

Random Experiment

A random experiment may be defined as an experiment with more than one outcome, which may be repeated any number of times under more or less similar conditions and the outcomes of which vary irregularly from repetition to repetition.

So a random experiment is an experiment in which:

- (a) All outcomes of an experiment are known in advance (and is denoted by Ω)
- (b) Any performance of the experiment results in an ~~experiment~~ outcome that is not known in advance
- (c) The experiment can be repeated under identical conditions

σ -field of events or set (S)

Any set/sub set of the set Ω (set of all possible outcomes of the experiment) is called an event.

Any set S of the events is called a σ -field of events if it has the following properties

- 1) The set Ω and the null set ϕ are in S
i.e. $\Omega \in S$ and $\phi \in S$

2) If a finite or countable sequence of events A_1, A_2, \dots are in \mathcal{S} then their union and their intersection are in \mathcal{S} , i.e. if $A_i \in \mathcal{S}$. Then $A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \in \mathcal{S}$ and $A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \in \mathcal{S}$.

3) If A is an event in \mathcal{S} its complement A^c will also be in \mathcal{S} i.e. $A \in \mathcal{S} \Rightarrow A^c \in \mathcal{S}$.

Eg:

$$\text{Let } \Omega = \{1, 2, 3\}$$

$$\text{Then } \mathcal{S} = \{ \phi, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \{1, 2\}, \{1, 3\}, \{2, 3\}, \{1, 2, 3\} \}$$

is a σ field

Sample space

The sample space of a statistical experiment is pair (Ω, \mathcal{S}) , where

a) Ω is the set of all possible outcomes of the experiment

b) \mathcal{S} is a σ field of subsets of Ω

Different type of Classical probabilities

The three types of classical probabilities are

- 1) Mathematical Probability
- 2) statistical regularity or Von Mises's Probability
- 3) Axiomatic Probability or Probability measure.

Mathematical Probability

If consistent with the given condition. ~~Let~~ There are n exhaustive, mutually exclusive and equally likely cases in Ω and m of them are favourable to an event A then the mathematical probability of A is defined as m/n .

Von Mises's Statistical or Empirical Probability

If trials be repeated a greater number of times under, essentially the same conditions, the limit of the ratio of number of times that an event happens to the total number of trials as the number of trials increases indefinitely is called the probability of happening of that event.

Probability Measure

Function Two sets D and R and a rule which assigns a unique element of R to every element of D defines a function (say f)

Here D is called the domain and R is called the Range of the function

Set function: If the domain of a function is a set of sets, the ~~func~~ function is called a set function

Real valued functions: If the range set R of a function is a set of real numbers, the function is called real valued set function

Additive and Sigma additive set function

If A and B are any two disjoint sets in a domain of real valued function f and if

$$f(A \cup B) = f(A) + f(B).$$

the set function is said to be additive

If A_1, A_2, \dots is an enumerable sequence of disjoint sets in the domain of set function f and if

$$f(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots) = f(A_1) + f(A_2) + \dots$$

then the set function f is said to be totally additive or sigma additive

Measure

A real valued totally additive set function is called a measure.

Probability Measure

Let (Ω, S) be a sample space. A set function P defined over on S is called a probability measure if it satisfies the following conditions

- 1) $P(A) \geq 0$ for all $A \in S$
- 2) $P(\Omega) = 1$.
- 3) Let $\{A_j\}$, $A_j \in S$, $j=1, 2, \dots$ be disjoint sequences of sets that is, $A_i \cap A_j = \phi$ for all $i \neq j$, where ϕ is the null set. Then

$$P\left(\bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} A_j\right) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} P(A_j)$$

In other words

A real valued non negative totally additive set function P defined on the sample space (Ω, \mathcal{S}) is called a probability measure if it satisfies the condition $P(\Omega) = 1$, and is denoted by (Ω, \mathcal{S}, P) .

The triple (Ω, \mathcal{S}, P) is called Probability space.

Definition Let $A \in \mathcal{S}$. We say that odds for A are a to b if $P(A) = \frac{a}{a+b}$ and then the odds against A are b to a .

