

Q) what is probability & explain diff. types of probability.

Probability: is the measure of quantity of uncertainty

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it is the branch of mathematics concerning the occurrence of a random event, and four main types of probability exist.

Types of Probability: 1. Theoretical

2. Experimental

3. Axiomatic.

1. Theoretical probability: which comes from throughout experiment is called theoretical / classical probability.

* It can be found without doing the experiment.

$$P(E) = \frac{\# \text{ sample points in } E}{\# \text{ of sample points in } S.}$$

eg:- A coin is tossed one time then $P(H) = \frac{1}{2}$, $P(T) = \frac{1}{2}$.

2. Experimental probability: probability which comes from Practical experiment is called experimental / empirical probability

* It is found by repeating the experiment & observing the outcome.

$$P(E) = \frac{\# \text{ desired outcomes}}{\text{Trial.}}$$

eg:- A coin is tossed one time a head is recorded one time & a tail is recorded '0' times

$$P(H) = \frac{1}{1} \quad P(\text{Tail}) = \frac{0}{1}$$

3. Subjective probability: probability which comes from an educated way is called subjective probability.

* It is found by observing / analysing the past data.

ex:- As long as you pay the bill, the power won't cut off.

① Experiment: an experiment is an activity with observable result.

② Sample space: The sample space is set of all outcomes of an experiment.

③ Outcome:- The outcome (sample point) is the result of an experiment.

④ Event:- The subset of possible outcomes of an experiment.

⑤ In loan defaulters older people make up only 1.4%. Now the probability that someone defaults on a loan is 0.184, find the prob. of default on loan knowing that he is an old person, old people make only 0.8%.

Sol:- Given $P(\text{old} | \text{defaulters}) = 1.4\% \Rightarrow 0.014$.

$$P(\text{defaults}) = 0.184.$$

$$P(\text{default} | \text{old}) = ?$$

$$P(\text{old}) = 0.8\% = 0.008.$$

$$P(\text{default} | \text{old}) = \frac{P(\text{default} \cap \text{old})}{P(\text{old})}$$

$$= \frac{P(\text{default}) \cdot P(\text{old} | \text{default})}{P(\text{old})}$$

$$= \frac{0.184 \cdot 0.014}{0.008}$$

$$= 0.322.$$

④ Define Bayes theorem & write the formula.

Bayes theorem can be derived for events & random variables separately using definition of conditional probability & density.

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

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

from eqn (1) & eqn (2);

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

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

5) Spam assassin works by having users train the system. It looks for patterns in the words in email marked as spam by the user. For eg; it may have learned that the word "free" appears in 30% of the mail marked as spam, i.e. $P(\text{free} | \text{spam}) = 0.30$. Assuming 1% of non-spam mail includes the word "free" & 50% of all mail received by the user are spam. find the prob. that a mail is spam if word "free" appears in it.

Sol:-

Given that $P(\text{free} | \text{spam}) = 30\% = 0.3 \rightarrow (1)$

$$P(\text{free} | \text{non-spam}) = 1\% = 0.01 \rightarrow (2)$$

$$P(\text{spam}) = 50\% = 0.5$$

$$P(\text{spam} | \text{free}) = ?$$

$$P(\text{non-spam}) = 1 - P(\text{spam})$$

$$= 1 - 0.5$$

$$= 0.5$$

$$P(\text{spam} | \text{free}) = \frac{P(\text{spam} \cap \text{free})}{P(\text{free})}$$

$$P(\text{free}) = ?$$

from (1), (2) eqns $P(\text{free}) = P(\text{free} | \text{spam}) * P(\text{spam}) + P(\text{free} | \text{non-spam}) * P(\text{non-spam})$

$$P(\text{free}) = 0.3 * 0.5 + 0.01 * 0.5$$

$$= 0.165$$

$$\therefore P(\text{spam} | \text{free}) = \frac{P(\text{free} | \text{spam}) p(\text{spam})}{P(\text{free})}$$

$$= \frac{0.3 * 0.5}{0.165}$$

$$= 0.909.$$