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YZV 231E

Probability Theory & Stats

Week 3

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Recap: Conditional Probability of A given B: prob that A happens when we know that event B has already happened.

Ex: Throw a die (fair) : $\Omega = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

$A = \{\text{getting a } 3\}$ $\xrightarrow{\text{P: discrete uniform prob law}}$

$B = \{\text{getting an odd \#}\}$

$$\overbrace{P(A|B)} = ?$$

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

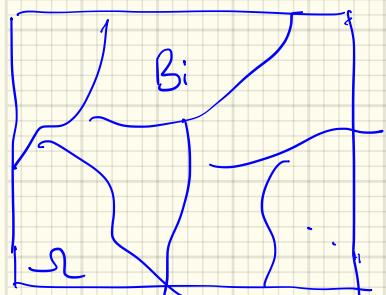
$$P(B|A) = ? \quad \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(A)} = 1$$

$$P(A) = \frac{1}{6}, P(B) = \frac{1}{2}$$

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

Total Probability Law:

Let B_i be a partition of Ω = $\bigcup_{i=1}^N B_i$ \leftarrow sample space
 $B_i \cap B_j = \emptyset$ $\forall i, j$.



$$P(A) = \sum_{i=1}^N P(A \cap B_i) = \sum_{i=1}^N P(A|B_i)P(B_i)$$

Ex: Prob of error in a digital communication system.

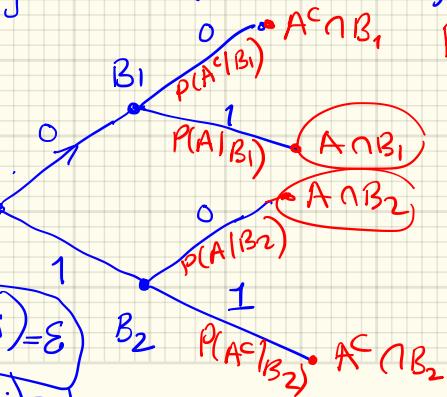
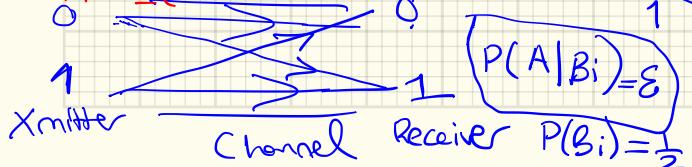
$$B_1 = \{0 \text{ transmitted}\}$$

$$B_2 = \{1 \text{ transmitted}\}$$

$$A = \{\text{Error at the receiver}\}$$

$$A^c = \{\text{No error}\}$$

Xmitter



$$P(A) = P(A \cap B_1) + P(A \cap B_2)$$

$$P(A) = P(A|B_1) \cdot P(B_1)$$

$$+ P(A|B_2) \cdot P(B_2)$$

$$P(A) = \epsilon \cdot \frac{1}{2} + (1-\epsilon) \cdot \frac{1}{2}$$

$$P(A) = \epsilon$$

Recall: $P\left(\bigcap_i A_i\right) = ?$; $P(A \cap B) = P(A|B) P(B)$

$$P(A \cap B \cap C) = P(C|A \cap B) \underbrace{P(A \cap B)}_{= P(C \cap A \cap B) P(A|B) P(B)}$$

Multiplication Rule (prob. Chain rule)

$$P\left(\bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i\right) = P(A_1) P(A_2|A_1) P(A_3|(A_2 \cap A_1)) \dots P(A_n | \bigcap_{i=1}^{n-1} A_i)$$

Compare to Total prob. law:

$$\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i = \bigcap_{i \neq j} A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset \quad P(B) = \sum_{i=1}^n \underbrace{P(B|A_i) P(A_i)}_{P(B \cap A_i)}$$

Independence: $A \times B$ are independent events when occurrence of A (or B) does not influence occurrence of the other.

$$\text{A} \times \text{B} \text{ independent} \Rightarrow P(A|B) = P(A) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$$

