

22 Sept Lecture 6: Cont: Conditional Probability.

$$P[B|A] = \frac{P[B \cap A]}{P(A)}, \quad P(A) > 0$$

Imp Result of Def of Cond. Prob:-

- As a consequence of its definition, we have the multiplication rule of probabilities.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Multiplication rule: Given events } A, B. \quad P(A \cap B) \\ &= P(B|A) P(A) \\ &= P(A|B) P(B) \end{aligned}$$

Reason for importance: well if you want to find $P(A \cap B)$ might be difficult to do directly

- If you know $P(A)$, $P(B)$ you don't always know $P(A \cap B)$
- But if you know $P(A)$ and $P(B|A)$ or $P(A|B)$, you can use multiplication formula, you can find $P(A \cap B)$.

Example:- Suppose in the marble exp you draw two marbles
1) what is the probability of obtaining the outcome R_1 and G_2 (ie $R_1 \cap G_2$)

2) What is the prob of obtaining green on second Draw

Solution \rightarrow

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1) By the mult, $P(R_1 \cap G_2) = P(G_2 | R_1) P(R_1)$
or $P(R_1 | G_2) P(G_2)$

Both are equally correct, but natural order of question is just more convenient.

So $P(G_2 | R_1) = 4/9$ $P(R_1) = 6/10$
 $= 24/90$

- Can be done by counting and even by permutation. But complex Q's are harder to do with alternative options.

2) Want $P(G_2)$. Idea: write G_2 as the union of two disjoint 2-chain outcomes.

$$G_2 = (G_2 \cap R_1) \cup (G_2 \cap G_1)$$

Now observe $G_2 \cap R_1$ and $G_2 \cap G_1$ are disjoint

\therefore by Axiom 3 $P(G_2) = P(G_2 \cap R_1) + P(G_2 \cap G_1)$

// Think condition $\left\{ \begin{aligned} &P(G_2 | R_1) P(R_1) + P(G_2 | G_1) P(G_1) \\ &= 4/9 \cdot 6/10 + 3/9 \cdot 4/10 \end{aligned} \right.$

Note: conditions interfere that there is disjoint

Full power of mult-Rule can be seen in following Question

- In marble problem, what prob of getting sequence: Seq $\{R_1, R_2, G_3, G_4, R_5\}$
- Or Find $= P(R_1 \cap R_2 \cap G_3 \cap G_4 \cap R_5)$

Idea: Condition Backwards making it trivial

$$\circ \underbrace{P(R_1 \cap R_2 \cap G_3 \cap G_4)}_B \underbrace{\cap R_5}_A$$

$$\circ \text{ We have } P(A \cap B) = P(A|B) P(B) \\ \text{ie } P(R_1 \cap R_2 \cap G_3 \cap G_4 \cap R_5) \\ = P(R_5 | R_1 \cap R_2 \cap G_3 \cap G_4) \cdot P(R_1 \cap R_2 \cap G_3 \cap G_4)$$

• You can further break it down as well

$$\begin{aligned} & \textcircled{1} P(R_5 | R_1 \cap R_2 \cap G_3 \cap G_4) \\ & \cdot P(G_4 | R_1 \cap R_2 \cap G_3) \textcircled{2} \\ & \cdot P(G_3 | R_1 \cap R_2) \textcircled{3} \cdot P(R_2 | R_1) \textcircled{4} \cdot P(R_1) \textcircled{5} \end{aligned} \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} & \textcircled{1} P(R_5 | R_1 \cap R_2 \cap G_3 \cap G_4) \\ & \cdot P(G_4 | R_1 \cap R_2 \cap G_3) \textcircled{2} \\ & \cdot P(G_3 | R_1 \cap R_2) \textcircled{3} \cdot P(R_2 | R_1) \textcircled{4} \cdot P(R_1) \textcircled{5} \end{aligned}} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{Each component} \\ \text{is easy to} \\ \text{find.} \end{array}$$

$$\textcircled{1}) \frac{4}{6} \cdot \textcircled{2}) \frac{3}{7} \cdot \textcircled{3}) \frac{4}{8} \cdot \textcircled{4}) \frac{5}{9} \cdot \textcircled{5}) \frac{6}{10}$$

$$\text{or } \left\{ \frac{4}{6} \cdot \frac{3}{7} \cdot \frac{4}{8} \cdot \frac{5}{9} \cdot \frac{6}{10} \right\} = \underline{\underline{\text{Ans}}}$$

Same thing in counting is too complex

Complex Question: Test for Breast Cancer

Pos = positive BC = has Breast cancer

Given data

$$P(C \text{ Pos} | BC) = 0.95$$
$$P(C \text{ Neg} | BC) = 0.95$$

$$P(BC) = 5/1000$$

$$P(BC | \text{Pos}) = \begin{matrix} 0.85 \\ 0.56 \\ 0.005 \end{matrix} \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{matrix} 0.85 \\ 0.56 \\ 0.005 \end{matrix}} \right\} \text{guess}$$

