# All of Statistic 1 - Probability

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# Summary

 $\Omega$  - sample space: The set of possible outcomes of an experiment

**A - Event:** Subsets of  $\Omega$ 

Example. If we toss a coin twice, then  $\Omega = \{HH, HT, TH, TT\}$ . The event that the first toss is heads is  $A = \{HH, HT\}$ .

 $A^c$  - complement of A - Not A.  $A^c = \{\omega \in \Omega : \omega \notin A\}.$ 

 $A \cup B$ - Union:  $\{\omega \in \Omega : \omega \in A \text{ or } \omega \in B \text{ or } \omega \in Both\}$ .

 $A \cap B$  - Intersection : $\{\omega \in \Omega : \omega \in A \text{ and } \omega \in B\}$ .

 $\emptyset$  - Empty event.

**Disjoint events**: We say that A1, A2, ... are disjoint or are mutually exclusive if  $A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset$  whenever  $i \neq j$ .

**Partitions of**  $\Omega$ : a sequence of disjoint sets  $A_1, A_2$ .. such that  $\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i = \Omega$ .

**Probability** - We will assign a real number P(A) to every event A, called the probability of A.

#### 3 Axiom of probability distribution:

1:  $P(A) \leq 0$  for every A.

**2**:  $P(\Omega) = 1$ .

3: if  $A_1, A_2$ ...are disjoint then  $P(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A_i)$ 

**Lemma:**  $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(AB)$  for any events A and B.

## Example:

Two coin tosses. Let  $H_1$  be the event that heads occurs on toss 1 and let  $H_2$  be the event that heads occurs on toss 2. If all outcomes are equally likely, then  $P(H_1 \cup H_2) = P(H_1) + P(H_2) - P(H_1H_2) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4} = \frac{3}{4}$ 

**Independent events**: Two events A and B are Independent if  $\{(AB) =$ 

P(A)P(B)} Independence can arise in two distinct ways. Sometimes, we explicitly assume that two events are independent. For example, in tossing a coin twice, In other instances, we derive independence by verifying that P(AB) = P(A)P(B) holds. For example, in tossing a fair die, let  $A = \{2,4,6\}$  and let  $B = \{1,2,3,4\}$ . Then,  $A \cap B = 2,4$ ,  $P(AB) = \frac{2}{6} = P(A)P(B) = \frac{1}{2} * \frac{2}{3}$ 

Disjoint events with positive probability are not independent.

Conditional Probability: Assuming that P(B) > 0, we define the conditional probability of A given that B has occurred as follows:

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

For any fixed B such that P(B) > 0, P(:|B) is a probability (i.e., it satisfies the three axioms of probability)

**Lemma:** If A and B are independent events, then:

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

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

The Law of Total Probability:

Let  $A_1, ..., A_k$  be a partition of  $\Omega$ . Then, for any event B,

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

### Bayes' Theorem

Let  $A_1,...,A_k$  be a partition of  $\Omega$  such that  $P(A_i) > 0$  for each i. If P(B) > 0 then, for each i = 1,...,k,

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