

Machine Learning - Assignment 1 (Week ending 31st August)

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1. Total Sample Spaces (possible outcomes) = 36
Total possible outcomes of dice landing on same numbers = 6
Hence, Probability of Rolling Doubles,
$$P(X) = 6/36 = 1/6$$
2. Given, $P[X, Y] = 0.2$, $P[X] = 0.5$
Independent Random variable, by formula,
$$P[X, Y] = P[X] * P[Y]$$
$$P[Y] = 0.5/0.2 = 2.5$$
3. Let $P(F)$ be the probability of step taken forward and $P(B)$ be the probability of step taken backward. Now, we are given
$$P(F) = 0.6 \text{ and } P(B) = 0.4$$

After 10 steps, the drunkard will be at the starting point since he will take 5 steps forward and 5 steps backward in no particular order. Therefore, probability of him being at the starting point,
$$P(X) = 0.6^5 * 0.4^5 \Rightarrow 0.000796$$
4. Given that, X, Y, Z are three random variables. X & Y are independent of each other.
Also, $E[X] = 2$, $\text{var}[X] = 1$, $E[Y] = 3$, $Z = X^2 * Y$
Now, Variance of a random variable is given by,
$$\text{var}[X] = E[(X - E(X))^2]$$

Solving the RHS and Substituting the values in the formula,
$$1 = E[X^2] - (E[X])^2$$
$$1 = E[X^2] - 2^2$$
$$E[X^2] = 5$$

Since, $Z = X^2 * Y$,
$$E[Z] = E[X^2] * E[Y]$$
$$E[Z] = 5 * 3 = 15$$
5. Given numbers : 1, 6, -1, 4, 10
Mean, $X' = [1 + 6 + (-1) + 4 + 10] / 5 \Rightarrow 4$
Sorting the numbers in ascending order,
Median of -1, 1, 4, 6, 10 $\Rightarrow 4$
Now, according to the formula,
Variance $= \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - X')^2 / n$
$$= \frac{(1-4)^2 + (6-4)^2 + (-1-4)^2 + (4-4)^2 + (10-4)^2}{5}$$
$$= \frac{9 + 4 + 25 + 0 + 36}{5} \Rightarrow 14.8$$

6. Let $P(W)$ be the probability of winning = 20% = $1/5$

Let $P(L)$ be the probability of losing = 80% = $4/5$

Amount each time the gambler wins = \$ 10

Amount each time the gambler loses = \$ 5

Hence, his expected gain can be calculated using the formula,

$$\begin{aligned} E[\text{Gain}] &= [P(W) * 10] + [P(L) * (-5)] \\ &= (1/5 * 10) + (4/5 * -5) \\ &= 2 - 4 = -2 \end{aligned}$$

If the gambler plays 'n' games, the total expected gain will be = **-2n**

7. Total no. of cards in a deck = 52

Total no. of spades = 13

Let event X = (1 spade drawn) & $P(Y)$ be the probability of second card drawn be spade

No. of cards left = 51

No. of spades left = 12

Hence, **$P(Y) = 12 / 51$**

8. Urn 1 contains balls – 2 White and 7 Black

Urn 2 contains balls – 5 White and 6 Black

Let $P(H)$ be the probability of Heads as outcome of toss

Let $P(W1)$ & $P(W2)$ be the probabilities of White ball drawn from Urns 1 & 2 resp.

Now, $P(H) = 1/2$

$$P(W1 | H) = 2/(2+7) = 2/9$$

$$P(W2 | H) = 5/(5+6) = 5/11$$

$$P(W) = P(H) * P(W1 | H) + P(H) * P(W2 | H)$$

$$= (1/2 * 2/9) + (1/2 * 5/11) = 67 / 198$$

Now, using Bayes Rule, probability of Heads given that a White ball was selected,

$$P(H | W) = [P(W | H) * (P(H))] / P(W)$$

$$= (2/9 * 1/2) / (67/198) = \mathbf{22 / 67}$$

9. Probability of getting a Head in each toss, $p = 1/2$

Probability of Heads more than 6 off 10 can be calculated using Binomial Distribution

$$P(X) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1 - p)^{n-k}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(X > 6) &= \binom{10}{7} (1/2)^7 (1/2)^3 + \binom{10}{8} (1/2)^8 (1/2)^2 + \binom{10}{9} (1/2)^9 (1/2)^1 \\ &\quad + \binom{10}{10} (1/2)^{10} (1/2)^0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Solving, } P(X > 6) = \mathbf{0.17 = 17\%}$$

10. Probability of winning a bet = p

Probability of winning for the first time after n bets can be calculated by **Geometric Distribution**.

$$P(X) = (1 - p)^{n-1} * p$$