

Chapter 2

CX

2.1 - Sample Spaces and Events

Sample Space

Definition

The collection of all outcomes of an experiment, represented by S

Example

- Roll a die twice, $S = \{(1, 1), (1, 2), \dots, (6, 6)\}$
- Flip a coin until you get heads, $S = \{H, TH, TTH, TTTH, \dots\}$

Event

Definition

An event E of an experiment is a subset of the sample space S of the experiment

Example

- Experiment: toss a die twice
 - $S = \{(1, 1), (1, 2), \dots, (6, 6)\}$
 - Event: getting a double
 - $E = \{(1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3), (4, 4), (5, 5), (6, 6)\}$
- Experiment: flip a coin until two heads are obtained (not necessarily consecutively)
 - $S = \{HH, THH, TTHH, \dots\}$
 - Event A: the coin is tossed 4 times
 - $A = \{HTTH, THTH, TTTH\}$

Tip

Event E has occurred if the resulting outcome is in E

Simple

Only one outcome

Compound

More than one outcome

Null

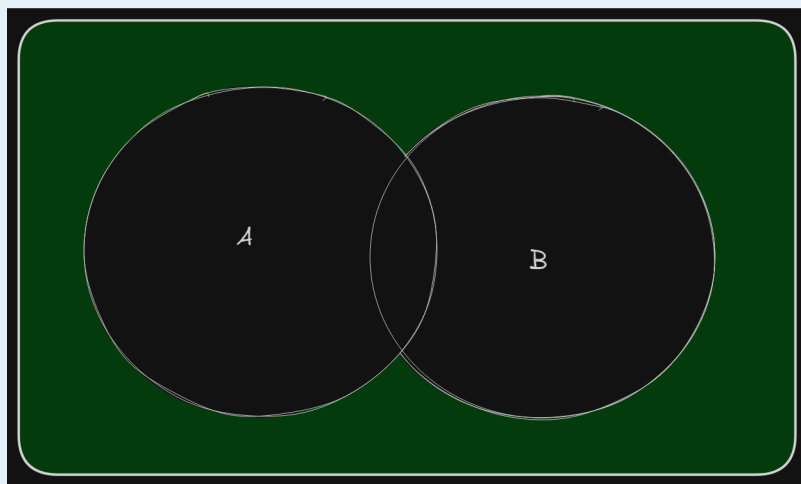
Event with no outcomes

Set Operations

Complement

Definition

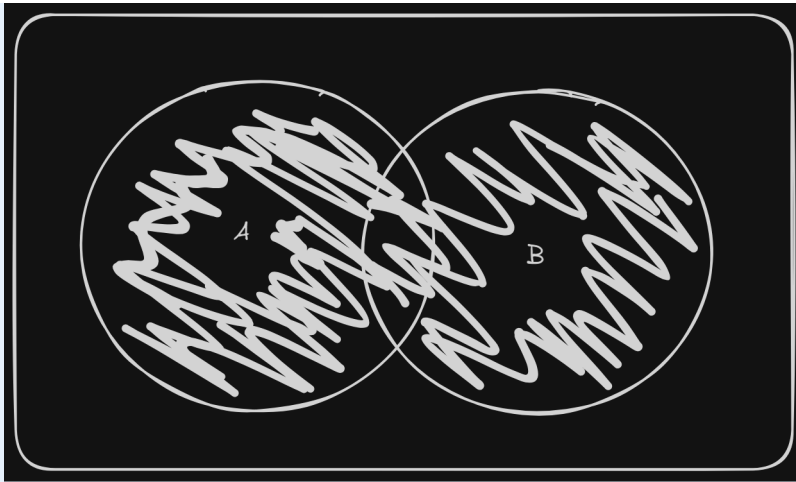
The complement of event A , A^1 , is the set of all outcomes in the sample space S that are not in A



