

This Week:

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- Review
  - Logic, proof by truth tables
  - Probability Spaces  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, P)$
- Conditional probability
  - Definition
  - Independence
  - Total Probability, Bayes Theorem
  - Multiplication Theorem
    - Proof by Induction

- Continuity of Probability

- Borel-Cantelli Lemma I

# I Proof by Truth tables:

Recall material implication:  $p \Rightarrow q$

p	q	$p \Rightarrow q$
1	1	1
0	1	1
1	0	0
0	0	1

$[p \Rightarrow q]$  is logically equivalent to

i/  $[\sim p \vee q]$

ii/  $[\sim q \Rightarrow \sim p]$

How to prove these?

EX 1 claim i/  $[p \Rightarrow q] \Leftrightarrow [\sim p \vee q]$

ii/  $[p \Rightarrow q] \Leftrightarrow [\sim q \Rightarrow \sim p]$

Proof: Use a truth table to show that there is no possible combination of truth values for p and q such that each equivalence is false

p	q	$[p \Rightarrow q] \Leftrightarrow [\sim p \vee q]$	$[p \Rightarrow q] \Leftrightarrow [\sim q \Rightarrow \sim p]$
1	1	1	1
0	1	1	1
1	0	0	0
0	0	1	1

Other equivalences include:

QED

$p \Leftrightarrow \sim \sim p$  [Double negation],  $\sim(p \vee q) \Leftrightarrow (\sim p \wedge \sim q)$  [De Morgan's], etc

We can also prove the validity of rules of inference (argument forms) using the same method.

EX2 [Modus Ponens]

$$\begin{array}{l}
 P \Rightarrow Q \\
 \hline P \\
 \hline \therefore Q
 \end{array}
 \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{l} P \Rightarrow Q \\ \hline P \\ \hline \therefore Q \end{array}} \right\} \text{ or } [(P \Rightarrow Q) \wedge P] \Rightarrow Q$$

Proof:

P	Q	[(P ⇒ Q) ∧ P] ⇒ Q			
1	1	1	1	1	1
0	1	0	1	1	0
1	0	1	0	0	1
0	0	0	1	0	0

EX 3 : Prove

- |                      |                          |                                   |
|----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| i/ $P \Rightarrow Q$ | ii/ $P \vee Q$           | iii/ $P \Rightarrow Q$            |
| $\sim Q$             | $\sim P$                 | $\Gamma \Rightarrow \Gamma$       |
| $\therefore \sim P$  | $\therefore Q$           | $\therefore P \Rightarrow \Gamma$ |
| Modus Tollens        | disjunctive<br>Syllogism | Hypothetical<br>Syllogism         |

Proof: Truth Tables .

## II Conditional Probability:

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Review:

Events are measurable sets, i.e. elements of a sigma algebra.  $\sigma$ -algebras are C $\cup$ T. Probability measures  $P$  are CAT functions  $P: \mathcal{Q} \rightarrow [0,1]$

given  $A, B \in \mathcal{Q}$  and  $P(B) \neq 0$

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

$P(A|B) \approx \text{degree}(B \Rightarrow A)$

Qu is  $(A \cap B) \in \mathcal{Q}$  if  $A, B \in \mathcal{Q}$ ? Why?

Independence:

$A, B$  are independent

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

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

The Event  $\{A_k\}_k$  are independent

$$\Leftrightarrow P(\bigcap_k A_k) = \prod_k P(A_k)$$

Independence  $\neq$  Mutual Exclusivity

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$A, B$  mutually exclusive  $\Leftrightarrow A \cap B = \emptyset$

Questions:

i)  $[A \cap B = \emptyset] \stackrel{???}{\Leftrightarrow} [P(A \cap B) = 0]$

ii)  $[P(E) = 0] \stackrel{??}{\Rightarrow} [E = \emptyset]$

iii) Can an event be independent of itself?

iv)  $[E \text{ not measurable}] \stackrel{???}{\Leftrightarrow} [P(E) = 0]$

Ex 4 Given a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{Q}, P)$  and a measurable set  $B$  with  $P(B) \neq 0$ . Define the reduced  $\sigma$ -alg

$$B \cap \mathcal{Q} = \{B \cap E \mid E \in \mathcal{Q}\}$$

Is  $(B \cap \Omega, B \cap \mathcal{Q}, P(\cdot|B))$  also a probability space?

