

MATH 425

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Note Title

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Topics on Exam:

- general formulas: Binomial theorem  
Multinomial theorem  
 $1 + a + a^2 + \dots$
- partitions (together with different variants covered)
- Sample spaces with equal likelihood of outcomes:
  - committee problems (w/o replacement)
  - with replacement

More specific review  
on Monday

- Poker hands
- Poker dice
- Bridge distribution problems

} - inclusion and exclusion principle

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On with the material:

Bayes formula  $F$  conditioning event

$$P(E) = \underbrace{P(E|F) \cdot P(F)}_{P(E \cap F)} + \underbrace{P(E|F^c) \cdot P(F^c)}_{P(E \cap F^c)}$$

Example: A student who took AP BC has probability 0.8 of getting an A in Differential equations. The probability of getting an A in that course without the test is 0.5. If 20% of all students took the AP BC, what is the overall probability of getting an A in Diff. Eq.?

Solution:  $F = \text{AP BC test}$        $P(F) = 0.2$

$A = \text{getting an A in Diff Eq.}$

$$P(A|F) = 0.8$$

$$P(A|F^c) = 0.5$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(A) &= P(A|F) \cdot P(F) + P(A|F^c) \cdot P(F^c) = \\ &= 0.8 \cdot 0.2 + 0.5 \cdot 0.8 = \underline{\underline{0.56}} \end{aligned}$$

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Follow-up question: Suppose a student got an A in Diff. Eq. What is the probability they took the AP BC test?

Solution:  $P(F|A) = \frac{P(F \cap A)}{P(A)} =$

$$= \frac{\overbrace{P(A|F) \cdot P(F)}^{0.16}}{\underbrace{P(A|F) \cdot P(F)}_{0.16} + \underbrace{P(A|F^c) \cdot P(F^c)}_{0.4}} =$$

} reversed  
conditioning

$$= \frac{0.16}{0.56} = \underline{\underline{\frac{2}{7}}}$$

Example : (Simplified insurance problem)

There is a psychological risk factor  $R$  which makes drivers more likely to have accidents.

A driver who has  $R$  has an accident during 1 year with probability 0.2.

A driver who does not have  $R$  has an accident during 1 year with probability 0.1.

30% of all drivers have  $R$ .

(a) What is the probability a driver who did

have an accident in the first year of insurance has  $R$ ?

(b) What is the probability a driver who did not have an accident in the first year has  $R$ ?

Solution:  $R$  = conditioning event  
 $A$  = accident during the first year

$$P(R) = 0.3$$

$$P(A|R) = 0.2$$

$$P(A|R^c) = 0.1$$

$$P(R) + P(R^c) = 1$$

$$P(A) = P(A|R) \cdot P(R) + P(A|R^c) \cdot P(R^c)$$

$$= 0.13$$

$\underbrace{0.2 \cdot 0.3}_{0.06} \quad \underbrace{0.1 \cdot 0.7}_{0.07}$

$$P(R|A) = \frac{P(A|R) \cdot P(R)}{P(A)} = \frac{0.06}{0.13} = \frac{6}{13} \quad (a)$$

$$P(A^c) = P(A^c|R) \cdot P(R) + P(A^c|R^c) \cdot P(R^c)$$

$0.8 \cdot 0.3 \quad 0.9 \cdot 0.7$



$$\boxed{\text{Check: } P(A) + P(A^c) = 1} \quad = 0.87 \quad \overbrace{0.24} \quad \overbrace{0.63}$$

$$P(R|A^c) = \frac{P(A^c|R) \cdot P(R)}{P(A^c)} = \frac{0.24}{0.87} = \underline{\underline{\frac{8}{29}}}$$

$$P(R|A) + P(R|A^c) \neq P(R)$$

$$\frac{P(R \cap A)}{P(A)} + \frac{P(R \cap A^c)}{P(A^c)} \quad \Bigg| \quad P(R \cap A) + P(R \cap A^c) = P(R)$$

HW ⑤ The probability that I will get an A on a history test if I studied is 0.7.

The probability I get an A if I did not study is 0.3. If 40% of all students studied for the test, what percentage of students will have an A?

⑥ In the setup of problem ⑤,

what percentage of students who got an A  
studied?