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Abstract:

Not alike normal probability, conditional probability means it have special given 'condition' and that change the ground of assumption and calculation. With special condition, we have to forsake intuition for assumption. If we only count the result of event, it looks like fair and flawless, but we multiple the probability for product rule, all the outcome is changed.

For the English:

alleging, tenure, discrimination, following, wing it, union, beauty here is, inherently, fifty fifty, does not hold

Lec 19. CONDITIONAL PROBABILITY:

- Condition

given some other event taken place before.

$\Pr(A|B)$ = prob of A given B

DEF: if $\Pr(B) \neq 0$, $\Pr(A|B) = \Pr(A \cap B) / \Pr(B)$

- Product rule : $\Pr(A \cap B) = \Pr(B) * \Pr(A|B)$

- General Product rule :

$\Pr(A_1 \cap A_2 \dots \cap A_n) = \Pr(A_1) * \Pr(A_2|A_1) * \Pr(A_3|A_1 \cap A_2) \dots \Pr(A_n|A_1 \cap A_2 \dots \cap A_{n-1})$

EX: In a best 2 out of 3 series, the prob of winning 1st game 1/2.

the prob of winning a game following a win is 2/3 <-> lose 1/3

I draw tree node

{1/3 - WW, 1/18 - WLW, 1/9 - WLL, 1/9 - LWL, 1/18 - LWW, 1/3 - LL}

product rule gives : $\Pr(WW) = \Pr(W1st) * \Pr(W2nd|W1st) = 1/2 * 2/3 = 1/3$

General product rule : $\Pr(WLW) = \Pr(W1st) * \Pr(L2nd|W1st) * \Pr(W3|W1L2) = \Pr(W3|L2)$

A = event win series // B = event win 1st game

$\Pr(A|B) = \Pr(A \cap B) / \Pr(B) = 7/18 / 1/2 = 7/9$

- a postieri conditional probability

$\Pr(B|A)$ where B preceeds A in time / out of order

ex) when win a series then prob of winning first gmae (reversed condition)

not always same = meaningless -> if $\Pr(A) = \Pr(B)$ or $\Pr(A \cap B)$

ex) suppose we have 2 coins

Fair coin : $\Pr(H) = \Pr(T) = 1/2$

Unfair coin : $\Pr(H) = 1$, $\Pr(T) = 0$

B = k straight heads

$\Pr(A|B) = \Pr(A \cap B) / \Pr(b) = P^{2-k} + (1-p) = p/p^{2-k} + (1-p)$

- Medical testing

10% population has disease / If you have disease, 10% chance test is negative = false negative vice versa = false positive

we draw tree

$$a / a+b \Rightarrow .09/.09 + .27 = 1/4$$

$\Pr(\text{test is correct}) = 0.72$ why the gap is too large?

Because disease is too rare == sample is too small

- Carnival Dice

Player picks a number N [$1 \sim 6$] and rolls 3 dice

player win iff N matches ≥ 1 die

claim : $\Pr(\text{win}) = 1/2$

Pf : let A_i = event ith die $I \leq N$

$$\Pr(\text{win}) = \Pr(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3) = \Pr(A_1) + \Pr(A_2) + \Pr(A_3) = 1/6 + 1/6 + 1/6 = 1/2$$

but it need A_i are disjointed \rightarrow does not hold

$$\Pr(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3) = \Pr(A_1) + \Pr(A_2) + \Pr(A_3) - \{\Pr(A_1 \cap A_2) + \Pr(A_2 \cap A_3) + \Pr(A_1 \cap A_3)\} \\ + \Pr(A_1 \cap A_2 \cap A_3)$$

$$= 1/6 + 1/6 + 1/6 - (1/36 + 1/36 + 1/36) + 1/216$$

$$= 0.421... \Rightarrow \text{unfair}$$

$$\Pr(A \cup B | C) = \Pr(A | C) + \Pr(B | C) - \Pr(A \cap B | C)$$

Claim : If $C \cap D = \emptyset$, then $\Pr(A | C \cup D) = \Pr(A | C) + \Pr(A | D) \Rightarrow 1 = 1 + 1 \Rightarrow \text{not true}$

- Discrimination

Events A = applicant is admitted / Fcs = app - si female & cs.. Fee, Mcs, Mee

$$\Pr(A | Fcs) < \Pr(A | Mcs) \rightarrow 0/1 < 50/100$$

$$\Pr(A | Fee) < \Pr(A | Mee) \rightarrow 70/100 < 1/1$$

However

$$\Pr(A | Fcs \cup Fee) > \Pr(A | Mcs \cup Mee) \rightarrow 70/101 > 51/101$$

and Airlines case too

샘플의 크기 차이는 클수록 오차는 잡아먹고 작을수록 작은 차이에 치명적이다

Mark Twain : 3 lies

lie, damn lie, statistics