Union

Definition

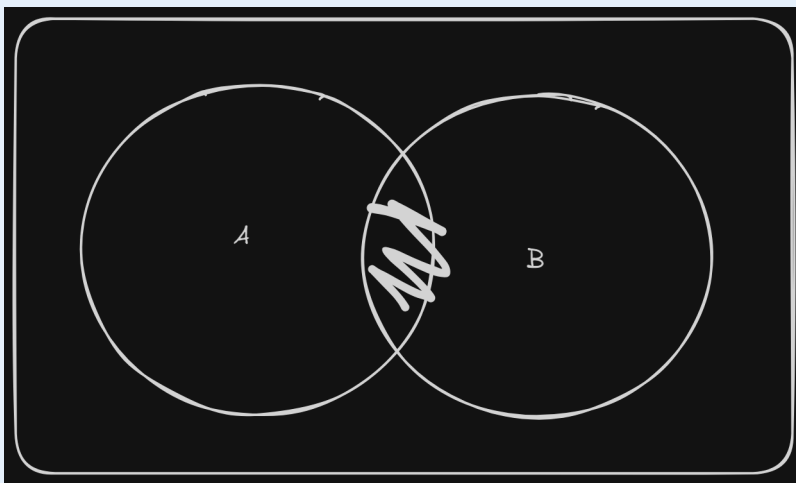
The union of events A and B , $A \cup B$, read as " A or B ", is the set of all outcomes S that are in A or B or in both A and B



Intersection

Definition

The intersection of events A and B , represented by $A \cap B$ read as " A and B ", is the set of all outcomes that are in both A and B



Mutual Exclusivity

Definition

A and B are disjoint or mutually exclusive if $A \cap B = \emptyset$

Pairwise Disjoint

Definition

A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots are mutually exclusive or pairwise disjoint if for any $i \neq j$, $i, j = 1, 2, 3, \dots$, $A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset$

Example

- Experiment: roll the die twice
 - Events
 - A_1 : getting a sum of 7 dots
 - $A_1 = \{(1, 6), (6, 1), (2, 5), (5, 2), (3, 4), (4, 3)\}$

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- Let A_i denote the event that the plant at site i is completed by the contract date
- Events: A_1, A_2, A_3
- At least one plant is completed by the contract date
 - $A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3$
- All plants are completed by the contract date
 - $A_1 \cap A_2 \cap A_3$
- Only the plant at site 1 is completed by the contract date
 - $A_1 \cap A_2^1 \cap A_3^1$
- Exactly one plant is completed by the contract date
 - $(A_1 \cap A_2^1 \cap A_3^1) \cup (A_1^1 \cap A_2 \cap A_3^1) \cup (A_1^1 \cap A_2^1 \cap A_3)$
- Exactly the plant at site 1 or both of the other two plants are completed by the contract date
 - $A_1 \cup (A_2 \cap A_3)$

2.2 - The Axioms and Properties of Probability

The probability of event A , $P(A)$ is a measure of chance that event A will occur

The Three Axioms

1. For any event A , $P(A) \geq 0$
2. $P(S) = 1$
3. Let A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots be an infinite collection of pairwise disjoint events
 - Then, $P(A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots) = P(A_1) + P(A_2) + P(A_3) + \dots$

Properties

1. $P(\emptyset) = 0$

2. Let A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n be pairwise disjoint events
 - Then $P(A_1 \cup \dots \cup A_n) = P(A_1) + P(A_2)$
3. For any event A , $P(A) + P(A^1) = 1$ or $P(A) = 1 - P(A^1)$

Example

- Roll a fair die twice. What is the chance that the sum of the dots will be at least 4?
 - $A = \{(1, 3), (3, 1), (2, 2), \dots\}$
 - $A^1 = \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (2, 1)\}$
 - $P(A) = 1 - \frac{3}{36} = \frac{11}{12}$

1. For any A , $P(A) \leq 1$
2. For any event A and B , $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$
3. For any events A, B, C ,

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

Textbook Example 18

5 \$10 bills, 4 \$5 bills, 6 \$1 bills

If the bills are selected one by one in random order, what is the probability that at least two bills must be selected to obtain a first \$10 bill?