Ans: show i)  $P(\cdot|B)$  is CAT and ii)  $B \cap \mathcal{Q}$  is CUT

i) I:  $P(B|B) = \frac{P(B \cap B)}{P(B)} = \frac{P(B)}{P(B)} = 1$

CA:  $\{A_i\}_i$ : countable collection of disjoint events.

$$\Rightarrow P(\cup A_i | B) = \frac{P((\cup A_i) \cap B)}{P(B)}$$

$$= \frac{P(\cup (A_i \cap B))}{P(B)} = \sum_i \frac{P(A_i \cap B)}{P(B)}$$

$$= \sum_i P(A_i | B)$$

$$\text{ii) } \underline{C}: S \in \mathcal{B} \cap \mathcal{Q} \Rightarrow S^c = \mathcal{B} - S$$

$$\text{and } \exists E \in \mathcal{Q} : S = \mathcal{B} \cap E$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \mathcal{B} - S &= \mathcal{B} \cap (\mathcal{B} \cap E)^c = \mathcal{B} \cap (\mathcal{B}^c \cup E^c) \\ &= (\mathcal{B} \cap \mathcal{B}^c) \cup (\mathcal{B} \cap E^c) \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{B} - S = \mathcal{B} \cap E^c = \mathcal{B} \cap (\Omega - E)$$

$$E \in \mathcal{Q} \Rightarrow E^c \in \mathcal{Q}$$

$$\therefore \mathcal{B} \cap E^c \in (\mathcal{B} \cap \mathcal{Q})$$

$$\underline{I}: \mathcal{B} = \mathcal{B} \cap \mathcal{B} \text{ and } \mathcal{B} \in \mathcal{Q}$$

$$\therefore \mathcal{B} \in (\mathcal{B} \cap \mathcal{Q})$$

$$\underline{U}: \{A_i\} : \text{countable collection in } \mathcal{B} \cap \mathcal{Q}$$

$$\Rightarrow \bigcup_i A_i = \bigcup_i (E_i \cap \mathcal{B})$$

$$\text{where } A_i = E_i \cap \mathcal{B} \quad \forall i \in I$$

$$\Rightarrow \bigcup_i A_i = \mathcal{B} \cap \left( \bigcup_i E_i \right)$$

$$\therefore \left( \bigcup_i A_i \right) \in \mathcal{B} \cap \mathcal{Q}$$

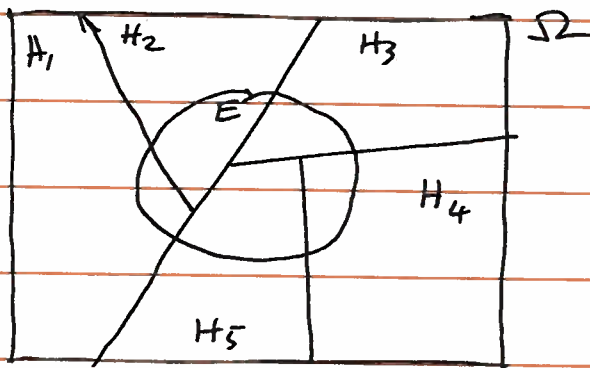
$$\text{CUT CAT } \therefore \text{P-space}$$

Define : A partition  $\{H_k\}_k$  of a space  $\Omega$  is a collection of sets  $\{H_k\}$  such that :

$$i) \bigcup_k H_k = \Omega$$

$$ii) H_k \cap H_l = \emptyset \quad \forall k \neq l$$

e.g. :



Assume measurable sets for partition sets  $\{H_k\}$

Qd. : How do we express  $P(E)$  in terms of the sub-events  $\{E \cap H_k\}_k$  ?