Theorem 1

P is monotone and subtractive: that is if $A, B \in \mathcal{S}$ and $A \subseteq B$, Then $P(A) \leq P(B)$ and $P(B-A) = P(B) - P(A)$ where $B-A = B \cap A^c$, A^c being the complement of the event A .

Proof

For ~~any~~ the events A and B we have

$$\begin{aligned} B &= (A \cap B) \cup (B \cap A^c) \quad [\text{or } B = (A \cap B) \cup (B-A)] \\ &= A + (B \cap A^c) \quad \text{since } A \subseteq B, A \cap B = A. \end{aligned}$$

~~Also~~ Also $A \cap (B \cap A^c) = \phi$. So by axiom 3 we have

$$P(B) = P(A) + P(B \cap A^c) = P(A) + P(B-A) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow P(B-A) = P(B) - P(A).$$

Now by axiom (1) $P(A) \geq 0$ and $P(B-A) \geq 0$

So from (1) we have $P(B) \geq P(A)$.

Corollary For all $A \in S$, $0 \leq P(A) \leq 1$

By Axiom (1) for any $A \in S$ we have $P(A) \geq 0$ — (1)

By Theorem (1) if $A \subseteq B$ then $P(A) \leq P(B)$

Now take $B = \Omega$. Then we have $P(A) \leq P(\Omega) = 1$ — (2)
by axiom (2).

Combining (1) and (2) we get $0 \leq P(A) \leq 1$.

Notations

$$A \cup B = A + B$$

$$A \cap B = AB$$

$$A \cap B^c = A - B$$

$$A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_n = A_1 + A_2 + \dots + A_n = \sum_{i=1}^n A_i$$

$$\text{i.e. } \bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i = \sum_{i=1}^n A_i$$

$$A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_n = A_1 A_2 \dots A_n = \prod_{i=1}^n A_i$$

$$\text{i.e. } \prod_{i=1}^n A_i = \prod_{i=1}^n A_i$$

Theorem 2 (The Addition Rule)

If $A, B \in S$ then

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

or

$$P(A + B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(AB)$$

Proof

For any two events A and B we have

$$B = (A \cap B) \cup (B \cap A^c) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$A \cup B = A \cup (B \cap A^c) \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Now $(A \cap B) \cap (B \cap A^c) = \phi$ and $A \cap (B \cap A^c) = \phi$.

So from (2) using axiom 3 we can write

$$P(A \cup B) = P[A \cup (B \cap A^c)] = P(A) + P(B \cap A^c) \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

and from (1) we have

$$P(B) = P(A \cap B) + P(B \cap A^c) \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

$$\text{or } P(B \cap A^c) = P(B) - P(A \cap B)$$

Substituting (4) in (3) we get

$$P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B) \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

Corollary (1): P is subadditive, that is if A, B ∈ S

then $P(A \cup B) \leq P(A) + P(B)$

Corollary (2) If $B = A^c$ then A and B are disjoint and hence

$$P(A) = 1 - P(A^c)$$

[For this we have $A \cup A^c = \Omega$ or $P(A \cup A^c) = P(\Omega) = 1$ and $P(A \cap A^c) = P(\phi) = 0$ substituting this in (5) of theorem we have the Corollary]

Note

Corollary (1) can be extended to any arbitrary number of A_j 's i.e. $P\left(\bigcup_j A_j\right) \leq \sum_j P(A_j)$

Theorem 3 (Principle of Inclusion - Exclusion)

Let $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n \in \mathcal{S}$ Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i\right) &= \sum_{i=1}^n P(A_i) - \sum_{i < j} P(A_i A_j) \\
 &+ \sum_{i < j < k} P(A_i A_j A_k) \\
 &+ \dots + (-1)^{n+1} P\left(\bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i\right) \quad \text{--- (1)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Proof

