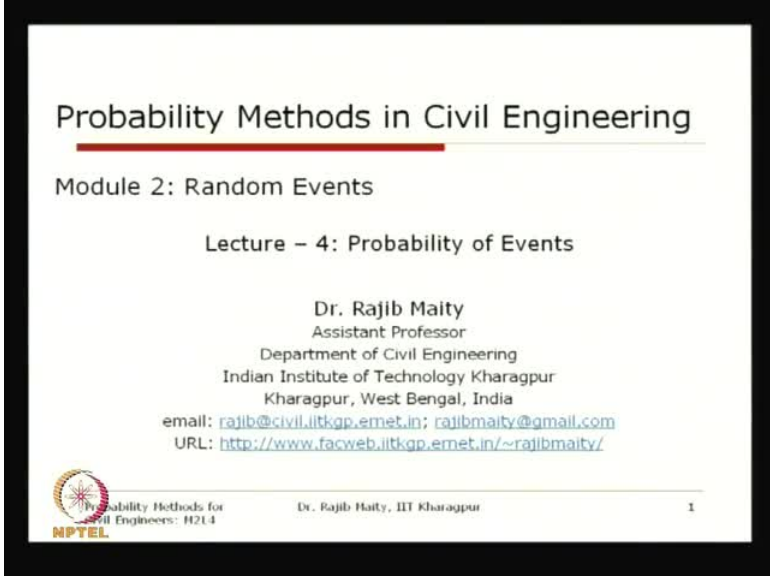


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Hello and welcome to the lecture in the course Probability Methods in Civil Engineering. Today, we will cover the Probability of Events, which is very useful for the different applications in the problems related to Civil Engineering.

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Probability of Events

- Equality of Events
- Concept of Field
- Countable and noncountable space
- Conditional probability
- Total probability
- Bayes' Theorem/Rule

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In this lecture, we will first touch a few basic concepts, that is, equality of events and concept of fields, which are useful, particularly when we deal with the most of the problems in the Civil Engineering. Then, we will touch the countable and non-countable space, followed by, we will go to the conditional probability; and with the help of this, we will try to explain the total probability and related theorem, Theorem of Total Probability; and, after that, we will cover this Bayes' theorem and rule. And finally, we will see some of the application problems for applying to this particular concept, and we will go one after another, starting from this equality of events.

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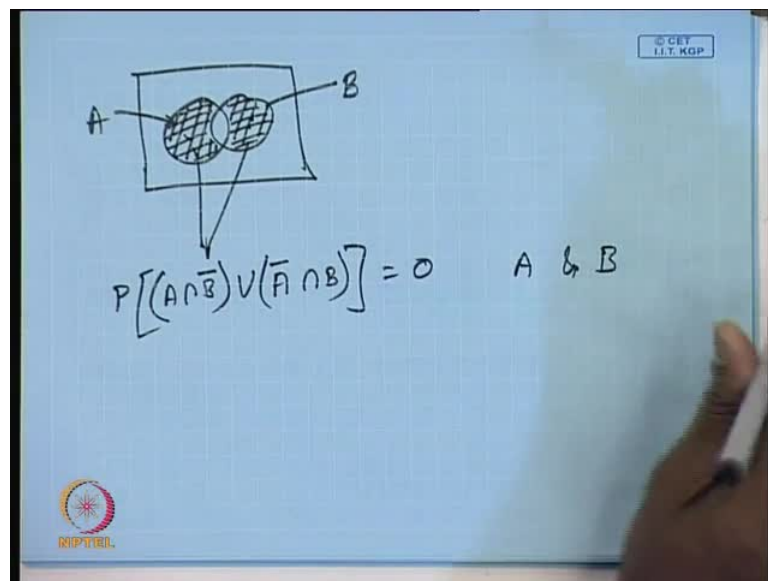
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This equality of events says, that the two events A and B are called equal, if they consist of same elements; the event A and B are called equal with probability 1, this equal with probability 1 is important because, then we can say that, all these elements of both the events are same, and that is, if the set consisting all outcome, those are in A or in B, but not in A intersection B has 0 probability; that is, a probability of these which is equal to this one, as I discuss in the previous class, this probability should be equal to 0.

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This second **part**, point, if I want to explain in graphically, then it looks like this. Suppose, that this is one sample space and in which there are two events, one is A; this one is your A and another one is your B. Now, what it says that, if these A and B are equal with probability 1, **if the sets**, if the set consist of all the outcomes; **those are in A**, **but** those are in A as well as in B, but not in the A intersection B.

So, what we mean is that, these two areas, one is this in A or in B, but not in their intersection. So, the probability of these two events, probability of this area should be equal to 0; so, this is exactly **what is**, what it is meant. So, these two area is nothing but your A intersection B prime, which is union with **A prime**, A complementary with intersection B. So, **this is the**, this is the area, and if we say that there is no such element in this, in this area, then that means, what we are trying to say is that, this probability of this event, if it is 0, then we can say that this A and this B, these two events' areas are equal.

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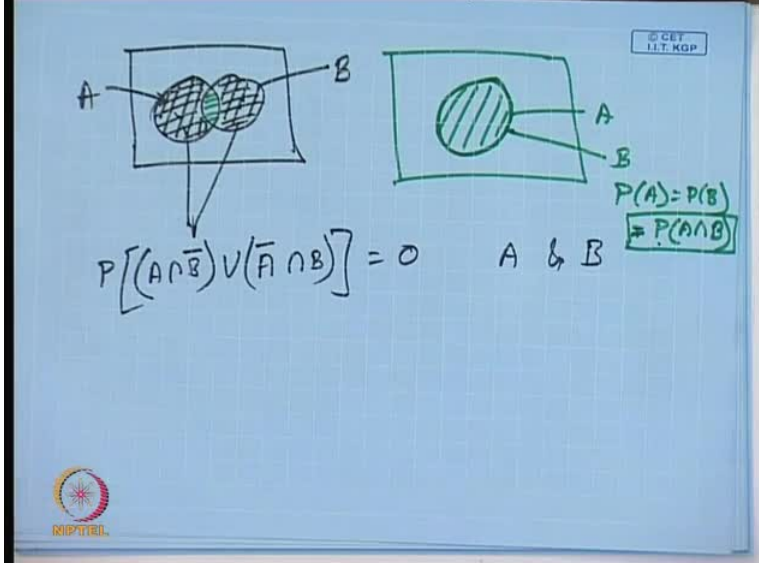
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So, coming back to this point again, that this event A and B are equal with probability 1, if the set consisting all outcomes those are in A or in B **but not in** A intersection B, has zero probability, that is, probability of that; this is a thing I explained, which is obviously **equal to...** this one also; so, **these two**, these two events are referring to the same event, **whose probability...**; if this probability is 0, then we can say that this event A and B are equal. Thus, the event A and B are equal with probability 1, if and only if, the probability of A is equals to probability of B is equals to probability of A intersection B. This is important once again, if we just refer to that particular Venn diagram here.

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$P[(A \cap \overline{B}) \cup (\overline{A} \cap B)] = 0$ A & B $P(A) = P(B) = P(A \cap B)$

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That is, **this**, if this probability of this A and this probability of B is equal to the probability **of their** of their intersection, which is nothing, but basically, we are just **pulling** these two events **to be on the same** to be on the same event, that is, this as well as this means, this is your A as well **as A**, this itself is your B; so then, already you can say that, probability of A is **equals to**, equals to probability of B equals to probability of A intersection B. **This** All these three elements of this equation is important because, because, if we do not consider these; if we say that probability of A equals to probability of B, that does not mean that these two events are same, so, this must be there.


For example, **that if we take the**, if we take the example of throwing of one dice, and if we say that the probability of getting 1 or probability of getting 2, both are same; or, if I say the probability of getting an even outcome and probability of getting an odd outcome, so, one is event A, another one is event B, the probability of these two events are same; but we cannot say that these two events are same. So, this one, this intersection, this is a last part, this probability of A intersection B **is also**, is important to declare, that these event A and B are equal.

