

Exercises

2.71 If two events, A and B , are such that $P(A) = .5$, $P(B) = .3$, and $P(A \cap B) = .1$, find the following:

a $P(A|B)$

b $P(B|A)$

c $P(A|A \cup B)$

$$a. \quad P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} = \frac{0.1}{0.3} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$b. \quad P(B|A) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(A)} = \frac{0.1}{0.5} = \frac{1}{5}$$

$$c. \quad P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B) \\ = 0.7$$

$$P(\overline{A \cup B} \cap A) = P(A)$$

$$\Rightarrow P(A|A \cup B) = \frac{0.5}{0.7} = \frac{5}{7}$$

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

e $P(A \cap B|A \cup B)$

$$d. P[(A \cap B) \cap A] = P(A \cap B)$$

$$\Rightarrow P[A|A \cap B] = \frac{0.1}{0.1} = 1$$

$$e. P[(A \cap B) \cap (A \cup B)] = P(A \cap B) \\ = 0.1$$

$$P[A \cap B|A \cup B] = \frac{0.1}{0.7} = \frac{1}{7}$$

2.83 If A and B are mutually exclusive events and $P(B) > 0$, show that

$$P(A|A \cup B) = \frac{P(A)}{P(A) + P(B)}.$$

$$P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B)$$

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

$$\Rightarrow P(A|A \cup B) = \frac{P(A)}{P(A) + P(B)}$$