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**1: Probabilities**


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$$\boxed{\text{Independent Events} - P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B)} \quad (1)$$

$$\boxed{\text{Rule of Multiplication} - P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B|A)} \quad (2)$$

(1) Given  $P(A_1) = P(A_2) = P(A_1|A_2) = \frac{1}{2}$ , we want to prove that  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are independent events.

Events  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are independent if and only if Eq. (1) is satisfied.

$$P(A_2 \cap A_1) = P(A_2)P(A_1)$$

We can use Eq. (2) to restate the LHS of Eq. (1) in terms of probabilities we are given.

$$P(A_2)P(A_1|A_2) = P(A_2)P(A_1)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} * \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} * \frac{1}{2}$$

By showing Eq. (1) is satisfied, we have proven  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are independent events.

(2) From lecture, we saw the Theorem of Total probability pertaining to mutually exclusive events  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$  where  $\sum_i P(A_i) = 1$ . When this condition is met, we know the following is true:

$$P(B) = \sum_{i=1}^n P(B \cap A_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n P(B|A_i)P(A_i)$$

We have mutually exclusive events  $A_1, A_2$ , and  $A_3$  where the sum of their probabilities is 1. The condition is met, so we can use the Theorem of Total probability. All the needed probabilities to calculate  $P(A_4)$  are provided in the problem.

$$P(A_4) = \sum_{i=1}^3 P(A_4|A_i)P(A_i)$$

$$P(A_4) = \frac{1}{3} * \left( \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

$$\boxed{P(A_4) = \frac{1}{3}}$$

$$\boxed{\text{Binomial Distribution} - \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}} \quad (3)$$

(3) Let  $X$  be a random variable representing the top of the six-sided die toss. The dice is a fair dice so we know  $P(X = 1) = P(X = 2) = P(X = 3) = P(X = 4) = P(X = 5) = P(X = 6) = \frac{1}{6}$ .

There are six possible events and the total probability of exactly two heads after  $n$  coin tosses is the sum of the probability of each of the six events happening.

$$\sum_{i=1}^6 P(X = i) * B(n = i, k = 2, p = 0.5)$$

Where  $B(n, k, p)$  represents the binomial distribution from Eq. (3). This is the probability that given  $n$  trials, there are exactly  $k$  successes if the probability of success is  $p$  where  $0 \leq p \leq 1$  and  $k \leq n$ . Let  $Y$  be a random variable representing the exact number of heads after  $n$  coin tosses. Note that the probability of getting exactly two heads when only tossing one coin is 0.

$$P(Y = 2) = \sum_{i=1}^6 P(X = i) * B(n = i, k = 2, p = 0.5)$$

$$P(Y = 2) = \frac{1}{6} \sum_{i=1}^6 B(n = i, k = 2, p = 0.5)$$

$$P(Y = 2) = \frac{1}{6} \left( 0 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{3}{8} + \frac{6}{16} + \frac{10}{32} + \frac{15}{64} \right)$$

$P(Y = 2) = \frac{33}{128} = 0.2578$

Thus this is the probability of getting exactly 2 heads after  $n$  coin flips, where  $n$  is the result of a fair six-sided die toss.

*Rule of Addition* –  $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A)P(B|A)$

(4)

(4) We want to prove that if  $P(A_1) = a_1$  and  $P(A_2) = a_2$  then  $P(A_1|A_2) \geq \frac{a_1 + a_2 - 1}{a_2}$ .

