

Statistical Inference Chapter 1

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1. (a) $\Omega = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) : x_i \in \{H, T\}\}$.
(b) If there are N leaves on the plant, $\Omega = [N]$.
(c) $\Omega = \{t : t \in \mathbb{R}, t \geq 0\}$.
(d) $\Omega = \{w : w \in \mathbb{R}_+\}$.
(e) If there are n components, $\Omega = \{i/n : i \in \{0, 1, \dots, n\}\}$.
2. (a)

$$\begin{aligned}x \in A \setminus B &\iff x \in A \text{ and } x \notin B \\&\iff x \in A \text{ and } x \notin A \cap B \\&\iff x \in A \setminus (A \cap B).\end{aligned}$$

Also,

$$\begin{aligned}x \in A \setminus B &\iff x \in A \text{ and } x \notin B \\&\iff x \in A \text{ and } x \in B^c \\&\iff x \in A \cap B^c.\end{aligned}$$

Therefore $A \setminus B = A \setminus (A \cap B) = A \cap B^c$.

- (b) By the distributive law,

$$\begin{aligned}(B \cap A) \cup (B \cap A^c) &= B \cap (A \cup A^c) \\&= B.\end{aligned}$$

- (c)

$$\begin{aligned}x \in B \setminus A &\iff x \in B \text{ and } x \notin A \\&\iff x \in B \text{ and } x \in A^c \\&\iff x \in B \cap A^c.\end{aligned}$$

- (d) From part b), we have

$$\begin{aligned}A \cup B &= A \cup ((B \cap A) \cup (B \cap A^c)) \\&= A \cup (B \cap A) \cup A \cup (B \cap A^c) \\&= A \cup A \cup (B \cap A^c) \\&= A \cup (B \cap A^c).\end{aligned}$$

3. (a)

$$\begin{aligned}
 x \in A \cup B &\iff x \in A \text{ or } x \in B \\
 &\iff x \in B \cup A. \\
 x \in A \cap B &\iff x \in A \text{ and } x \in B \\
 &\iff x \in B \cap A.
 \end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned}
 x \in A \cup (B \cup C) &= x \in A \text{ or } x \in B \cup C \\
 &= x \in A \cup B \text{ or } x \in C \\
 &= x \in (A \cup B) \cup C.
 \end{aligned}$$

(c)

$$\begin{aligned}
 x \in (A \cup B)^c &\iff x \notin A \cup B \\
 &\iff x \in A^c \text{ and } x \in B^c \\
 &\iff x \in A^c \cap B^c. \\
 x \in (A \cap B)^c &\iff x \notin A \cap B \\
 &\iff x \in A^c \text{ or } x \in B^c \\
 &\iff x \in A^c \cup B^c.
 \end{aligned}$$

4. (a) This is $P(A \cup B)$, so we get $P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$.

(b) This is $P(A \Delta B)$, so we get $P(A) + P(B) - 2P(A \cap B)$.

(c) This is again $P(A \cup B)$, so we get $P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$.

(d) This is $P((A \cap B)^c)$, so we get $1 - P(A \cap B)$.

5. (a) $A \cap B \cap C = \{\text{a U.S. birth resulting in identical twin females}\}$.

(b) $P(A \cap B \cap C) = \frac{1}{90} \cdot \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{540}$.

6. $p_0 = (1 - u)(1 - w)$, $p_1 = u(1 - w) + w(1 - u)$, $p_2 = uw$. For them to be equal,

$$\begin{aligned}
 p_0 = p_2 &\implies 1 - u - w + uw = uw \\
 &\implies u + w = 1, \\
 p_1 = p_2 &\implies u + w - 2uw = uw \\
 &\implies uw = \frac{1}{3}.
 \end{aligned}$$

The above two equations imply $u(1 - u) = \frac{1}{3}$, which has no real solutions in \mathbb{R} . Therefore we can't choose such u, w satisfying $p_0 = p_1 = p_2$.

7. (a) This is just having an extra case of hitting outside of the dart board. So

$$P(\text{scoring } i \text{ points}) = \begin{cases} 1 - \frac{\pi r^2}{A} & i = 0 \\ \frac{\pi r^2}{A} \cdot \frac{1}{5^2} ((6 - i)^2 - (5 - i)^2) & i = 1, \dots, 5 \end{cases}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned}
P(\text{scoring } i \text{ points} | \text{board is hit}) &= \frac{P(\text{scoring } i \text{ points, board is hit})}{P(\text{board is hit})} \\
&= \frac{\pi r^2}{A} \cdot \frac{1}{5^2} ((6-i)^2 - (5-i)^2) / \frac{\pi r^2}{A} \\
&= \frac{1}{5^2} ((6-i)^2 - (5-i)^2), \quad i = 1, \dots, 5
\end{aligned}$$

For $i = 0$, we will definitely score given that we hit the board so $P(\text{scoring } 0 \text{ points} | \text{board is hit}) = 0$, which is consistent with the probability distribution in Example 1.2.7 as well.

8. (a) From the example given,

$$P(\text{scoring } i \text{ points}) = \frac{(6-i)^2 - (5-i)^2}{5^2}, \quad i = 1, \dots, 5.$$

(b) Expanding the above,

$$\frac{(6-i)^2 - (5-i)^2}{5^2} = \frac{11-2i}{r^2},$$

which is a decreasing function of i .

(c)

$$\frac{11-2i}{5^2} > 0 \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, 5$$

hence the first axiom is satisfied.

$$P(S) = P(\text{hitting the board}) = 1,$$

hence the second axiom is satisfied. For $i \neq j$,

$$P(i \cup j) = \text{Area of ring } i + \text{Area of ring } j = P(i) + P(j),$$

hence the third axiom is satisfied so $P(\text{scoring } i \text{ points})$ is a probability function.

(a) Suppose $x \in (\cup_{\alpha} A_{\alpha})^c$. Then $x \notin A_{\alpha}$ for all $\alpha \in \Gamma$ so $x \in A_{\alpha}^c$ for all $\alpha \in \Gamma$. Therefore $x \in \cap_{\alpha} A_{\alpha}^c$.

Now suppose $x \in \cap_{\alpha} A_{\alpha}^c$. Then for all $\alpha \in \Gamma$, $x \in A_{\alpha}^c$ hence $x \notin A_{\alpha}$, then $x \notin \cup_{\alpha} A_{\alpha}$ so $x \in (\cup_{\alpha} A_{\alpha})^c$.

(b) Suppose $x \in (\cap_{\alpha} A_{\alpha})^c$. Then $x \notin \cap_{\alpha} A_{\alpha}$ so $x \notin A_{\alpha}$ for some $\alpha \in \Gamma$. Then $x \in A_{\alpha}^c$ for some $\alpha \in \Gamma$. Therefore $x \in \cup_{\alpha} A_{\alpha}^c$.

Now suppose $x \in \cup_{\alpha} A_{\alpha}^c$. Then $x \in A_{\alpha}^c$ for some $\alpha \in \Gamma$ so $x \notin A_{\alpha}$ for some $\alpha \in \Gamma$. Then $x \notin \cap_{\alpha} A_{\alpha}$ thus $x \in (\cap_{\alpha} A_{\alpha})^c$.