$$P(\text{the first bill is not 10}) = \frac{10}{15} = \frac{2}{3}$$

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Let $A_i (i = 1, 2, 3)$

- What is the probability that the system does not have a type 1 defect?
 - $P(A_1^1) = 1 - P(A_1) = 0.88$
- What is the probability that the system has both type 1 and type 2 defects?
 - $P(A_1 \cap A_2) = P(A_1) + P(A_2) - P(A_1 \cup A_2) = 0.06$
- What is the probability that the system has both type 1 and type 2 defects but not a type 3 defect?
 - $P(A_1 \cap A_2 \cap A_3^1) = P(A_1 \cap A_2) - P(A_1 \cap A_2 \cap A_3) = 0.05$
- What is the probability that the system has at most two of these defects?
 - $P(\text{at most 2 defects}) = 1 - P(\text{all three defects})$
 - $1 - .01 = 0.99$
- Probability of at least one defect?
 - $P(\text{at least one defect}) = P(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3) = \text{use property 6}$

Relative Frequency Approach to Probability

Consider an experiment that can be repeated n times in an identical and independent fashion.

Definition

The relative frequency of event A , is $f_n(A) = \# \text{ of time } A \text{ occurs} / n$

$f_n(A)$ = a limit value as $n \rightarrow \infty$

$P(A)$ is the limiting value

2.3 - Counting Techniques

The Product Rule

Definition

Suppose an experiment or procedure consists of k steps, and there are

n_1 ways to complete step 1,

n_2 ways to complete step 2

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n_k ways to complete step k

Then, there are $n_1 * n_2 * \dots * n_k$ ways to perform the experiment or complete the procedure

Example

Flip a coin and then roll a 6 faced die

1. Flip a coin: H or T (two branches)
2. Roll a die 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 (each branch from step 1 gets 6 branches)
3. Outcomes
 - $H1, H2, H3, \dots, H6$
 - $T1, T2, T3, \dots, T6$
 - $2 * 6 = 12$

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Receiver: Kenwood, Onkyo, Pioneer, Sony, Sherwood (5)

Compact disk player: Onkyo, Pioneer, Sony, Techniques (4)

Speakers: Boston, Infinity, Polk (3)

Turntable: Onkyo, Sony, Teac, Techniques (4)

- In how many ways can one component of each type be selected?
 - $5 * 4 * 3 * 4 = 240$
- In how many ways can components be selected if both the receiver and compact disk player are to be Sony?
 - $1 * 1 * 3 * 4 = 12$
- In how many ways can components be selected if none is to be Sony?
 - $4 * 3 * 3 * 3 = 108$
- In how many ways can a selection be made if at least one Sony component is to be included?
 - All selections - selections without Sony = $240 - 108 = 132$
- If someone flips switches on the selection in a completely random fashion, what is the probability that the system selected contains at least one Sony component?
 - $P(\text{at least one Sony}) = \frac{132}{240}$
 - Exactly one Sony component?
 - $P(\text{exactly one Sony}) = \frac{1*3*3*3+4*1*3*3+4*3*3*1}{240}$

Permutations

Definition

Let $0 < k \leq n$, k, n are integers

A k -permutation of a set of n distinct objects (elements) is an **ordered** selection of k objects of the set

$P_{k,n}$ = the number of k -permutations of n elements

It can be shown that $P_{k,n} = n(n-1) \dots (n-k+1) = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!}$

$P_{n,n} = n!$

Example

$n = 7, k = 3 \Rightarrow \{a, b, c, d, e, f, g\}$

Some 3-permutations: abc, cab, bca, bfe

$P_{3,7} = 7 * 6 * 5 = 7 * 6 * 5 * \frac{4!}{4!} = \frac{7!}{(7-3)!}$

Textbook Example 30

A combination lock with 4 digits 0-9

Find the # of non-repetitive combinations $\Rightarrow \frac{10!}{6!} = 10 * 9 * 8 * 7$

Combinations

Definition

A k -combination of a set of n distinct elements is subset of k elements of the set

$C_{k,n}$ = The # of k -combinations of n elements

$$\binom{n}{k}$$

$$C_{k,n} = \frac{P_{k,n}}{k!} = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!*k!}$$