The proof is by mathematical induction

Lets consider the case $n=2$. ~~Now~~ ^{Then} by theorem ~~2~~ 2 we have

$$P(A_1 \cup A_2) = P(A_1) + P(A_2) - P(A_1 A_2) \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Now let us assume that the result holds for $n=m$ ie we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^m A_i\right) &= \sum_{i=1}^m P(A_i) - \sum_{i < j} P(A_i A_j) - \sum_{i < j < k} P(A_i A_j A_k) \\
 &+ \dots + (-1)^m P(A_1 A_2 \dots A_m) \quad \text{--- (3)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Now let $W = \bigcup_{i=1}^m A_i$ then using (2) we have

$$P(W \cup A_{m+1}) = P(W) + P(A_{m+1}) - P(W A_{m+1})$$

substituting for W we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^m A_i \cup A_{m+1}\right) &= P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^m A_i\right) + P(A_{m+1}) \\
 &- P\left[\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^m A_i\right) \cap A_{m+1}\right] \quad \text{--- (4)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Combining (3) and (4) we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^m A_i\right) &= \sum_{i=1}^m P(A_i) - \sum_{i < j \leq m} P(A_i A_j) + \dots + (-1)^m P\left(\bigcap_{i=1}^m A_i\right) \\
 &+ P(A_{m+1}) - \left[\sum_{i=1}^m P(A_i A_{m+1}) - \sum_{i < j < k \leq m} P(A_i A_j A_k) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - \sum_{i < j < k < m} P(A_i A_j A_{m+1}) + \dots \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + (-1)^{m+1} P(A_1 A_2 \dots A_m) \right] \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^{m+1} P(A_i) - \sum_{i < j \leq m+1} P(A_i A_j) + \dots \\
 &\quad + (-1)^{m+1} P\left(\bigcap_{i=1}^{m+1} A_i\right)
 \end{aligned}$$

So the result holds for $n = (m+1)$. So by induction the result holds for any positive integer $n \geq 2$.

Theorem 4 (Bonferroni's Inequality)

Given $n \geq 1$ events A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n satisfies

$$\sum_{i=1}^n P(A_i) - \sum_{i < j} P(A_i \cap A_j) \leq P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i\right) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n P(A_i) \quad (1)$$

Proof

The proof is by induction

Consider the case $n=2$. Then by addition Theorem-2 we have

$$P(A_1) + P(A_2) - P(A_1 A_2) = P(A_1 \cup A_2) \quad (2)$$

So the LHS of the inequality holds.

for RHS

$$\text{we have again } P(A_1 \cup A_2) = P(A_1) + P(A_2) - P(A_1 A_2)$$

$$\text{and } P(A_1 A_2) \geq 0 \quad \text{so } P(A_1 \cup A_2) \leq P(A_1) + P(A_2)$$

$$\text{or } P(A_1 \cup A_2) \leq \sum_{i=1}^2 P(A_i)$$

So the inequality holds (1) for $n=2$.

For $n \geq 3$ ~~the~~ using the theorem (3) the RHS ~~inequality~~ inequality holds. So it is need only to prove the LHS inequality only.

Now ~~for $n=$~~ assume that inequality is true for $n=m$ i.e we have

$$P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^m A_i\right) \geq \sum_{i=1}^m P(A_i) - \sum_{i < j} P(A_i A_j) \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

Let $W = \bigcup_{i=1}^m A_i$ Then

$$\begin{aligned} P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{m+1} A_i\right) &= P(W \cup A_{m+1}) = P(W) + P(A_{m+1}) - P(W A_{m+1}) \\ &= P\left[\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^m A_i\right) \cup A_{m+1}\right] \\ &= P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^m A_i\right) + P(A_{m+1}) - P\left[\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^m A_i\right) \cap A_{m+1}\right] \\ &\geq \sum_{i=1}^m P(A_i) - \sum_{i < j} P(A_i A_j) + P(A_{m+1}) \\ &\quad - \sum_{i=1}^m P(A_i \cap A_{m+1}) \quad \text{[using (3)]} \\ &\geq \sum_{i=1}^{m+1} P(A_i) - \sum_{i < j}^{m+1} P(A_i A_j) \end{aligned}$$

So the result holds for ~~all~~ $n=m+1$. Hence the result holds for all positive integer $n > 1$.

