

PROBABILITY

Theory of Probability

(1) Conditional Probability

Let A & B be the two events associated with the same random experiment. Then the probability of occurrence of A under the condition B has already occurred and $P(B) \neq 0$, is called conditional probability, denoted by $P\left(\frac{A}{B}\right)$.

$$P\left(\frac{A}{B}\right) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}, \text{ where } P(B) \neq 0$$

(2) Let A and B be the two events of a sample space S and let E be an event such that $P(E) \neq 0$.

$$\text{Then, } P\left[\frac{A \cup B}{E}\right] = P\left(\frac{A}{E}\right) + P\left(\frac{B}{E}\right) - P\left[\frac{A \cap B}{E}\right]$$

(3) For any events A & B of a sample space S , prove that

$$P\left(\frac{\bar{A}}{B}\right) = 1 - P\left(\frac{A}{B}\right).$$

(4) Multiplication Theorem on Probability

Let A and B be the two events associated with a sample space S . Then, the simultaneous occurrence of two events A and B is denoted by $(A \cap B)$ is given by

$$P(AB) = P(A \cap B) = P(A) \cdot P\left(\frac{B}{A}\right) = P(B) \cdot P\left(\frac{A}{B}\right); \text{ where } P(A) \neq 0 \text{ and } P(B) \neq 0$$

(5) For any three events A, B, C of the same sample space, we have

$$P(A \cap B \cap C) = P(A) \cdot P\left(\frac{B}{A}\right) \cdot P\left[\frac{C}{A \cap B}\right].$$

(6) Independent Events

Two events A and B are said to be independent if

$$P\left(\frac{A}{B}\right) = P(A); \text{ where } P(B) \neq 0 \quad P\left(\frac{B}{A}\right) = P(B); \text{ where } P(A) \neq 0$$

So, for independent events, $P(A \cap B) = P(A) \times P(B)$

(7) Two events A and B are said to be mutually exclusive if $A \cap B = \emptyset$ and in this case $P(\emptyset) = 0$

Baye's Theorem and its Application

(1) Theorem of Total Probability

Let E_1, E_2, \dots, E_n be mutually exclusive and exhaustive events associated with a random experiment and let E be an event that occurs with some E_i . Then,

$$P(E) = \sum_{i=1}^n P(E/E_i) \cdot P(E_i)$$

(2) Baye's Theorem

Let E_1, E_2, \dots, E_n be mutually exclusive and exhaustive events associated with a random