Example

$\{a, b, c, d, e, f, g\}, n = 7, k = 3$

Some 3-combinations: $\{a, b, c\} = \{b, c, a\}$

Permutations: $abc, bca, \dots, cba \Rightarrow 3! = 6$

$$C_{3,7} = \frac{P_{3,7}}{3!} = \frac{7!}{(7-3)!*3!}$$

Textbook Example 34

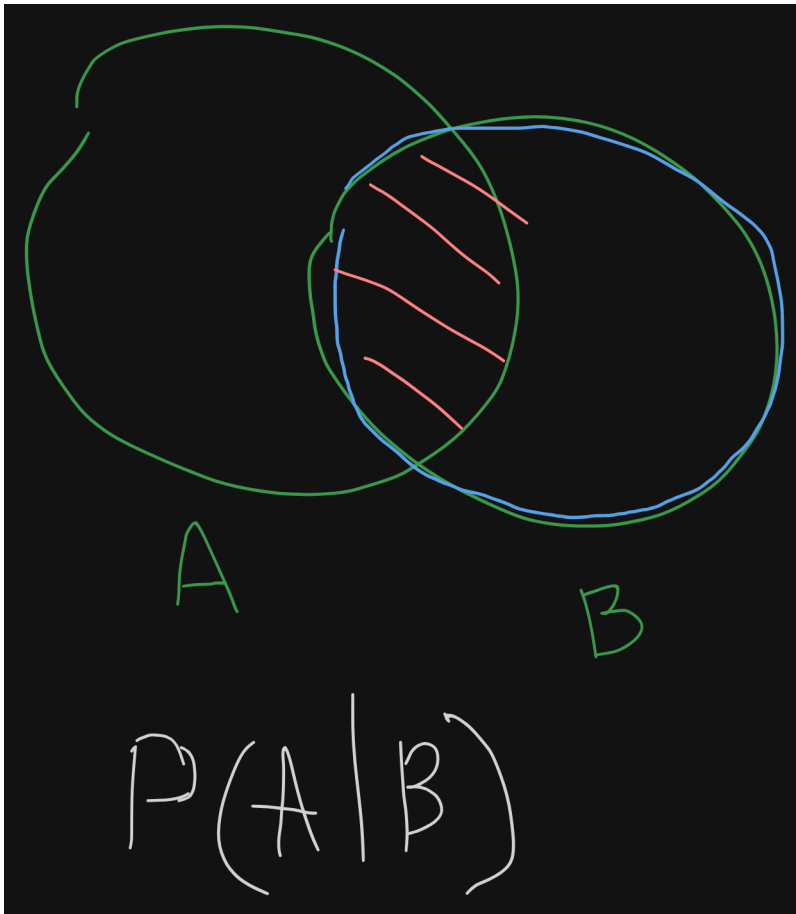
- 25 failed keyboards
 - 6 with electrical defects
 - 19 with mechanical defects
- How many ways are there to randomly select 5 of these keyboards for a thorough inspection (without regard to order)?
 - $\binom{25}{5} = 53130$
- In how many ways can a sample of 5 keyboards be selected so that exactly two have an electrical defect?
 - $\binom{6}{2} * \binom{19}{3} = 15 * 969 = 14535$
- If a sample of 5 keyboards is randomly selected, what is the probability that at least 4 of these will have a mechanical defect?
 - $P(\text{exactly 4}) + P(\text{all 5})$
 - $\frac{\binom{19}{4} * \binom{6}{1} + \binom{19}{5}}{\binom{25}{5}}$

2.4 - Conditional Probability

- Suppose A and B are events
- $P(A|B)$ is read as "the probability of A given B "
- $P(A|B)$ = the probability of A given that B has occurred
- B is the conditioning event

Definition

For events A and B with $P(B) > 0$, $P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$



Textbook Example 50

- Given that the shirt that just sold was a short-sleeved plaid, what is the probability that its size was medium?
 - $P(M \mid \text{short sleeve and plaid})$
 - $= P(M \text{ \& short sleeve \& plaid}) / P(\text{short sleeve \& plaid})$
 - $= \frac{0.08}{0.04+0.08+0.03} = \frac{8}{15}$
- Given that the shirt that just sold was a medium plaid, what is the probability that it was short-sleeved?
 - $P(\text{short sleeve} \mid M \text{ \& plaid})$
 - $= P(\text{short sleeve \& } M \text{ \& plaid}) / P(M \text{ \& plaid})$
 - $= \frac{0.08}{0.08+0.10} = \frac{8}{18}$

Multiplication Rule

Definition

For any event A and B , the $P(A \cap B) = P(A|B) * P(B)$ if $P(B) > 0$

Example

A box contains five blue balls and eight red ones. Two balls are removed, one at a time, at random without replacement. What is the probability that both balls are red?