*Proof:* we begin with Eq. (4) which is the rule for union of two events.

$$P(A_2 \cup A_1) = P(A_2) + P(A_1) - P(A_2)P(A_1|A_2)$$

$P(A_2 \cup A_1)$  is a probability so we know it has an upper bound of 1.

$$1 \geq P(A_2 \cup A_1) = P(A_2) + P(A_1) - P(A_2)P(A_1|A_2)$$

$$1 \geq P(A_2) + P(A_1) - P(A_2)P(A_1|A_2)$$

Rearranging terms and multiplying both sides by -1.

$$\frac{1 - P(A_2) - P(A_1)}{P(A_2)} \geq -P(A_1|A_2)$$

$$\frac{P(A_1) + P(A_2) - 1}{P(A_2)} \leq P(A_1|A_2)$$

Replacing  $P(A_1) = a_1$  and  $P(A_2) = a_2$  on the LHS of the inequality.

$$P(A_1|A_2) \geq \frac{a_1 + a_2 - 1}{a_2}$$

Thus arriving at the original inequality and proving it's correctness.

**(5a)** Given two independent random variables  $A_1$  and  $A_2$ , we want to prove that  $E[A_1 + A_2] = E[A_1] + E[A_2]$  is true. We will assume  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are discrete for this proof. The equality also holds for continuous random variables with a slightly different proof.

Given a discrete random variable  $X$  that can take values  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k$ , with respective probabilities  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_k$ , then the expected value of  $X$  is defined as:

$$\text{Expectation} - E[X] = \sum_{i=1}^k x_i * P(X = x_i) \quad (5)$$

*Proof:* Starting with the LHS of the equality we want to prove, we will use the definition of expectation to arrive at the RHS.

$$E[A_1 + A_2] = \sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{j=1}^k (a_{1i} + a_{2j}) * P(A_1 = a_{1i}, A_2 = a_{2j})$$

Multiply and split RHS into two sets of summations.

$$\begin{aligned} E[A_1 + A_2] &= \sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{j=1}^k a_{1i} * P(A_1 = a_{1i}, A_2 = a_{2j}) + \sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{j=1}^k a_{2j} * P(A_1 = a_{1i}, A_2 = a_{2j}) \\ E[A_1 + A_2] &= \sum_{i=1}^k a_{1i} * P(A_1 = a_{1i}) + \sum_{j=1}^k a_{2j} * P(A_2 = a_{2j}) \end{aligned}$$

The RHS is the definition of expectation for  $A_1$  summed with the expectation of  $A_2$ .

$$E[A_1 + A_2] = E[A_1] + E[A_2]$$

**(5b)** Given two independent random variables  $A_1$  and  $A_2$ , we want to prove that  $\text{var}[A_1 + A_2] = \text{var}[A_1] + \text{var}[A_2]$  is true.

*Proof:* Variance is defined as:

$$\text{Variance} - \text{var}[X] = E[(X - E[X])^2] \quad (6)$$

Replacing  $X$  with  $A_1 + A_2$  and using algebra, this can be rewritten as:

$$\text{var}[A_1 + A_2] = E[(A_1 + A_2)^2] - E[A_1 + A_2]^2$$

Expanding out the polynomials gives us:

$$\text{var}[A_1 + A_2] = E[A_1^2 + 2A_1A_2 + A_2^2] - E[A_1]^2 - 2E[A_1]E[A_2] - E[A_2]^2$$

Using the proof of linearity of expectation from part *a*, we can rewrite the first expectation:

$$\text{var}[A_1 + A_2] = E[A_1^2] + 2E[A_1A_2] + E[A_2^2] - E[A_1]^2 - 2E[A_1]E[A_2] - E[A_2]^2$$

When the covariance of two random variables is zero, the expected value operator is multiplicative. That is,  $E[XY] = E[X]E[Y]$ . We know the covariance of  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  is 0 as they are independent of each other. Using this:

$$\text{var}[A_1 + A_2] = E[A_1^2] + 2E[A_1]E[A_2] + E[A_2^2] - E[A_1]^2 - 2E[A_1]E[A_2] - E[A_2]^2$$

$$\text{var}[A_1 + A_2] = E[A_1^2] - E[A_1]^2 + E[A_2^2] - E[A_2]^2$$

$$\text{var}[A_1 + A_2] = \text{var}[A_1] + \text{var}[A_2]$$

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## 2: Naïve Bayes

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