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Thus, once again if we... Thus, it is stated that the event A and B are equal with probability 1, if and only if their individual probability is equal to their intersection. If only, that is what just now, we discussed; if only, we say that probability A is equals to B, **then the**, then A and B are equal in probability; but no conclusion can be drawn about

the probability of A intersection B. The example that we are telling, that getting a dice - **throwing a**, throwing a dice and getting the even number and odd number.

So, these two events are equal in probability, but there, the probability of their intersection is 0. So, that is why the statement states clearly that, if only probability of A is equals to probability of B, then A and B equal in probability; but no conclusion can be drawn about their **probability of**, probability of A intersection B; A and B might be mutually exclusive.

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Field

- Definition
 - A field F is a nonempty subsets of events, called a class of event, in such a way that:
 - If $A \in F$ then $\bar{A} \in F$
 - If $A \in F$ and $B \in F$ then $A \cup B \in F$
 - Other properties
 - If $A \in F$ and $B \in F$ then $A \cap B \in F$
 - Also $\bar{\bar{A}} \in F$ and $\bar{\bar{B}} \in F$
 - $\overline{\bar{A} \cup \bar{B}} \in F$ and $\overline{A \cup B} = \bar{A} \cap \bar{B} \in F$
 - Since F is not an empty set and contains at least one event A , also contain \bar{A} and hence

$$A \cup \bar{A} = S \in F \text{ and } A \cap \bar{A} = \{\emptyset\} \in F$$

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Then, a concept is important, which is known as field. The definition of fields says, that a field F is a non-empty set of events, non-empty subset of events, called a class of event. Now, a class of event is again another definition, where this class means that, we are considering, instead of considering each and every event of a sample space; we are considering only particular subset of the whole sample space; and that particular subset is generally denoted by the class of event.

So, this field, what we are now trying to understand, this field F is a non-empty subset of the event, this is called a class of event; in such a way, this F is defined in such a way that, **if any event A**, if that any event A belongs to F , then its complementary is also belongs to F .

If one event A belongs to F and another event B belongs to F , then their union is also belongs to F , so, these **are the two...**; **their minimum** criteria to define one field, which is a non-empty subset; so, based on these two, there are other properties, as well, **which are**, which can also be drawn. The other properties of this field that states that, if one event belongs to that field and another event belongs to that field, then their intersection also will be in that field.

Also, if the complementary of one event belongs to F , and the complementary of another event belongs to F , then, we can say **the complementary**, the union of their complementary, that is, complementary A union complementary B also will belongs to F . And, the complementary of the union of individual complementary, that is, A complementary union B complementary (full thing), their complementary, which is nothing but equal to A intersection B , is also belongs to F .

Last one, **since A , since F is, F is a nonempty, sorry for this mistake**, F is a nonempty set and contains at least one event A . Also, **so** it **also** contains that A complementary, that is, it contains at least one event which is denoted as A here; so, it also contains that A complementary. Thus, the A union A complementary which is nothing but the full sample space, so, that is also belongs to that field; and, A intersection A complementary, which is nothing but a non-linear event; so, **that is also**, that is also belongs to that F . So, this, **so, this** S is nothing but almost a certain event; and this is almost, this is the impossible event, that is, a null set; these two are also, these two **extremes** are also belongs to the field.

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Countable Spaces

- If the space, S contains N outcomes and N is a finite number, then the probabilities of all outcomes can be expressed in terms of the probabilities of the elementary events $P(a_i) = p_i$
 - However it should follow the Axioms
 - $p_i \geq 0, \sum p_i = 1$
- If A is an event having m elementary elements a_i , A can be written as union of the elementary events $\{a_i\}$. Then
 - $P(A) = P(a_1) + P(a_2) + \dots + P(a_m) = p_1 + p_2 + \dots + p_m$
- This is also true even if a set S comprised of an infinite but countable number of elements a_1, a_2, \dots

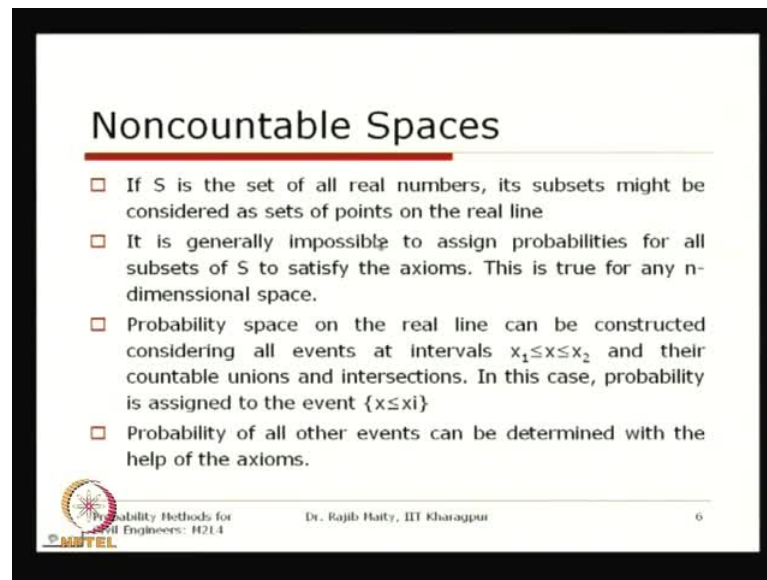
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Next is countable space. Sometimes, **if the space**, S contains N outcomes and N is a finite number, then the probabilities of all outcomes can be expressed in terms of the probabilities of the elementary event, probability of a i equals to p_i .

So, if there are N finite, N countable or countable events are there in the space, then their probability can be defined by the individual events. For example, here it is shown that probability of a i is equals to p_i . However, it should follow the axioms that, **this each, the probability of each**, the probability of each and every events should be greater than equal to zero and their summation should be 1; which is directly following **from the** from the axioms of the probability that is discuss in previous classes.

If A is an event having m elementary elements, a_i ; A can be written as the union of the elementary events a_i . Then the probability of A is nothing but the summation of their individual probabilities, which is nothing but, p_1 plus p_2 plus up to p_m . So, there are m elementary events are there; if you just add up, we will get the probability **of that** of that event A . This is also true; even if the set S comprised of an infinite, but countable number of elements a_1, a_2 in this, and so on. So, even though I am talking about **this** this countable space, if it is true, when the S comprised of an infinite but countable number of elements in such a way, that a_1, a_2 in this, and so on.

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Noncountable Spaces

- If S is the set of all real numbers, its subsets might be considered as sets of points on the real line
- It is generally impossible to assign probabilities for all subsets of S to satisfy the axioms. This is true for any n -dimensional space.
- Probability space on the real line can be constructed considering all events at intervals $x_1 \leq x \leq x_2$ and their countable unions and intersections. In this case, probability is assigned to the event $\{x \leq x_i\}$
- Probability of all other events can be determined with the help of the axioms.

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So, a contrast to these countable space, which is, which is more important in...; particularly for these applications in this Civil Engineering, where most of the cases we will see, which is the non-countable space. In many cases, we have seen that the total sample space cannot be defined just in terms of few elementary events, rather it should be expressed in terms of a non-countable set. For example, if we take the example of the real line, then whatever the number that lies on this real line, it consist of this full sample space.

Now, for such cases, how to define the probability, that is, now our, now we are going to understand. So, it is not only for the real line which is a one dimensional picture, it can be that the concept can be extended to any n dimensional space. So, it can be the two dimensional, where it refers to the areas, or three dimensional which is referring to the volume; and in this way, it can be explained that the concept can be extended to any n dimensional space. Now, here we will discuss about the one dimensional, that is, the real line. So, if the, if S is set of all real numbers, its subset might be considered as a set of points on the real line. This is generally impossible to assign the probabilities of, probabilities for all subsets of the S to satisfy the axioms. It is true for any n dimensional space, just now what I have discussed.


