

Monday, March 20, 2017 (L22).

Housekeeping

- Week 5 reading { summary due 11:59 p.m. tonight
discussion post
- Homework (A13) due Wednesday in class
- Quiz 6 on Wednesday
- End of withdraw period on Wednesday
- Extra credit (Wage Gap Rebuttal) due 11:59 p.m. Monday (Mar. 27)
- Exam 2 is one week from Friday (it will be March 31)
 - Review session on Wednesday March 29.
- Book project: essay prompt posted under "Announcement" on book group page on Canvas.

Last time.

- Rules of probability for compound events
- Event complements
- Mutually exclusive events
- Conditional probability

Questions?

This time: More conditional probability.

Recall: $P(A|B)$ is read "the probability of A, given B,"

and it represents the probability that A will happen, given that B has already happened (or will have already happened).

or...

the probability that A will happen if B happens

or...

the probability that A will happen, conditioned upon B happening.

There are several ways of expressing conditional statements in English, and you will, doubtless, come across more.

Some examples...

The following table shows the # of athletes who stretch before exercising, and how many had injuries in the past year:

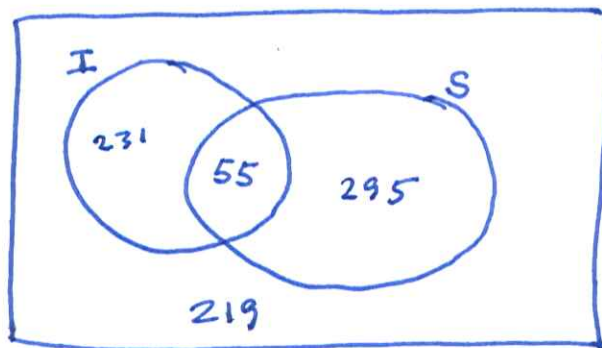
	INJURY	NO INJURY	TOTAL
STRETCHES	55	295	350
DIDN'T STRETCH	231	219	450
TOTAL	286	514	900

(p. 192, OpenStax)
(Try It 3.20)

Question: What goes here ?

Let I be the event that an athlete has had an injury in the past year, and let S be the event that an athlete stretches before practice.

The Venn diagram:



Note: the table itself is also a fine Venn diagram:

	Injured	not I	total
S	55	295	350
not S	231	219	450
tot.	286	514	800

Questions: • What is $P(I)$?

$$P(I) = \frac{\# I}{\text{total } \#} = \frac{286}{800}$$

• What is $P(I|S)$?

$$P(I|S) = \frac{\# I \text{ and } S}{\# S} = \frac{55}{350}$$

• What is $P(S)$ ~~?~~ = $\frac{350}{800}$

• What is $P(I \text{ and } S)$ ~~?~~ = $\frac{55}{800}$

Recall that $P(I) = \frac{286}{800}$, $P(S) = \frac{350}{800}$,

and $P(I \text{ and } S) = \frac{55}{800}$.

We calculated $P(I|S) = \frac{55}{350}$ directly from the table

(this shows how cond'l probability can be computed by "reducing the sample space").

But could we also say...

$$P(I|S) = \frac{55/800}{350/800} = \cancel{\frac{55}{800}} \frac{P(I \text{ and } S)}{P(S)} \quad \checkmark$$
$$= \frac{55}{350}$$

In general:

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(A|B) &= \frac{\# A \text{ and } B}{\# B} \\
 &= \frac{\# A \text{ and } B}{\# B} \left(\frac{1/\#S}{1/\#S} \right) \\
 &= \frac{\# A \text{ and } B / \#S}{\# B / \#S}
 \end{aligned}$$

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

So, if you know $P(A \text{ and } B)$ and $P(B)$, then you can find $P(A|B)$ without even knowing the size of the sample space.

Questions?

	I	not I	tot.
S	55	295	350
not S	231	219	450
tot.	286	514	800

Questions...

$$P(\text{not } S) = 450/800$$

$$P(\text{not } I) = 514/800$$

$$P(S | I) = 55/286$$

$$P(I | \text{not } S) = 231/450$$

$$P(S | \text{not } I) = 295/514$$

$$P(\text{not } S | I) = 231/286$$

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~~What is...~~ what is...

Probability that an athlete who didn't stretch is injured?

$$P(I | \text{not } S) = 231 / 450$$

prob. tht. an athlete who stretched isn't injured?

$$P(\text{not } I | S) = 295 / 350$$

prob. tht. an athlete who is injured stretched?

$$P(S | I) = 55 / 286$$

prob. tht. an athlete who is injured didn't stretch?

$$P(\text{not } S | I) = 231 / 286$$

Independent events.

Two events are independent when one of them occurring has no effect on the probability of the other occurring.

That is... if $A \ni B$ are independent, then B having occurred (or not) doesn't change/affect the probability tht. A occurs (or not), and vice-versa.

That is... if $A \ni B$ are independent,

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

- and -

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

Recall, though, that regardless of whether A & B are independent,

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \text{ and } B)}{P(B)} \quad \text{and} \quad P(B|A) = \frac{P(B \text{ and } A)}{P(A)}$$

If A & B are indep., then

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

$$\text{i.e.,} \quad P(A) = \frac{P(A \text{ and } B)}{P(B)} \quad \text{and} \quad P(B) = \frac{P(A \text{ and } B)}{P(A)}$$

So, if A & B are independent,

what is $P(A \text{ and } B)$?

$$\left[\text{if } z = \frac{x}{y} \quad \text{then } x = z \cdot y \right]$$

$$\text{So } P(A \text{ and } B) = P(A)P(B) \quad \text{if } A \text{ & } B \text{ are indep.}$$

Note: Independence + mutual exclusivity are different!!