Theorem 5 (Boole's Inequality) For any two events A and B

$$P(A \cap B) \geq 1 - P(A^c) - P(B^c) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Proof

We have $(A \cap B) \cup (A \cap B)^c = \Omega$ and $(A \cap B) \cap (A \cap B)^c = \emptyset$
So by Axioms 2 and 3 we have

$$P[(A \cap B) \cup (A \cap B)^c] = P(\Omega)$$

$$\text{i.e. } P(A \cap B) + P(A \cap B)^c = 1.$$

$$P(A \cap B) = 1 - P(A \cap B)^c \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Now by De Morgan's law we have

$$(A \cap B)^c = (A^c \cup B^c)$$

$$\text{so } P(A \cap B)^c = P(A^c) + P(B^c) - P(A^c B^c) \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

Substituting (3) in (2) we get

$$P(A \cap B) = 1 - [P(A^c) + P(B^c) - P(A^c B^c)]$$

$$\text{so } = 1 - P(A^c) - P(B^c) + P(A^c B^c)$$

$$P(A \cap B) \geq 1 - P(A^c) - P(B^c). \text{ Since } P(A^c B^c) \geq 0$$

Corollary 1 Let $\{A_j\}$, $j=1, 2, \dots$ be a countable sequence of events then $P(\cap A_j) \geq 1 - \sum P(A_j^c)$

Proof

Take $B = \bigcap_{j=2}^{\infty} A_j$ and $A = A_1$ in Boole's inequality

Corollary 2 (Implication Rule) : If $A, B, C \in S$ and A and B imply C , then $P(C^c) \leq P(A^c) + P(B^c)$

Limit Superior and Limit Inferior

Let $\{A_n\}$ be a sequence of sets. The set of all points $\omega \in \Omega$ that belong to A_n for infinitely many value of n is known as the limit superior of the sequence and is denoted by

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n \quad \text{or} \quad \overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n$$

The set of all points that belong to A_n for all but a finite number of values of n is known as the limit inferior of the sequence $\{A_n\}$ and is denoted by

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n \quad \text{or} \quad \underline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n$$

Limit of the Sequence

If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n = \overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n$, we say that limit exist and write $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n$ for the common set and call it limit set.

Note

$$\text{we have } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \bigcap_{k=n}^{\infty} A_k \subseteq \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{k=n}^{\infty} A_k = \overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n$$

Nondecreasing and Non increasing Sequence.

If the sequence $\{A_n\}$ is such that $A_n \subseteq A_{n+1}$ for $n = 1, 2, \dots$ it is called non decreasing sequence and is denoted by $A_n \uparrow$

Similarly if the sequence is such that $A_n \supseteq A_{n+1}$ for $n=1, 2, \dots$ it is called non increasing sequence and is denoted by $A_n \searrow$.

Note

If $\{A_n\}$ is $A_n \nearrow$ or $A_n \searrow$, then the limit exists and is given by

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \quad \text{if } A_n \nearrow$$

and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \quad \text{if } A_n \searrow$$

Theorem 6

Let $\{A_n\}$ be a non decreasing sequence of events in S , i.e. $A_n \in S$, for $n=1, 2, \dots$ and $A_n \supseteq A_{n-1}$ for $n=2, 3, \dots$

Then.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(A_n) = P\left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n\right) = P\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n\right) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Proof

$$\text{Let } A = \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} A_j$$

Then

$$A = A_n + \sum_{j=n}^{\infty} (A_{j+1} - A_j) \quad \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{Note} \\ A_{j+1} - A_j = A_{j+1} \cap A_j^c \end{array} \right]$$

By countable additivity we have

$$P(A) = P(A_n) + \sum_{j=n}^{\infty} P(A_{j+1} - A_j)$$

So as $n \rightarrow \infty$ we have

$$P(A) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(A_n) + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} P(A_{j+1} - A_j)$$

Now since $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} P(A_{j+1} - A_j) \leq 1$ and each summand is non-negative, the second term on RHS of (2) tends to zero. So we have

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

$$\text{But } A = \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} A_j$$

$$\text{So } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(A_n) = P\left(\bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} A_j\right)$$

