

## Lecture 3 : Jan 7, 25.

Bi-Weekly  
Exam  
Thursdays  
5-30-7pm

### Continuity of Probability

$$P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i\right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i\right).$$

Let  $B_1, B_2, \dots$

$$B_1 = A_1$$

$B_1, B_2, \dots$   
are disjoint sets.

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$$B_2 = A_2 \setminus A_1$$

$$B_j = A_j \setminus \left\{ \bigcup_{i=1}^{j-1} A_i \right\}$$

⋮

$$\bigcup_{j=1}^n B_j = \bigcup_{j=1}^n A_j$$

Claim 2 :

$$\bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} B_j = \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} A_j$$

$$\text{Let } C_k = \bigcup_{j=1}^k A_j \quad \text{and} \quad D_k = \bigcup_{j=1}^k B_j$$

$$A_1 = C_1 = D_1 = B_1$$

Let us assume  $C_k = D_k$

→  $B_{k+1}$

$$C_{k+1} = C_k \cup A_{k+1} = C_k \cup (A_{k+1} \setminus C_k).$$

$$= C_k \cup B_{k+1}$$

$$= D_k \cup B_{k+1} = D_{k+1}.$$

$$\bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} A_j = \left\{ x \in \Omega \mid \exists n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ st } x \in A_n \right\}.$$

$$B_k \subset A_k \quad \forall k \quad \Rightarrow \quad \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} B_k \subseteq \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} A_k$$

$$\text{Suppose } x \in \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} A_k$$

To show  
 $A \subset B$   
 if  $x \in A$   
 $\Rightarrow x \in B$   
 then  $A \subset B$ .

$$\exists n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ st } x \in A_n$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in C_n = \bigcup_{j=1}^n A_j = D_n = \bigcup_{j=1}^n B_j$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} B_j$$

$$\Rightarrow \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} A_k \subseteq \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} B_j$$

$$\Rightarrow \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} A_k = \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} B_k$$

$$P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i\right) = P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} B_i\right) \rightarrow \text{claim 2.}$$

$$\text{additivity} \leftarrow = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(B_i)$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n P(B_i)$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n B_i\right) \rightarrow \text{additivity}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i\right) \rightarrow \text{claim 1}$$

Corollary b:

$$B_1 \supset B_2 \supset B_3 \dots$$

$$P\left(\bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} B_i\right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(B_n)$$

Example:  $\Omega = [0, 1]$

$$P((a, b)) = b - a.$$

$$B_n = \left(x - \frac{1}{n}, x + \frac{1}{n}\right) = \left\{ y \in [0, 1] \text{ st } x - \frac{1}{n} < y < x + \frac{1}{n} \right\}$$

Can see that these are decreasing sets

$$B_1 \supset B_2 \supset B_3 \dots$$

$$\bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} B_i = \{x\} \rightarrow$$

$$P(\{x\}) = P\left(\bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} B_i\right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(B_n)$$

from Corollary b.

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{n}$$

$$= 0.$$

①  $x \in B_n \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$  by defn.

②  $\left(x - \frac{1}{n}, x + \frac{1}{n}\right)$

Consider  $x + \epsilon$  for some  $\epsilon > 0$

Find large enough  $n$  st

$$x + \epsilon > x + \frac{1}{n}$$

$$n > \frac{1}{\epsilon}$$

$\Rightarrow x + \epsilon \notin B_n$  for  $n > \frac{1}{\epsilon}$

For any  $\epsilon > 0$  can show  $x + \epsilon \notin \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} B_i$

Can similarly show  $x - \epsilon \notin \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} B_i$

# Conditional Probability

$$\Omega = \{(1,1) \dots (1,6) \dots (6,6)\}$$

① What is the probability that first die saw an outcome 1 given that the sum of two rolls is 9.

$B$  : event that sum is 9.

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

$$P(A|B) = 0.$$

as  $P(A \cap B) = 0$ .  $A$  : event that first die sees 1.

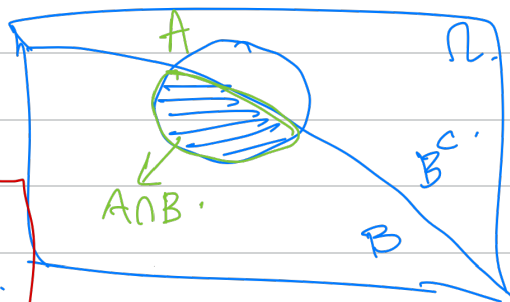
$$= \{(1,1) \dots (1,6)\}$$

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

$$P(B|B) = 1.$$

Defn of Conditional Probability

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



detection error.

$A$  : fail

$A^c$  success

$B$  : number

$B^c$  : no number

$\downarrow$	$\uparrow$
$\uparrow$	$\downarrow$

false positive

For any given event  $B \in \mathcal{F}$  st  $P(B) > 0$ .

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

Does it satisfy all the probability axioms?

$$P_B(A) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} \geq 0.$$

$$P(\Omega|B) = \frac{P(\Omega \cap B)}{P(B)}$$

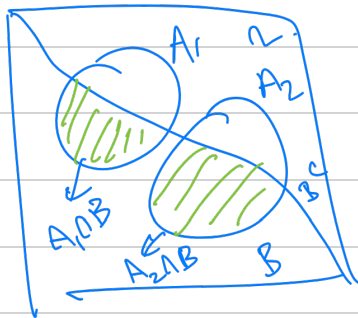
normalization = 1

Non negativity

Let  $A_1, A_2$  be disjoint subsets.

$$P_B(A_1 \cup A_2) = \frac{P((A_1 \cup A_2) \cap B)}{P(B)}$$

distributive law  $\leftarrow = \frac{P((A_1 \cap B) \cup (A_2 \cap B))}{P(B)}$



$$= \frac{P(A_1 \cap B)}{P(B)} + \frac{P(A_2 \cap B)}{P(B)} = P_B(A_1) + P_B(A_2)$$

Examples:  $\Omega = \{ \text{HHH, HHT, HTH, } \overset{\text{THH}}{\text{HTT}}, \text{THT, TTH, TTT} \}$

A: more heads than tails come up:

B: 1st toss is head

$$= \{ \text{HHH, HHT, HTH, HTT} \}$$

$\{ \text{HHH, HHT, HTH, THH} \}$   
 $\downarrow$   
 2 or more heads

$$P(A) = 4/8 = 1/2$$

$$P(B) = 4/8 = 1/2$$

$$P(\{\omega\}) = \frac{1}{8} \quad \omega \in \Omega$$

$$P(A \cap B) = 3/8$$

$$P(B|A) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(A)} = \frac{3/8}{1/2} = 3/4$$