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# **Basic on Set Theory**

Let  $A, B \subset \Omega$ . Then,

$$A \cup B = \{x | x \in A \text{ or } x \in B\}.$$
 
$$A \cap B = \{x | x \in A \text{ and } x \in B\}.$$
 
$$A - B = \{x | x \in A \text{ and } x \not\in B\}.$$
 
$$A \subset B \text{ means } x \in A \Rightarrow x \in B.$$
 
$$A = B \text{ if and only if } A \subset B \text{ and } B \subset A.$$

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Let  $A \subset \Omega$ . Then,

$$(A^c)^c = A.$$
$$\emptyset^c = \Omega.$$

$$\Omega^c = \emptyset.$$

$$A \cup A^c = \Omega.$$

$$A \cap A^c = \emptyset.$$

Let  $A, B, C \subset \Omega$ . Then,

$$A \cup B = B \cup A.$$

$$A \cup (B \cup C) = (A \cup B) \cup C.$$

$$A \cap B = B \cap A.$$

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

$$A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C).$$

$$A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C).$$

## **Definition of Probability**

**Definition** Suppose  $A_1, A_2, \dots \subset \Omega$  are infinite sequence of events. Then we say  $A_1, A_2, \dots$  are disjoint iff

$$A_i \neq A_j, \forall i, j \text{ with } i \neq j.$$

**Definition** Let F be a  $\sigma$ -algebra for  $\Omega$ . Then a probability Pr is a function from F to  $\mathbb R$  such that

$$Pr(A) \ge 0 \, \forall A \subset \Omega,$$

if 
$$A_1,A_2,\dots\subset\Omega$$
 are disjoint,  $Pr(\cup_{i=1}^\infty A_i)=\sum_{i=1}^\infty Pr(A_i),$  
$$Pr(\Omega)=1.$$

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#### **Some Theorems**

#### Thm

$$Pr(\emptyset) = 0.$$

**Thm** Suppose  $A_1, A_2, \cdots A_n \subset \Omega$  are finite sequence of disjoint events. Then,

$$Pr(\bigcup_{i=1}^{n} A_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} Pr(A_i).$$

Thm  $\forall A \subset \Omega$ ,

$$Pr(A^c) = 1 - Pr(A)$$
 and  $0 \le Pr(A) \le 1$ .

Thm  $\forall A,B\subset \Omega$  such that  $A\subset B$ ,

$$Pr(A) \le Pr(B)$$
.

#### **Combinatrial Methods**

**Definition** A permutation of order n,  $S_n$ , is an arrangement or ordering of n objects.

**Definition** An r permutation of order n,  $S_n^r$ , is an arrangement using r out of n objects.

**Definition** An r combination of n distinct objects is an unordered selection or subset of r out of n objects.

We write

$$P_{n,r} = \# \text{ of } S_n^r = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!},$$

$$C_{n,r} = \#$$
 of  $r$  combinations of  $n$ distinct objects  $= \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!} = \binom{n}{r}$ .

#### **Binomial Coefficients**

**Definition**  $C_{n,r}$  are called binomial coefficients.

**Thm** (Binomial Theorem)  $C_{n,r}$  are coefficients of  $x^i$  in the polynomial  $(1+x)^n$ . In other words,

$$(1+x)^n = \binom{n}{0} + \binom{n}{1}x + \binom{n}{2}x^2 + \dots + \binom{n}{n-1}x^{n-1} + \binom{n}{n}x^n.$$

Note  $C_{n,0} = C_{n,n} = 1$ .

#### **Binomial Identities**

$$\binom{n}{k} \binom{k}{m} = \binom{n}{m} \binom{n-m}{k-m},$$

$$\binom{n}{k} = \binom{n-1}{k} + \binom{n-1}{k-1},$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n} \binom{n}{i} = 2^{n},$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^{r} \binom{n+i}{i} = \binom{n+r+1}{r},$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n} \binom{n}{i}^{2} = \binom{2n}{n},$$

#### Binomial Identities cont....

$$\sum_{i=0}^{r} {m \choose k} {n \choose r-k} = {m+n \choose r},$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^{r} {m \choose k} {n \choose r+k} = {m+n \choose m+r},$$

$$\sum_{k=s-n}^{m-r} {m-k \choose r} {n+k \choose s} = {m+n+1 \choose r+s+1}.$$

#### **Multinomial Coefficients**

**Definition** A multinomial coefficient os defined by  $\frac{n!}{n_1!n_2!\cdots n_k!}$  where  $n_1+n_2+\cdots+n_k=n$  and  $n_i\geq 0$  integer for all  $i=1,2,\cdots k$ . It is denoted by

$$\binom{n}{n_1, n_2, \cdots, n_k}$$
.

**Thm** (Multinomial Theorem)

For all numbers  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k$  and each positive integer n, we have

$$(x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_k)^n = \sum \binom{n}{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k} x_1^{n_1} x_2^{n_2} \cdots x_k^{n_k}$$

where the summand extends over all possible combinations of nonnegative integers  $n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k$  such that  $n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_k = n$ .