Ans. :

Theorem of Total Probability

$$P(E) = \sum_k P(H_k) \cdot P(E | H_k)$$

$$\text{deg}(E \text{ occurs}) = \sum_k \text{deg}(H_k \text{ occurs}) \times \text{deg}(H_k \text{ causes } E)$$

Proof :

$$E = E \cap \Omega = E \cap \left( \bigcup_k H_k \right) = \bigcup_k (E \cap H_k)$$

The sub-events  $\{E \cap H_k\}_k$  are disjoint since  $\{H_k\}_k$  is a partition.

$$\Rightarrow P\left(\bigcup_k (E \cap H_k)\right) = \sum_k P(E \cap H_k).$$

$$P(E \cap H_k) = P(E|H_k) \cdot P(H_k)$$

$$\therefore P(E) = \sum_k P(H_k) \cdot P(E|H_k)$$

QED

Qu: Can we express  $P(H_j|E)$  in terms of  $\{P(H_k)\}_k$  and  $\{P(E|H_k)\}_k$ ? [reverse the conditional]

Ans Bayes Theorem

$$P(H_j|E) = \frac{P(H_j) \cdot P(E|H_j)}{\sum_k P(H_k) \cdot P(E|H_k)}$$

$P(H_j|E)$  = posterior       $P(E|H_k)$  : likelihood.

$P(H_j)$  : Prior

Proof:

$$P(H_i|E) \stackrel{P(I.)}{=} \frac{P(E \cap H_i)}{P(E)}$$

$$\stackrel{P(I.)}{=} \frac{P(H_i) P(E|H_i)}{P(E)}$$

$$\stackrel{T.P.}{=} \frac{P(H_i) \cdot P(E|H_i)}{\sum_k P(H_k) P(E|H_k)}$$

Party Unconditionally  
To Conquer Bayes

Partition?  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Unconditional} \\ \text{Probability?} \Rightarrow \text{Total Probab.} \\ \text{Conditional} \\ \text{probability?} \Rightarrow \text{Bayes Theorem} \end{array} \right.$

### Multiplication Theorem

$$P\left(\bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i\right) = P(A_1) \cdot P(A_2|A_1) \cdot P(A_3|A_1, A_2) \cdots P(A_n|A_1, \dots, A_{n-1})$$

Qu How do we prove this statement  $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ?

Ans: Induction

## Principle of Mathematical Induction:

Suppose we have statements  $\{P_n\}_{n \geq 1}$  and

i)  $P_1$  is true [Basis step]

ii)  $P_k \Rightarrow P_{k+1} \quad \forall k \geq 1$  [Induction step]

$\therefore P_n$  is true  $\forall n \geq 1$

notes: ① may start from  $P_n$  instead of  $P_1$ , ② equivalent to Well-ordering Principle

EX Claim  $\sum_{i=1}^n i = \frac{1}{2} n \cdot (n+1)$  [Gauss' Formula]

Proof: [by induction]

i)  $P_1$ :  $\sum_{i=1}^1 i = \frac{1}{2}(1)(1+1) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2 = 1$

$\therefore P_1$  is true [Basis step]

ii) show  $P_k \Rightarrow P_{k+1}$  [Induction step]

Assume  $P_k$  is true [Induction Hypothesis]

$$\text{i.e. } \sum_{i=1}^k i = \frac{1}{2} k(k+1)$$

Show  $P_{k+1}$  is also true

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} i &= \left( \sum_{i=1}^k i \right) + (k+1) \stackrel{P_k}{=} \frac{1}{2} k(k+1) + (k+1) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (k^2 + k + 2k + 2) = \frac{1}{2} (k+1)(k+2) \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore P_{k+1}$  is true

$\therefore P_n$  is true for  $n \geq 1$

Ex [Boole's Inequality]Claim:

$$P\left(\bigcup_{m=1}^n A_m\right) \leq \sum_{m=1}^n P(A_m)$$

Proof:

i) [Basis step]