- $P(\text{1st red \& 2nd red})$
- $= P(\text{1st red}) * P(\text{2nd red} \mid \text{1st red})$
- $= \frac{8}{13} * \frac{7}{12}$

For events A, B, C , $P(A \cap B \cap C) = P(A) * P(B|A) * P(C|A \cap B)$

Example 22

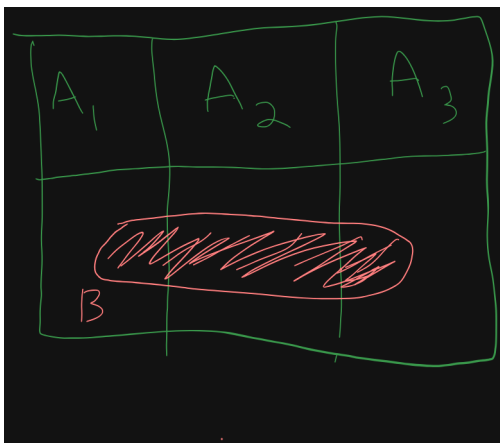
400 backup power supply units, 8 are defective

- If 3 of the units are randomly selected for testing, what is the probability that the entire batch will be accepted
 - $P(\text{1st ok \& 2nd ok \& 3rd ok})$
 - $= \frac{392}{400} * \frac{391}{399} * \frac{390}{398} = 0.94 \dots$

The Law of Total Probability**Definition**

Let A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n be pairwise disjoint events such that $S = A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_n$. Then for any event B ,

$$P(B) = P(B|A_1)P(A_1) + P(B|A_2)P(A_2) + \dots + P(B|A_n)P(A_n)$$



$$P(B) = P(B \cap A_1) + P(B \cap A_2) + P(B \cap A_3)$$

$$P(B) = P(B|A_1)P(A_1) + P(B|A_2)P(A_2) + P(B|A_3)P(A_3)$$

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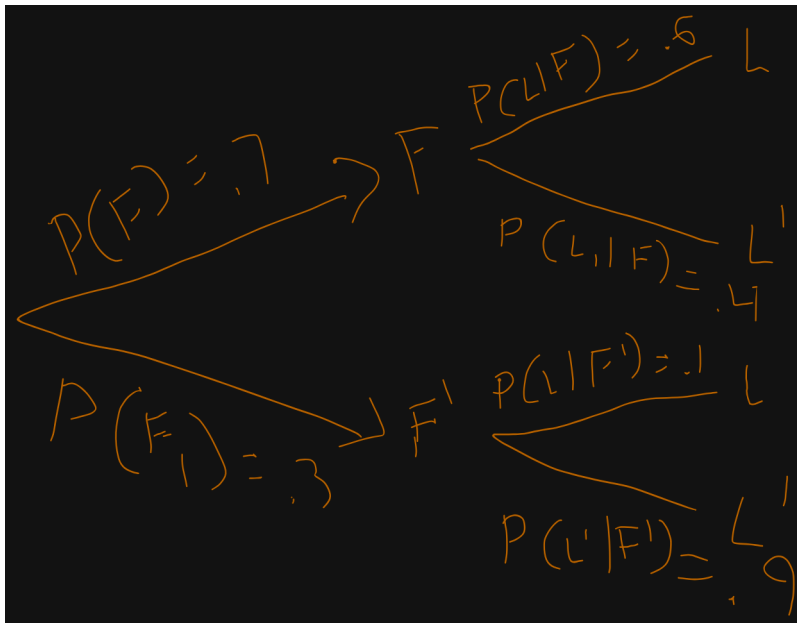
70% discovered after disappearing
 Of discovered - 60% with locator
 Of not discovered - 90% without locator

