

2 - probability

sample space = the set of all possible outcomes of a random experiment

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↳ tossing a coin's sample space = $\{H, T\}$

event = any collection of possible outcomes of an experiment (any subset of the sample space)

↳ sample space of tossing two coins = $\{HH, HT, TH, TT\}$ → if sample space is n

↳ an event = $\{HT, TH\} \subset \{HH, HT, TH, TT\}$ → 2^n possible events

\emptyset = empty event

$P\{E\}$ = probability of event E


cardinality = set's size


the set of all events' cardinality = the power set of sample space (2^n)

two dice experiment → event example = $\{1, 1\}$ ~~✗~~ $\{(1, 1)\}$ ✓

event algebra

• complementation: A^c or \bar{A} $\{x: x \in \Omega \text{ and } x \notin A\}$

• disjoint = $A \cap B = \emptyset$ (mutually exclusive events) 

• exhaustive = if the union of the events equals the sample space ($A \cup B = \Omega$) 

probability

$P(A)$ = the relative frequency of occurrence of an event in a large number of experiments

$P(\emptyset) = 0$ $P(\Omega) = 1$ $1 \geq P(A) \geq 0$

$$A \cup B = 1 - A' \times B'$$

$$= A + B - A \times B$$

* mutually exclusive = empty intersections

example

probability of first event: 0.7
second event: 0.5

→ probability of occurrence of any event: $1 - [0.3 \times 0.5]$
or

$$0.7 + 0.5 - (0.7) \times (0.5) = 0.85$$

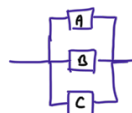
systems' reliability:

A: 0.01
B: 0.02
C: 0.02

} the probability of crash

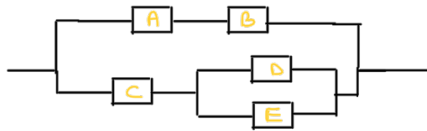


$$\rightarrow (0.99) \times (0.98) \times (0.98) = 0.95$$



$$\rightarrow 1 - [(0.01) \times (0.02) \times (0.02)] = 0.99$$

Example



calculate the reliability of the system, if each component is operable with probability 0.92 independently.

$$A \cap B = 0.92 \times 0.92 = 0.8464$$

$$\rightarrow (A \cap B) \cup [C \cap (D \cup E)]$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} A \cap B = x \\ C \cap (D \cup E) = y \\ D \cup E = z \end{array} \right\}$$

$$x \cup y = 1 - x' \cdot y'$$

$$x' = 1 - A \cdot B = 1 - (0.92)^2 = 1 - 0.8464$$

$$y' = 1 - C \cdot z$$

$$z = 1 - D' \cdot E' = 1 - (0.08)^2 = 0.9936$$

$$y' = 1 - (0.92) \cdot (0.9936) = 1 - 0.914112$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow 1 - (1 - 0.8464) \cdot (1 - 0.914112) &= 1 - (0.1536) \cdot (0.085888) \\ &= 1 - 0.0131924 = 0.9868076 \end{aligned}$$

conditional probability

if A occurs when B is known to occur $\rightarrow P(A|B)$

the occurrence of A

without condition: $P(A) = \frac{A}{\Omega}$

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

Example: tossing a dice $P\{A|B\}=?$

A = numbers are even 2, 4, 6 $\rightarrow \frac{3}{6}$

B = numbers < 5 1, 2, 3, 4 $\rightarrow \frac{4}{6}$

$$A \cap B = 2, 4 \rightarrow \frac{2}{6}$$

$$\rightarrow \text{with formula} \rightarrow P\{A|B\} = \frac{\frac{2}{6}}{\frac{4}{6}} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\rightarrow \text{without formula} \rightarrow B \text{ is known to occur } 1, 2, 3, 4 \text{ evens are } 2, 4$$

$$P\{A|B\} = \frac{2}{4} = \frac{1}{2}$$

intersection = $P\{A \cap B\} = P\{B\} \cdot P\{A|B\}$ \rightarrow independent: $P\{A|B\} = P\{A\}$
general case case

$$\rightarrow P\{A \cap B\} = P\{A\} \cdot P\{B\}$$

! mutually independent does not mean that they are disjoint.

\rightarrow if they are disjoint then $P\{B|A\} = 0$

example:

80% of the flights arrive on time $\rightarrow A$

50% of the flights depart on time $\rightarrow D$

75% of the flights arrive and depart on time $\rightarrow AND$

① if a flight depart on time, probability of arrive on time

$$P\{A|D\} = \frac{P(AND)}{P(D)} = \frac{0.75}{0.5} = 0.83$$

② if a flight arrive on time, probability of depart on time

$$P\{D|A\} = \frac{P(D \cap A)}{P(A)} = \frac{0.75}{0.8} = 0.93$$

③ are the events independent? NO

$$P\{A|D\} \neq P\{A\}, P\{D|A\} \neq P\{D\}, P(AND) \neq P(A) \cdot P(D)$$

example: tossing a dice

A: numbers are even $\rightarrow 2, 4, 6$

$$P(A \cap B) = \frac{2}{6} \quad P(A) = \frac{3}{6} \quad P(B) = \frac{1}{6}$$

B: numbers $> 2 \rightarrow 3, 4, 5, 6$

$$P(A|B) = \frac{2/6}{4/6} = \frac{1}{2} \quad P(B|A) = \frac{2/6}{3/6} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$P\{A|B\} = P\{A\}$
 $P\{B|A\} = P\{B\}$ } they are independent.
but they are not disjoint.

