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Unit-I (Basics of Probability)

Theorem of total probability: If  $E_1, E_2, \dots, E_n$  be  $n$  mutually disjoint events with  $P(E_i) \neq 0$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ), then for any arbitrary event  $A$  which is a subset of  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i$ , we have -

BAYE'S THEOREM

$$P(A) = \sum_{i=1}^n P(E_i) P(A|E_i) = P(E_1) P(A|E_1) + P(E_2) P(A|E_2) + \dots + P(E_n) P(A|E_n)$$

total probability

**Example 4.30.** In 1989 there were three candidates for the position of principal - Mr. Chatterji, Mr. Ayangar and Dr. Singh - whose chances of getting the appointment are in the proportion 4:2:3 respectively. The probability that Mr. Chatterji if selected would introduce co-education in the college is 0.3. The probabilities of Mr. Ayangar and Dr. Singh doing the same are respectively 0.5 and 0.8. What is the probability that there was co-education in the college in 1990?

Theorem of  
total probability.

Sol: Let us define the events as follows:-

$A$ : Introduction of co-education in 1990.

$E_1$ : Mr. Chatterji is selected as Principal

$E_2$ : Mr. Ayangar " " " "

$E_3$ : Dr. Singh " " " "

$$\text{Then, } P(E_1) = \frac{4}{4+2+3} = \frac{4}{9}, \quad P(E_2) = \frac{2}{9}, \quad P(E_3) = \frac{3}{9}$$

$$P(A|E_1) = 0.3, \quad P(A|E_2) = 0.5 \quad \& \quad P(A|E_3) = 0.8$$

Applying the theorem of total probability, we get -

$$\begin{aligned} P(A) &= \sum_{i=1}^3 P(E_i) P(A|E_i) = P(E_1) P(A|E_1) + P(E_2) P(A|E_2) + P(E_3) P(A|E_3) \\ &= \frac{4}{9} \times 0.3 + \frac{2}{9} \times 0.5 + \frac{3}{9} \times 0.8 \\ &= \frac{0.4}{3} + \frac{1}{9} + \frac{12}{45} \\ &= \frac{6+5+12}{45} \end{aligned}$$

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 &= \frac{4}{9} \times 0.3 + \frac{2}{9} \times 0.5 + \frac{3}{9} \times 0.8 \\
 &= \frac{0.4}{3} + \frac{1}{9} + \frac{12}{45} \\
 &= \frac{6+5+12}{45} \\
 &= \frac{23}{45} \\
 &= \underbrace{0.511}
 \end{aligned}$$

§ BAYE'S THEOREM: If  $E_1, E_2, \dots, E_n$  are  $n$  mutually disjoint events with  $P(E_i) \neq 0$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ), then for any arbitrary event  $A$ , which is a subset of  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i$  such that  $P(A) > 0$ , we have —

$$P(E_i|A) = \frac{P(E_i)P(A|E_i)}{\sum_{i=1}^n P(E_i)P(A|E_i)} = \boxed{\frac{P(E_i)P(A|E_i)}{P(A)}}$$

$$P(E_1|A) = \frac{P(E_1)P(A|E_1)}{P(A)}, \quad P(E_2|A) = \frac{P(E_2)P(A|E_2)}{P(A)}, \dots \text{etc.}$$

Proof: Since  $A \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i$ , we have —

$$A = A \cap \left( \bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i \right) = \bigcup_{i=1}^n (A \cap E_i) \quad [\text{Distributive law}]$$

Since  $(A \cap E_i) \subset E_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ) are mutually disjoint events, we have by the addition theorem of probability (Axiom 3) that

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(A) &= P\left[\bigcup_{i=1}^n (A \cap E_i)\right] \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^n P(A \cap E_i) \\
 \Rightarrow P(A) &= \sum_{i=1}^n P(E_i)P(A|E_i) \quad \longrightarrow \textcircled{*}
 \end{aligned}$$

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Again,

$$P(A \cap E_i) = P(A) P(E_i | A)$$

$$P(E_i \setminus A) = \frac{P(E_i \cap A)}{P(A)}$$

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

$$\Rightarrow P(\varepsilon_i | A) = \frac{P(\varepsilon_i) P(A | \varepsilon_i)}{\sum_{i=1}^n P(\varepsilon_i) P(A | \varepsilon_i)}$$

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$$= \frac{P(\varepsilon_i) P(A | \varepsilon_i)}{P(A)}$$

Proved

**Example. 4.31.** The contents of urns I, II and III are as follows:

I - I white, 2 black and 3 red balls,

II - 2 white, 1 black and 1 red balls, and

*4 white, 5 black and 3 red balls.*

One urn is chosen at random and two balls drawn. They happen to be white and red. What is the probability that they come from urns I, II or III?

Sol: let us define the events as follows:

$E_1$ : event that win I is chosen

$$\omega_2 : \quad u \quad v \quad w \quad x \quad y \quad z$$

$\mathfrak{E}_3$  : . s . III n "

A : event that the two selected balls are white & red.

Then,  $P(\xi_1) = P(\xi_2) = P(\xi_3) = \frac{1}{3}$

$$P(A|E_1) = \frac{C_1 x^3 C_1}{6 C_2} = \frac{1 \times 3}{15} = \frac{1}{5}$$

$$P(A|\varepsilon_2) = \frac{2c_1 x^1 c_1}{4c_1} = \frac{2x_1}{6} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$P(A|\mathcal{E}_3) = \frac{^4C_1 \times ^3C_1}{^4C_2} = \frac{4 \times 3}{6 \times 11} = \frac{2}{11}$$

$$P(\varepsilon_1|A) = ? \quad P(\varepsilon_2|A) = ? \quad P(\varepsilon_3|A) = ?$$

we have -

$$\begin{aligned} P(A) &= \sum_{i=1}^3 P(\varepsilon_i)P(A|\varepsilon_i) = P(\varepsilon_1)P(A|\varepsilon_1) + P(\varepsilon_2)P(A|\varepsilon_2) + P(\varepsilon_3)P(A|\varepsilon_3) \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{2}{11} \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{2}{11} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{33+55+30}{165} = \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{118}{165} = \frac{1}{3} \frac{118}{165} \end{aligned}$$

∴ From Baye's theorem,

$$P(\varepsilon_1|A) = \frac{P(\varepsilon_1)P(A|\varepsilon_1)}{P(A)} = \frac{\frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{5}}{\frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{118}{165}} = \frac{1}{5} \times \frac{165}{118} = \frac{33}{118}$$

$$P(\varepsilon_2|A) = \frac{P(\varepsilon_2)P(A|\varepsilon_2)}{P(A)} = \frac{\frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{3}}{\frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{118}{165}} = \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{165}{118} = \frac{55}{118}$$

$$P(\varepsilon_3|A) = \frac{P(\varepsilon_3)P(A|\varepsilon_3)}{P(A)} = \frac{\frac{1}{3} \times \frac{2}{11}}{\frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{118}{165}} = \frac{2}{11} \times \frac{165}{118} = \frac{15}{59}$$

Example 4.33. In a bolt factory machines A, B and C manufacture respectively 25%, 35% and 40% of the total. Of their output 5, 4, 2 per cent are defective bolts. A bolt is drawn at random from the product and is found to be defective. What are the probabilities that it was manufactured by machines A, B and C?