 $P_1$ :  $P(A_1) \leq P(A_1)$  is trivially true $P_2$ :  $P(A_1 \cup A_2) \leq P(A_1) + P(A_2)$ 

$$\therefore P(A_1 \cup A_2) = P(A_1) + P(A_2) - P(A_1 \cap A_2)$$

$$\text{and } P(A_1 \cap A_2) \geq 0 //$$

 $\therefore P_2$  is true //ii) [Induction step] Show  $P_k \Rightarrow P_{k+1}$ Assume  $P_k$ :  $P\left(\bigcup_{m=1}^k A_m\right) \leq \sum_{m=1}^k P(A_m)$ 

$$\bigcup_{m=1}^{k+1} A_m = \left(\bigcup_{m=1}^k A_m\right) \cup A_{k+1}$$

$$\therefore P\left(\bigcup_{m=1}^{k+1} A_m\right) \stackrel{P_2}{\leq} P(A_{k+1}) + P\left(\bigcup_{m=1}^k A_m\right)$$

$$\stackrel{P_k}{\leq} P(A_{k+1}) + \sum_{m=1}^k P(A_m)$$

$$\therefore P\left(\bigcup_{m=1}^{k+1} A_m\right) \leq \sum_{m=1}^{k+1} P(A_m)$$

 $\therefore P_{k+1}$  is true

$$\Rightarrow P_n \text{ true } \forall n \geq 1$$

Proof of Multiplication Theorem:

claim:

$$P\left(\bigcap_{m=1}^n A_m\right) = P(A_1) \cdot P(A_2|A_1) \cdots P(A_n|A_1 \cap \dots \cap A_{n-1})$$

Proof:

 $P_1$  trivially true

[Basis step]  $P_2: P(A_1 \cap A_2) = P(A_1) \cdot P(A_2|A_1)$

by defn of conditional probability

[Induction step]: Show  $P_k \Rightarrow P_{k+1}$ 

Assume  $P_k: P\left(\bigcap_{m=1}^k A_m\right) = P(A_1) \cdot P(A_2|A_1) \cdots P(A_k|A_1 \cap \dots \cap A_{k-1})$

Show  $P_{k+1}$  \*

$$\begin{aligned} P\left(\bigcap_{m=1}^{k+1} A_m\right) &= P\left(\bigcap_{m=1}^k A_m \cap A_{k+1}\right) \\ &\stackrel{P_2}{=} P\left(\bigcap_{m=1}^k A_m\right) \cdot P\left(A_{k+1} \mid \bigcap_{m=1}^k A_m\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\stackrel{P_k}{=} P(A_1) \cdot P(A_2|A_1) \cdots P(A_k|A_1 \cap \dots \cap A_{k-1}) \cdot P\left(A_{k+1} \mid \bigcap_{m=1}^k A_m\right)$$

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QED

# Probability Limits :

Countable unions of events are measurable.  $\subseteq$  and  $\cup$  in CUT imply the same is true for countable intersections.

Suppose we have a nested sequence of sets

$$\{A_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty} : A_1 \subseteq A_2 \subseteq \dots$$

then we can define

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} A_k = \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} A_k$$

similarly if we have

$$\{A_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty} : A_1 \supseteq A_2 \supseteq \dots$$

then 
$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} A_k = \bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} A_k$$

The subsethood relation specifies a "linear (or total) ordering" on the collection  $\{A_k\}$ . Limits require this. (Unique) Hasse Diag. for  $\{A_k\}$

What can we say about the probability of such limits?

