

# 3Y03 - PROBABILITY AND STATISTICS FOR ENGINEERING

WS19 Lecture 5

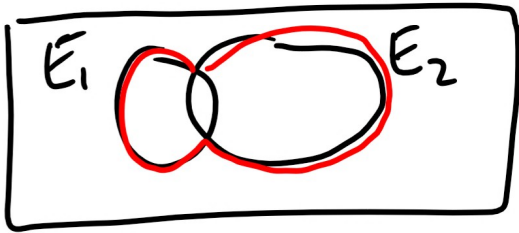
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PROBABILITY  $P(E)$  event (subset of  $S$ )

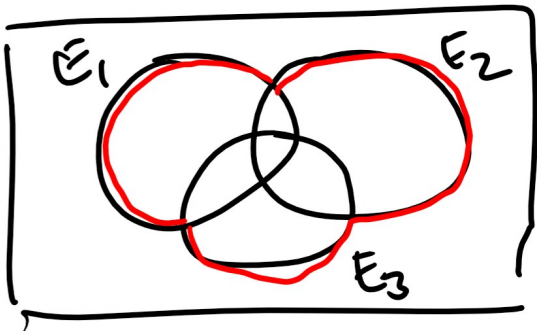
Axioms: (1)  $P(S) = 1$  (2)  $0 \leq P(E) \leq 1$

(3) If  $E_1 \cap E_2 = \phi$ , then  $P(E_1 \cup E_2) = P(E_1) + P(E_2)$   
(by extension, if  $E_i \cap E_j = \phi$ , then  $P(\bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n P(E_i)$ )

Addition Rule  $P(E_1 \cup E_2) = P(E_1) + P(E_2) - P(E_1 \cap E_2)$



3 events ↓



↑  
2 events  
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You will find both formulas on the "formula sheet" for tests/exams  
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$$\begin{aligned} \underline{P(E_1 \cup E_2 \cup E_3)} &= \\ &P(E_1) + P(E_2) + P(E_3) \\ &- P(E_1 \cap E_2) - P(E_1 \cap E_3) \\ &- P(E_2 \cap E_3) + P(E_1 \cap E_2 \cap E_3) \end{aligned}$$

Example Passwords of 8 characters can have  
 $26$  upper case &  $26$  lower case letters &  $10$  #'s  
Randomly chosen password (all passwords)

equally likely). What is the probability it has 2 at start or odd # at end or K in 5th spot?

Solution  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} E_1: 2 \text{ at start} \rightarrow P(E_1) = \frac{|E_1|}{N} \\ E_2: \text{ odd \# at end} \rightarrow P(E_2) = |E_2|/N \\ E_3: K \text{ in 5th spot.} \rightarrow P(E_3) = |E_3|/N \end{array} \right.$

So  $P(E_1 \cup E_2 \cup E_3) = \frac{62^7}{62^8} + \frac{62^7 \times 5}{62^8} + \frac{62^7}{62^8} - \frac{62^6 \times 5}{62^8} - \frac{62^6}{62^8} - \frac{62^6 \times 5}{62^8} + \frac{62^5 \times 5}{62^8} = \dots = 0.11$

$P(E_1 \cap E_2) = \frac{62^6 \times 5}{62^8}$

When all outcomes equally likely we have that  $P(E_1 \cup E_2 \cup E_3)$

$$= \frac{|E_1| + |E_2| + |E_3| - |E_1 \cap E_2| - |E_2 \cap E_3| - |E_1 \cap E_3| + |E_1 \cap E_2 \cap E_3|}{N}$$

## Conditional Probability

- update probabilities based on new info.

$P(A|B)$  = the conditional prob. of event A given B.  
i.e. knowing B occurred.

Example Failure of heating systems:

E: electrical failure		Y	N	TOTAL
G: gas leak	Y	32	5	37
	N	21	12	33
TOTAL		53	17	70

What is  $P(G) = 37/70$        $P(E \cap G) = \frac{32}{70}$

$$P(G|E) = 32/53$$

$$P(E|G) = 32/37$$

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

So above  $P(E|G) = \frac{32/70}{37/70} = \frac{32}{37}$ .

When equal. prob.  $P(A|B) = \frac{\# \text{ outcomes in } \overline{B} \cap A}{\# \text{ outcomes in } \overline{B}}$

Some of the outcomes of  $B$  (the ones also in  $A$ )

all of the outcomes in  $B$

Example 200 chips, 10 defective, sample of 2 chosen without replacement.

