

Basic Probability Homework

Problem 1: Rule of Complements

Suppose the probability of an event A is given by $P(A) = 0.3$. Calculate the probability of the complement of event A , $P(A^c)$.

Solution:

Using the rule of complements, we have $P(A^c) = 1 - P(A)$. Thus, $P(A^c) = 1 - 0.3 = 0.7$.

Problem 2: Definition of Conditional Probability

The probabilities of events A and B are given by $P(A) = 0.4$ and $P(B) = 0.5$, respectively. The probability of both events occurring is given by $P(A \text{ and } B) = 0.2$. Calculate the conditional probability $P(A|B)$.

Solution:

Using the definition of conditional probability, we have $P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \text{ and } B)}{P(B)}$. Thus, $P(A|B) = \frac{0.2}{0.5} = 0.4$.

Problem 3: Law of Total Probability

A box contains three bags: Bag 1, Bag 2, and Bag 3. Bag 1 contains 2 red and 3 green balls, Bag 2 contains 4 red and 1 green balls, and Bag 3 contains 1 red and 4 green balls. You randomly choose a bag and then randomly choose a ball from that bag. Calculate the probability of drawing a red ball.

Solution:

Let R be the event of drawing a red ball, and let B_i be the event of choosing Bag i . Using the law of total probability, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} P(R) &= P(R|B_1)P(B_1) + P(R|B_2)P(B_2) + P(R|B_3)P(B_3) \\ &= \frac{2}{5} \cdot \frac{1}{3} + \frac{4}{5} \cdot \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} \cdot \frac{1}{3} \\ &= \frac{2}{15} + \frac{4}{15} + \frac{1}{15} \\ &= \frac{7}{15}. \end{aligned}$$

Problem 4: Independent Events

Given events A and B , with $P(A) = 0.6$, $P(B) = 0.7$, and $P(A \text{ and } B) = 0.42$. Determine if events A and B are independent.

Solution:

Events A and B are independent if $P(A \text{ and } B) = P(A)P(B)$. We check this condition: $P(A) \times P(B) = 0.6 \times 0.7 = 0.42$, which is the same as $P(A \text{ and } B)$, so A and B are independent.

Problem 5: Conditional Probability

Let $P(A) = 0.3$, $P(B) = 0.4$, and $P(A \text{ and } B) = 0.1$. Calculate the conditional probability $P(A^c|B)$.

Solution:

We first find $P(A^c \text{ and } B)$:

$$P(A^c \text{ and } B) = P(B) - P(A \text{ and } B) = 0.4 - 0.1 = 0.3$$

Now, we can find $P(A^c|B)$:

$$P(A^c|B) = \frac{P(A^c \text{ and } B)}{P(B)} = \frac{0.3}{0.4} = 0.75$$

Problem 6: Law of Total Probability

A company has two warehouses (Warehouse 1 and Warehouse 2). Warehouse 1 has 60% of the total stock, while Warehouse 2 has 40% of the total stock. The probability of a damaged item in Warehouse 1 is 2%, and in Warehouse 2 it is 5%. Calculate the probability of choosing a damaged item from the company's stock.

Solution:

Let D be the event of choosing a damaged item, and let W_i be the event of choosing from Warehouse i . Using the law of total probability, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} P(D) &= P(D|W_1)P(W_1) + P(D|W_2)P(W_2) \\ &= 0.02 \times 0.6 + 0.05 \times 0.4 \\ &= 0.012 + 0.02 \\ &= 0.032. \end{aligned}$$

Problem 7: Conditional Probability and Independence

Given events A and B , with $P(A) = 0.5$, $P(B) = 0.6$, and $P(A \text{ and } B) = 0.3$. Calculate the conditional probability $P(B|A)$ and determine if events A and B are independent.

Solution:

First, we find $P(B|A)$:

$$P(B|A) = \frac{P(A \text{ and } B)}{P(A)} = \frac{0.3}{0.5} = 0.6$$

To check for independence, we compare $P(B)$ and $P(B|A)$:

$$P(B) = P(B|A) \implies 0.6 = 0.6$$

Since the equality holds, events A and B are independent.