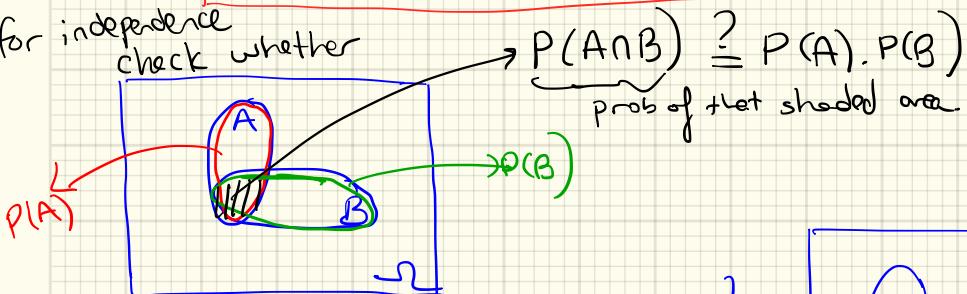
$\leftarrow P(B) \neq 0$

Def: $A \times B$ are independent iff (if and only if)

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

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

for independence check whether



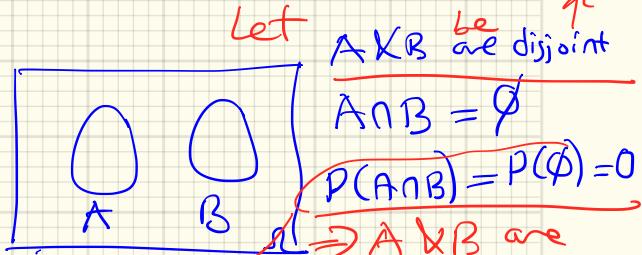
Q. Are disjoint events independent?

No!

Don't confuse disjointness w/
 independence

$$P(A \cap B) \neq P(A) \cdot P(B)$$

0 ≠ 50 > 0



$\Rightarrow A \times B$ are NOT independent

If both are non-zero prob. events

Conditional Independence : (same rules apply)

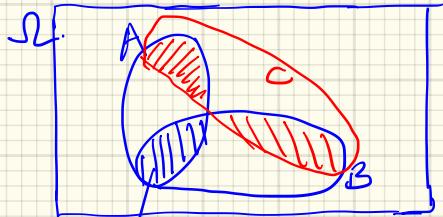
A & B are (conditionally) independent & C occurred

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

∴ independence applies in a conditional universe.

— Assume A & B are independent :

Now, we are given that C occurred.



In the new sample space w/ conditioning by C

Are $A | C$ $B | C$ independent?

$A | C$ & $B | C$ are disjoint

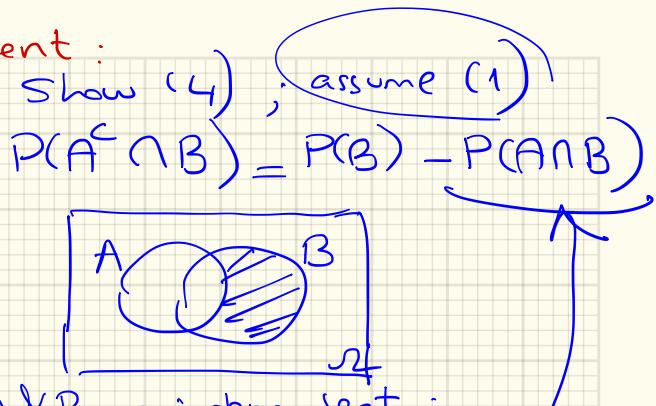
$$\checkmark P(A \cap B) = P(A) \cdot P(B). \quad ; \rightarrow \text{they are not independent}$$

\Rightarrow Conditioning may affect independence!

* Having independence in the original space does not imply independence in the conditional sample space.

* These statements are equivalent:

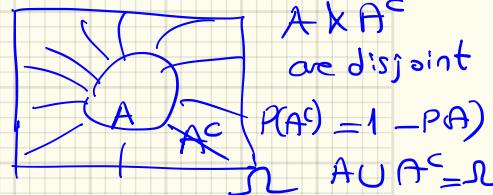
- (1) $A \times B$ are independent
- (2) $A^c \times B^c$ are independent
- (3) $A \times B^c$ " "
- (4) $A^c \times B$ " "



$$\rightarrow P(A^c \cap B) = P(B) \underbrace{(1 - P(A))}_{P(A^c)}$$

$$\rightarrow P(A^c \cap B) = P(B) \cdot P(A^c)$$

$\Rightarrow A^c \times B$ are independent ✓



Exercise: Show the equivalence of these 4 statements,
e.g. start w/ 2

Ex: Tossing a fair coin two times w/ $p=0.5$

Events: A_1 : H on the 1st toss

A_2 : H on the 2nd toss

A_3 : some outcome on both tosses

Sample Space $\Omega = \{HH, HT, TH, TT\}$, $|U| = 4$
 each outcome is equally likely

$$P(A_1) = \frac{1}{2} = P(A_2) = P(A_3)$$

Q: Are A_i pairwise independent? Yes, all 3 are pairwise indep.