So, the probability space on the real line can be constructed considering all the events at any intervals, where x lies between x_1 and x_2 , and x_1 and x_2 can be of any real

number on the real line and their countable unions and intersection. So, **in this**, in this **case, particularly...** So, what I mean is a real line, that one dimensional case, the probability is assigned to the event, x less than equal to x_i , so, x_i is any number on this real line. So, if we just define the **probability that**, probability of x less than equals to x_i , **then**, then this is sufficient to explain the entire set of this probability for the entire sample space. The probability of any other event, all other events can be determined with the help of the probability axioms.

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Probability Masses

- The probability $P(A_i)$ of an event A_i can be interpreted as the mass of the corresponding figure of its Venn diagram



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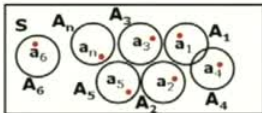
Now, probability masses. Now **this**, the probability $P(A_i)$ **of an event A_i** , of an event A_i can be interpreted **as a mass of the**, as the mass of the corresponding figure of its Venn diagram here; whatever you can see here, **that**, this is a Venn diagram that is shown. Now, if these dots are the outcome of the experiment and all these dots are consist of the sample space, now the probability can be treated as a concentrated mass to these points, to this outcome.

Now here, if I just extend this one to this, **to this** continuous field; suppose that, instead of being an elementary event, if the set **consist of this**, consists of a continuous event, then what will happen; we will just discuss **in a**, in a minute.

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Assignment of Probability

- If a sample space, S consists of a finite number of outcomes a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n and A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n are elementary events given by $A_i = \{a_i\}$, then
 - $P(A_1) + P(A_2) + \dots + P(A_n) = 1$



The diagram shows a large rectangle labeled 'S' representing the sample space. Inside, there are six smaller circles, each containing an outcome a_i and labeled with an elementary event A_i . The outcomes are arranged in two rows: a_6 and a_5 in the bottom row, and a_4 , a_3 , a_2 , and a_1 in the top row. The elementary events A_6 through A_1 are positioned around these outcomes, with A_6 and A_5 below a_6 and a_5 respectively, and A_4 through A_1 above a_4 through a_1 respectively.

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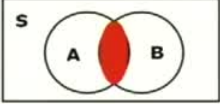
The second thing is that, for these cases, where it is an elementary A events, **the** if a sample space S consist of this finite number of outcomes a_1, a_2 up to a_n , and this $A_1, A_2 \dots A_n$ are the elementary events, then by that, this a_i corresponds to **the event A_i** , then this probability of all these events should equal to the 1 which directly follows from the axiom of this probability.

Now, what just now I was telling was that, instead of being this discrete point, if it is a continuous point; this is important **in**, in the sense that, **what we can...; in that case**, what we can imagine that, this probability **is a**, is a mass in where, in this field, that is, that can be expressed in terms of the density. Now, if I take one elemental area of that particular sample space, then the total mass, that is, the total area multiplied by the density; the total mass will be give you the probability **for that particular**, for that particular event.

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Conditional Probability

- If A and B are two events such that $P(A) > 0$, the probability of B given that A has already occurred
 - denoted by
 - $P(B|A)$
 - derived as
$$P(B|A) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(A)}$$



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Now, in the previous class also we have discussed about the concept of this conditional probability. So, **here**, just to recall the fact that, if there are two events, one is A and another one is B, and these events are taken in such a way that, the probability of A is, **sorry for this mistake, this should be greater than 0**. So, if we say that the probability of A greater than 0 - **not 1, this is greater than 0** - then, the probability of B given that A has already occurred.

So, this is expressed in **terms** of the probability B on condition A, so, this is known as the conditional probability; **so**, which is differed from this probability of this B, in the sense that, when there is no other information is available, this is simply the probability of one event B, so, probability of B.

Now, if we say that A has already occurred, now, **that**, so, one information is available. So, based on the available information, whether the probability of the other event may or may not change; and this is known as the conditional probability, which is denoted as like this, B on condition A, which is derived **as the**, as that probability A on condition A which is equal to the probability A intersection B divided by probability of A.

So, here, **so, if we see**, if we refer to this Venn diagram, then **what if we simply say**, what is the probability of B? Then, we will just concentrate to the event B which is shown by this circle. Now, if we say that A has already occurred, then we know that our sample space or our total feasible space **as, as** is now within this; this zone which is denoted as

the event A. Now, the success of this one; so, what is the probability of B? So, the success area is highlighted in these areas, in this way, which is the intersection of these two event; that is A intersection B. That is why, **this is the success**, this is the area, where the success is realized to declare the probability of B.

Now, the total feasible space as we have seen that, as A has already occurred, so, the probability of A comes here; so, it says that conditional probability of B, given that A has already occurred, is equal to probability of A intersection B divided by probability of A. We will use this relationship to form our base role which is very important, so far as the application is concerned; we will refer to this one. Before that, we will try to understand how this probability of particular event can be derived in terms of the other events.

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Conditional Probability...contd.

- For any three events A_1, A_2, A_3 , the probability that all of them occur is same as the probability of A_1 times probability of A_2 given that A_1 has occurred, times the probability of A_3 given that both A_1 and A_2 have occurred
 - $P(A_1 \cap A_2 \cap A_3) = P(A_1)P(A_2 | A_1)P(A_3 | A_1 \cap A_2)$
 - This can be generalized for n number of events

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However, still, before that discussion, we will discuss about the same, **that** conditional probability, when we are talking about the more than two events. So, for any three events, that is A 1, A 2 and A 3, the probability that all of them occurred is the same as the probability of A 1 times probability of A 2, given A 1 has occurred times; probability of A 3 given that both A 1 and A 2 has occurred.

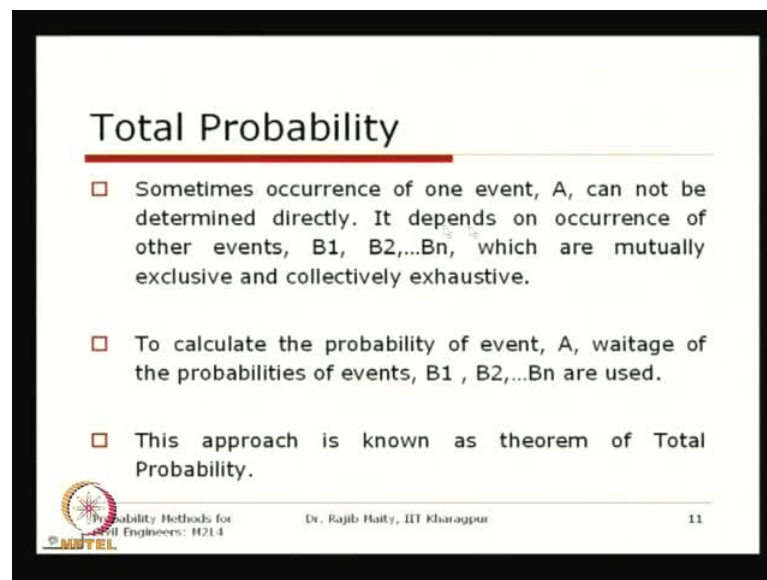
So, **this if you want to**, if you know that there are three events A 1, A 2, A 3; if we say that - what is the probability of the simultaneous occurrence of all these three events; this can be expressed in terms of probability of A 1 multiplied by probability of A 2 on

condition A 1, probability of A 3 on condition A 1 and A 2, both has occurred. This is just followed from this two event case, from this conditional probability case, that is, probability of A on condition B is nothing, but equal to probability of A multiplied by probability of B on condition A.

Now, extending the same thing, we are getting here, for these three events, that is probability of A 1, A 2, A 3. First we take the first event, that is probability of A 1 multiplied by probability of A 2 on condition A 1, probability of A 3 on condition A 1 and A 2, both has occurred.

So, extending this same thing, this can be generalized for this n numbers of events also; so, probability of A 1 intersection A 2 intersection A 3 intersection A 4 up to, if we go ahead like this, then we will say that probability of A 1 multiplied by probability of A 2 on condition A 1, probability of A 3 on condition A 1 and A 2 multiplied by probability of A 4 on condition A 1 A 2 A 3, all three has occurred; and this will go on in the same way, **as it is go**, as it is going on for this n numbers of different events.

