

Math 140: Thursday, Oct 10th, Day 14 Notes

Agenda for Thursday, Oct 10th, 2024

Chapter 3 Probability

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Coming up

- ! Online HW 7 due Today
- ! Written HW 4 due Tuesday
- Office Hour **tomorrow 12-1:15pm** in C162 (not today at 1pm)
- **Exam 2** on Thursday Oct 17th - Study guide and Practice Exam posted by end of Friday
- Carrera de los Lancers - 5k this Saturday; meet in front of gym at 10am

Recall: See probability flow chart

Probabilities involving "AND" continued

$$P(*|*) = \frac{P(* \text{ and } *)}{P(*)}$$

Independent events revisited:

1. Consider drawing two cards (one at a time) from a deck of cards **with replacement**. Let K_{1st} be the event of "drawing a King the first time" and K_{2nd} be the event of "drawing a King the second time". Find:

$$P(K_{2nd}) = \frac{4}{52}$$

$$P(K_{2nd}|K_{1st}) = \frac{P(\overbrace{K_{2nd} \text{ and } K_{1st}}^{\text{independent}})}{P(K_{1st})} = \frac{P(K_{2nd}) \cdot \cancel{P(K_{1st})}}{\cancel{P(K_{1st})}} = P(K_{2nd}) = \frac{4}{52}$$

$$P(A|B) = P(A) \text{ if } A \text{ and } B \text{ independent}$$

Event A and B are independent if and only if:

- $P(A \text{ and } B) = P(A) \cdot P(B)$

- $P(A|B) = P(A)$

- $P(*|*) = P(*)$

2. Consider drawing two cards (one at a time) from a deck **without replacement**. Let K_{1st} be the event of "drawing a King the first time" and K_{2nd} be the event of "drawing a King the second time". Find:

$$P(K_{2nd}|K_{1st}) = \frac{3}{51}$$

$$P(K_{2nd}|K_{1st}) = \frac{P(K_{2nd} \text{ and } K_{1st})}{P(K_{1st})}$$

can't break this down (events are not independent)

$$P(K_{2nd} \text{ and } K_{1st}) = P(K_{1st}) \cdot P(K_{2nd}|K_{1st}) = \frac{4}{52} \cdot \frac{3}{51}$$

General Multiplication Rule

$$P(* \text{ and } \star) = P(*) \cdot P(\star | *)$$

$*, \star$ not independent

The probability that two events A and B will occur in sequence is

$$P(A \text{ and } B) = P(A) \cdot P(B|A).$$

If events A and B are independent, then the rule can be simplified to

$$P(A \text{ and } B) = P(A) \cdot P(B).$$

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

Example 1. In a survey, 510 adults were asked if they drive a pickup truck and if they drive a Ford. The results showed that one in six adults surveyed drives a pickup truck, and three in ten adults surveyed drive a Ford. Of the adults surveyed that drive Fords, two in nine drive a pickup truck.

$$P(T) = \frac{1}{6}, \quad P(F) = \frac{3}{10}$$

- Find the probability that a randomly selected adult drives a pickup truck, **given** that the adult drives a Ford.

$$P(T|F) = \frac{2}{9} = 0.222$$

- Are the events “driving a Ford” and “driving a pickup truck” independent or dependent? Explain.

$$P(T|F) \stackrel{?}{=} P(T)$$

$$\frac{2}{9} \stackrel{?}{=} \frac{1}{6} \quad \text{No so not independent}$$

- Find the probability that a randomly selected adult drives a Ford pick up truck.

$$P(T \text{ and } F) = P(T) \cdot P(T|F) = \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{2}{9} = \frac{1}{27} \approx 0.037$$

Using Tree Diagrams

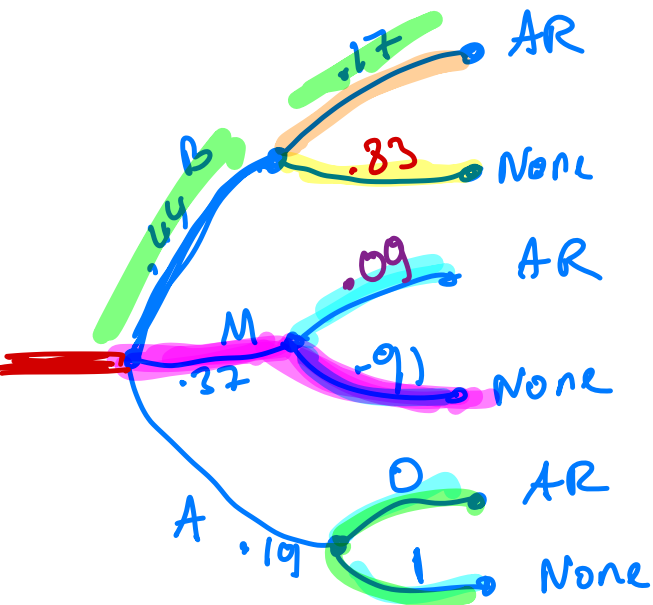
$$P(B) = 0.44, \quad P(M) = 0.37, \quad P(A) = 0.19$$

binge mod abstain

The kind of picture that helps us look at conditional probabilities and multiplication rule for dependent events is called a **tree diagram**.

Example 2. According to a study 44% of college students engage in binge drinking, 37% drink moderately, and 19% abstain entirely. Another study finds that among binge drinkers, 17% have been involved in an alcohol-related automobile accident, while among non-bingers of the same age, only 9% have been involved in such accidents.

1. Build a tree diagram with corresponding probabilities on each possible outcome.



$$P(AR|B) = .17$$

$$P(None|B) = .83$$

$$P(AR|M) = .09$$

$$P(None|M) = .91$$

2. What's the probability that a randomly selected college student will be a binge drinker **and** has had an alcohol-related car accident?

$$P(B \text{ and } AR) = P(B) \cdot P(AR|B) = (.44)(.17) = .075$$

3. What's the probability that a randomly selected college student will have an alcohol-related car accident **given** they are a moderate drinker?

$$P(AR|M) = .09$$

4. What's the probability that a randomly selected college student will be a moderate drinker **and** has had no alcohol-related car accident?

$$P(M \text{ and } None) = (.37) \cdot (.91) =$$