$$P(A_1 \cap A_2) ? P(A_1) \cdot P(A_2) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$\{HT, TH\}$

$$P(A_1 \cap A_3) = P(A_1) \cdot P(A_3) = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$P(A_2 \cap A_3) = P(A_2) \cdot P(A_3) = \frac{1}{4}$$

Q: What about mutually independent?

$$P(A_1 \cap A_2 \cap A_3) ? P(A_1) P(A_2) P(A_3)$$

$$\frac{1}{4} \neq \frac{1}{8}$$

∴ Not mutually independent

\Rightarrow Pairwise independence does not imply mutual independence of multiple events

Multiple Events $P\left(\bigcap_i A_i\right) = P(A_1) \cdot P(A_2) \cdots P(A_n)$
are independent

Def.: A collection of events A_i are called mutually independent iff every sub-collection consists of independent events.

Multiple Random Experiments:

- A coin toss \rightarrow one random experiment : Sample Space $\Omega_1 = \{H, T\}$
 \downarrow
success failure
 - Two coin tosses \rightarrow two independent experiments $\Omega_2 = \{H, T\}$
- $$\Omega = \Omega_1 \times \Omega_2 = \{HH, HT, TH, TT\}$$
- $\begin{matrix} \uparrow & \uparrow \\ 1^{\text{st}} \text{ toss} & 2^{\text{nd}} \text{ toss} \\ A_1 & A_2 \end{matrix}$

$$\text{An event in } \Omega : A = (A_1, A_2) \rightarrow P(A) = P(A_1) P(A_2)$$

$$= \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}}_{\Omega_1} \cdot \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}}_{\Omega_2}$$

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

One coin toss \equiv A binary outcome experiment

\hookrightarrow A Bernoulli experiment.

Bernoulli Sequence \equiv Experiments composed of sub-experiments which are INDEPENDENT

Binary outcome : "Success" \leftrightarrow Failure

$$P(A) = p ; P(A^c) = 1 - p = 1 - P(A)$$
$$p \in [0, 1]$$

\rightarrow Multiple coin tosses \equiv Bernoulli sequence

M times ; M independent coin tosses.

say 7 coin tosses \rightarrow Bernoulli seq. w/ prob. of success = p
 $p(H) = p$

$$P(HTHHTTT) = p^3 \cdot (1-p)^4 \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{all 7 toss sep.} \\ \text{w/ 3 heads} \\ \text{have equal probability} \end{array} \right\}$$
$$\begin{array}{c} \uparrow p \quad \uparrow (1-p) \quad \uparrow p \quad \uparrow p \quad \uparrow (1-p)^3 \\ P(HTHHTTT) = p^3 \cdot (1-p)^4 \end{array}$$
$$P(TTTHTHT) = p^3 \cdot (1-p)^4$$

$$\rightarrow \underbrace{P(\text{Bernoulli sequence})}_{P(k \text{ heads in } n \text{ tosses})} = p^{\# \text{Heads}} \cdot (1-p)^{\# \text{Tails}}$$

$$= \sum_{\substack{k-\text{head sequences}}} p(\text{sequence}) = \frac{\# k \text{ head sequences}}{\binom{n}{k}} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$$

T	H	H	T	H	T	T	T
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$P(3 \text{ heads in } 7 \text{ tosses})$

$P(k \text{ heads in } n \text{ tosses})$

Binomial Law

for
 $k=0, 1, \dots, n$

$$\textcircled{O} \quad \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k} = 1.$$

Recall : Counting w/ replacement
w/o replacement

Ex: Lottery (NY state 44 balls) \rightarrow pick 6 numbers for your ticket.
Turkish lottery 49 balls .