**Theorem: [Continuity of Probability]**

if  $P(\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} A_k) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} P(A_k)$

if  $A_k \subseteq A_{k+1} \forall k$   $\left[ \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} A_k = \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} A_k \right]$

if  $A_k \supseteq A_{k+1} \forall k$   $\left[ \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} A_k = \bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} A_k \right]$

Proof of case i/:  $A_k \subset A_{k+1} \forall k$

Strategy: create a disjoint set sequence  $\{B_k\}$  such

$$\bigcup_k B_k = \bigcup_k A_k$$

Define:

$$B_1 = A_1, \quad B_2 = A_2 - A_1, \quad \dots, \quad B_k = A_k - A_{k-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left. \begin{array}{l} \textcircled{a} \bigcup_k B_k = \bigcup_k A_k \quad \textcircled{b} B_k \cap B_j = \emptyset \quad \forall k \neq j \\ \textcircled{c} P(B_k) = P(A_k) - P(A_{k-1}) \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\text{call } \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} A_k = A = \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} A_k$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore P(A) &= P\left(\bigcup_k B_k\right) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} P(B_k) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n P(B_k) \quad (*) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P\left(\bigcup_{k=1}^n B_k\right) \\ \therefore P\left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n\right) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(A_n) \end{aligned}$$

Case ii/:  $A = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} A_k$ ,  $A_k \supset A_{k+1} \forall k$   $\Rightarrow A_k^c \subset A_{k+1}^c \forall k$

$$P(A) = P\left(\bigcap_k A_k\right)$$

$$= P\left(\left(\bigcup_k A_k^c\right)^c\right) \quad [\text{De Morgan's}]$$

$$= 1 - P\left(\bigcup_k A_k^c\right)$$

$$= 1 - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(A_n^c) \quad [\text{by i/}]$$

$$= 1 - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [1 - P(A_n)] \quad [P(A^c) = 1 - P(A)]$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(A_n)$$

# Why "Continuity of Probability"?

— Compare to continuity of function  $f$ :

$f$  continuous at  $x = x_0$

$$\Leftrightarrow f(\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x)$$

Vs Continuity of  $P$

$$P(\lim_{k} A_k) = \lim_{k} P(A_k)$$

Working with linearly ordered sets is rare. But they occur in limsup and liminf...

Most sets are: not comparable e.g.  $\{x, y\} \not\subseteq \{y, z\}$

$$\text{e.g. } A = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \bigcap_{k=n}^{\infty} A_k = \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n$$

$$A = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{k=n}^{\infty} A_k = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n$$

$$B_n = \inf_{k \geq n} A_k = \bigcap_{k=n}^{\infty} A_k$$

[find minimal set]

$$\Rightarrow B_n \subseteq B_{n+1}$$

$$B_n = \sup_{k \geq n} A_k = \bigcup_{k=n}^{\infty} A_k$$

[find maximal set]

$$\Rightarrow B_{n+1} \subseteq B_n$$

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} B_n$$

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} B_n$$

$$\therefore A = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{k=n}^{\infty} A_k = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n$$

where  $B_n \supseteq B_{n+1} \forall n \geq 1$  [An] ↓

$\omega \in A \Rightarrow \forall n \geq 1 \exists k \geq n : \omega \in A_k$   
 [in infinitely many  $A_n$ ]

i.e. outcomes  $\omega \in A$  occur infinitely often (i.o.)

So  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n$  is often called  $\{A_n \text{ i.o.}\}$

Theorem: [Borel-Cantelli Lemma I]

Events:  $\{A_n\}_{n \geq 1}$

$$\left[ \sum_n P(A_n) < \infty \right] \Rightarrow \left[ P(\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n) = 0 \right]$$

Proof:

Define  $B_n = \bigcup_{k=n}^{\infty} A_k \Rightarrow B_n \supseteq B_{n+1}, B_n \downarrow$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow P(\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n) &= P\left(\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n\right) \\ &= P(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} B_n) \quad [\text{set limit for monotone seq.}] \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(B_n) \quad [P\text{-cont}] \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P\left(\bigcup_{k=n}^{\infty} A_k\right) \quad [\text{set: } B_n] \\ &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} P(A_k) \quad [\text{subadditivity or Boole ineq.}] \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore P(\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n) = 0$$

B-C II:  $\left\{ \{A_n\} \text{ indep and } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(A_n) = \infty \right\} \Rightarrow P(\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n) = 1$