Assignment 04

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1. Q1. Prove the chain rule using set algebra.

Answer:

Formula for conditional probability

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$$

We can rearrange it to:

$$P(A \cap B) = P(B)P(B|A)$$

We can extend this for three variables:

$$P(A \cap B \cap C) = P(A|B \cap C) P(B \cap C) = P(A|B \cap C) P(B|C) P(C)$$

and in general to n variables:

$$P(A1 \cap A2 \cap ... \cap An) = P(A1 \mid A2 \cap ... \cap An) P(A2 \mid A3 \cap ... \cap An) P(An - 1 \mid An) P(An)$$

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2. Q1. Prove generalized Bayes theorem using set algebra.

Answer:

Formula for conditional probability

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} - (1)$$

We can rearrange it to:

$$P(A \cap B) = P(B)P(B|A)$$
 —(2)

Using total probability theorem:

$$P(B) = \sum_{k=1}^{n} P(A_k) P(B|A_k)$$
 —(3)

Putting the values from equations (2) and (3) in equation 1, we get:

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(B)P(B|A)}{\sum\limits_{k=1}^{n} P(A_k)P(B|A_k)}$$

3. Q2. Prove that $\lim_{i\to +\infty} P(A_i\cap B_i|\mathcal{C}_k)\to 0$ if $i,k\in \mathbb{Z}^+$ and k is a positive fixed integer and A_i,B_i are conditionally independent.

Answer:

Given,

- 1. A_i and B_i are conditionally independent events.
- 2. k is a positive fixed integer.
- 3. i and k are both positive integers.

We want to prove that:

$$\lim_{i \to +\infty} P(A_i \cap B_i | C_k) \to 0$$

We can use the definition of conditional probability to express

$$P(A_i \cap B_i | C_k) = \frac{P(A_i \cap B_i \cap C_k)}{P(C_k)}$$

Since A_i and B_i are conditionally independent events, we have:

$$P(A_i \cap B_i | c_k) = \frac{P(A_i | C_k) P(B_i | C_k) P(C_k)}{P(C_k)}$$

$$P(A_i \cap B_i | C_k) = P(A_i | C_k) P(B_i | C_k)$$

Since A_i and B_i are conditionally independent of C_k

$$P(A_i|C_k) = P(A_i)$$

$$P(B_i|C_k) = P(A_i)$$

Now,

$$P(A_i \cap B_i | C_k) = P(A_i)P(B_i)$$

if $P(A_i)$ and $P(B_i)$ approaches zero as i approaches infinity, then $P(A_i \cap B_i | C_k)$ will approach zero.

4. Q3. Compute the total probability of $\lim_{i \to k} P(A_i \cap B_i | C_k) \to 0$ if $i, k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ and $\forall i > 0, P(A_i | C_k) = 2^{-m} P(A_{i+1} | C_k)$. Assume $k < + \infty$.

Answer:

Given,

$$\begin{split} &P(A_i|C_k) = 2^{-m}P(A_{i+1}|C_k) \\ &= P(A_i|C_k) = 2^{-(i-1)m}P(A_1|C_k) \quad \text{[recursively express]} \end{split}$$

Now,

$$P(A_i \cap B_i | C_k) = P(A_i | C_k) * P(B_i | A_i \cap C_k)$$

Given that $P(A_i|C_k)$ tends to 0 as i increases towards k, and $P(B_i|A_i\cap C_k)$ is bounded by 1, $P(A_i\cap B_i|C_k)$ tends to 0 as well.