Corollary Let $\{A_n\}$ be a non increasing sequence of events in S . Then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(A_n) = P\left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n\right) = P\left(\bigcap_{j=1}^{\infty} A_j\right)$

□ (1)

Proof

Consider the non decreasing sequence of events

$$\{A_n^c\}. \text{ Then } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n^c = \left(\bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} A_n^c\right) = A^c$$

So using theorem 6 we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(A_n^c) = P\left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n^c\right) = P\left(\bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} A_n^c\right) = P(A^c)$$

which is equivalent to

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1 - P(A_n)) = 1 - P(A) \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(A_n) = P(A)$$

$$\text{Now by Demorgans law } A^c = \left(\bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} A_n^c\right) = A = \left(\bigcap_{j=1}^{\infty} A_j\right)$$

Hence the corollary.

Conditional Probability

Let (Ω, \mathcal{S}, P) be a probability space, and let $H \in \mathcal{S}$ with $P(H) > 0$. For any arbitrary $A \in \mathcal{S}$, the conditional probability of A given H is defined as

$$P(A|H) = \frac{P(A \cap H)}{P(H)}, \quad P(H) > 0$$

Conditional probability remains undefined when $P(H) = 0$

Theorem - 1

Let (Ω, \mathcal{S}, P) be a probability space and let $H \in \mathcal{S}$ with $P(H) > 0$. Then $(\Omega, \mathcal{S}, P_H)$, where $P_H(A) = P\{A|H\}$ for all $A \in \mathcal{S}$, is a probability space.

Proof

$P_H(A) = P\{A|H\} \geq 0$ for all $A \in \mathcal{S}$ as $P(A \cap H) \geq 0$ and $P(H) > 0$

$$\text{Also } P(\Omega|H) = \frac{P(\Omega \cap H)}{P(H)} = \frac{P(H)}{P(H)} = 1 \text{ as } H \subseteq \Omega$$

If A_1, A_2, \dots is a disjoint sequence set of \mathcal{S} , then

$$\begin{aligned} P_H\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i\right) &= P\left\{\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i \mid H\right\} = \frac{P\left\{\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i\right) \cap H\right\}}{P(H)} \\ &= \frac{P\left[\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} (A_i \cap H)\right]}{P(H)} = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{P(A_i \cap H)}{P(H)} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P_H(A_i) \end{aligned}$$

So $P_H(A)$ satisfies all the three conditions of probability measure. Hence $(\Omega, \mathcal{S}, P_H)$ is a probability measure.

Result

Let A and B be two events in S with $P(A) > 0$ and $P(B) > 0$. Then by definition of conditional probability we have

$$P(A \cap B) = P(B) P(A|B) \quad \text{and} \quad P(A \cap B) = P(A) P(B|A)$$

Theorem 8 (Multiplication Rule)

Let (Ω, S, P) be a probability space and $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n \in S$ with $P(\prod_{j=1}^{n-1} A_j) > 0$, Then

$$P(\prod_{j=1}^n A_j) = P(A_1) P(A_2|A_1) P(A_3|A_1, A_2) \dots P(A_n|A_1, A_2, \dots, A_{n-1}) \quad (1)$$

Proof

The proof is by induction method

Consider the two event A_1 and A_2 ($n=2$). Then by definition of conditional probability we have

$$P(A_2|A_1) = \frac{P(A_1, A_2)}{P(A_1)} \quad (2)$$

So we have $P(A_1, A_2) = P(A_1) P(A_2|A_1)$ — (3)

So the result holds for $n=2$. Now assume that the result holds for $n=m$ and $W = \prod_{j=1}^m A_j$. Then by (1) we have

$$P(W) = P(\prod_{j=1}^m A_j) = P(A_1) P(A_2|A_1) P(A_3|A_1, A_2) \dots P(A_m|A_1, A_2, \dots, A_{m-1}) \quad (4)$$