What proportion of women
have breast cancer and will
test positive

- o Note seeing having BC is $5/1000$ this forces
the $BC | \text{Pos}$ to be small as probability
of having it in first place is small

$$P(BC | \text{Pos}) = 0.0857$$

Is Part of Bayes Theorem

Law of total Probability

Let A be any event. Let B_1, B_2, \dots, B_m be events that satisfy

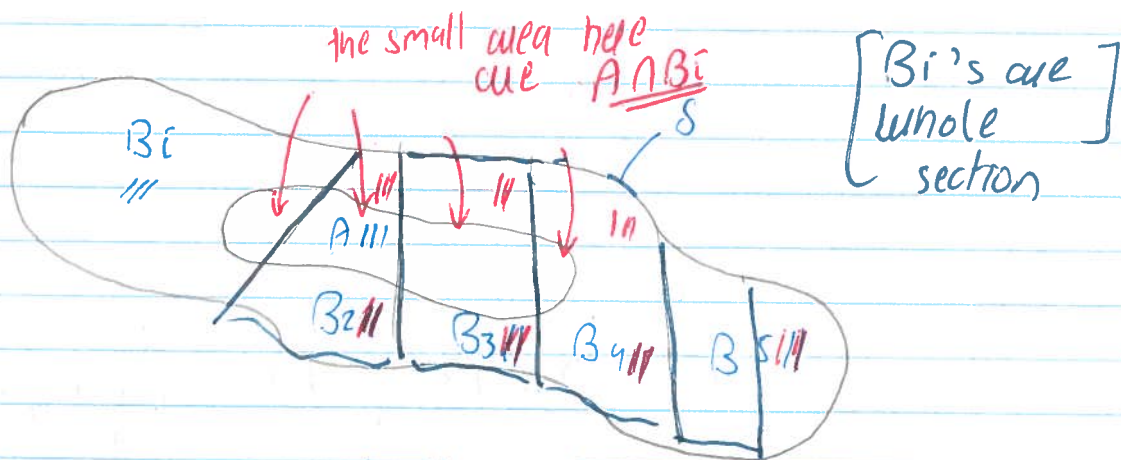
- up: 1) $B_i \cap B_j = \emptyset$ For $i \neq j$ (B_i 's are Disjoint)
2) $B_1 \cup B_2 \dots \cup B_m = S$ (make all of Sample Space)

[Such set of B 's are called a Partition of S]

Theorem:-
$$P(A) = \sum \underbrace{P(A|B_i)}_{\text{sum of cond. Prob}} \underbrace{P(B_i)}_{\text{and all } B_i\text{'s}}$$

Note: [A could be complicated to find its probability directly. However we may know the conditional probs on the R.H.S or able to find them easily, in addition to $P(B_i)$'s]

Proof



All these are Independently disjoint. Since they are Disjoint,

$$P(A) = P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^m (A \cap B_i)\right)$$

Note:- Why are the RHS, LHS equal, cause union of B_i 's = Sample space

$$\begin{aligned} \text{so } P(A) &= P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^m (A \cap B_i)\right) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^m P(A \cap B_i) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^m P(A|B_i) \cdot P(B_i) \end{aligned}$$

Note that it is possible that for some i , $A \cap B_i$ is ϕ . No Problem. Cause its probability or $P(A \cap B_i) = P(\phi) = 0$

• Message if any questions 😊

Important related Theorem — Bayes theorem.

Let A be any event. Let B_1, B_2, \dots satisfy

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{i) } B_i \cap B_j = \phi \\ \text{ii) } \bigcup_{i=1}^s B_i = S \end{array} \right\} \text{assumptions}$$

Theorem:-

$$P(B_k | A) = \frac{P(A | B_k) P(B_k)}{\sum_{j=1}^m P(A | B_j) P(B_j)}$$

Every $k = 1, 2, \dots, s$

Law of Prob vs Bayes Theorem.

You are given conditional and marginal probabilities, you are asked to reverse it, then it is Bayes Theorem



Prof made a mistake; correction of Theorem:

$$P(B_k | A) = \frac{P(A | B_k) \cdot P(B_k)}{\sum_{j=1}^n P(A | B_j) \cdot P(B_j)}$$

This IS the corrected version, mistake was here

Further: Prof $P(B_k | A) = \frac{P(B_k \cap A)}{P(A)}, P(A) > 0$

$$= \frac{P(A | B_k) \cdot P(B_k)}{\sum_{j=1}^n P(A | B_j) \cdot P(B_j)} \left. \vphantom{\sum_{j=1}^n} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{look how denominator} \\ \text{is law of prob} \end{array}$$

Example: Formal version of B-cancer diagnosis

Suppose diagnostic test for Breast cancer has the following property

- 1) if a woman has breast cancer, the probability she'll be tested positive (+ve) is .95
- 2) " " " " doesn't have B-cancer, Prob she'll be tested negative (-ve) is .95
- 3) Finally suppose that 5/1000 women have Breast Cancer (BC)

Question

- i) What proportion of women will test positive for BC
- ii) If a woman test positive, what's the prob that she has BC



Advice: Keep your events as simple as possible to start with

- Pos or (+ve) = event of positive outcome
- Pos^c or (-ve) or Neg = event of negative
- BC = event woman got Breast Cancer
- BC^c = Not Breast Cancer

Solution Note: The sample Space can be written as
 $\{S = Bc \cup Bc^c\} \Rightarrow$ are Disjoint

Therefore by Law of Total Prob,

$$P(Pos) = P(Pos|Bc) \cdot P(Bc) + P(Pos|Bc^c) \cdot P(Bc^c)$$

- We can always get Bc^c as $1 - Bc$

TBe Continued.