bayes' rule

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

when $P(A \cap B)$ is unknown:

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

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

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

example: X, Y, Z students forgot to sign their papers, their probabilities of getting good grades: $X \rightarrow 0.8$. There are two good, one bad paper the probability that the
 $Y \rightarrow 0.7$ bad exam belongs to Z?
 $Z \rightarrow 0.5$

base condition \rightarrow

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 $P(B) \rightarrow$

good	good	bad
$(0.8) \cdot (0.7) \cdot (0.5)$	$(0.2) \cdot (0.7) \cdot (0.5)$	$(0.8) \cdot (0.3) \cdot (0.5)$
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 } 0.47

$P(A)$: Z gets bad paper
 $= 0.5$

$$P(A) = 0.5$$

$$P(A|B) = ?$$

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

$P(B|A) \rightarrow$ in base condition,
if Z gets the bad grade

$$P(B) = 0.47$$

$$P(B|A) = (0.8) \cdot (0.7) = 0.56 \quad \text{the probability of X and Y}$$

gets the good ones.

$$P(A|B) = \frac{(0.56) \cdot (0.5)}{0.47} = 0.5957$$

without formula:

0.2	0.7	0.5	} bad grades	2 good 1 bad	$\frac{(0.8)(0.7)(0.5)}{(0.8)(0.7)(0.5) + (0.8)(0.3)(0.5) + (0.2)(0.7)(0.5)} = 0.5957$
0.8	0.7	0.5			
x	y	z			

notes

- $\{\perp\}$ is an event that outcome is \perp .
- $\{\perp, b\} \rightarrow$ an event example of throwing one (\perp) die \rightarrow subset of Ω
- A and \bar{A} are not independent ($A \cdot \bar{A} \neq A \cap \bar{A}$) because they are mutually exclusive.



$$P(x|y) = \frac{P(x \cap y)}{P(y)} \neq P(x)$$

- if A is independent from B ($P(A|B) = P(A)$), then B is also independent from A ($P(B|A) = P(B)$) too.

• $P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$ if they are independent $P(A \cap B) = P(A) \cdot P(B)$

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

law of total probability

if we do not know $P(A)$ directly, and $B, C, D \dots$ are exhaustive (without A) and mutually exclusive.

$$P(A) = P(A \cap B) + P(A \cap C) + P(A \cap D) \dots$$

$$= P(A|B) \cdot P(B) + P(A|C) \cdot P(C) + P(A|D) \cdot P(D) \dots$$



in two events



$$P(A) = P(A \cap B) + P(A \cap \bar{B})$$

$$= \underline{P(A|B) \cdot P(B)} + \underline{P(A|\bar{B}) \cdot P(\bar{B})}$$

in bayes rule

$$P(B|A) = \frac{P(A|B) \cdot P(B)}{P(A)} = \frac{P(A|B) \cdot P(B)}{P(A|B) \cdot P(B) + P(A|\bar{B}) \cdot P(\bar{B})}$$

↑
if we do not know it

example: the test is positive when the disease exists = 95%
 has positive false rate = 1%
 and 0.5% of the population has the disease
 probability of having disease when the test is positive?

given

$$\begin{aligned} P(P|D) &= 0.95 \\ P(P|\bar{D}) &= 0.01 \\ P(D) &= 0.005 \\ P(D|P) &= ? \end{aligned}$$

bayes rule

$$\begin{aligned} P(D|P) &= \frac{P(P|D) \cdot P(D)}{P(P)} \quad \text{with the law of total probability} \\ &= \frac{0.95 \cdot 0.005}{P(P|D) \cdot P(D) + P(P|\bar{D}) \cdot P(\bar{D})} = 0.323 \\ &= \frac{0.95 \cdot 0.005}{0.95 \cdot 0.005 + 0.01 \cdot (1 - 0.005)} \end{aligned}$$

we can also refer that:

$$\begin{aligned} P(P|D) &= 0.95 \rightarrow P(\bar{P}|D) = 0.05 \\ P(P|\bar{D}) &= 0.01 \rightarrow P(\bar{P}|\bar{D}) = 0.99 \end{aligned}$$

without formula

0.995	0.01	0.99	→ do not have disease
0.005	0.95	0.05	→ have disease
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$$\frac{(0.005)(0.95)}{(0.005)(0.95) + (0.995)(0.01)} = 0.323$$