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Conditional probability

How can we calculate the result in a case where two events are not independent. It means that, if one event occurs it will directly affect the probability for the other event?

If event A and B are those kind of complex events which will not exclude each other. In this case we have a so-called conditional probability (event A affects event B).

Notation: \(p(A | B) \)

In this case we mean the relative frequency which compares the sum of all probability to the probability of event B (probability of it's occurrance).

$$p(A|B) = \frac{k_{AB}}{k_b} = \frac{k_{AB}}{k_b} = \frac{k_{AB}}{k_b} = \frac{p(A \land B)}{p(B)}$$

So we can get to the conclusion:

$$$$ p(A \subset B) = p(A|B) p(B) $$$$

- 1.) $(p(A \subset B))$: This represents the probability that both events A and B occur simultaneously. It is also known as the probability of the intersection of A and B.
- 2.) (p(A|B)): This is the conditional probability of event A occurring given that event B has already occurred. It tells us how likely A s to happen under the condition that B has happened.

What the Formula Says?

The formula states that the probability of both events A and B occurring together, is equal to the probability of B occurring multipliend by the probability of A occurring given that B has already occurred.

Example:

Measurement Result	Quantity
Faultless \((H)\)	162
The length □ is faulty \((A)\)	10
The diameter □ is faulty \((B)\)	12
Both dimensions are faulty \((A \cap B) \)	4
Only the length [] is faulty \((C)\)	6
Only the diameter ☐ is faulty \(D)\)	8

Question 1: What are the probabilities of events \(A\) and \(B\)?

The probability of the event "length" is faulty" \((A)\) is:

$$p(A) = \frac{10}{180} = 0.05555$$

The probability of the event "diameter" is faulty" \((B)\) is:

$$p(B) = \frac{12}{180} = 0.06666$$
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Question 2: What is the probability that both dimensions are faulty?

$$p(A \subset B) = \frac{4}{180} = 0.0222$$
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Question 3: What is the probability that a shaft's length is faulty, given that its diameter is already faulty?

The conditional probability of both events occurring can be calculated using the definition:

 $p(A \mid B) = \frac{12}{2}$ = 0.3333 \$\$

Since this does not match with the product (p(A) p(B)), we can conclude that the two events are **not** independent!

Thus, the joint probability can also be calculated differently:

$$p(A \subset B) = p(A \subset B) \setminus (A \subset B) = 0.333 \setminus (A \subset B) = 0.02222$$

The probability of event (C) is:

$$p(C) = \frac{6}{180} = 0.0333$$

The probability of event (D) is:

$$p(D) = \frac{8}{180} = 0.0444$$

The probability of defective production is:

$$p(H) = \frac{180 - 162}{180} = \frac{18}{180} = 0.1$$
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Alternatively, we can calculate it as:

$$p(A \setminus B) = p(A) + p(B) - p(A \setminus B) = 0.0555 + 0.0666 - 0.0222 = 0.1$$

or

$$p(A \subset B \subset E) = 0.0333 + 0.0444 + 0.0222 = 0.1$$
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where
$$\ (E = A \setminus B)$$

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