 E_2 E_3) = 1 - \frac{3(N-1)}{4N-3} = 1 - \text{prob. } A_4 \text{ is in piles 1, 2, 3 given } A_1 \text{ in pile 1, } A_2 \text{ in pile 2, } A_3 \text{ in pile 3}$$

So

$$P(E_1 E_2 E_3 E_4) = \left(1 - \frac{3(N-1)}{4N-3}\right) \left(1 - \frac{2(N-1)}{4N-2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{N-1}{4N-1}\right) \cdot 1$$

$$= \frac{N}{(4N-3)} \cdot \frac{2N}{(4N-2)} \cdot \frac{3N}{(4N-1)}$$

Rank	N	P(all aces separate)
(4 cards)	1	(1)
(8 cards)	2	$\frac{2}{5} \cdot \frac{4}{6} \cdot \frac{6}{7} = \left(\frac{8}{35}\right) \approx \underline{0.229}$
(12 cards)	3	$\frac{3}{8} \cdot \frac{6}{10} \cdot \frac{8}{11} = \frac{18}{110} = \left(\frac{9}{55}\right) \approx \underline{0.164}$
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(52 cards)	13	$\frac{13}{49} \cdot \frac{26}{50} \cdot \frac{39}{51} \approx \underline{0.105498...}$
(104 cards)	26	$\frac{26}{101} \cdot \frac{52}{102} \cdot \frac{78}{103} \approx \underline{0.09938}$
↓ N → ∞ ↓		
∞		$\frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{2}{4} \cdot \frac{3}{4} = \frac{3}{32} = \underline{0.09375}$

~~Now the probability that each ace is in a separate pile~~

~~there~~

using Multinomial...

$$P = \frac{4! \cdot \frac{(4N-4)!}{((N-1)!)^4}}{(4N)!}$$

← (choose aces) (choose remaining cards)

total # of ways to divide 4N cards into 4 piles of N cards

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$$P = \frac{4! \cdot (4N-4)!}{(4N)!} \left(\frac{N!}{(N-1)!} \right)^4$$

$$= 4! \left[\frac{1}{4N \cdot (4N-1) \cdot (4N-2) \cdot (4N-3)} \right] \left[\frac{N}{1} \right]^4$$

$$= \frac{\cancel{4} \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 \cdot N^4}{4N \cdot (4N-1) \cdot (4N-2) \cdot (4N-3)}$$

$$P = \frac{3N}{4N-1} \cdot \frac{2N}{4N-2} \cdot \frac{N}{4N-3}$$

← matches result on p. (66)