

# Stat 213: Intro to Statistics 3 and 4

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## random phenomena

- we know that what outcomes could happen, but not which particular value will happen
- **trial**: a single attempt or realization of a random phenomenon
- **outcome**: the value measured, observed, or reported for an individual instance of that trial
- **event**: a collection of outcomes

## examples

- example:
  - trial: tossing a die and observing the face that appears
  - outcomes: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
  - event: odd number, 1, 3, 5
- example:
  - trial: a toss of a coin
  - outcomes: head(H); tail (T)
  - event A: observe a head
- example:
  - trial: three tosses of a coin
  - outcomes:
  - event A: observe exactly two heads

## probability

- probability is used as a **tool**: it allows you to evaluate the reliability of inference about the population when you have only sample information
- when the population is known, the probability is used to describe the likelihood of observing a particular outcome
- when the population is unknown and only a sample from the population is available, probability is used in making statements about makeup of population, i.e. in making **statistical inferences**

## probability

- that reports the likelihood of the event's occurrence
- derived from equally likely outcomes
- the long-run relative frequency of the event's occurrence
  - **law of large numbers** (Jacob Bernoulli, 1713): the **long-run relative frequency** of repeated independent events settles down to the **true relative frequency** as the number of trials increases
- the collection of all possible outcomes: **sample space ( $S$ )**
  - $P(A)$ : the probability of the event  $A$
  - $0 \leq P(A) \leq 1$
  - $P(S) = 1$

how to calculate the probability of event  $A$  ?

$$P(A) = \frac{\text{count of outcomes in } A}{\text{count of all possible outcomes}}$$

- example:

- trial: a toss of a coin
- outcomes: head(H); tail (T)  $\implies S = \{H, T\}$
- event A: observe a head =  $\{H\}$
- event B: observe a tail =  $\{T\}$
- $P(A) = \frac{1}{2}$ ;  $P(B) = \frac{1}{2}$ ;  $P(S) = 1$

## example

- trial: three tosses of a coin
  - outcomes:
    - event A: observe exactly two heads:  $= \{HHT, HTH, THH\}$   
 $P(A) = \frac{3}{8}$
    - event B: observe exactly two tails:
    - event C: observe at least one tails:
    - check that  $P(S) = P(\text{all possible outcomes}) = 1$

## complement rule

- the **complement** of an event  $A$ ,  $A^c$ , consists of all the events in  $S$  that are not in  $A$  event
- $P(A^c) = 1 - P(A)$
- complement rule:  $P(A) = 1 - P(A^c)$



## disjoint; mutually exclusive

- when one event occurs, the other cannot and vice versa
- no outcomes in common

## additive rule

- the **union** of events  $A$  and  $B$ ,  $A \cup B$ , is the event that  $A$  or  $B$  or both occur
- for two **disjoint** events  $A$  and  $B$ , the probability that one or the other occurs is the sum of the probabilities of the two events:
- $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B)$

## intersection

- the **intersection** of events  $A$  and  $B$ ,  $A \cap B$ , is the event that both  $A$  and  $B$  occur
  - $P(A \cap B)$

general additive rule

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

## laws

- DeMorgan's laws:

$$P[A^c \cup B^c] = P[(A \cap B)^c] \text{ and } P[A^c \cap B^c] = P[(A \cup B)^c]$$

- total law of probability:

$$P(A) = P(A \cap B) + P(A \cap B^c)$$

## multiplicative rule

- for two **independent** events  $A$  and  $B$ , the probability that both  $A$  and  $B$  occur is the product of the probabilities of the two events:  $P(A \cap B) = P(A) \times P(B)$