Winning # is randomly selecting 6 #'s from 44 in a
w/replacement:  $\# \text{ways} = 44^6 = N^{r=6} \rightarrow \frac{1}{44^6} \approx 7 \text{ billion}$
w/o replacement  $N_r = (44)_6 = \frac{N!}{(N-r)!} = \frac{44!}{38!} \approx 5 \text{ billion.}$

unordered w/o replacement : account for $r!$ ways of ordering
r elements out of N elements;

$$\frac{N!}{(N-r)!} \cdot \frac{1}{r!} = \binom{N}{r}$$
 : N choose r.

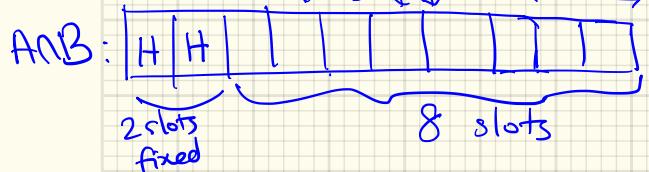
Ex: Coin tossing experiment: 10 tosses of independent coin tosses

→ Bernoulli experiment

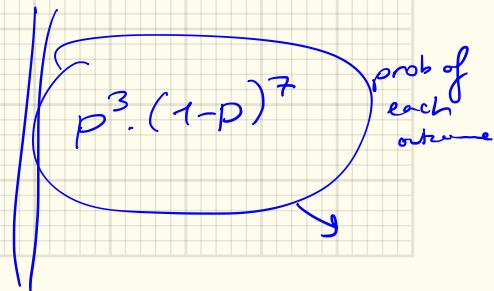
Event B = 3 out of 10 tosses were "Heads"
Event A = The 1st two tosses were "Heads"

} Given
B occurred

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} = \frac{\binom{8}{1}}{\binom{10}{3}}$$



$$|B| = \binom{10}{3}$$



Binomial Prob Law: $p(\text{success}) = p$

$P(k \text{ successes in } M \text{ Bernoulli trials})$

$= P(k \text{ successes in } M \text{ (binary outcome) attempts in any order})$

$$= \binom{M}{k} p^k (1-p)^{M-k}$$

Geometric Prob Law: Another Bernoulli sep. experiment,
F: Fail (Tails), S: Success (Heads)

Events: F. F. F ... F - S

$\nearrow \underbrace{\quad \quad \quad}_{k-1} \text{ Fails} \quad \uparrow$

k^{th} is a success

$$\begin{aligned} p(S) &= p \\ p(F) &= (1-p) \end{aligned}$$

$P(\text{success at the } k^{\text{th}} \text{ attempt in a Bernoulli experiment}) = ?$

$$= (1-p)^{k-1} \cdot p$$

Ex: (Ex 4.8 (Skay)) ^{Book}. Fax machine dials a phone # that is busy,

80% of the time. $\rightarrow p = 0.2, (1-p) = 0.8$

$$P(\text{success at the } \underbrace{\text{9th trial}}_{\text{kth}}) = (0.8)^8 (0.2)$$



