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E  
F

Independent Events: If E and F are two separate events and if the occurrence of E does not affect and is not affected by the occurrence of F then E and F are said to be independent events.

In other words, two events  $E$  and  $F$  are said to be independent if

$$P(E \cap F) = P(E) \cdot P(F)$$

Using the def'n of conditional probability,

$$P(E|F) = \frac{P(E \cap F)}{P(F)}$$

$$P(E|F) = \frac{P(E) \cdot P(F)}{P(F)} = P(E)$$

Condition probability becomes unconditional probability, that's why it becomes independent events due to the independence of these 2 events.

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} P(E|F) = P(E) \\ P(F|E) = P(F) \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow \text{Independent Events}$$

Problem #1: Two ideal coins are tossed. Let  $A$  be the event "head on the first coin" and  $B$  be the event "head on the second coin". Check whether the events are independent or not

Sol'n: A: Head on the first coin.

B: " " " second "

$$S = \{\text{HH, HT, TH, TT}\} \quad P(\bar{A}) = \frac{2}{4} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$A = \{\text{HH, HT}\} \quad P(\bar{B}) = \frac{2}{4} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$B = \{\text{HH, TH}\} \quad P(A \cap \bar{B}) = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$A \cap B = \{\text{HT}\} \quad P(A \cap \bar{B}) = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\text{Proven that it is } P(A) \cdot P(\bar{B}) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{4}$$

Problem #2: There are 3 coins tossed.

A: Head on the 1<sup>st</sup> coin.

B: Tails on the last 2 coins.

$$S = \{\text{HHH, HTH, HHT, HTT, THH, TTH, THT, TTT}\}$$

$$A = \{\text{HHH, HTH, HHT, HTT}\} \quad P(A) = \frac{4}{8} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$P(B) = \frac{2}{8} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$B = \{\text{HTT, TTT}\}$$

$$P(A \cap B) = \frac{1}{8}$$

$$A \cap B = \{\text{HTT}\}$$

$$\text{Now, } P(A) * P(B) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{8} = P(A \cap B)$$

So, A and B are independent events.

problem #3:

Suppose we throw 2 fair dice. Let  $E_1$  denotes the event that the sum of the dice is 6. And  $F$  denotes the event that the first dice equals 4.

sln:  $P(E_1 \cap F) = 1/36$

$$E_1 \cap F = \{(4, 2)\}$$

$$P(E_1) = 5/36$$

$$E_1 = \{(1, 5), (2, 4), (4, 2), (3, 3), (5, 1)\}$$

$$P(F) = 6/36 = 1/6$$

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

$$P(E_1) \cdot P(F) = \frac{5}{36} \times \frac{1}{6} \neq \frac{1}{36} = P(E_1 \cap F)$$

$$\therefore P(E_1) \cdot P(F) \neq P(E_1 \cap F)$$

As it's conditional, so not independent.

Modified: If following conditions hold:

$$E_2 = \{(1, 6), (2, 5), (3, 4), (4, 3), (5, 2), (6, 1)\}$$

$$(E_2 \cap F) = \{(4, 3)\}$$

$$P(E_2) = 1/6$$

$$P(F) = 1/6$$

$$P(E_2 \cap F) = 1/36$$

$$P(E_2) \cdot P(F) = \frac{1}{6} \times \frac{1}{6} = \frac{1}{36} = P(E_2 \cap F)$$

$$P(E_2 | F) = \frac{P(E_2 \cap F)}{P(F)} = \frac{\frac{1}{36}}{\frac{1}{6}} = \frac{1}{6} = P(E_2)$$

So, independent. Unconditional.

(Dunno why tho?)

$$E_3: (\text{sum}=8) \quad \text{check!} \quad P(E_3 | F) = P(E_3)$$

$$E_2 = \{(2,6), (6,2), (3,5), (5,3), (4,4)\} \quad 5/36$$

$$F = \{(4,4)\} \quad 1/36$$

$$E_2 \cap F = \{(4,4)\} = 1/36$$

$$P(F) = \frac{1}{36} \quad P(E_2 | F) = \frac{1}{36} \quad P(E_2) = \frac{5}{36}$$

So, sum=7 is just a special case.

Problem #4: A fire brigade has 2 fire engines operating independently. The probability that a specific fire engine is available when required is 0.99. Then

(a) What is the probability that an engine is available when needed?

(b) " " " " " neither? " "

Soln: (a) A: The event that the 1st engine is available

B: " " " " " second " " " "

$$P(A) = P(B) = 0.99$$

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A) \cdot P(B) = (0.99)^2 = 0.9801$$

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

$$= 0.99 + 0.99 - 0.9801$$

$$= 0.9999$$

probability of getting one from 2 is more obv!