## tree diagram

- example: three tosses of a coin

 $1^{st}$  $2^{nd}$  $3^{rd}$ 

event

H

T

## permutation

- an ordered arrangement
  - suppose the outcome is a  $(1, 2)$ .
  - there are 2 different ways:  $(1, 2)$  and  $(2, 1)$
- the number of ways to arrange  $n$ -distinct objects is given by:

$$n! = n \times (n - 1) \times (n - 2) \times \cdots \times 2 \times 1$$

- the number of ways with two distinct values:  $2! = 2 \times 1 = 2$
- $0! = 1$



## combination

- the order of the selection is not important
  - suppose the outcome is a  $(1, 2)$ .
  - select 2-distinct objects:  $(1, 2)$  or  $(2, 1)$
- the number of ways to select  $r$ -distinct objects from  $n$ -distinct objects is given by:

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

$$- \binom{2}{2} = 1$$

$$- \binom{2}{1} = 2$$

### example

- A boxcar contains 7 electronic systems of which 2 are defective. 3 are selected at random for testing. What is the probability that
  - a. one of the 3 is defective ?
  - b. none are defective ?

### example

- Two commissioners are to be selected from a total of 5 commissioners  $C_1, C_2, C_3, C_4, C_5$  to form a committee. Let  $S$  be the sample space,  $A$  be the event that  $C_2$  will be in the committee and  $B$  be the event that  $C_5$  will be the committee.
  - a. List the events of  $S, A, B, A \cap B$  and  $A \cup B$ .
  - b. Calculate the probabilities of  $A, B, A \cap B, A \cup B$  and  $(A \cup B)^c$ .
  - c. Are  $A$  and  $B$  mutually exclusive ? Why ?

## conditional probability

- probability that take into account a given condition
- $P(A|B)$ : probability of  $A$  given  $B$

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

general multiplicative rule

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

## independence

- events  $A$  and  $B$  are **independent** whenever  $P(A|B) = P(A)$  or  $P(B|A) = P(B)$
- if  $A$  and  $B$  are independent,  
$$P(A \cap B) = P(A) \times P(B|A) = P(A) \times P(B)$$
- **disjoint events can't be independent**: the probability of event  $A$  is the same as the probability of event  $A$  after the event  $B$  occurs ?

## example

$$P(A) = 0.4, P(B) = 0.2, P(C) = 0.1, P(A|B) = 0.3 \text{ and } P(A \cap C) = 0.04$$

- $P(A \cap B) =$
- $P(A \cup B) =$
- $P(A|C) =$
- $P(C^c) =$
- are A and B mutually exclusive? why ?
- are A and B independent ? why ?
- are A and C independent ? why?

### example

- the probability of rain today is 0.2 and same for tomorrow; the probability of rain on both days is 0.1; what is the probability of some rain tomorrow if it is raining today ?



## contingency table and conditional probability

	A	B	C	total
M	$n_1$	$n_2$	$n_3$	$\mathbf{n_M} = n_1 + n_2 + n_3$
F	$n_4$	$n_5$	$n_6$	$\mathbf{n_F} = n_4 + n_5 + n_6$
total	$\mathbf{n_A}$ $= n_1 + n_4$	$\mathbf{n_B}$ $= n_2 + n_5$	$\mathbf{n_C}$ $= n_3 + n_6$	$\mathbf{n} = n_A + n_B + n_C$ $= n_M + n_F$

- $P(A) = \frac{n_A}{n}$ ,  $P(B) = \frac{n_B}{n}$ ,  $P(C) = \frac{n_C}{n}$
- $P(M) = \frac{n_M}{n}$ ,  $P(F) = \frac{n_F}{n}$
- $P(M \cap B) = \frac{n_2}{n}$ ,  $P(C \cap F) = \frac{n_6}{n}$
- $P(M|B) = \frac{P(M \cap B)}{P(B)} = \frac{n_2/n}{n_B/n} = \frac{n_2}{n_B}$
- $P(C|F) = \frac{P(C \cap F)}{P(F)} = \frac{n_6/n}{n_F/n} = \frac{n_6}{n_F}$

### example

- A group of 200 voters in a certain electoral poll are classified according to gender and candidate preference. Suppose that a voter is selected from this group.

		preferred candidate			
gender	<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>C</i>	total	
male (M)	20	36	24	80	
female (F)	40	44	36	120	
total	60	80	60	200	

- Find  $P(F)$ ,  $P(B)$ ,  $P(B^c)$ ,  $P(B \cap F)$ ,  $P(B \cup F)$  and  $P(B|F)$ .
- Are F and B independent ? Why ?

