

*CDA6530: Performance Models of Computers and Networks*

***Chapter 1: Review of Practical  
Probability***

# *Probability Definition*

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- Sample Space (S) which is a collection of objects. Each object is a sample point.
  - Set of all persons in a room
  - $\{1,2,\dots,6\}$  sides of a dice
  - $\{0,1\}$  for shooter results
  - $(0,1)$  real number
- A family of event  $=\Sigma\{A; B; C; \dots\}$  where an event is a set of sample points
  - Event  $E \subseteq S$

# Probability Definition

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- Probability  $P$  defined on events:
  - $0 \leq P(E) \leq 1$
  - If  $E = \phi$   $P(E) = 0$ ; If  $E = S$   $P(E) = 1$
  - If events  $A$  and  $B$  are mutually exclusive,  
 $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B)$

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- $A^c$  is the complement of  $A$ :
    - $A^c = \{w: w \text{ not in } A\}$
    - $P(A^c) = 1 - P(A)$
  - Union:  $A \cup B = \{w: w \text{ in } A \text{ or } B \text{ or both}\}$
  - Intersection:  $A \cap B = \{w: w \text{ in } A \text{ and } B\}$
  - $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$ 
    - How to prove it based on probability definition?
  
    - For simplicity, define  $P(AB) = P(A \cap B)$

# Conditional Probability

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- **Meaning of  $P(A|B)$** 
  - Given that event B has happened, what is the probability that event A also happens?
  - $P(A|B) = P(AB)/P(B)$ 
    - Physical meaning?
- **Constraint sample space (scale up)**

$$P(s|B) = \begin{cases} P(s)/P(B) & \text{if } s \in B \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

# Example of Conditional Probability

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- ❑ A box with 5000 chips, 1000 from company X, other from Y. 10% from X is defective, 5% from Y is defective.
- ❑  $A = \text{"chip is from X"}$ ,  $B = \text{"chip is defective"}$
- ❑ Questions:
  - ❑ Sample space?
  - ❑  $P(B) = ?$
  - ❑  $P(A \cap B) = P(\text{chip made by X and it is defective})$
  - ❑  $P(A \cap B) = ?$
  - ❑  $P(A|B) = ?$
  
  - ❑  $P(A|B) ? P(AB)/P(B)$

# ***Statistical Independent (S.I.)***

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- **If A and B are S.I., then  $P(AB) = P(A)P(B)$** 
  - $P(A|B) = P(AB)/P(B) = P(A)$
- **Theory of total probability**
  - $P(A) = \sum_{j=1}^n P(A|B_j)P(B_j)$   
where  $\{B_j\}$  is a set of mutually exclusive exhaustive events, and  $B_1 \cup B_2 \cup \dots \cup B_n = S$
  - Let's derive it for  $n=2$ :
    - $A = AB \cup AB^c$  mutually exclusive
    - $P(A) = P(AB) + P(AB^c)$   
 $= P(A|B)P(B) + P(A|B^c)P(B^c)$