(b)  $P(A \cup B) = 1 - P(A \cap B) = 1 - 0.9999 = 0.0001$

HTTH, THHH = 2 methods

Independence of more than two events:

The multiplication rule for independent events extends very simply to three or more events.

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

$$P(A_1 \cap A_2 \cap A_3 \cap \dots \cap A_n) = P(A_1) \cdot P(A_2) \cdot \dots \cdot P(A_n)$$

absolute independence

pair-wise: pair-wise does not mean it's going to be absolute.

$$(0.99)^2 \cdot 0.99 \cdot 0.99 = 0.97 \cdot 0.99$$

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Problem #5: Two coins are tossed. If A is the event

"head on the first coin", B is the event

"head on the second coin", and C is the

event "coins fall alike" then show that the

events A, B, C are pair-wise independent

but not completely/absolutely?

Solution:  $S = \{\text{HH, HT, TH, TT}\}$

$$A = \{\text{HH, HT}\}; \quad A \cap B = \{\text{HH}\}$$

$$B = \{\text{HH, TH}\}; \quad B \cap C = \{\text{HH}\}$$

$$C = \{\text{HH, TT}\}; \quad C \cap A = \{\text{HH}\}$$

$$P(A \cap B \cap C) = \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{8}$$

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

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A \cap C) = P(B \cap C) = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$P(A) \cdot P(B) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{4} = P(A \cap B)$$

$$P(B) \cdot P(C) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{4} = P(B \cap C)$$

$$P(A) \cdot P(C) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{4} = P(A \cap C)$$

Now,  $P(A) \cdot P(B) \cdot P(C) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{8}$

Pair-wise  
independent

Book examples, exercises  
for practice.

$$P(A \cap B \cap C) = \frac{1}{4} \neq P(A) \cdot P(B) \cdot P(C)$$

So, not absolutely independent.

prob. corr. etc. &  $A \cap B \cap C$  not  $\emptyset$  (if it is)

## Conditional Probability (and)

Partitions:

Let  $S$  denotes the sample

space of some random

experiment. and consider

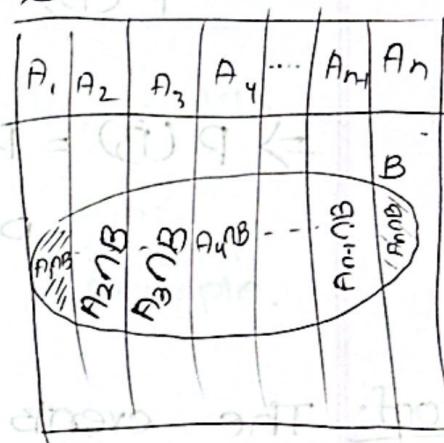
events  $A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots, A_n$  such  
that they are mutually

exclusive (and collectively

exhaustive, that is

$$A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset \text{ for all } i \neq j \text{ and}$$

$$S = A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3 \cup \dots \cup A_n$$



$B$  is a common  
event. and it falls  
over all  $A_n$  events.

$A$  has  $n$  parti  
tions and

$B$  has some  
pieces of  $A$ .

$$S = A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3 \cup \dots \cup A_n$$

Then it is said that these events form a  
partition of  $S$ .

## Total Probability Rule:

Suppose that the events  $A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots, A_n$  form a partitioning of the sample space,  $S$  and  $P(A_j) > 0$  for  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Then for any event  $B \in S$ ,

$$P(B) = \sum_{j=1}^n P(A_j) \cdot P(B|A_j)$$

$$\Rightarrow P(B) = P(A_1) \cdot P(B|A_1) + P(A_2) \cdot P(B|A_2) + \\ P(A_3) \cdot P(B|A_3) + \dots + P(A_n) \cdot P(B|A_n)$$

(all terms have same sign)

Proof: The events  $(A_1 \cap B), (A_2 \cap B), (A_3 \cap B), \dots, (A_n \cap B)$  form a partition of the event,  $B$ .

Hence,

$$B = (A_1 \cap B) \cup (A_2 \cap B) \cup (A_3 \cap B) \cup \dots \cup (A_n \cap B)$$

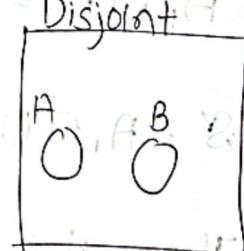
Since, there  $n$  events on the

RHS, of (1) are mutually

exclusive or disjoint then

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

$$\Rightarrow P(B) = \sum_{j=1}^n P(A_j \cap B)$$



$$P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B)$$

Using the multiplication rule we have

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

Here,

$$P(B) = \sum_{j=1}^n P(A_j) \cdot P(B | A_j)$$

Section: ~~5-1~~, ~~5-4~~, 1°4, 1°5, 1°6

1°13, 1°14, 1°15, 1°16



Bias-  
theorem  
example.

permutation combination

Counting Principle