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UNIT – I PROBABILITY AND RANDOM VARIABLES

TOTAL PROBABILITY & BAYE'S THEOREM

- ① A problem in Mathematics is given to 3 students A, B, C whose chances of solving it are $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{1}{4}$ respectively. What is the prob. that the problem will be solved?

Soln: Given $P(A) = \frac{1}{2}$; $P(B) = \frac{1}{3}$; $P(C) = \frac{1}{4}$

$$P(A \text{ will not solve}) = 1 - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$P(B \text{ will not solve}) = 1 - \frac{1}{3} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$P(C \text{ will not solve}) = 1 - \frac{1}{4} = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$\therefore P(\text{all the three will not solve}) = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{3}{4} = \frac{1}{4}$$

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- ② From a bag containing 4 ^{white} & 3 ^{black} balls, two balls are drawn at random. If the balls are drawn one after the other without replacement, find the prob. that,
- (i) both are white ; (ii) both are black
 - (iii) first is white & second is black
 - (iv) one ball is white & the other is black.



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Soln: Total no. of balls = 10 ; white ball - 4 ; Black ball - 6

$$(i) P(\text{1st ball is white}) = \frac{4}{10}$$

$$P(\text{2nd ball is white}) = \frac{3}{9}$$

$$\therefore P(\text{both are white}) = \frac{4}{10} \times \frac{3}{9} \\ = \frac{2}{15}$$

$$(ii) P(\text{1st is black}) = \frac{6}{10}$$

$$P(\text{2nd is black}) = \frac{5}{9}$$

$$\therefore P(\text{both are black}) = \frac{6}{10} \times \frac{5}{9} \\ = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$(iii) P(\text{1st ball is white}) = \frac{4}{10}$$

$$P(\text{2nd ball is black}) = \frac{6}{9}$$

$$\therefore P(I-W \& II-B) = \frac{4}{10} \times \frac{6}{9} = \frac{4}{15}$$

$$(iv) (a) P(I-W \& II-B) = \frac{24}{90}$$

$$(b) P(I-B \& II-W) = \frac{24}{90}$$

since (a) & (b) are mutually exclusive

$$P(\text{one ball is white \& other is black}) = \frac{24}{90} + \frac{24}{90} = \frac{48}{90} = \frac{8}{15}$$

(3) Four cards are drawn without replacement. What is the prob. that they are all Aces? $\Rightarrow \frac{4}{52} \times \frac{3}{51} \times \frac{2}{50} \times \frac{1}{49}$

(4) A coin is tossed thrice. What is the prob. of getting all heads? $\Rightarrow \frac{1}{8}$



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total probability:

$$P(A) = \sum_{n=1}^N P(A/B_n) \cdot P(B_n)$$

Bayes's Theorem:

$$P(A_i/B) = \frac{P(A_i) \cdot P(B/A_i)}{\sum_{i=1}^n P(A_i) \cdot P(B/A_i)}$$

problem:

In a bolt factory machines A, B, C manufacture respectively 25%, 35% and 40% of the total. Of their output 5%, 4% and 2% are defective bolts. A bolt is drawn at random from the product and is found to be defective. What are the probabilities that it was manufactured by machines A, B and C.

soln. Let A_i be the prob. of manufacturing the bolts.

Let B be the prob. of defective bolts.

$P(A_i)$	$P(B/A_i)$	$P(A_i) P(B/A_i)$
$P(A_1) = 0.25$	0.05	0.0125
$P(A_2) = 0.35$	0.04	0.014
$P(A_3) = 0.40$	0.02	0.008
$\therefore \sum = 1.00$	0.11	0.0345

$$\therefore P(A_i/B) = \frac{P(A_i) P(B/A_i)}{\sum_{i=1}^n P(A_i) \cdot P(B/A_i)}$$



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$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{defective bottle manufactured by } A_1 \text{ machine}) &= P(A_1/B) \\ &= \frac{P(A_1) \cdot P(B/A_1)}{\sum_{i=1}^3 P(A_i) \cdot P(B/A_i)} = \frac{0.0125}{0.0345} \\ &= 0.3623 \end{aligned}$$

$$P(\text{A}_2 \text{ machine}) = \frac{0.014}{0.0345} = 0.405$$

$$P(\text{A}_3 \text{ machine}) = \frac{0.008}{0.0345} = 0.231$$