

Theorem 1.3.5: Let A be an event in sample with Probability P .
Let $\{B_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ be a disjoint collection of events for which $P(B_i) > 0$ for all i .
Assume $A \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^n B_i$

Suppose $P(B_i)$ and $P(A|B_i)$ are known.

Then $P(A)$ may be computed as

$$P(A) = \sum_{i=1}^n P(A|B_i) P(B_i)$$

Proof: $\{B_i\}_{i=1}^n$ are a disjoint sequence of events

$\{A \cap B_i\}_{i=1}^n$ are also a disjoint sequence of events

[2.7.1.4] $P(A) = P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n A \cap B_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n P(A \cap B_i) \quad \text{--- } (*)$

By def: $P(A|B_i) = \frac{P(A \cap B_i)}{P(B_i)}, \text{ for all } i$

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

Apply in (*) to get

$$P(A) = \sum_{i=1}^n P(A|B_i) P(B_i) \quad \square$$

Example 1.3.6 :-

	Box 1	Box 2	Box 3
Red	4	3	3
Green	3	3	4
Blue	5	2	3

Choose a box at random. From that box choose a ball at random. [Equally likely outcome]

Q: What is the probability that a red ball is chosen?

$R = \{ \text{that a red ball is chosen} \}$

$B_i = \{ \text{that Box } i \text{ is chosen for } i=1,2,3 \}$

$$P(R|B_1) = \frac{4}{12}, \quad P(R|B_2) = \frac{3}{8}, \quad P(R|B_3) = \frac{3}{10}$$

$$P(B_1) = P(B_2) = P(B_3) = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$R \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^3 B_i \quad \text{So apply Theorem 1.3.5}$$

$$P(R) = \sum_{i=1}^3 P(R|B_i) P(B_i)$$

$$= \frac{4}{12} \cdot \frac{1}{3} + \frac{3}{8} \cdot \frac{1}{3} + \frac{3}{10} \cdot \frac{1}{3}$$

$$= \frac{121}{360}$$

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Given that Red ball is chosen find the probability that it was chosen from Box 3.

ie Find $P(B_3 | R)$?

$$P(B_3 | R) = \frac{P(B_3 \cap R)}{P(R)}$$

$$= \frac{P(R \cap B_3)}{P(R)} = \frac{P(R | B_3) P(B_3)}{P(R)}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{3}{10} \cdot \frac{1}{3}}{121/360} = \frac{36}{121} \approx 0.298$$

$\therefore$ The conditional Probability of that B_3 occurred given that R occurred is $\sim 30\%$.

$$P(B_3 | R) = \frac{P(R | B_3) P(B_3)}{P(R)} = \frac{P(R | B_3) P(B_3)}{\sum_{i=1}^3 P(R | B_i) P(B_i)}$$

Earlier step

Theorem 1.3.11 : Suppose A is an event. $\{B_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ are
 (Bayes Theorem) a collection of events whose union contains A . i.e. $A \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^n B_i$.

Assume $P(A) > 0$ & $P(B_i) > 0$ $i=1, \dots, n$.

Then for any $1 \leq i \leq n$

$$P(B_i|A) = \frac{P(A|B_i) P(B_i)}{\sum_{j=1}^n P(A|B_j) P(B_j)} \quad 1 \leq i \leq n$$

Proof:- Fix $1 \leq i \leq n$. By definition

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

$$= \frac{P(B_i \cap A)}{P(A)}$$

$$= \frac{P(A|B_i) P(B_i)}{P(A)}$$

definition of
conditional
Probability

Theorem 1.3.5 $\leftarrow \sum_{j=1}^n P(A|B_j) P(B_j)$

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Example 1.3.12 :- Shyam is randomly chosen from the citizens of Hyderabad to test for swine flu.

(i) It is found 95% of people with swine flu test positive for the disease.

(ii) 2% of people without the disease will also test positive.

(iii) 1% of the population has the disease.

Suppose Shyam tests positive what is the probability that Shyam has the disease?

$A = \{ \text{Shyam has swine flu} \}$

$B = \{ \text{Shyam tested positive} \}$

$$(i) P(B|A) = 0.95$$

$$(ii) P(B|A^c) = 0.02$$

$$(iii) P(A) = 0.01$$

Understand : $P(A|B) = ?$

Bayes Theorem:-

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(Exercise to check assumption)

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(B|A) P(A)}{P(B|A) P(A) + P(B|A^c) P(A^c)}$$

$$= \frac{(0.95)(0.01)}{(0.95)(0.01) + (0.02)(0.99)} = 0.325$$