

Lecture 24

Recap:

$$\Pr[E|F] = \frac{\Pr[E \cap F]}{\Pr[F]}$$

Example

- 0.1% of users are ND students
- 5% of people who watched Rudy are ND students
- 1% of users watched Rudy

$$\Pr[Rudy | ND] = \frac{\Pr[ND | Rudy] \cdot \Pr[Rudy]}{\Pr[ND]} \quad \left. \right\} \text{Bayes Theorem}$$

Random Variable, Expected Value, and Gamble

- If a variable X is random, its value is determined with some probabilities.

$$E[X] = (1) \times P[X=1] + 2 \times P[X=2] + \dots + 5 \times P[X=5] + 6 \times P[X=6]$$

\uparrow
value
of
a die

so expected value: $E[X] = 1(\frac{1}{6}) + 2(\frac{1}{6}) + \dots + 5(\frac{1}{6}) + 6(\frac{1}{6})$

$$E[X] = 3.5$$

Linearity

$$E[X+Y] = E[X] + E[Y]$$

$$E[cX] = cE[X]$$

• Example

• $X = \#$ of different birthdays in the room (97 people in room)

• Assuming uniform distribution, what is $E[X]$

$$E[X] = (1) \cdot P[X=1] + 2 \cdot P[X=2] + \dots + 365 \cdot P[X=365]$$

or

Define Indicator variable $I_y = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{someone was born on day } y \\ 0 & \text{no one was born on day } y \end{cases}$

$$X = I_1 + I_2 + \dots + I_{364} + I_{365}$$

$$E[X] = E[I_1 + \dots + I_{365}] = E[I_1] + E[I_2] + \dots + E[I_{365}]$$

$$\text{arbitrary day } 16 \rightarrow E[I_{16}] = 0 \times P[I_{16}=0] + 1 \times P[I_{16}=1]$$

$$P[I_{16}=1] = 1 - P[I_{16}=0]$$

$$= 1 - \underbrace{\left(\frac{364}{365}\right)^{97}}$$

This is the value for $P[I_1=1] = P[I_2=1] = \dots = P[I_{365}=1]$

$$\therefore E[X] = 365 \left[1 - \left(\frac{364}{365}\right)^{97}\right]$$

• Indicator Variable and expected values will likely be on final exam.

• All expected values of casino games are negative.

• Algorithm Taeho uses to make money in Vegas.

1. Sit on roulette Table (minimum bet is \$1)

2. Bet \$1 on red or black

↳ If you lose, double the bet and repeat step 2

↳ If I win, reset the bet to \$1 and repeat step 2

• Casinos know this, that's why they put high limits.