

2 Conditioning & Bayes rule

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Student Notebook

$$P(A|B)$$

→ Probability of event A given B has occurred

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{defined only} \\ \text{when } P(B) > 0 \end{array} \right\}$$

↑ This is a definition not a Theorem.

⇒ Conditional probabilities share properties of ordinary probabilities.

$$① P(A|B) \geq 0$$

$$② P(\Omega|B) = 1$$

$$③ P(A \cup C|B) = P(A|B) + P(C|B)$$

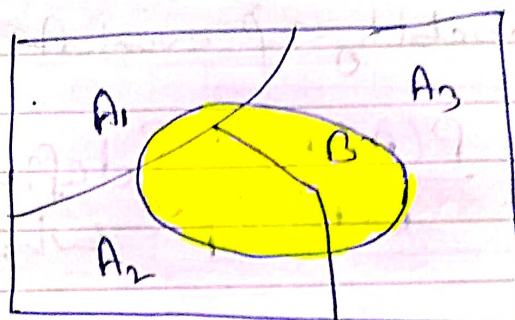
★ Multiplication rule

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

→ This can be generalized to n terms.

★ Total probability theorem

⇒ Let A_1, A_2, A_3 be partition of Sample Space.



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

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

$$P(B) = \sum P(A_i)P(B|A_i)$$

* Bayes rule

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

→ Systematic approach
for incorporating new
evidence

