

Math 3235 Probability Theory

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Conditional prob of B given A

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

$P(B|A)$ as a function of B ; $P(\cdot|A)$ This is a probability.

$$P(B_1|A) + P(B_2|A) = P(B_1 \cup B_2|A)$$

$$\text{if } B_1 \cap B_2 = \emptyset.$$

if A tells me nothing about B

$$P(B|A) = P(B)$$

B is independent from A .

$$P(B|A) = P(B)$$



$$P(A) \neq 0$$

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



$$P(B) \neq 0$$

$$P(A|B) = P(A)$$

Definition: A and B are

independent if

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

$$\text{if } P(A) = 0 \Rightarrow P(A \cap B) = 0$$

$$A \cap B \subset A \Rightarrow P(A \cap B) \leq P(A) = 0$$

$$P(A \cap B) \geq 0 \Rightarrow P(A \cap B) = 0$$

($\phi \subset A$ for every A)

$$\text{if } P(A) = 0$$

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

for every B.

A B C They are independent.

$A \perp B$ (A and B are independent)

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

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

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

} pair wise
ind.

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

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

$$P(A)P(B)P(C)$$

The Three events are ind.

$$\Omega = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$$

$$P(i) = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$A = \{1, 2\} \quad B = \{2, 3\}$$

$$C = \{1, 3\}$$

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

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

$$P(A \cap B \cap C) = 0 \neq P(A) P(B) P(C) = \frac{1}{8}$$

A_i $i = 1 \dots n$ of events

A_i are independent

for $J \subset \{1, \dots, n\}$

$$P\left(\bigcap_{i \in J} A_i\right) = \prod_{i \in J} P(A_i)$$

Flip a coin n Times

L O L ... O L L O
 n -Times

H T
" 1
O L

outcomes = 2^n

σ a n outcome

$$P(\sigma) = 2^{-n}$$

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$$\Omega = \{0, 1\}^n$$

= all sequences
of n 0 or 1.

$$X_i : \Omega \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$$

$$X_i(\sigma) = \sigma_i$$

$$n = 5$$

$$\sigma = L O L L O$$

$$X_3(\sigma) = L \quad X_2(\sigma) = O$$

$$P(X_i(\sigma) = L) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$P(X_i(\sigma) = L \ \& \ X_j(\sigma) = O) = \frac{1}{4} \quad i \neq j$$

$$n = 3$$

000
001
010
100
011
101
110
111

$$\Omega = 2^3$$

$$A = \{ \sum X_i(\omega) = 1 \}$$

$$B = \{ \sum X_j(\omega) = 0 \}$$

$A \perp B$ if $i \neq j$.

$$P(\underline{\sigma}) = p^{n_1(\underline{\sigma})} (1-p)^{n_0(\underline{\sigma})}$$

$n_1(\underline{\sigma}) =$ number of 1 in $\underline{\sigma}$

$n_0(\underline{\sigma}) =$ number of 0 in $\underline{\sigma}$

n flip of a coin with prob

p of 1 (T) and $(1-p)$ of

0 (H).

Bayes Theorem.

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

B_i of events

$$B_i \cap B_j = \emptyset \quad \text{if } i \neq j$$

mutually exclusive.

$$\bigcup_i B_i = \Omega$$

exhaustive

B_i form a partition of Ω .

Law of Total Prob.

if B_i form a partition and

A is an event

$$P(A) = \sum_i P(A|B_i)P(B_i)$$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} A \cap \Omega &= A = A \cap \left(\bigcup_i B_i \right) = \\ &= \bigcup_i (A \cap B_i) \end{aligned}$$

$$P(A) = P\left(\bigcup_i (A \cap B_i)\right) =$$

$$(A \cap B_i) \cap (A \cap B_j) = \emptyset$$

$$P(A) = \sum_i P(A \cap B_i) = \sum_i P(A | B_i) P(B_i)$$