

13.1 The addition rule

(P.216-220)

1. General addition rule

(a) For two events

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

Example 13.1, 13.2

(b) For three events

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

Example 13.3

(c) For n events

$$P(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3 \cup \dots \cup A_n) = \sum P(A_k) - \sum P(A_j \cap A_k) + \sum P(A_i \cap A_j \cap A_k) - \dots + (-1)^{n-1} P(A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_n)$$

(d) **Law for the prob. Of Complementary Events**

$$P(\text{at least one of the events will occur}) = 1 - P(\text{none of the events will occur})$$

Example 13.4

(e) For Mutually Exclusive events / **Special Addition Rule**

$$P(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3 \cup \dots \cup A_n) = P(A_1) + P(A_2) + P(A_3) + \dots + P(A_n)$$

Example 13.5

Exercises 13.1 Q6, 10, 17

13.2 Conditional Probabilities

(P.224-225)

Let A and B be two events, such that P(A) > 0, the probability of B given that A has occurred :

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

N.B. P(B|A) ≠ P(A|B)

Example 13.6, 13.7, 13.8

Exercises 13.2 Q6, 11

13.3 The multiplication rule

(P.232-235)

1. For two events

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

$$\text{or } = P(B) P(A|B)$$

Example 13.9, 13.10

2. For three events

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

Example 13.11, 13.12

Exercises 13.3 Q5, 10

13.4 Independent events and the special multiplication rule

(P.242-243)

For k events

$$P(A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_k) = P(A_1)P(A_2) \dots P(A_k)$$

i.e. P(B|A) = P(B),

the prob. of B occurring is not affected by the occurrence of A.

Example 13.13, 13.14, 13.15, 13.16

Exercises 13.4 Q3, 5

13.5 Bayes' Theorem

1. The total Probability Rule (P.252-253)
 If an event A must result in one of the mutually exclusive events E_1, E_2, \dots, E_n , then

$$P(A) = P(E_1) P(A|E_1) + P(E_2) P(A|E_2) + \dots + P(E_n) P(A|E_n)$$

Pf. : By Venn diagram P203 Fig.4.8, By tree diagram P204 Fig.4.9.

Example 13.17, 13.18

2. Bayes' Theorem (*Reversal of conditioning*) (P.255-256, 259)
 (a) For two events

$$P(E|A) = \frac{P(E \cap A)}{P(A)} = \frac{P(E)P(A|E)}{P(E)P(A|E) + P(E')P(A|E')}$$

- (b) For n mutually exclusive and exhaustive events of sample space S, then
 In all the case of getting event A,

$$P(E_i|A) = \frac{P(E_i)P(A|E_i)}{\sum_{i=1}^n P(E_i)P(A|E_i)} \quad i = 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots, n$$

Example 13.19, 13.20, 13.21, 13.22

Exercises 13.5 Q4, 9

Self Studying

P261 Prior and posterior probabilities

EXERCISE (HKCEE Problems)

- If A card is drawn at random from a pack of 52 playing cards, find the probability that
 - either a 'king' or a 'queen' is drawn,
 - either the 'king' of hearts or the 'queen' of clubs is drawn.
- Two dice are thrown. Find the probability that
 - the sum of the numbers is greater than 9,
 - the sum of the numbers is not greater than 9.
- A card is drawn at random from a pack of 52 playing cards. What is the probability of drawing an Ace or a Heart? (A pack of cards consists of four different suits, namely, Spades, Hearts, Diamonds, Clubs. Each suit has 13 cards, of which one and only one is an Ace). (1970)
- In a throw of two dice, the following events are defined:
 E = Set of outcomes in which the two dice show the same number.
 F = Set of outcomes in which the sum of the numbers shown is 6.
 - What is the probability of
 - E
 - F
 - E or F?
 - If the two dice are thrown twice, what is the probability that
 - the two outcomes are in event E,
 - the first outcome is in E and the second outcome is in F? (1973)
- If two dice are thrown once, find the probability that the sum of the numbers on the dice is
 - equal to 4,
 - less than 4,
 - greater than 4. (1982)