

Lecture 16
CS70 Fall 2013

Conditional Probability II: Intersection & Union of Events.

A, B independent iff $P(A \cap B) = P(A) \cdot P(B)$.

$$P(A) \stackrel{\text{indep}}{=} P(A|B) \stackrel{\text{Def}}{=} \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$$

A, B, C mutually indep.

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

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

Coin flips

$$P(\text{HTH}) \\ = P(1-p)p$$

$$P(H) = p.$$

Pairwise Independence

A = first flip is Hs.

B = second flip is Hs.

C = both flips same.
HH or TT.

fair coin
1 wp $\frac{1}{2}$

0 wp $\frac{1}{2}$. (X)

$$x+z \pmod{2} = y$$

$$(Z) \quad x+y \pmod{2}$$

Are B, C independent.

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

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

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} P(B) = \frac{1}{2} \\ P(C) = \frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right\} P(B \cap C) = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$B \cap C = \{ \underline{\quad} \underline{\quad} HH \}$$

A, C also independent.

A, B, C mutually indep? Not!

Intersection of Events

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

$$P(A \cap B \cap C) = P[A|B \cap C] P[B|C] P(C)$$

A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n

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

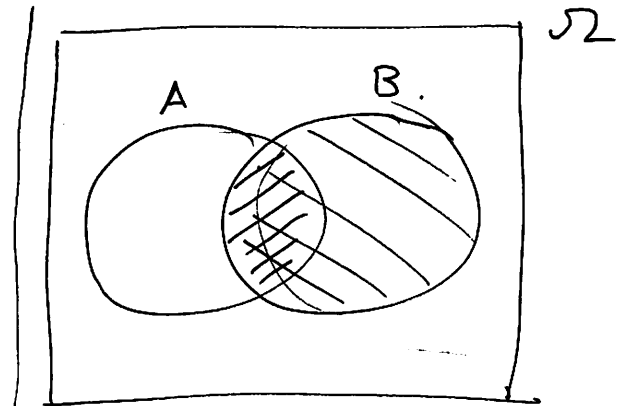
$$P\left[\bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i\right] = P\left[A_1 \mid \bigcap_{i=2}^n A_i\right] P\left[A_2 \mid \bigcap_{i=3}^n A_i\right] \dots P\left[A_n\right]$$

Law of successive conditioning.

1st rule of counting.

example: coin flips.

$$P[\text{flush}] = 4 \times \underbrace{\frac{13}{52}}_{\substack{\text{1st card} \\ \text{spade}}} \times \underbrace{\frac{12}{51}}_{\substack{\text{2nd} \\ \text{card} \\ \text{spade} \\ \text{1st is spade}}} \times \underbrace{\frac{11}{50}}_{\substack{\text{3rd spade} \\ \text{1st \& 2nd} \\ \text{spades}}} \times \frac{10}{49} \times \dots \times \dots$$



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

Proof: Induction on n .

Holds for $n-1$.

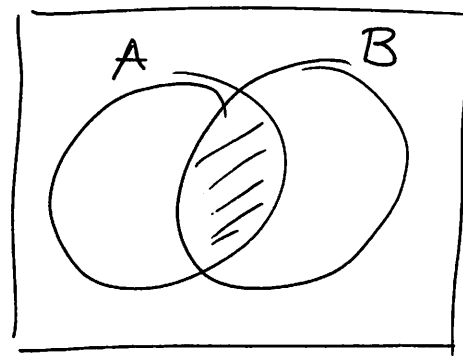
$$P\left[\bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i\right] = P\left[A_1 \cap \left(\bigcap_{i=2}^n A_i\right)\right] = \underbrace{P\left[A_1 \mid \bigcap_{i=2}^n A_i\right]}_{A|B} \cdot \underbrace{P\left[\bigcap_{i=2}^n A_i\right]}_{B}$$

$$A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_n = A_1 \cap [A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_n]$$

Apply inductive hypothesis.

Union of Events

$$P[A \cup B]$$

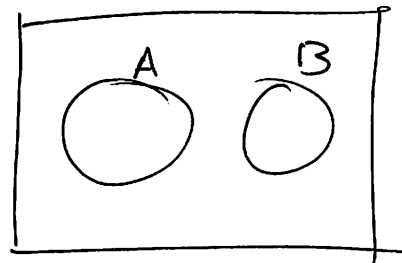


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Disjoint : $A \cap B = \{\}$

$$P[A \cup B] = P[A] + P[B].$$

$$P[H] + P[T] = 1.$$

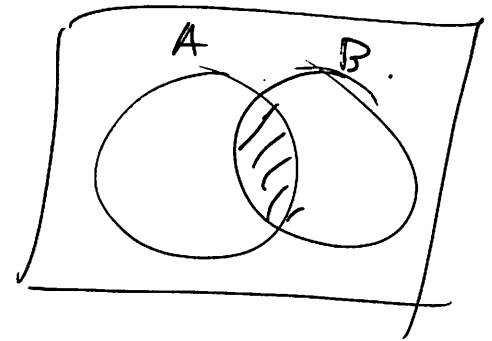


$$P[\text{flush}] = 4 \times P[\text{spade flush}].$$

$$P(A \cup B) \leq P(A) + P(B) \quad \text{Union Bound.}$$

$$P[A \cup B] = P[A] + P[B] - P[A \cap B].$$

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A = H's toss a fair coin.

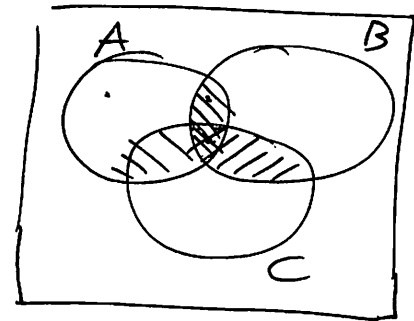
B = pair roll two dice.

$$P[A] = \frac{1}{2} \quad P[B] = 1 \times \frac{1}{6} = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$P[A \cap B] = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{6} = \frac{1}{12}$$

$$P[A \cup B] = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{6} - \frac{1}{12} = \frac{6+2-1}{12} = \frac{7}{12}$$

$$P[A \cup B \cup C] = P[A] + P[B] + P[C] \\ - P[A \cap B] - P[B \cap C] - P[A \cap C] \\ + P[A \cap B \cap C]$$



$$P[A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_n] = \sum_{i=1}^n P[A_i] - \sum_{\{i,j\}} P[A_i \cap A_j] + \sum_{\{i,j,k\}} P[A_i \cap A_j \cap A_k]$$

Inclusion-Exclusion
formula.

$$- \sum_{\{i,j,k,l\}} P[A_i \cap A_j \cap A_k \cap A_l] + \dots + (-1)^{n+1} P[A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_n]$$

n letters n envelopes.

P [no letter in matching envelope].

$A_i =$ i th letter ~~ends up~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ i th envelope.

$$P[\bar{A}_1 \cap \bar{A}_2 \cap \dots \cap \bar{A}_n] \checkmark$$

$$P[A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_n] = 1.$$

$$P[\text{exactly } k \text{ letters in corresponding envelopes}] = \frac{1}{k!}$$

$$\frac{1}{1!} - \frac{1}{2!} + \frac{1}{3!} - \frac{1}{4!} \dots \pm \frac{1}{n!}$$

$$1 - \frac{1}{1!} + \frac{1}{2!} - \frac{1}{3!} + \frac{1}{4!} \dots \pm \frac{1}{n!} \approx e^{-1} = \frac{1}{e}.$$

$e = 2.718\dots$

$$e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots \quad x = -1.$$