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Total Probability

- Sometimes occurrence of one event, A, can not be determined directly. It depends on occurrence of other events, B₁, B₂,...B_n, which are mutually exclusive and collectively exhaustive.
- To calculate the probability of event, A, waitage of the probabilities of events, B₁, B₂,...B_n are used.
- This approach is known as theorem of Total Probability.

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Next is the concept of the Total probability. Sometimes, the occurrence of one event A cannot be determined directly. It depends on the occurrence of the other events such as say B 1, B 2 upto B n which are mutually exclusive **or collectively** and collectively exhaustive.

So, now, I just spoke these condition here, which are mutually exclusive and collectively exhaustive; which is generally leading to the Theorem of Total probability. So, even I do not know the probability of a particular event, but from the experience if you know the probability of the other events, then this probability can be expressed in terms of this one. To calculate that probability of this event A, the **weightage** of the probabilities **of the event**, of the event B 1, B 2 and B n are generally, **are** used; and this approach is known as the Theorem of Total probability.

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Theorem of Total Probability

□ If any event A must result in one of the mutually exclusive and collectively exhaustive events A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n , then

■ $P(A) = P(A_1)P(A|A_1) + P(A_2)P(A|A_2) + \dots + P(A_n)P(A|A_n)$

The diagram shows a large rectangle labeled 'S' representing the sample space. It is partitioned into several non-overlapping regions labeled $A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4, A_5, A_6, A_7, A_8, A_9, A_{10}, A_n$. A smaller, irregularly shaped region labeled 'A' overlaps with several of these regions, specifically $A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4, A_5, A_6, A_7, A_8, A_9, A_{10}$.

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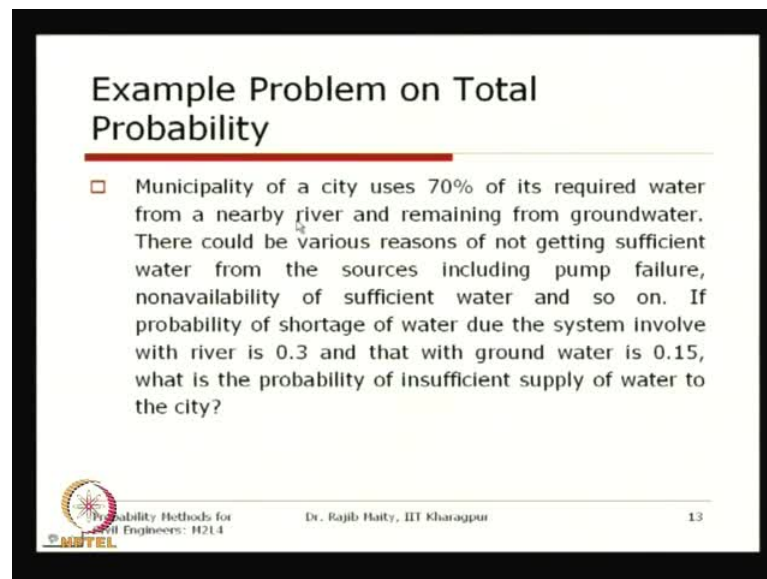
So, this Theorem of Total Probability says, that if any event A must result in one of the mutually exclusive and collectively exhaustive events A_1 to A_n ; I take a minute to explain one second; the mutually exclusive and collectively exhaustive - this means, the occurrence of one event, for example, this A_1 to A_n , what is shown here, the occurrence of any one event implies the non-occurrence of all other events. This is meant by the mutually exclusive.

And, collectively exhaustive means, the probability of A_1 plus probability of A_2 plus, up to in this way, probability of A_n should equal to 1. So, if we see here, if this full rectangle is your sample space, then **this is**, these are the events which are non-overlapping to each other, this A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4 , up to A_n . So, these events are known as mutually exclusive and collectively exhaustive. So, if these are the events, then the probability of another event A which is overlapping **with**, with all these events is equal.

It can be expressed as, probability of A equals to the probability of A 1 multiplied by probability A on condition A 1 plus probability of A 2 on condition probability of A on condition A 2, in this way it will go up to probability of A n multiplied by probability of A on condition A n; so, this theorem is known as the Theorem of Total probability.

So, these, **the** events, this probability of A 1, probability of A 2, probability of A n generally as known from the experience, and probability of A 1 on condition A on condition A 1, probability A on condition A 2 also known from the previous experience. When both these information is known to us, then, if you want to know what is the total probability of the event A, then these probabilities, these conditional probabilities are, are **weightage** to the individual probability of the individual events A 1, A 2 up to A n. This is the, this is the basis of this total probability theorem.

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Example Problem on Total Probability

- Municipality of a city uses 70% of its required water from a nearby river and remaining from groundwater. There could be various reasons of not getting sufficient water from the sources including pump failure, nonavailability of sufficient water and so on. If probability of shortage of water due the system involve with river is 0.3 and that with ground water is 0.15, what is the probability of insufficient supply of water to the city?

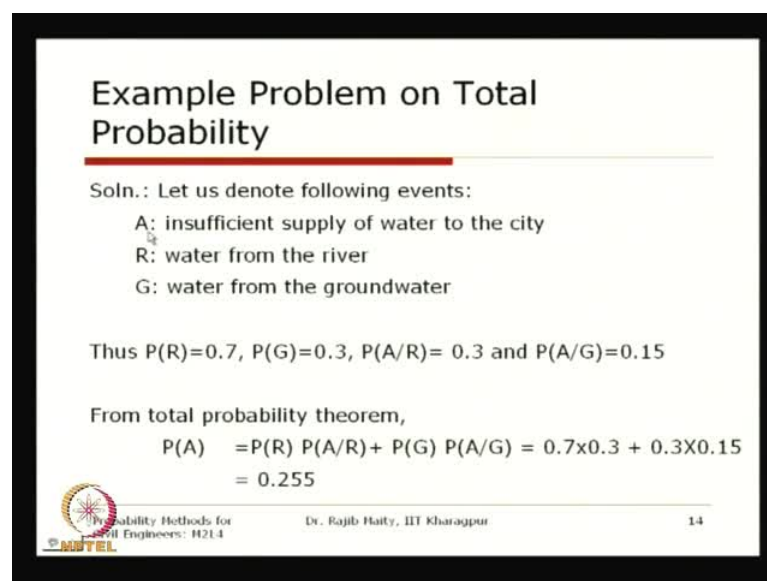
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Now, **if you**, if you see one example problem using this total probability problem, this is a water supply problem; Municipality of a city uses 70 percent of its required water from a nearby river and remaining from the ground water, that is, 30 percent is used from this groundwater. Now, there could be various reasons for not getting sufficient water from the sources including the pump failure, non-availability of the sufficient water and so on. So, the failures can be of, I can, I am just dividing the failure of **not supplying to**, not supplying sufficient water into 2 parts.

One is **which is** related to the supply from the river, another one is related to the supply from the groundwater. So, if the probability of the shortage of water due to the system involved with the river is 0.3, and that with the ground water is 0.15, what is the probability of **insufficient** insufficient supply of this water to the city?

Now, here in this problem, we can see, that this probability of insufficient supply of the water is my total probability that I am looking for, which is depending on this; here it is 2, and that can depend on the many factors.

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Example Problem on Total Probability

Soln.: Let us denote following events:

- A: insufficient supply of water to the city
- R: water from the river
- G: water from the groundwater

Thus $P(R)=0.7$, $P(G)=0.3$, $P(A/R)=0.3$ and $P(A/G)=0.15$

From total probability theorem,

$$P(A) = P(R) P(A/R) + P(G) P(A/G) = 0.7 \times 0.3 + 0.3 \times 0.15 = 0.255$$

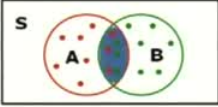
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So, now, if I just define the events like this, that A event is the insufficient supply of the water to the city and R is the water from the river and G is the water from the groundwater. Now, from the problem, we have seen the probability of **the** the water that we get from the river is 0.7, from the groundwater it is 0.3. Now, probability of the insufficient supply in the case of the river, it is 0.3; and probability of insufficient water in case of the ground water, it is 0.15 Then, **so**, from the total probability theorem, that is probability of the insufficient supply of the water to the city, this equals to probability of R weighted to the probability of insufficient supply in case of river, and similarly, for this groundwater, so, which is equals to your this calculation which comes, that the total probability of insufficient supply of the water to the city is 25.5 percent.

