

L3. Conditional Probability and its Applications

- Independent Events
- Bayes's Thm

1. Independent Events

Hint: Under the same outcome space S of an experiment, the occurrence of event A ($A \subseteq S$) may not change the probability of the occurrence of B ($B \subseteq S$).

Ex 1 Flip a coin twice

$A = \{ \text{heads on the first flip} \}$

$B = \{ \text{tails on the second flip} \}$

Mathematically:

Defination

Independent Events: Events A and B are independent

if and only if

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

If independent, $P(A|B) = P(A)$
 $P(B|A) = P(B)$ $\rightarrow P(A \cap B) = P(A) \cdot P(B)$

Revisit Ex 1

check the math.

$$S = \{HH, HT, TH, TT\}$$

$$A = \{HH, HT\}$$

$$B = \{HT, TT\}$$

$$A \cap B = \{HT\}$$

$$P(A \cap B) = \frac{1}{4} = P(A) \cdot P(B)$$

Think: ① use the example: are "independent"

and "mutually exclusive" events the same?

are they related in some way?

② (Later) How "independent events",

"independent random variables" and

"independent samples" related?

Extend: multiple independence; A' and B'

II. Bayes's Theorem

Ex 2 Medical Test for patients.

A company created a test for a type of cancer.

From experiments / clinical trials, they have known

the **accuracy of the test** :

		Cancer (Known)	
		Yes	No
Test	Positive	✓ (TP)	✗ (FP)
	Negative	✗ (FN)	✓ (TN)

precision: For patients with cancer, what proportion (sensitivity) was identified by the test?

True Positive Rate

$$P(\text{Positive} \mid \text{Cancer}) = 0.85$$

consequently, the false negative

$$P(\text{Negative} \mid \text{Cancer}) = 0.15$$

specificity: $P(\text{Negative} \mid \text{No Cancer}) = 0.9$

True Negative Rate

consequently, the false positive

$$P(\text{Positive} \mid \text{No Cancer}) = 0.1$$

We have one more information, in US population

$$P(\text{Cancer}) = 0.0001$$

Question: the company put the test on the market,
a patient took it and tested
positive. What is the prob. that
the patient has cancer?

Bayes's Thm \rightarrow Bayesian Inference

To use the prior information ($P(\text{cancer})$)
and posterior information ($P(\text{Test} | \text{cancer})$)
evidence

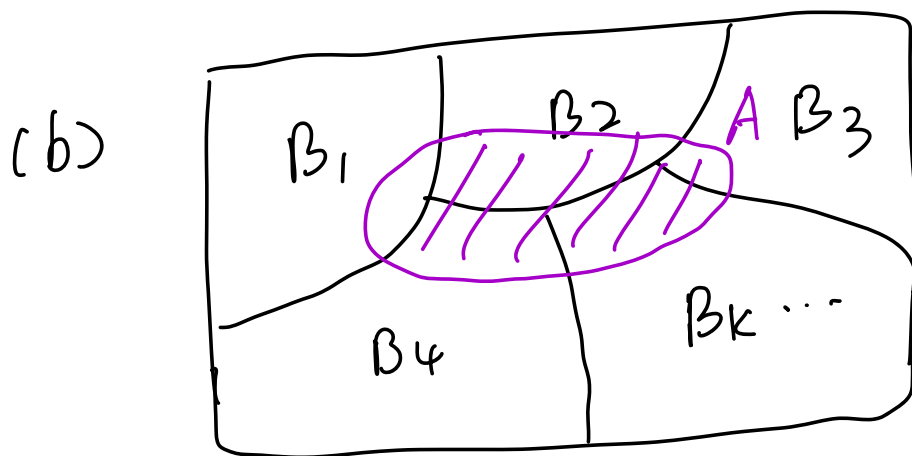
to predict new observation's outcome.

$(P(\text{cancer} | \text{Test})_{\text{New patient}})$

Bayes's Thm

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

proof?

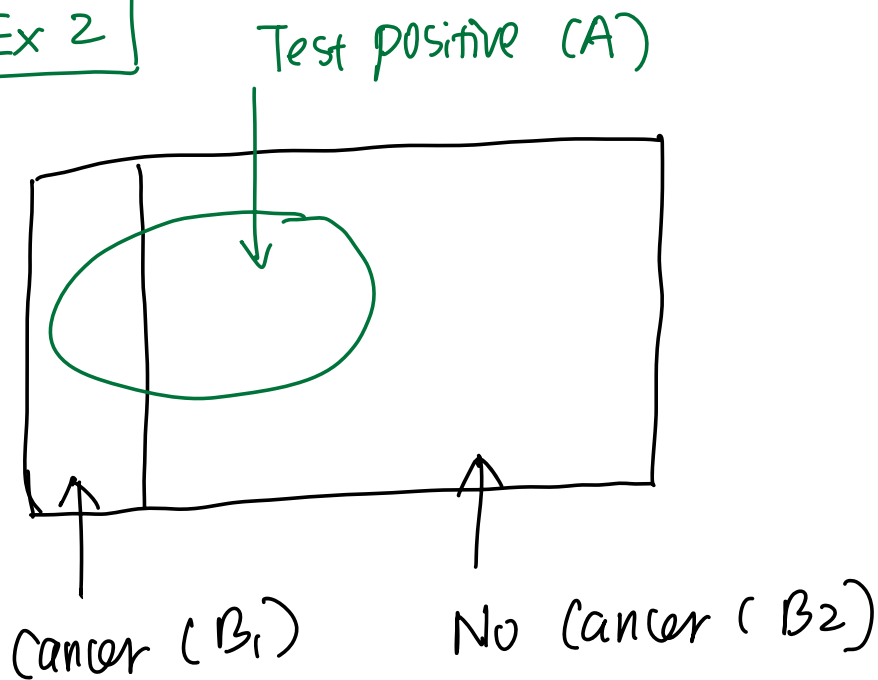


$$P(B_k|A) = \frac{P(B_k) \cdot P(A|B_k)}{P(A)}$$

$$= \frac{P(B_k) \cdot P(A|B_k)}{\sum_{i=1}^m P(A \cap B_i)}$$

$$= \frac{p(B_k) \cdot p(A|B_k)}{\sum_{i=1}^K p(B_i) p(A|B_i)}$$

Revisé Ex 2



$P(\text{Cancer} \mid \text{Test Positive})$

$= \underline{P}(B_1 \mid A) \leftarrow \text{Posterior Prob.}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{\overset{\text{Prior Prob.}}{\downarrow} P(B_1) \cdot \overset{\text{Test Accuracy}}{\downarrow} P(A|B_1)}{P(B_1) \cdot P(A|B_1) + \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ P(\text{No cancer})}}{P(B_2)} \cdot \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{Test Accuracy}}}{P(A|B_2)}} \\
 &= 1 - \underline{P(\text{cancer})}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{(0.0001)(0.85)}{(0.0001)(0.85) + (1 - 0.0001)(0.1)}$$

$$= 0.00085$$

Problem?

- False positive rate is too high
- prob. of disease is too small