$$P(\text{success at the kth trial}) = (1-p)^{k-1} \cdot p.$$



Ex : [^{ex} Bertsekas] Radar Detection : Detecting an Aircraft

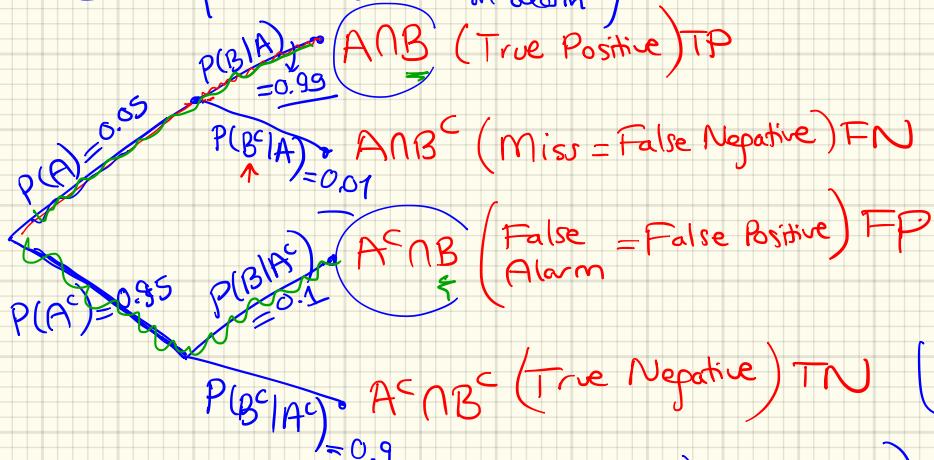
Event A = {aircraft present}

A^c = {aircraft not present}

Event B = {radar fires \equiv generates an alarm}

B^c = {radar does not fire}

Sequential
Description



Let's consider an event

$A \cap B$: aircraft present \wedge radar fires

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

$$= (0.99)(0.05)$$

$$P(A \cap B) = 0.0495$$

$$\rightarrow P(B) = ? \quad P(B|A)P(A) + P(B|A^c)P(A^c) = P(TP) + P(FP)$$

$$0.0495 + (0.95)(0.1) = 0.1445$$

Q. Given that your radar fired, how likely is it that there is an airplane out there?

$$P(A|B) = ? \quad \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} = \frac{0.0495}{0.1445} = 0.34 \rightarrow \text{This is inference!}$$

Bayes Theorem

allows us to switch $P(A|B)$ vs $P(B|A)$

- "Prior" probabilities : $P(A_i)$ our initial belief about how likely each event A_i are to occur.
- We know $P(B|A_i) \forall i$: likelihood probabilities.
"conditional" probabilities

Now, we're told that event B occurred

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

↓ Posterior probability ↓ cond. likelihood ↓ prior
 $P(A_i | B) = \frac{P(B|A_i) P(A_i)}{\sum_j P(B|A_j) P(A_j)}$

Bayes Thm (Rule)

↓ Posterior prob.

$P(B)$: from Total Prob Thm.

* → We reversed the order of conditioning !

Cause A_i → B (Effect)

B (Effect)
↑ radar fires

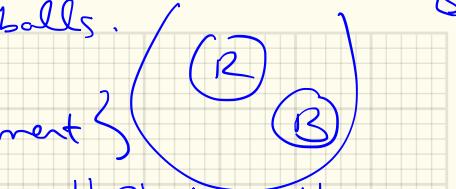
↑ how likely was A_i ?

↑ w/ Bayes rule be reversed Cause → Effect : Effect → Cause.

Ex: We have an urn w/ Red & Black balls.

[Slay]

$A = \{ \text{observe 10 Red balls in a row w/ replacement} \}$



Hypothesis:

$B = \{ \text{urn is fair} \} \equiv \# \text{Red Balls} = \# \text{Black Balls}$

$B^c = \{ \text{urn is not fair} \} \Rightarrow \underline{\text{all Red Balls}}$.

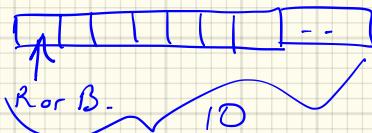
$$P(B|A) = ?$$

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

given $P(B) = 0.9$
prior belief

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(A)} = \frac{\binom{10}{5}}{\binom{10}{5}} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{10} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{10} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{10}$$

↑
fair urn ↑
urn is fair



$$P(A) = P(A|B) \underbrace{P(B)}_{\frac{1}{2}^{10}} + P(A|B^c) \underbrace{P(B^c)}_{0.1^{10}}$$

$$\therefore P(A|B^c) = 1$$

$$P(A) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{10} \cdot 0.9 + 1 \cdot (0.1)$$

$$P(B|A) = \frac{P(A|B) P(B)}{P(A|B) P(B) + P(A|B^c) P(B^c)} = \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{10} \cdot (0.9)}{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{10} (0.9) + (0.1)} \approx 0.0087$$

posterior prob. that
the urn is fair
is only ~1%.

\Rightarrow Reject the hypothesis of a fair urn!

Quantity: "Odds ratio": Odds against the hypothesis
e.g. "fair urn"

$$\text{Odds} = \frac{P(B^c|A)}{P(B|A)} = \frac{1 - P(B|A)}{P(B|A)} = \frac{1 - 0.0087}{0.0087} \approx 113 ,$$

\therefore having an unfair urn is 113 times more likely (probable)
than a fair urn.