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Independence

- Independent Event
 - If probability of a event B occurring completely unaffected by occurrence of event A, then event A and B are said to be *independent*
 - Thus, if A and B are independent, it can be expressed as
 - $P(B|A) = P(B)$
 - equivalent as
 - $P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B)$



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Now, another important concept is known as independence **which is**, which is relevant here to discuss is that, independent event, if the probability of a event B occurring completely unaffected by the occurrence or non-occurrence of the event A, then event A and B are said to be independent. Thus, if A and B are independent, then it can be expressed as probability of B on condition A is equals to probability of B.

So, whether the A has occurred or not, it does not have anything to change the probability of B, **so**, which is equivalent as the probability of A intersection B is equals to probability of A multiplied by p

robability of B.

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$P[(A \cap B) \cup (A \cap \bar{B})] = 0$

$P(A) = P(B) = P(A \cap B)$

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

$P(B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(A)} \Rightarrow P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B)$

So, which is directly following from the conditional probability which is, just we have seen, the probability of B on condition A is equals to probability of A intersection B, probability of A. Now, this is probability of B on condition A; if these two are independent, then, this is nothing, but equal to probability of B. So, A intersection B divided by probability of A which... So, this is generally the basis to declare in mathematically the two, two variables, two random variables are independent which will be used in from the, from the next class onwards.

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So, this is forming the mathematical basis to declare two events to be independent; it is said that, if and only if, the probability, their joint probability is equals **to the**, to the multiplication of their individual probability, then we say that these two events are independent.

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Bayes' Theorem/Rule

- Bayes' Theorem/Rule
 - If $A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots, A_n$ are mutually exclusive events and collectively exhaustive (union is the full sample space, S), then for any event A_k ($k=1, 2, \dots, n$)
 - $$P(A_k | A) = \frac{P(A_k)P(A | A_k)}{\sum_{j=1}^n P(A_j)P(A | A_j)}$$

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Bayes' theorem or rule. If $A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots, A_n$ are mutually exclusive events and collectively exhaustive; just now, we have discussed about this mutually exclusive and collectively exhaustive; then for any event A_k , k can range from 1 to n , what we can say that this probability of A_k on condition A is equals to probability of A_k multiplied by probability of A on condition A_k divided by summation of all these probabilities, which probability of A_j multiplied by probability of A on condition A_j . This is known as this Bayes' theorem which we will just see that, this comes from this total probability theorem; that is, if we know the probability of individual event and after that we know the occurrence of **one**, one particular event A , which is shown as a red ellipse here, then, what are the probability of these different sub-events which are mutually exclusive and collectively exhaustive, is generally obtain from this Bayes' theorem or Bayes' rule.

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Proof of Bayes' Theorem/Rule

From conditional probability

$$P(A_k|A) = \frac{P(A \cap A_k)}{P(A)}$$

Again from Joint probability

$$P(A \cap A_k) = P(A|A_k)P(A_k)$$

Thus $P(A_k|A) = \frac{P(A_k)P(A|A_k)}{P(A)}$

Again from total probability theorem $P(A) = \sum_{k=1}^n P(A_k)P(A|A_k)$

Finally $P(A_k|A) = \frac{P(A_k)P(A|A_k)}{\sum_{k=1}^n P(A_k)P(A|A_k)}$

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The proof of Bayes' theorem can be explained like this, that is, if I take any particular event A_k , k can be from 1 to n ; So, A_k , a particular event on condition that A has occurred can be expressed in terms of, just now we have seen the conditional probability, so, this A intersection A_k divided by probability of A . Now, again from this Joint probability, this probability A intersection A_k can be expressed as probability of A on condition A_k multiplied by probability of A_k .

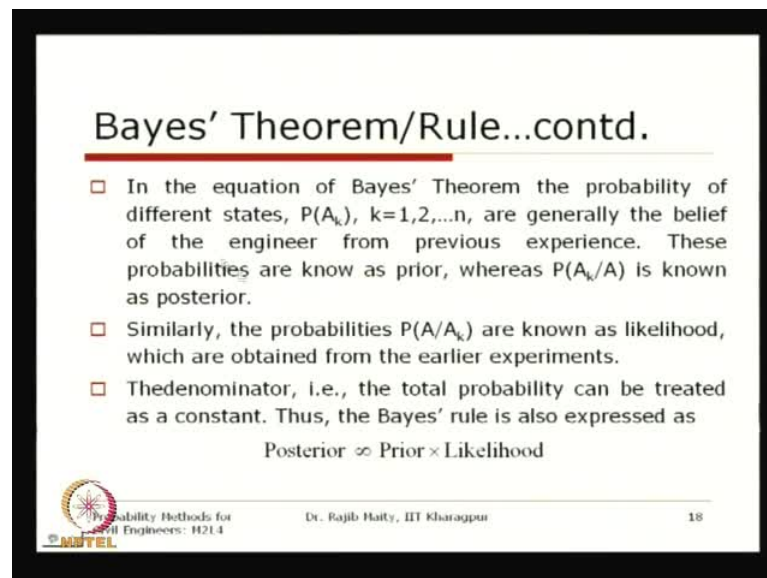
Now, from here if we just replace this one to this part, then we see that probability of A_k on condition A is equals to probability of A_k multiplied by probability of A on condition A_k divided by probability of A . Now, this probability of A can be expressed in terms of this total probability theorem. Then, from this total probability theorem, this probability of A can be expressed as this; for all this k , it should be the summation of the probability of A_k multiplied by probability of A on condition probability of A_k . Now, if we replace this one here, so, probability of a particular event on condition A is equals to probability of A_k multiplied by probability of A on condition A_k divided by summation of for all k probability of A_k multiplied by probability of A on condition A_k .

Now, these probabilities, these individual probabilities **have**, is generally having different meaning. First of all, this probability of A_k ; so, what we are doing is that, if we say that, this left hand side is unknown and right hand side is known, then what we are trying to do is that, we know the probability of A_k without any condition; what we are trying to

understand, what we are trying to get is, of course, the probability of the same event here is A_k , here is also A_k ; but here, the condition is that occurrence of the particular event is known. So, this one, this probability of this individual events, which are mutually exclusive and collectively exhaustive, these events are my prior knowledge.

Now, from this prior knowledge, due to the occurrence of the particular event, I want to update the knowledge of the probability of A_k . So, this is known as the posterior, so, probability of A_k is your prior and probability of A_k on condition A is your **posterior**, posterior. Now, this probability of A on condition A_k , that is, if we have the data available to us, then these probabilities can be calculated from the previous experience and the previous experiments. So, **these are**, this is known as the likelihood of that particular, **of that particular** event; so, this is known as the likelihood. Now, this denominator part **is**, is coming from this Total probability theorem, which is equals to the **probability of the**, probability of A . So, as compared to these probabilities, this can be treated as a constant. So, as this can be treated as a constant, if we take this out, then this equality sign will convert to **proportional**, proportional sign.

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Bayes' Theorem/Rule...contd.