## Probability of a union of events

**Thm** Suppose  $A_1, A_2, \cdots, A_n \subset \Omega$  are finite sequence of events. Then

$$Pr(\bigcup_{i=1}^{n} A_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} Pr(A_i) - \sum_{i < j} Pr(A_i A_j) + \sum_{i < j < k} Pr(A_i A_j A_k)$$

$$-\sum_{i < j < k < l} Pr(A_i A_j A_k A_l) + \cdots (-1)^{n+1} Pr(A_1 A_2 \cdots A_n).$$

# **Conditional Probability**

**Definition** Suppose  $A, B \subset \Omega$ . The conditional probability of A given B, Pr(A|B), is a proability that A occurs after B occurs.

**Note** If  $A, B \subset \Omega$  such that Pr(B) > 0, then

$$Pr(A|B) = \frac{Pr(AB)}{Pr(B)}.$$

**Note** (Multiplication Rule)

$$Pr(AB) = Pr(B)Pr(A|B).$$

# **Conditional Probability**

**Thm** Suppose  $A_1,A_2,\cdots A_n\subset \Omega$  such that  $Pr(A_1A_2\cdots A_i)>0, \forall i=1,2,\cdots,n-1.$  Then

$$Pr(A_1 A_2 \cdots A_n) = Pr(A_1) Pr(A_2 | A_1) \cdots Pr(A_n | A_1 A_2 \cdots A_{n-1}).$$

**Thm** Suppose  $A_1,A_2,\cdots A_n,B\subset\Omega$  such that Pr(B)>0,  $Pr(A_1A_2\cdots A_i|B)>0, \forall i=1,2,\cdots,n-1$ . Then

$$Pr(A_1A_2\cdots A_n|B) = Pr(A_1|B)Pr(A_2|A_1B)\cdots Pr(A_n|A_1A_2\cdots A_{n-1}B).$$

#### **Independent Events**

**Definition**  $A,B\subset\Omega$  are independent iff Pr(A)Pr(B)=Pr(AB).

**Thm** If  $A, B \subset \Omega$  are independent, then  $A, B^c$  are independent.

**Definition**  $A_1, A_2, \cdots A_n \subset \Omega$  are independent iff for every subsets  $A_{i_1}, A_{i_2}, \cdots, A_{i_j}$  of j of these events,

$$Pr(A_{i_1}A_{i_2}\cdots A_{i_j}) = Pr(A_{i_1})Pr(A_{i_2})\cdots Pr(A_{i_j}).$$

**Definition**  $A_1,A_2,\cdots A_n\subset \Omega$  are pairwise independent iff for every i,j with  $i\neq j$ 

$$Pr(A_i A_j) = Pr(A_i) Pr(A_j).$$

#### Independent Events and Conditional Prob

**Note**  $A, B \subset \Omega$  are independent iff Pr(A|B) = Pr(A).

**Thm** Let  $A_1,A_2,\cdots A_n\subset \Omega$  such that  $Pr(A_1A_2\cdots A_n)>0$ . Then,  $A_1,A_2,\cdots A_n\subset \Omega$  are independent iff for every 2 disjoint subsets  $\{i_1,i_2,\cdots,i_m\}$  and  $\{j_1,j_2,\cdots,j_l\}$  out of  $\{1,2,\cdots,n\}$ , we have

$$Pr(A_{i_1}A_{i_2}\cdots A_{i_m}|Pr(A_{j_1}A_{j_2}\cdots A_{j_l}) = Pr(A_{i_1}A_{i_2}\cdots A_{i_m}).$$

## Independent Events and Conditional Prob

**Definition** Let  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n, B \subset \Omega$ . We say Let  $A_1, A_2, \dots A_n$  are conditionally independent given B iff for every subset  $A_{i_1}, A_{i_2}, \dots, A_{i_j}$  of j of these events,

$$Pr(A_{i_1}A_{i_2}\cdots A_{i_j}|B) = Pr(A_{i_1}|B)Pr(A_{i_2}|B)\cdots Pr(A_{i_j}|B).$$

**Thm** Suppose that  $A_1, A_2, B \subset \Omega$  such that  $Pr(A_1B) > 0$ . Then  $A_1, A_2$  are conditionally independent given B iff  $Pr(A_2|A_1B) = Pr(A_2|B)$ .

# Law of Total Probability

**Definition** A collection  $\{B_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$  of disjoint events for which  $\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} B_i = \Omega$  is called a partition of the sample space  $\Omega$ .

**Thm** (Law of Total Probability)

For any partition of  $\Omega$ ,  $\{B_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$ , for any event  $A \subset \Omega$ , we have

$$Pr(A) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} Pr(AB_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} Pr(A|B_i)Pr(B_i).$$

## Law of Total Probability

Thm (Conditional version of Law of Total Probability)

For any partition of  $\Omega$ ,  $\{B_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$ , for any event  $A, C \subset \Omega$ , we have

$$Pr(A|C) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} Pr(AB_i|C) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} Pr(A|B_iC)Pr(B_i|C).$$

# Bayes' Theorem

Thm (Bayes' Theorem)

Suppose  $\{B_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$  is a partition of  $\Omega$  and  $A \subset \Omega$  for which Pr(A) > 0. Then, for any event  $B_i$  with  $Pr(B_i) > 0$ , we have:

$$Pr(B_i|A) = \frac{Pr(A|B_i)Pr(B_i)}{\sum_{j} Pr(B_j)Pr(A|B_j)}.$$

**Definition**  $Pr(B_i)$  in the equation above is called a prior probability and  $Pr(B_i|A)$  in the equation above is called a posterior probability.