$E_1$ : { first defective }

$E_2$ : { second defective }

$$(a) P(E_2 | E_1) = \frac{9}{199}$$

$$(b) P(E_1 \cap E_2) = P(E_2 | E_1) P(E_1) = \frac{9}{199} \times \frac{10}{200}$$

$$(c) P(\text{both not defective}) = P(E_1^c \cap E_2^c) = P(E_2^c | E_1^c) P(E_1^c) = \frac{189}{199} \times \frac{190}{200}$$

(Exercise)

Can rearrange above rule:

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

If you can set up problem as a chain of dependencies & know prob. of each step



given previous steps, can simplify calculation.

More sophisticated version:

$E$  - event.

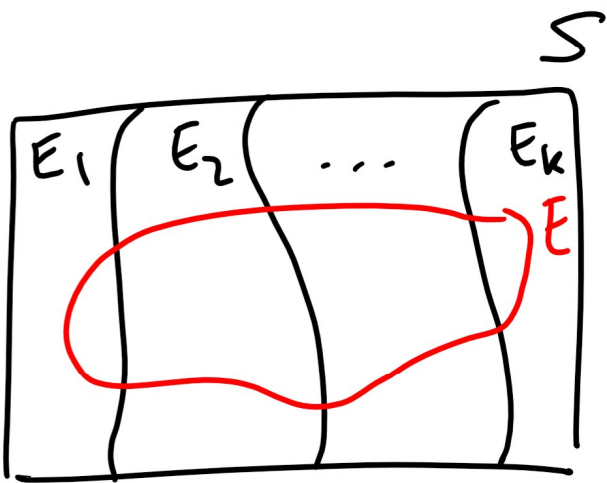
$E_1, E_2, \dots, E_k$  - exhaustive list of "conditions"

- mutually exclusive

i.e. partition sample space  $S$

$$(S = E_1 \cup E_2 \cup \dots \cup E_k)$$

$$E_i \cap E_j = \emptyset \quad i \neq j$$



Then  $P(E) = P(E \cap E_1) + \dots + P(E \cap E_k)$

$$P(E) = P(E|E_1)P(E_1) + \dots + P(E|E_k)P(E_k)$$

TOTAL PROBABILITY RULE.

Example Manufacture semi-conductors  
& know prob. of failure  
depending on contamination level  
(Low, Medium, High)  
exhaustive list

i.e. We know ↓

F = failure

$$P(F | H) = 0.2$$

$$P(F | M) = 0.05$$

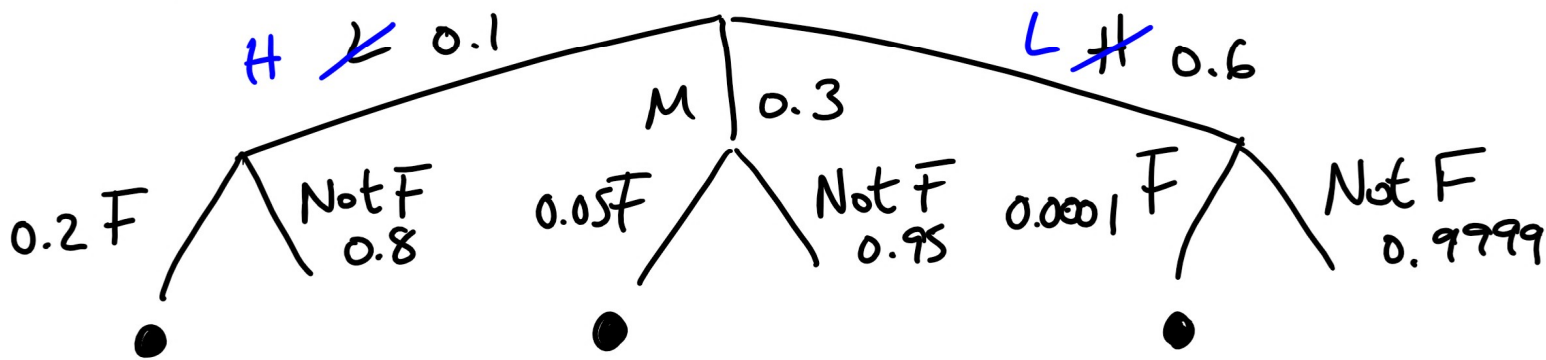
$$P(F | L) = 0.0001$$

We also know  $P(H) = 0.1$   
 $P(M) = 0.3$   
 $P(L) = 0.6$  } sum to 1  
(exhaustive list of possibilities)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Find } P(F) &= P(F | L)P(L) + P(F | M)P(M) + P(F | H)P(H) \\ &= 0.2 \times 0.1 + 0.05 \times 0.3 + 0.0001 \times 0.6 \\ &= 0.03506. \end{aligned}$$

Apologies, I wrote the terms in a different order

Can represent this as a tree:



$P(F) =$  find F at bottom of tree (•)  
& multiply along branches.