- In the equation of Bayes' Theorem the probability of different states, $P(A_k)$, $k=1,2,\dots,n$, are generally the belief of the engineer from previous experience. These probabilities are known as prior, whereas $P(A_k/A)$ is known as posterior.
- Similarly, the probabilities $P(A/A_k)$ are known as likelihood, which are obtained from the earlier experiments.
- The denominator, i.e., the total probability can be treated as a constant. Thus, the Bayes' rule is also expressed as

$$\text{Posterior} \propto \text{Prior} \times \text{Likelihood}$$

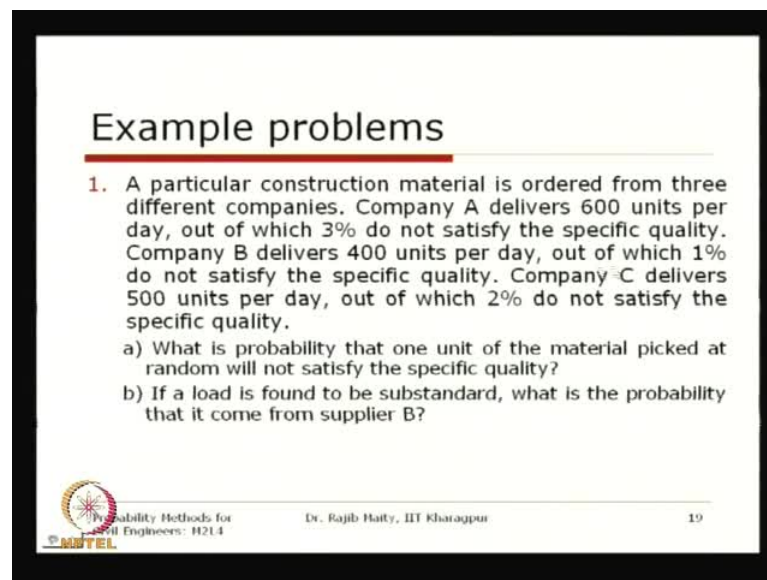
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So, this, if we just want to discuss it, then in the equation of this Bayes' theorem, we have seen that this probability of different events, that is probability of A_k are generally the belief of the engineer from the previous experience. These probabilities are known as

prior. Whereas the probability of that particular event on the condition that one event, one particular event has already occurred, **this** is known as the posterior.

Similarly, the probabilities of this A on condition A k are known as a likelihood, which are obtained from the earlier experiments. In the denominator, there would be one space here; the denominator, that is the total probability can be treated as a constant. Thus, the Bayes' rule is also expressed as **so**, left hand side, **that**, that is your posterior, which is proportional to the prior multiplied by the likelihood.

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Example problems

1. A particular construction material is ordered from three different companies. Company A delivers 600 units per day, out of which 3% do not satisfy the specific quality. Company B delivers 400 units per day, out of which 1% do not satisfy the specific quality. Company C delivers 500 units per day, out of which 2% do not satisfy the specific quality.
 - a) What is probability that one unit of the material picked at random will not satisfy the specific quality?
 - b) If a load is found to be substandard, what is the probability that it come from supplier B?

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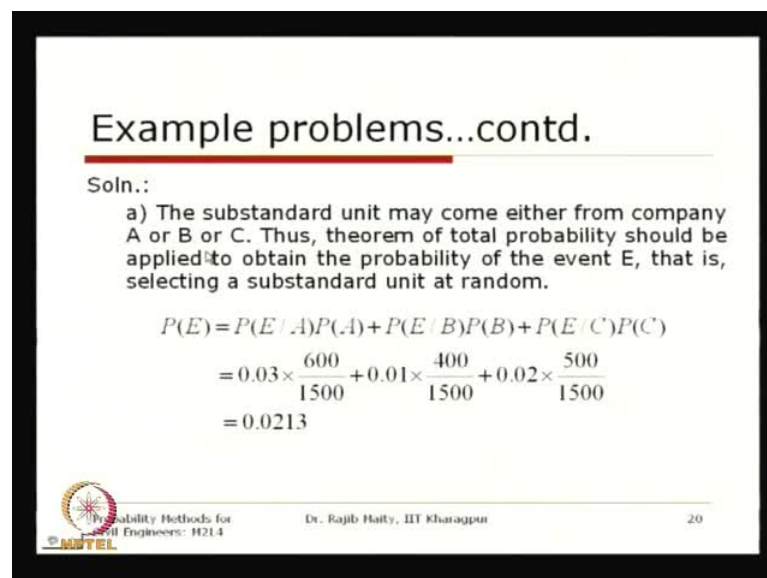
So with this, we will take one particular example where a particular construction material is ordered from 3 different companies. So, the company A delivers 600 units per day, out of which, the 3 percent do not satisfy the specific quality. Company B delivers 400 units and out of which **1 percent**, 1 percent do not satisfy the specific quality. Now, the company C delivers the 500 units per day, so, out of which 2 percent do not satisfy the specific quality. So, the total units per day is being supplied is, 1500 units are being supplied by 3 different companies.

Now, we want to know at the construction site that, what is the probability that 1 unit of the material picked at random, this picked at random is important, so, I do not know; without knowing, the knowledge that which company has supplied to this one, if you do not know that information, that is why it is picked at random, will not satisfy the **specific**, specific quality. So, to, at this, this problem we have to use the theorem of Total

probability; the total probability of getting one particular unit which is defective or not satisfying the specific quality.

Now, on the other hand, if a, if a particular unit is found to be the, to be substandard, then what is the probability that it has come from supplier B? Now, here we are giving one condition that one, one unit has found to be substandard; that is already fact. Now depending on that fact, depending on that event, what is the probability that it is being supplied by B? So, we will see this two problem. The first one will be solved by this Total probability theorem and the second one will be solved by this Bayes' rule.

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Example problems...contd.

Soln.:

a) The substandard unit may come either from company A or B or C. Thus, theorem of total probability should be applied to obtain the probability of the event E, that is, selecting a substandard unit at random.

$$P(E) = P(E/A)P(A) + P(E/B)P(B) + P(E/C)P(C)$$
$$= 0.03 \times \frac{600}{1500} + 0.01 \times \frac{400}{1500} + 0.02 \times \frac{500}{1500}$$
$$= 0.0213$$

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So, to answer the first one, the substandard unit may come either from the company A or B or C. Thus, the theorem of Total probability should be applied to obtain the probability of the event E, that is the selecting a substandard unit at random. So, this E is denoted as the, as that the probability of the event, that is this selecting a substandard, substandard unit. So, probability of E which should be expressed in terms of that probability of A, that is, it is supplied by what is the probability of supplying A, probability of supplying B and probability of supplying B, supplying C and what are their chances of supplying the defective units.

So, this first one is 0.03 which is, and their probability of supplying by, by event A is 600 by total units being supplied in a day is 1500. And, the second one is 0.01 and the probability it is being supplied by company B is 400 by 1500, and the probability that it

is being supplied by C, company C is 500 by 1500. So, if we do this calculation, it comes that the total probability of getting a substandard unit is 0.0213. So, this is the total probability that we get. Now, if we just see the second question, if the unit is defective, then what is the probability that it has come from company B?

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Example problems...contd

Soln.:

b) Once it is known that the unit is substandard, the probability of unit being supplied by a particular company is not the same as that when the information of substandard unit was not known. Thus, Bayes theorem is used to calculate the probability.

$$P(B|E) = \frac{P(E|B)P(B)}{P(E)} = \frac{P(E|B)P(B)}{P(E|A)P(A) + P(E|B)P(B) + P(E|C)P(C)}$$

$$= \frac{0.01 \cdot \frac{400}{1500}}{0.03 \cdot \frac{600}{1500} + 0.01 \cdot \frac{400}{1500} + 0.02 \cdot \frac{500}{1500}} = \frac{0.0027}{0.0213} = 0.215$$

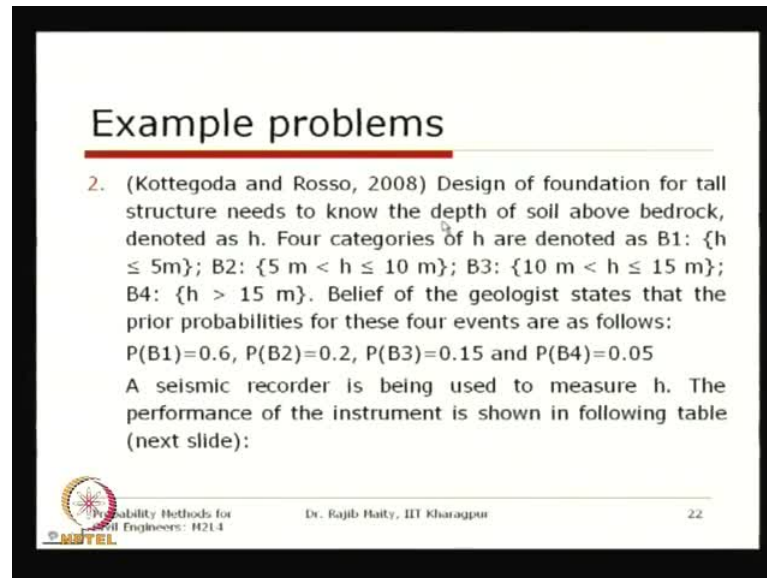

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So, once it is known that the unit is substandard, the probability of the unit being supplied by a particular company is not the same as that when the information of the substandard unit was not known. So, what I, what is meant here is that, **if**, if this information was not available, then probability of supplying the substandard unit by with the company B is known to us, which is nothing but, here 0.01 as supplied in this, **it** from the earlier, **earlier** experiences. Company B delivers this one, out of which 1 percent do not satisfy the specific quality.