Now using (3) we have

$$P(W \cap A_{m+1}) = P(W) P(A_{m+1} | W)$$

now substituting for W we get

$$P \left[\left(\bigcap_{j=1}^m A_j \right) \cap A_{m+1} \right] = P(A_1) P(A_2 | A_1) P(A_3 | A_1, A_2) \dots \\ P(A_m | A_1, A_2, \dots, A_{m-1}) P(A_{m+1} | A_1, A_2, \dots, A_m)$$

$$\text{i.e. } P \left(\bigcap_{j=1}^{m+1} A_j \right) = P(A_1) P(A_2 | A_1) P(A_3 | A_1, A_2) \dots \\ P(A_{m+1} | A_1, A_2, \dots, A_m)$$

So the result holds for $n = m+1$. Hence the result holds for any $n > 1$ by mathematical induction

Theorem 9 (Bayes Rule)

Let $\{H_n\}$ be a sequence of disjoint events such that $P\{H_n\} > 0$, $n = 1, 2, \dots$ and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} H_n = \Omega$. Let $B \in \mathcal{S}$ with $P(B) > 0$. Then

$$P\{H_j | B\} = \frac{P(H_j) P(B | H_j)}{\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} P(H_j) P(B | H_j)} \quad j = 1, 2, \dots \quad (1)$$

Proof

By the definition of conditional probability we have $P(B \cap H_j) = P(B) P(H_j | B) = P(H_j) P(B | H_j)$.

$$\text{So } P(H_j | B) = \frac{P(H_j) P(B | H_j)}{P(B)} \quad (2)$$

Since $H_j, j=1, 2, \dots$ are disjoint events in (Ω, S, P) we can have $B = H_1 B \cup H_2 B \cup \dots$

$$P(B) = P[H_1 B \cup H_2 B \cup \dots] = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} P(H_j \cap B)$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} P(H_j) P(B|H_j) \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

Substituting (3) in (2) we get:

$$P(H_j | B) = \frac{P(H_j) P(B|H_j)}{\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} P(H_j) P(B|H_j)}$$

Hence the theorem

Independence of Events

Let (Ω, S, P) and let $A, B \in S$. Then A and B are said to be independent if and only if

$$P(AB) = P(A)P(B).$$

Theorem - 10

If A and B are independent events then

$$P(A|B) = P(A) \quad \text{if } P(B) > 0$$

and

$$P(B|A) = P(B) \quad \text{if } P(A) > 0.$$

Proof

Given A and B are independent so

$$P(AB) = P(A)P(B).$$

$$\text{So } P(A|B) = \frac{P(AB)}{P(B)} = \frac{P(A)P(B)}{P(B)} = P(A)$$

$$\text{and } P(B|A) = \frac{P(AB)}{P(A)} = \frac{P(A)P(B)}{P(A)} = P(B)$$

Theorem - II

If A and B are independent, So are A and B^c, A^c and B and A^c and B^c.

Proof

Since A and B are independent so we have

$$P(A|B) = P(A)P(B), P(A|B) = P(A) \text{ and } P(B|A) = P(B)$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned}
P(AB^c) &= P(A)P(B^c|A) \\
&= P(A)[1 - P(B|A)] \\
&= P(A)[1 - P(B)] \\
&= P(A)P(B^c)
\end{aligned}$$

So A and B^c are independent. Similarly we can prove that A^c and B are independent

Now

$$\begin{aligned}
P(A^c B^c) &= P(A^c)P(B^c|A^c) \\
&= P(A^c)[1 - P(B|A^c)] \\
&= P(A^c)[1 - P(B)] \text{ Since B and A}^c \text{ are independent} \\
&= P(A^c)P(B^c)
\end{aligned}$$

Hence A^c and B^c are independent.