# *Example of S.I.*

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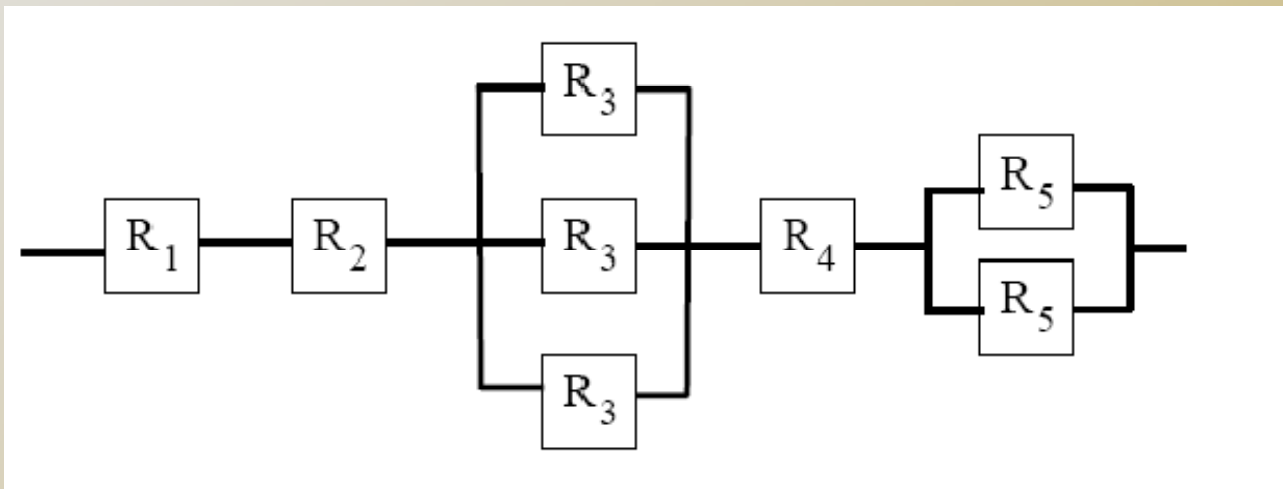
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- A man shoots a target. When sunny day, he has 0.8 prob. to hit the target; when raining day, he has 0.4 prob. to hit. The weather has 0.7 prob. to be sunny, and 0.3 prob. to be raining.
- **P(hit the target today)?**



# Application of S.I.

- $R_i$ : reliability of component  $i$ 
  - $R_i = P(\text{component } i \text{ works normally})$



$$R_{sys} = R_1 \cdot R_2 \cdot [1 - (1 - R_3)^3] \cdot R_4 \cdot [1 - (1 - R_5)^2]$$

# Bayes' Theorem

- Calculate posterior prob. given observation
  - Events  $\{F_1, F_2, \dots, F_n\}$  are mutually exclusive
  - $\bigcup_{i=1}^n F_i = S$
  - E is an observable event
  - $P(E|F_i), P(F_i)$  are known
- As E happens, which  $F_k$  is mostly likely to have happened?

$$P(F_k|E) = \frac{P(E|F_k)P(F_k)}{\sum_{i=1}^n P(E|F_i)P(F_i)}$$

- Law of total prob.  $P(E) = \sum_{i=1}^n P(E|F_i)P(F_i)$

# Simple Derivation of Bayes' Formula

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□ **Bayes:**  $P(A|B) = \frac{P(B|A)P(A)}{P(B)}$

□ **Conditional prob.:**

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

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

# Example

- A blood test is 95% accurate (detects a sick person as sick), but has 1% false positive (detects a healthy person as sick). We know 0.5% population are sick.
- **Q:** if a person is tested positive, what is the prob. she is really sick?
- **Model:** D: Alice is sick, E: Alice is tested positive
- **Q:**  $P(D|E)$ ?
- **Solution:** It is easy to know that  $P(E|D) = 0.95$ ,  $P(D) = 0.005$
- Thus we use Bayes formula
- $$P(D|E) = P(E|D)P(D)/P(E)$$
- Law of total prob.:  $P(E) = P(E|D)P(D) + P(E|D^c)P(D^c)$
- $$= 0.95 * 0.005 + 0.01 * 0.995$$
- Thus:  $P(D|E) = 0.323$
- **Testing positive only means suspicious, not really sick, although testing has only 1% false positive.**
  - Worse performance when  $P(D)$  decreases.

# Bayes Application ---- Naïve Bayes Classification

- **Email: Spam (S) or non-spam (H)**
  - From training data, we know:  $P(w_i|S)$ ,  $P(w_i|H)$ 
    - $w_i$ : keyword  $i$  in an email
  - **Define E: the set of keywords contained in an email**
  - For any email,  $P(E|S)=\prod P(w_i|S)$ ,  $P(E|H)=\prod P(w_i|H)$ 
    - Implicit assumption that keywords are independent
  - **Q: for an email, prob. to be a spam(ham)?**
  - Model for Question:  $P(S|E)$ ,  $P(H|E)$

$$P(S|E) = \frac{P(E|S)P(S)}{P(E)}$$

$$P(H|E) = \frac{P(E|H)P(H)}{P(E)}$$

Reference: Naive Bayes classifier

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Naive\\_Bayes\\_classifier](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Naive_Bayes_classifier)

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❑ Questions?