So, now we have to update that information, that is the probability of B on condition that one substandard unit has come. So, this is equals to probability of E on condition that probability of E on condition, it is supplied by B multiplied by the probability of B, this one; which is now this A is again expressed in terms of this total probability which is expressed in this form - Probability of E and condition A multiplied by a probability A, similarly from probability B, similarly **from**, from company C.

Now, if we just put these forms, then it comes that probability B is 400 by 1500. Similarly, the total probability as we have seen in this last slide that this quantity comes to 0.0213 and this is 0.0027, a ratio gives that 0.215.

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Example problems

2. (Kottegoda and Rosso, 2008) Design of foundation for tall structure needs to know the depth of soil above bedrock, denoted as h . Four categories of h are denoted as B_1 : $\{h \leq 5\text{ m}\}$; B_2 : $\{5\text{ m} < h \leq 10\text{ m}\}$; B_3 : $\{10\text{ m} < h \leq 15\text{ m}\}$; B_4 : $\{h > 15\text{ m}\}$. Belief of the geologist states that the prior probabilities for these four events are as follows:
 $P(B_1)=0.6$, $P(B_2)=0.2$, $P(B_3)=0.15$ and $P(B_4)=0.05$
A seismic recorder is being used to measure h . The performance of the instrument is shown in following table (next slide):

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So, **so**, the first one, we have solved from this Total probability; and second one, we have solved from this Bayes' rule. We will take another interesting problem which is taken from Kottegoda and Rosso, 2008, from that book. Or, this is a basically a geotechnical problem, or the **design of**, the design of foundation for the tall structure, needs to know the depth of the soil above the bedrock which is denoted as h .

Now, **four categories**, four categories of h are denoted as B_1 ; so, there are four different categories of this depth. The first one which is less than 5 meter and second one B_2 is 5 meter to 10 meter; third one is 10 meter to 15 meter and B_4 four is greater than 15 meter. So, belief of the geologist states that, the prior probabilities of these 4 events are as follows: the probability of B_1 , **that is the**, that is the bedrock should be within the 5 meter depth, is equals to 60 percent; probability of B_2 is equals to 0.2; probability of B_3 is equals to 0.15 and probability of B_4 is equals to 0.05.

Now, a seismic recorder is being used to measure this h . Now, obviously any instrument that we will use; this type of, this type of measurement is generally not always perfect, this is also having some certain percentage of error. So, this is coming from this earlier experiment, where both the true depth, as well as **the** the record both, are available to us.


So, the performance, so, which is denoted the performance of this instrument, the performance of the instrument is shown in that table in the next slide which is here.

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Example problems

Measured state, B_i	True state, B_j			
	$j = 1$ $h \leq 5$ m	$j = 2$ 5 m $< h \leq 10$ m	$j = 3$ 10 m $< h \leq 15$ m	$j = 4$ $h > 15$ m
$i = 1$ $h \leq 5$ m	0.90	0.05	0.03	0.02
$i = 2$ 5 m $< h \leq 10$ m	0.07	0.88	0.10	0.06
$i = 3$ 10 m $< h \leq 15$ m	0.03	0.05	0.81	0.12
$i = 4$ $h > 15$ m	0.00	0.02	0.06	0.80
Sum	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00

The readings are obtained at a site and found to be 7m for the 1st reading (sample#1) and 8 m for the 2nd reading (sample#2). Calculate the probability of different events (B_1 , B_2 , etc.) given that the record obtained from successive readings.


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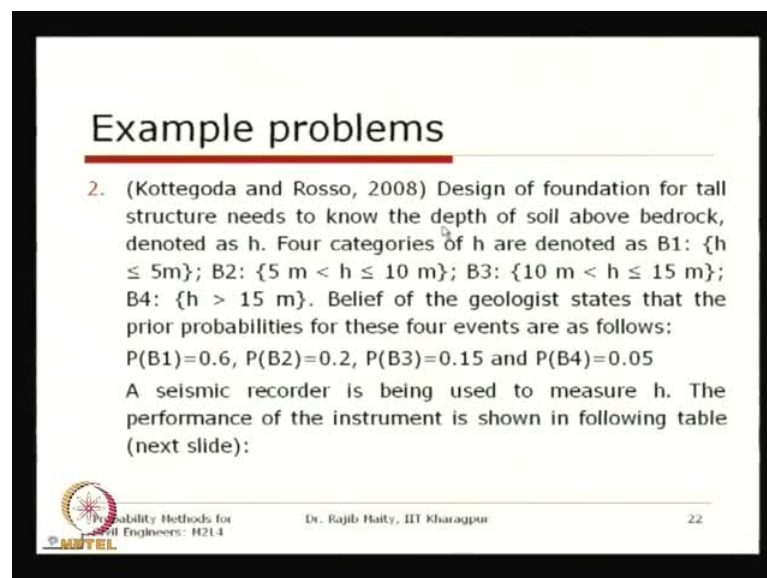
So, this is the measured state which is B_i and these are the true state which is B_j . So, if the measured states generally say that, it is within the 5 meter, so, there is 90 percent chance that it is actually in the first state; there is still 5 percent chance it is in the second state, 3 percent chance it is in the third state and 2 percent chance - this one. So similarly, in this way for all these cases, if it is measured to this, this particular fact and if the true data is also available, then we can complete this particular table here. See this is quite... There are two important thing that should be observed here; one is that, if the instrument is perfect, then we can say that this one, if it is measured in the, in the, in the state one, then this should be 100 percent probability and all other probability should be 0.

If it is true, this is also the true state will be true, so, this should be a perfect one, that is, 100 percent probability and other should be 0. But, as this instrument is, is not perfect, that is why we are getting this distribution of these probabilities from the earlier experiments; and obviously, this diagonal, diagonal is heavy diagonal, that means, most of the time it generally measures the true fact. Another thing, that is, if it is measured in state one or a particular state, and there are the probabilities, the, where this state will be; so, it should be exhausted. So, the state one whatever the probability is, if we just add up

the probabilities in a row-wise, row-wise fashion or in a column-wise fashion, this should be equal to 1. So, this is denoting that this is collectively exhaustive.

Now, the readings are obtained at a site, so, now, the same instrument, once we know the performance of this instrument, the same instrument is being used to know the depth of the bedrock at a particular site. Now, the readings are obtained at a site and found to be 7 meter for the first, first reading which is denoted as sample 1 and 8 meter for the second reading. Now, we will have to calculate the probability of the different event, that is B1, B2, B3 given that the record obtained from the successive readings.