Pairwise independence . Let U be a family of events from S. we say that the events in U are pairwise independent if and only if for every pair of distinct events, A, B ∈ U

$$P(AB) = P(A)P(B)$$

Mutual or Complete independence

A family of events \mathcal{U} is said to be a mutually or completely independent family if and only if for every finite subcollection $\{A_{i_1}, A_{i_2}, \dots, A_{i_k}\} \in \mathcal{U}$ the following relation holds.

$$P(A_{i_1} \cap A_{i_2} \cap \dots \cap A_{i_n}) = P(A_{i_1}) P(A_{i_2}) \dots P(A_{i_n})$$
$$= \prod_{j=1}^k P(A_{i_j})$$

Note

This has $2^n - n - 1$ relations to be hold for independence. as follows

$$P(A_i A_j) = P(A_i) P(A_j) \quad i \neq j, \quad i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n$$
$$P(A_i A_j A_k) = P(A_i) P(A_j) P(A_k) \quad i \neq j \neq k, \quad i, j, k = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

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

Counter Example

Take four marbles identical in size, one the first write A_1, A_2, A_3 and on each of the other three write, A_1, A_2, A_3 , respectively. Put 4 marbls in an Urn and draw one at random. Let E_i denote the event that the symbol A_i appear on the drawn marbles. Then

$$P(E_1) = P(E_2) = P(E_3) = 1/2$$

$$P(E_1 E_2) = P(E_1 E_3) = P(E_2 E_3) = 1/4$$

and $P(E_1 E_2 E_3) = 1/4 \neq P(E_1) P(E_2) P(E_3)$. So E_1, E_2, E_3 are not independent even though they are pairwise independent.

Borel 0-1 Criterion

Let $\{A_n\}$ be a sequence of independent events then $P(\overline{\lim} A_n)$ is zero or one and $P(\underline{\lim} A_n)$ is either zero or one. So if both $P(\underline{\lim} A_n) = P(\overline{\lim} A_n) = P(A)$ exist. Then $P(A)$ is either zero or one.

The following theorem gives the precise criterion for $P(\overline{\lim} A_n)$ to be either zero or one and is called Borel a.s. Criterion.

Theorem

Let $\{A_n\}$ be a sequence of ~~independent~~ event

and (1) If $\sum P(A_n) < \infty$, $P(\overline{\lim} A_n) = 0$

(2) If $\sum P(A_n) = \infty$ and A_n 's are independent,

$$P(\overline{\lim} A_n) = 1.$$

Proof

The first part of the theorem is true without the assumption of independence of the A_k 's. The first part is also called Borel-Cantelli Lemma.

1) Since $P(\cup A_k) \leq \sum P(A_k)$, whether A_k 's are independent or not,

$$P\left(\bigcup_{\gamma}^S A_k\right) \leq \sum_{\gamma}^S P(A_k) \rightarrow 0$$

as $\gamma, S \rightarrow \infty$ if $\sum P(A_n) < \infty$. But this implies that

$$\lim_{\gamma} \lim_S P\left(\bigcup_{\gamma}^S A_k\right) = P(\overline{\lim} A_k) = 0$$

2) To prove the second part, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
P(\overline{\lim} A_n) &= \lim_{\gamma} \lim_{\delta} \left[1 - P\left(\bigcap_{\gamma}^{\delta} A_k^c\right) \right] \\
&= \lim_{\gamma} \lim_{\delta} \left[1 - \prod_{k=\gamma}^{\delta} (1 - P(A_k)) \right] \quad \text{--- (1)}
\end{aligned}$$

Since $\{A_k^c\}$ are independent and

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

But for $0 \leq P(A_k) \leq 1$, $1 - P(A_k) \leq \exp(-P(A_k))$ so

$$\prod_k (1 - P(A_k)) \leq \exp\left(-\sum_k P(A_k)\right)$$

and therefore, $1 - \exp\left(-\sum_k P(A_k)\right) \leq 1 - \prod_k (1 - P(A_k))$ --- (2)

If $\sum P(A_n) = \infty$, then $\sum_{k=n}^{\infty} P(A_k)$ is infinite for all n .

Then $\lim_{\gamma} \lim_{\delta} \sum_{\gamma}^{\delta} P(A_k) = \infty$

$$\text{i.e. } \lim_{\gamma} \lim_{\delta} \exp\left\{-\sum_{k=\gamma}^{\delta} P(A_k)\right\} = 0 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

Using (1), (2) and (3) we have

$$P(\overline{\lim} A_n) = 1.$$

Hence the theorem.