## reversing the conditioning

- suppose the sample space can be partitioned into 2 sub-populations,  $S_1$  and  $S_2$ , and they are mutually exclusive

$$A = (A \cap S_1) \cup (A \cap S_2)$$

$$P(A) = P(A \cap S_1) + P(A \cap S_2)$$

$$= P(A|S_1)P(S_1) + P(A|S_2)P(S_2)$$

$$P(S_1|A) = \frac{P(S_1 \cap A)}{P(A)} = \frac{P(S_1 \cap A)}{P(A|S_1)P(S_1) + P(A|S_2)P(S_2)}$$

### example

- A sample is selected from one of two population,  $S_1$  and  $S_2$ , with probability  $P(S_1) = 0.7$  and  $P(S_2) = 0.3$ . If the sample has been selected from  $S_1$ , the probability of observing an event  $A$  is  $P(A|S_1) = 0.2$ . Similarly, if the sample has been selected from  $S_2$ , the probability of observing  $A$  is  $P(A|S_2) = 0.3$ .
  - If a sample is randomly selected from one of the two populations, what is the probability that event  $A$  occurs ?
  - If a sample is randomly selected and event  $A$  is observed, what is the probability that the sample was selected from population  $S_1$ ?

## Bayes's rule

- want to find the probability of  $S_i$  given the information the event  $A$  is observed with prior probability  $P(S_i)$

$$\begin{aligned} P(S_i|A) &= \frac{P(S_i \cap A)}{P(A)} \\ &= \frac{P(A|S_i)P(S_i)}{P(A|S_1)P(S_1) + P(A|S_2)P(S_2)} \end{aligned}$$

### example

- suppose that in a particular city, airport **A** handles **50%** of all airline traffic, and airports **B** and **C** handle **30%** and **20%**, respectively; the detection rate for weapons at the three airports are **0.9, 0.5** and **0.4**, respectively; if a passenger at one of the airports is found to be **carrying a weapon** through the boarding gate, what is the **probability that the passenger is using airport B** ?
- $P(\text{airport A handles airline traffic}) = 0.5$
- $P(\quad) = 0.9$
- $P(\text{a passenger is carrying a weapon} | \text{airport B}) = (\quad)$
- $P(\text{airport B} | \text{a passenger is carrying a weapon}) = (\quad)$

## total law of probability

- suppose the sample space can be partitioned into  $k$  sub-populations,  $S_1, S_2, \dots, S_k$  (let say,  $k = 3$ ) and they are mutually exclusive

$$A = (A \cap S_1) \cup (A \cap S_2) \cup (A \cap S_3)$$

$$P(A) = P(A \cap S_1) + P(A \cap S_2) + P(A \cap S_3)$$

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- general form for  $i = 1, \dots, k$

$$P(S_i|A) = \frac{P(A|S_i)P(S_i)}{P(A|S_1)P(S_1) + \dots + P(A|S_k)P(S_k)}$$



## the previous example

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- $S_1$  = airport A handles airline traffic;  $P(S_1) = 0.5$

- $S_2$  = airport B handles airline traffic;  $P(S_2) = 0.3$

- $S_3$  = airport C handles airline traffic;  $P(S_3) = 0.2$

- $D$  = detection for weapons at an airport

$$P(D|S_1) = 0.9, P(D|S_2) = 0.5 \text{ and } P(D|S_3) = 0.4$$

- $$P(S_1|D) = \frac{P(D|S_1)P(S_1)}{P(D|S_1)P(S_1)+P(D|S_2)P(S_2)+P(D|S_3)P(S_3)}$$