

Probability Theory

mathematical discipline concerned with the notion of probability and analysis of various random phenomena.

is part of mathematics, Probability Theory is PRECISE (only its objects ~~are~~ ^{are} randomness, not the theory)

Original motivation / goal:

To give a completely formal and precise mathematical model that describe various real-life phenomena, ~~other~~

These real-life phenomena can include ones that

- we consider "random" or
- we just think that randomness might be an effective way to study the phenomenon (whose nature we know to be deterministic but it is way too complicated/takes long time to study it in its full deterministic detail, Or whose nature we do not know.)

Real-life scenario with questions, Questions, where answer is unsure, unknown.

WANT →

Mathematical Model

- precise
- useful (we learn something about the answer)

Benchmark Beispiele (Szenarien mit Zufall)

Glücksspiele: (Ursprung der Wahrscheinlichkeitstheorie)

- ① Wir werfen ein Würfel, Was ist die Augenzahl?
- ② Wir spielen Lotto, Wie viele richtige Zahlen haben wir?
- ③ Wir spielen ROT im Roulette 100 mal, Wie viel mal gewinnen wir?
- ④ Wir spielen ROT im Roulette bis wir ~~mal~~ ^{zum ersten Mal} gewinnen, Wie lang müssen wir warten?

Auch ein paar Beispiele, die NICHT Glücksspiele sind:

- ⑤ Wir telefonieren unseren besten Freund ~~an~~. Es ist besetzt, Wie lang müssen wir warten, bis er auflegt?
- ⑥ Wir ~~bin~~ besitzen eine Versicherungsfirma. Wie viele Schadensmeldungen erhalten wir zwischen 10⁰⁰ - 11⁰⁰ an 5. Januar 2017?

① - ⑥ sind ~~mal~~ ^{verschiedene} Zufallsexperimente

Wir möchten ~~mal~~ sinnvolle Modelle definieren, die auch hilfreich sind, ~~mal~~ ^{zu} etwas über die Zukunft lernen.

Common features of ① - ⑥

① There is a set Ω , where ~~the~~ the result of the experiment lies in: ① $\Omega = [6]$

Notation: For $n \in \mathbb{N}$
 $[n] := \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$

② $\Omega = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

③ $\Omega = \{0\} \cup [100]$

④ $\Omega = \mathbb{N}$

⑤ $\Omega = (0, +\infty)$

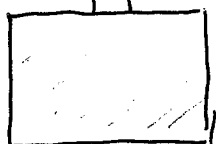
⑥ $\Omega = \{0\} \cup \mathbb{N}$

~~Elements~~ Elements of Ω are called elementary events

Ω is the set of elementary events

"Randomness automata"

Push button



→ $\omega \in \Omega$

exactly one element of Ω comes out.

(B). Sometimes we are interested in the occurrence of an elementary event²¹
("Does the dice show \dots ?)

• Sometimes we are interested ~~in~~
in the occurrence of a ~~subset~~ SET of elementary events, that is in a subset E of Ω .

("Does my friend talk more than 10 minutes?²¹
"I'm not particularly interested whether he talks exactly 4.77 minutes.")

Depending on the scenario there are particular subsets $E \subseteq \Omega$ of ~~the~~ elementary events that I find "interesting". ~~Such~~ Such an $E \subseteq \Omega$ is called an event

(C). There are tendencies. If we push the button of the ~~Box~~ many times, we observe that for an event $E \subseteq \Omega$ ~~there~~, there is a number $P(E) \in [0, 1]$ such that roughly in $P(E)$ -proportion of all these experiments ~~the~~ the ~~Box~~ spits out a ω which is in E . This number $P(E)$ we call the probability of E

Erste Hälfte der Vorlesung: Ω höchstens abzählbar
(d.h. $|\Omega| < \infty$ oder Ω abzählbar unendlich)

