

2.1 Sample Space

- The set of all possible outcomes of a statistical experiment is called the sample space and is represented by the symbol S .
- Each outcome in a sample space is called an element or a member of the sample space, or simply a sample point.

2.2 Events

- An event is a subset of a sample space
- The intersection of two events A and B , denoted by the symbol $A \cap B$, is the event containing all elements that are common to A and B .
- Two events A and B are mutually exclusive, or disjoint if $A \cap B = \emptyset$, that is, if A and B have no elements in common
- The union of the two events A and B , denoted by the symbol $A \cup B$, is the event containing all the elements that belong to A or B or both.

2.3 Counting Sample Points.

• Rule 1: If an operation can be performed in n_1 ways, and if for each of these ways a second operation can be performed in n_2 ways, then the two operations can be performed together in $n_1 n_2$ ways.

• Rule 2: If an operation can be performed in n_1 ways, and if for each of these a second operation can be performed in n_2 ways, and for each of the first two a third operation can be performed in n_3 ways, and so forth, then the sequence of k operations can be performed in $n_1 n_2 \dots n_k$ ways.

• A permutation is an arrangement of all or part of a set of objects.

• For any non-negative integer n , $n!$ called "n factorial" is defined as

$$n! = (n)(n-1)(n-2) \dots (2)(1)$$

with special case $0! = 1$.

• Theorem 2.1: The number of permutations of n objects is $n!$

$${}_n P_r = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!} \rightarrow \text{Theorem 2.2}$$

• Theorem 2.3: The number of permutations of n objects arranged in a circle is $(n-1)!$

• Theorem 2.4: The number of distinct permutations of n things of which n_1 are of one kind, n_2 of a second kind, ..., n_k of a k th kind is

$$\frac{n!}{n_1! n_2! \dots n_k!}$$

• Theorem 2.5: The number of ways partitioning a set of n objects into r cells with n_1 elements in the first cell, n_2 elements in the second, and so forth, is

$$\binom{n}{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_r} = \frac{n!}{n_1! n_2! n_3! \dots n_r!}$$

where $n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_r = n$.

• Theorem 2.6: The number of combinations of n distinct objects taken r at a time is

$${}_n C_r = \binom{n}{r} = \frac{n!}{r! (n-r)!}$$

2.4 Probability of An Event.

- The probability of an event A is the sum of the weights of all sample points in A . Therefore,

$$0 \leq P(A) \leq 1, \quad P(\emptyset) = 0, \text{ and } P(S) = 1$$

Furthermore, if A_1, A_2, \dots is a sequence of mutually exclusive events, then

$$P(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3 \cup \dots) = P(A_1) + P(A_2) + P(A_3) + \dots$$

- Rule 2.3: If an experiment can result in any one of N different equally likely outcomes, and if exactly n of these outcomes correspond to event A , then the probability of event A

$$\text{is } P(A) = \frac{n}{N}$$

2.5 Additive Rules.

Theorem 2.7: If A and B are two events, then

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

Corollary 2.1: If A and B are mutually exclusive, then

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

Corollary 2.2: If A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n are mutually exclusive, then

$$P(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_n) = P(A_1) + P(A_2) + \dots + P(A_n)$$

Corollary 2.3: If A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n is a partition of sample space S , then

$$P(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_n) = P(A_1) + P(A_2) + \dots + P(A_n) \\ = P(S) = 1$$

Theorem 2.8: For three events A, B, C ,

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

Theorem 2.9: If A and A' are complementary events, then

$$P(A) + P(A') = 1$$

2.6 Conditional Probability, Independence, and The Product Rule.

- The conditional probability of B , given A , denoted by $P(B|A)$, is defined by

$$P(B|A) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(A)}, \text{ provided } P(A) > 0$$

- Two events A and B are independent if and only if $P(B|A) = P(B)$ or $P(A|B) = P(A)$, assuming the existence of the conditional probabilities. Otherwise, A and B are dependent.

Theorem 2.10: If in an experiment the events A and B can both occur, then

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A) P(B|A), \text{ provided } P(A) > 0$$

Theorem 2.11: Two events A and B are independent if and only if

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

Therefore, to obtain the probability that two independent events will both occur, we simply find the product of their individual probabilities.

Theorem 2.12: If, in an experiment, the events A_1, A_2, \dots, A_k can occur, then

$$\begin{aligned} P(A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_k) \\ = P(A_1) P(A_2|A_1) P(A_3|A_1 \cap A_2) \dots P(A_k|A_1 \cap \dots \cap A_{k-1}) \end{aligned}$$

If the events A_1, A_2, \dots, A_k are independent, then

$$P(A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_k) = P(A_1) P(A_2) \dots P(A_k)$$

• A collection of events $A = \{A_1, \dots, A_n\}$ are mutually independent if for any subset of

$A, A_{i_1}, \dots, A_{i_k}$, for $k \leq n$, we have

$$P(A_{i_1} \cap \dots \cap A_{i_k}) = P(A_{i_1}) \dots P(A_{i_k})$$

2.7 Bayes' Rule

Theorem 2.13: If the events B_1, B_2, \dots, B_k constitute a partition of the sample space S such that $P(B_i) \neq 0$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$, then for any event A of S ,

$$P(A) = \sum_{i=1}^k P(B_i \cap A) = \sum_{i=1}^k P(B_i) P(A|B_i).$$

Theorem 2.14: (Bayes' Rule) If the events B_1, B_2, \dots, B_k constitute a partition of the sample space S such that $P(B_i) \neq 0$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$, then for any event A in S such that $P(A) \neq 0$,

$$P(B_r|A) = \frac{P(B_r \cap A)}{\sum_{i=1}^k P(B_i \cap A)} = \frac{P(B_r) P(A|B_r)}{\sum_{i=1}^k P(B_i) P(A|B_i)}$$

for $r = 1, 2, \dots, k$