

STAT 88: Lecture 3

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Three axioms of probability:

1. $P(A) \geq 0$ for all $A \subseteq \Omega$.
2. $P(\Omega) = 1$.
3. **Addition Rule.** If A and B are mutually exclusive, i.e. $A \cap B = \emptyset$, then $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B)$.

Based on the axiom, we have **upper bound** and **lower bound** as (why?)

$$\max\{P(A), P(B)\} \leq P(A \cup B) \leq P(A) + P(B). \quad (1)$$

Textbook notation : **AB means $A \cap B$** . In the lecture note, we will use **$A \cap B$** to denote the intersection.

De Morgan's laws: $(A^c \cup B^c)^c = A \cap B$. Then

$$P(A \cap B) = P((A^c \cup B^c)^c) = 1 - P(A^c \cup B^c).$$

We know from (1) that $\max\{P(A^c), P(B^c)\} \leq P(A^c \cup B^c) \leq P(A^c) + P(B^c)$, therefore

$$1 - P(A^c) - P(B^c) \leq P(A \cap B) \leq 1 - \max\{P(A^c), P(B^c)\}.$$

$$P(A) + P(B) - 1$$

(using complement rule)

$$\min\{1 - P(A^c), 1 - P(B^c)\} = \min\{P(A), P(B)\}.$$

Warm up: (Exercise 1.4.5) If a student applies to ten colleges with a 20% chance of being accepted to each, what are the chances that he will be accepted by at least one college? Be clear about any assumptions you are making.

Exercise

① Making no assumptions:

C_i = event get into i th college.

$$\begin{cases} P(C_1 \cup C_2 \cup \dots \cup C_{10}) \geq P(C_1) = 20\% \\ P(C_1 \cup C_2 \cup \dots \cup C_{10}) \leq \sum_{j=1}^{10} P(C_j) = 200\% \quad (\text{Bonferroni}) \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow 20\% \leq P(C_1 \cup C_2 \cup \dots \cup C_{10}) \leq 100\%$$

② Assume C_1, C_2, \dots, C_{10} independent.

$$\begin{aligned} P(C_1 \cup C_2 \cup \dots \cup C_{10}) &= 1 - P((C_1 \cup \dots \cup C_{10})^c) \quad (\text{Complement rule}) \\ &= 1 - P(C_1^c \cap C_2^c \cap \dots \cap C_{10}^c) \quad (\text{De Morgan's laws}) \\ &= 1 - P(C_1^c)P(C_2^c) \dots P(C_{10}^c) \quad (\text{Assuming Independence}) \\ &= 1 - (0.8)^{10} \quad (\because P(C_i^c) = 1 - P(C_i) = 0.8) \\ &\approx 0.89 \end{aligned}$$

2.1. The Chance of an Intersection

Pick two cards at random without replacement from a deck that contains one red, one blue, and one green card (R, B, G). Find

$$P(\text{1st Card B and 2nd Card R}).$$

The outcome space $\Omega = \{RB, RG, BG, BR, GR, GB\}$. The draws are at random, so all six pairs are equally likely. Then

$$P(\text{1st Card B and 2nd Card R}) = P(\{BR\}) = \frac{1}{6} = \frac{\# \{BR\}}{\# \Omega}$$

Alternatively, we can use the multiplication rule: *conditional prob.*

$$P(\{BR\}) = \underbrace{P(\text{2nd Card R} | \text{1st Card B})}_{=1/2} \cdot \underbrace{P(\text{1st Card B})}_{=1/3} = 1/6$$

Multiplication rule For $A, B \subseteq \Omega$,

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

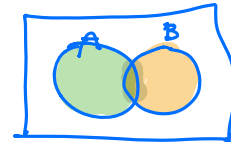
Since $P(A \cap B) = P(B \cap A)$, we also have $P(A \cap B) = P(B \cap A) = P(B|A)P(A)$.

Example: What is chance 1st card in a 52 card deck is queen “and” the last is queen?

$$P(\text{1st Q} \cap \text{last Q}) = \underbrace{P(\text{1st Q})}_{=4/52} \underbrace{P(\text{last Q} | \text{1st Q})}_{=3/51} = \frac{4}{52} * \frac{3}{51}$$

Inclusion-Exclusion For $A, B \subseteq \Omega$,

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



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$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{1st Q} \cup \text{last Q}) &= P(\text{1st Q}) + P(\text{last Q}) - P(\text{1st Q} \cap \text{last Q}) \\ &= \frac{4}{52} + \frac{4}{52} - \frac{4}{52} * \frac{3}{51} \end{aligned}$$

Example: A deck of cards is shuffled. What is the chance that the top card is the king of spades or the bottom card is the king of spades?

Exercise.

KS_i = event i th card is the King of Spades. (Inclusion Exclusion)

$$P(KS_1 \cup KS_{52}) = P(KS_1) + P(KS_{52}) - P(KS_1 \cap KS_{52})$$

$$= \frac{1}{52} + \frac{1}{52} - 0 \quad (KS_1 \text{ and } KS_{52} \text{ are mutually exclusive})$$

$$= \frac{1}{26}$$

Intersection of Several Events

Consider a poker hand (5 cards randomly drawn without replacement).

H_i : event that Card i is a heart.

What is the chance all 5 cards are hearts?

$$P(H_1 \cap H_2 \cap \dots \cap H_5) = P(H_1)P(H_2|H_1)P(H_3|H_1 \cap H_2) \dots = \frac{13}{52} * \frac{12}{51} * \frac{11}{50} * \dots$$

What is the chance that all five cards are of the same suit?

$P(\text{all hearts or all diamonds or all spades or all clubs})$
 $= 4 * \text{answer from above.}$

2.2. Symmetry in Simple Random Sampling

Sampling individuals at random without replacement is one of the most natural ways to collect a random sample from a finite population. It is called simple random sampling and will be studied extensively in this course. We will examine simple random sampling in the context of dealing hands of cards from a deck (or population) of size 52.

Recall a deck of 52 cards has 4 suits.



How many possible pairs of cards are there?

If you deal 2 cards, what is the chance the 2nd card is red?