Definition: Ein diskreter Wahrscheinlichkeitsraum
ist ein Paar (Ω, P) wobei

(PW1) Ω ist eine (höchstens abzählbare) Menge

(PW2) $P: \Omega \rightarrow [0, 1]$ ist eine Abbildung, sodass $\sum_{\omega \in \Omega} P(\omega) = 1$

- Elemente von Ω : Elementarereignisse
- Ω : Menge der Elementarereignisse
- P : Wahrscheinlichkeitsmaß ~~das ist ein Maß, das nicht ganz genau ist~~
- $P(\omega)$: Wahrscheinlichkeit des Elementarereignis $\omega \in \Omega$.
- Man kann P auf die ganze Potenzmenge $\mathcal{P}(\Omega)$ erweitern: $\forall E \in \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$ definieren wir
$$P(E) := \sum_{\omega \in E} P(\omega)$$

(Für $\omega \in \Omega$:
 $P(\{\omega\}) = P(\omega)$)
- Eine Teilmenge $E \subseteq \Omega$ wird Ereignis genannt.
 \Downarrow
($E \in \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$)

Bemerkung: Da Ω höchstens abzählbar ist, kann man sich unter P
eine Sequenz von Zahlen (alle zwischen 0 und 1)
vorstellen.

• Oft wird Verteilung als Synonym für μ -Maß verwendet.

Laplaceraum $|\Omega| < \infty$

$$\forall \omega \in \Omega \quad P_\omega = \frac{1}{|\Omega|}$$

Check: $\sum_{\omega \in \Omega} P_\omega = \sum_{\omega \in \Omega} \frac{1}{|\Omega|} = |\Omega| \cdot \frac{1}{|\Omega|} = 1 \checkmark$

Remark: Does NOT exist when $|\Omega| = \infty$

$$\bullet \forall E \subseteq \Omega \quad P(E) = \frac{|E|}{|\Omega|} \quad \left(= \frac{\text{"günstige"}}{\text{"mögliche"}} \right)$$

Example 1) ~~Two~~ Dice: $\Omega = [6]$

when dice is fair: $P_1 = P_2 = P_3 = P_4 = P_5 = P_6 = \frac{1}{6}$

$$P(\text{win even}) = P_2 + P_4 + P_6 = \frac{|\{2, 4, 6\}|}{|[6]|} = \frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Important to find the right model.

(a'la NOT every finite probability space is Laplace!)

Scenario: Two fair coins thrown. What is the probability of 1 head?

Naive (false) answer of many: There are three possibilities

0, 1, or 2, so (!) the probability is $\frac{1}{3}$.

How to convince one that this is wrong?

• Experiment (Try 100 times) ~~etc~~

• Convince about the RIGHT Laplaceraum in the background.

Paint coins ^{Red and Blue} Does the probability of seeing exactly one Head change, just because of painting? NO

But now there are four options:

- B Head and R Head
- B Tail and R Head
- B Head and R Tail
- B Tail and R Tail

Is any one of them more likely than the other? NO

$$\Rightarrow \Omega' = \{BH+RH, BT+RH, BH+RT, BT+RT\} \quad |\Omega'| = 4$$

Laplace Raum $\forall \omega \in \Omega' \quad P_{\omega} = \frac{1}{4}$

~~Our~~ The event of our interest $E = \{BH+RT, BT+RH\}$

$$P(E) = \frac{|E|}{|\Omega'|} = \frac{2}{4} = \frac{1}{2} \quad \checkmark$$

What happened?

- Our initial $\Omega = \{0, 1, 2\}$ had our event of interest (~~as~~ the 1) as an elementary event, but the space was NOT a Laplace Raum.
- We found a larger Model Ω' , which was really a Laplace Raum and our event of interest ~~was~~ was an event $E \subseteq \Omega'$ in it.

Then we just counted $|\Omega'|$ (= 4)

counted $|E|$ (= 2)

and got the answer (= $\frac{2}{4}$)

So we need to know how to enumerate elements of Ω' (a set.)