F = aircraft found

F^1 = aircraft not found

L = aircraft has locator

L^1 = aircraft has no locator



$$\Rightarrow P(F \cap L) = .42$$

$$\Rightarrow P(F \cap L^1) = .28$$

$$\Rightarrow P(F^1 \cap L) = .03$$

$$\Rightarrow P(F^1 \cap L^1) = .27$$

- If it has a locator, what is the probability that it will not be discovered?
 - $P(F^1|L) = \frac{P(F^1 \cap L)}{P(L)} = \frac{.03}{P(F \cap L) + P(F^1 \cap L)} = \frac{.03}{.42 + .03} = \frac{.03}{.45} = \frac{1}{15} \approx 0.07$
- If it does not have a locator, what is the probability that it will be discovered?
 - $P(F|L^1) = \frac{P(F \cap L^1)}{P(L^1)} = \frac{.28}{1 - .45} = \frac{.28}{.55} \approx 0.51$

Bayes Theorem

Definition

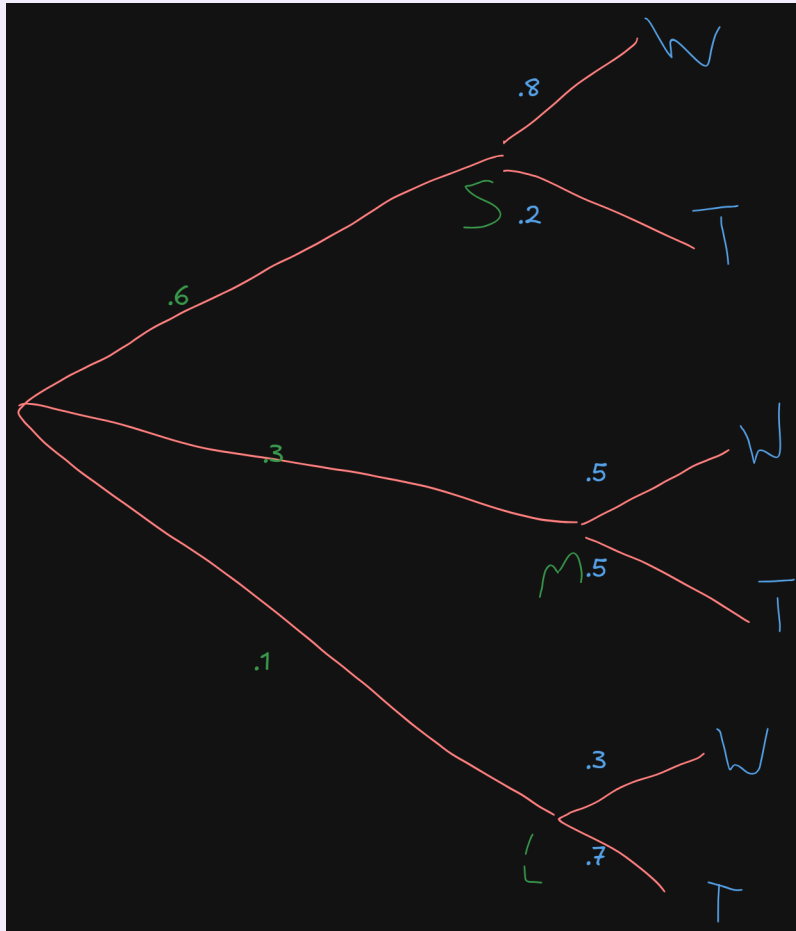
A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n are pairwise disjoint and $S = A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_n$ with $P(A_i) > 0$
 $i = 1, \dots, n$ ($P(A_i)$ is prior probability of A_i). Then for with $P(B) > 0$, Posterior probability of $A_i = P(A_i|B) = \frac{P(B|A_i) * P(A_i)}{P(B|A_1) * P(A_1) + P(B|A_2) * P(A_2) + \dots + P(B|A_n) * P(A_n)}$

