

$$P_K \left( \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i \right) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P_K(A_i) \quad (*) \quad (23)$$

(disjoint)      (countable additivity)

turns out to be absolutely necessary but is hard to motivate: it's a small piece of genius on Kolmogorov's part that he assumed this not just for a finite number of disjoint events) — and

if  $A_1, \dots, A_n$  are disjoint then

$$P_K \left( \bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i \right) = \sum_{i=1}^n P_K(A_i) \text{ follows from } (*)$$

— but also for a countable collection. (9 Apr 19)

Consequences

that follow

from Kolmogorov's

Axioms

(From now on I'll drop the subscript  $K$ .)  
(Kolmogorov)

$$① \quad P(\emptyset) = 0$$

Dr: Pr

P

②  $P(A^c) = 1 - P(A)$  | ③ If  $A \subset B$  (24)  
then  $P(A) \leq P(B)$ .

④ For all events  $A$ ,  
 $0 \leq P(A) \leq 1$  ← (the easy rule)

⑤ For all events  $A, B$ , general addition rule for  $\square$  or  
 $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$   
↑  
or ↑  
and

⑥ (attributed to the Italian mathematician Carlo Bonferroni (1892-1960)): For any events  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$ ,

$$P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i\right) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n P(A_i) \quad \text{and}$$

$$P\left(\bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i\right) \geq 1 - \sum_{i=1}^n P(A_i^c)$$

useful in statistics

Tay-Sachs disease in more detail

NNNNN	0
TNNNN	1
NTNNN	
NNTNN	
NNNTN	
NNNNT	
TTNNN	2
TNTNN	
TNNTN	
TNNNT	
NTTNN	
NTNTN	
NTNNT	
NNTTN	
NNTNT	
NNNTT	
⋮	⋮
TTTTT	5

$\# \text{ of T-S babies} = Y$  Let's

see if we can work out

$P(Y=1), P(Y=2), \dots,$

$P(Y=5)$ ; we already worked out

$P(Y=0) = P(\text{exactly } 0 \text{ T-S babies})$

$= P(\text{1st baby not T-S} \& \text{ 2nd baby not T-S} \& \dots \& \text{ 5th baby not T-S})$

independence

$= P(\text{1st baby not T-S}) \cdot P(\text{2nd baby not T-S}) \cdot \dots \cdot P(\text{5th baby not T-S})$

identical distribution

$\left[ 1 - P(\text{1st baby T-S}) \right] \cdot \dots = 24\%$

$\left[ 1 - P(\text{5th baby T-S}) \right] = (1-p)^5$  5 with  $p = \frac{1}{4}$

A similar line of reasoning gives (26)

$$P(\mathcal{I}=5) = P(\text{TTTTT}) = p^5 = \frac{1}{p^5(1-p)^0}$$

what about  $P(\mathcal{I}=1)$ ? The table

on the previous page lists all of the

outcomes with 1 T-5 baby: they

all have 1 T and 4 Ns, so each one

has probability  $p(1-p)^4$ , and there

are 5 of them, so  $P(\mathcal{I}=1) = 5p^1(1-p)^4$ .

By similar reasoning  $P(\mathcal{I}=2) = 10p^2(1-p)^3$

The outcomes with  $(\mathcal{I}=3)$  are minor

images of those with  $(\mathcal{I}=2)$ :  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{TTNNN} \\ \text{NNTTT} \end{array} \right\}$

So there must also be 10 elements of  $\mathcal{S}$  with  $(\Sigma=3)$  and  $P(\Sigma=3) = 10 p^3 (1-p)^2$

And finally,  $(\Sigma=4)$  is a minor image of  $(\Sigma=1)$  so  $P(\Sigma=4) = 5 p^4 (1-p)^1$

# of T-s babies $y$	$P(\Sigma=y)$	with $p = \frac{1}{4}$
0	$1 p^5 (1-p)^0$	0.2373
1	$5 p^4 (1-p)^1$	0.3955
2	$10 p^3 (1-p)^2$	0.2637
3	$10 p^3 (1-p)^2$	0.0879
4	$5 p^4 (1-p)^1$	0.0146
5	$1 p^5 (1-p)^0$	0.0010
	1	1.0000

Soon we'll call  $\Sigma$  a random variable (symbolizing the data generating process) and lower case  $y$  to stand for a possible value of  $\Sigma$ .

1					
1	1				
1	2	1			
1	3	3	1		
1	4	6	4	1	
1	5	10	10	5	1

So it looks like

$$P(Y=y) = \boxed{?} p^y (1-p)^{5-y}$$

$n = 5$   
 $\downarrow$   
 children

we could even be a bit more symbolic and note

that  $n=5$  is the number of times the basic dichotomy (T vs. N) occurs in this case study, so  $P(Y=y) = \boxed{?} p^y (1-p)^{n-y}$

What about  $\boxed{?}$

You can see that the

multiplicands  $\boxed{?}$  come from Pascal's Triangle, but can we write down a formula for them?

**EX.**

Permutations & combinations

You have an ordinary deck of  $n=52$  playing cards.

How many possible poker hands of  $k=5$  cards can you draw at random without replacement from the deck?

It's like filling in 5 slots:  $\frac{8}{\downarrow} \_ \_ \_ \_ \_$  (8 of diamonds)

the first slot can be filled in  $n=52$  ways, and the second in  $(n-1)=51$  ways, ..., the  $5^{\text{th}}$  slot in  $(n-k+1)=48$  ways; so the total # of ways you

can do this is  $52 \cdot 51 \cdot 50 \cdot 49 \cdot 48$

$= n(n-1) \cdots (n-k+1) = 311,875,200$

ways. This is called the number

of permutations of 52 things taken 5 at a time.