Example 64

60% short, 30% medium, 10% long

short - 80% word, medium - 50% word, long, 30% word

randomly selected



S = short

M = medium

L = long

W = word

T = LaTeX

- probability that selected review was submitted in word
 - $P(W) = P(S \cap W) + P(M \cap W) + P(L \cap W) = .48 + .15 + .03 = .66$
- if in word, posterior probabilities of it being short, medium, or long
 - $P(S|W) = \frac{P(S \cap W)}{P(W)} = \frac{.48}{.66} \approx .73$
 - $P(M|W) = \frac{P(M \cap W)}{P(W)} = \frac{.15}{.66} \approx .23$
 - $P(L|W) = \frac{P(L \cap W)}{P(W)} = \frac{.03}{.66} \approx .04$

2.5 - Independence of Events

Definition

Events A and B are independent if $P(A \cap B) = P(A) * P(B)$
 Otherwise, A and B are dependent

Proposition

Let A and B be events with $P(A \cap B) > 0, P(B) > 0$
 A and B are independent if and only if $P(A|B) = P(A)$
 $(P(B|A) = P(B))$

Example

Roll a fair die

$A = \text{"the \# of dots is even"} = \{2, 4, 6\}$

$$P(A) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$B = \text{"the \# of dots is divisible by 3"} = \{3, 6\}$

$$P(B) = \frac{1}{3} \quad C = \text{"at least 5 dots"} = \{5, 6\}$$

$$P(C) = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$P(A|B) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$P(A) = \frac{1}{2}, \text{ so } A \text{ and } B \text{ are independent}$$

$$P(B|C) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$P(B) = \frac{1}{3}, \text{ so } B, C \text{ are dependent}$$

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Definition

Events A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n are mutually independent for any subset of indices i_1, i_2, \dots, i_m ,
 where $m = 1, 2, \dots, n$

$$P(A_{i_1}, A_{i_2}, \dots, A_{i_m}) = P(A_{i_1}) * P(A_{i_2}) * \dots * P(A_{i_m})$$

Example

A, B, C are events \Rightarrow mutually independent

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

$$P(A \cap C) = P(A)P(C)$$

$$P(B \cap C) = P(B)P(C)$$

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

≡ Example 82

red, green dice

Let A be red 3, B be green 4, C be total on both dice is 7

Are these pairwise independent?

$$A = \{(3, 1), (3, 2), \dots, (3, 6)\}$$

$$B = \{(1, 4), (2, 4), \dots, (6, 4)\}$$

$$C = \{(1, 6), (2, 5), (3, 4), (6, 1), (5, 2), (4, 3)\}$$

$$P(A) = P(B) = P(C) = \frac{6}{36} = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$P(B|A) = \frac{|\{(3,4)\}|}{6} = \frac{1}{6} = P(B)$$

$$P(B \cap C) = \frac{1}{36} = P(B) * P(C)$$

$$P(A|C) = \frac{1}{6}$$

Yes

Are these mutually independent?

$$P(A \cap B \cap C) = \frac{|\{(3,4)\}|}{36} = \frac{1}{36} \neq P(A)P(B)P(C) \Rightarrow \text{No}$$

Multiplication Rule for Independent Events

📖 Definition

If events A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n are independent, then

$$P(A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_n) = P(A_1) * P(A_2) * \dots * P(A_n)$$

💡 Tip

Mutually independent = independent

≡ Example 80

System of components: 1 and 2 connected in parallel (subsystem works iff either 1 or 2 work); since 3 and 4 connected in series, that subsystem works. iff both 3 and 4 work.

Components work independently of one another

$P(\text{component } i \text{ works}) = 0.9$ for $i = 1, 2$ and $= 0.8$ for $i = 3, 4$; calculate $P(\text{system works})$

- $sys \Rightarrow sub1, sub2$
- $P(sys) = P(sub1 \cup sub2) = 1 - P(sub1^1 \cap sub2^1)$
- $= 1 - P(sub1^1) * P(sub2^1)$
- $P(sub1^1) = P(com1^1 \cap com2^1) = (0.1)^2 = 0.01$
- $P(sub2^1) = 1 - P(sub2) = 1 - (0.8)^2 = 0.36$

- $P(sys) = 1 - 0.01 * 0.36 = 0.9964$