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Example problems

2. (Kottegoda and Rosso, 2008) Design of foundation for tall structure needs to know the depth of soil above bedrock, denoted as h . Four categories of h are denoted as B1: $\{h \leq 5\text{ m}\}$; B2: $\{5\text{ m} < h \leq 10\text{ m}\}$; B3: $\{10\text{ m} < h \leq 15\text{ m}\}$; B4: $\{h > 15\text{ m}\}$. Belief of the geologist states that the prior probabilities for these four events are as follows:
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So, if the no reading is taken, then the probabilities are listed here. So, probability of being it in the B1 state, that is, below 5 meter is 6.6, 60 percent, 20 percent, 15 percent, 5 percent. Now, I got one sample which is 7 meter depth from this instrument which is obviously not perfect, erroneous instrument. So, after getting that sample#1 from that instrument, what are the, this probability, how these probabilities are being updated?

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Example problems

Measured state, B_i	True state, B_j			
	$j = 1$ $h \leq 5 \text{ m}$	$j = 2$ $5 \text{ m} < h \leq 10 \text{ m}$	$j = 3$ $10 \text{ m} < h \leq 15 \text{ m}$	$j = 4$ $h > 15 \text{ m}$
$i = 1$ $h \leq 5 \text{ m}$	0.90	0.05	0.03	0.02
$i = 2$ $5 \text{ m} < h \leq 10 \text{ m}$	0.07	0.88	0.10	0.06
$i = 3$ $10 \text{ m} < h \leq 15 \text{ m}$	0.03	0.05	0.81	0.12
$i = 4$ $h > 15 \text{ m}$	0.00	0.02	0.06	0.80
Sum	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00

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So, to know this fact, once we know this, after this sample one, then another sample has been taken which is sample#2. So, these probabilities will be updated after sample#1. Again it will be, again updated after taking this sample#2. How these probabilities are changing? We have these successive probabilities; that, we will see now in this problem.

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Example problems...contd.

Soln.:
 The sample#1 was found to be 7 m, which corresponds to B_2 . The posterior probabilities of actual state are obtained from Bayes theorem as follows:

$$P(B_k | \text{sample}\#1 = B_2) = \frac{P(\text{sample}\#1 = B_2 | B_k)P(B_k)}{\sum P(\text{sample}\#1 = B_2 | B_k)P(B_k)}$$

Now

$$\sum P(\text{sample}\#1 = B_2 | B_k)P(B_k) = 0.07 \cdot 0.60 + 0.88 \cdot 0.20 + 0.10 \cdot 0.15 + 0.06 \cdot 0.05 = 0.236$$

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So, the sample#1 was found to be 7 meter which corresponds to the B_2 . Now, the posterior probabilities of the actual states are obtained from Bayes' theorem, that is, what is the probability of a particular state B_k ? Now, here B_k means that B_1 , B_2 , B_3 , and B_4

on condition that sample#1 is in B2. So, this is **from this**, derived from the Bayes' rule, **we can**, we can state that, this is the probability of sample#1 belonging to B2 on condition B k multiplied by B k; and the **and the** total probability is the probability of sample#1 belongs to B2 on condition B k probability of B k.

Now, this total probability is calculated from this, **this** one, that is **from**, if I just take **that**, that sample is two, what is on condition that it is in actually in one and multiplied the probability one, which is 0.07 multiplied by 0.6. Now, if you see this slide **that**, this is your 0.07; it is in measure state two. So, this is in 0.07 and the probability of the prior knowledge of B1 is 0.6; and, that is why this 0.07 and 0.6 are multiplied. Similarly, taking the other probabilities from that table and that probability 0.2, in this way, if you just add up, we get the total probability is 0.236. Now, putting this one, so, we will get the updated probabilities for difference state which is as follows:

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Example problems...contd.

Thus

$$\sum P(B_1 / \text{sample}\#1 \in B2) = \frac{0.07 \cdot 0.60}{0.236} = 0.178$$

$$\sum P(B_2 / \text{sample}\#1 \in B2) = \frac{0.88 \cdot 0.20}{0.236} = 0.746$$

$$\sum P(B_3 / \text{sample}\#1 \in B2) = \frac{0.10 \cdot 0.15}{0.236} = 0.063$$

$$\sum P(B_4 / \text{sample}\#1 \in B2) = \frac{0.06 \cdot 0.05}{0.236} = 0.013$$

It can be noticed that probability of actual state to be B2 is increased To 0.746 from 0.20 due to the availability of sample 2. However, still About 25% chance is there that it may not be B2. Thus another sample is collected, which is 8 m.

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So, probability **that, it** is the state one is equals to 0.07 multiplied by 0.6 is divided by the total probability 0.236. Now, this 0.07 comes from that table, I had just now I showed from here, and this 0.6 comes from this prior knowledge. So, this is now after the sample#1, the prior information was 0.6; it is updated to 0.178. So, **this** the probability of the depth of this strata in one **is, is now**, is now reduced from 0.6 to 0.175.

Similarly, the state which is in the B2 is in the 0.2, which is going to be increased from this 20 percent to 74.6 percent; similarly, other probabilities also. Now, after taking the

sample#1, these probabilities are modified, and this probability of being it in the second state has increase to the almost 75 percent.

But, **still it is not**, still there is 25 percent chance that, this depth of this bedrock may not be in these strata two, **in this, in this strata two**. So, the another observation is collected, where it is again saying that it is the depth is 8 meter, that is, it is again, in again in that state two, there is the second stage. So, after getting the second information again this probabilities are being updated.

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Example problems...contd.

Now

$$P(B_k / \text{sample}\#1 \& 2 \in B2) = \frac{P(\text{sample}\#2 \in B2 / B_k)P(B_k / \text{sample}\#1 \in B2)}{\sum P(\text{sample}\#2 \in B2 / B_k)P(B_k / \text{sample}\#1 \in B2)}$$

Now

$$\sum P(\text{sample}\#2 \in B2 / B_k)P(B_k / \text{sample}\#1 \in B2) = 0.07 \cdot 0.178 + 0.88 \cdot 0.746 + 0.10 \cdot 0.063 + 0.06 \cdot 0.013 = 0.675$$



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Example problems...contd.

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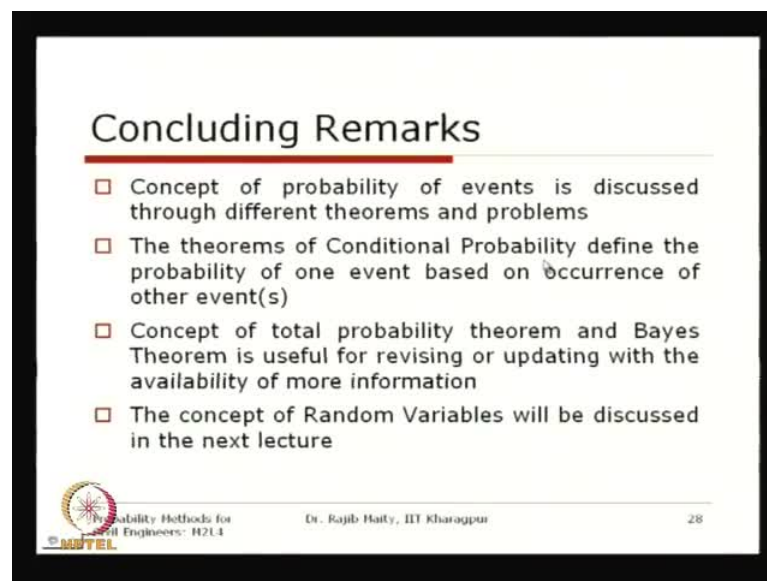
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So, **this is** now **the**, what is the probability of B k? One condition the sample#1 and #2, both are in B2. So, this can be expressed in terms of this Bayes' theorem and here the total probability, when we are calculating; we are using that the performance of the, this is from that table, performance of the instrument, and this is from the updated information after getting sample#1. So, if we add up this thing it comes to be 0.675. Now, using that 0.675 we are getting different probability for the difference state. So, from 175 it is further reduced to that 1 percent, 1.8 percent, and the probability of that it is instead 2, it is increase to the 97 percent and similarity for the other states.


So, thus, it is noticed that after obtaining sample#2, the chance of true state being B2 is very high, which is 97.2 percent. Thus, with the help of the Bayes' theorem, the probability of unknown are improved with the availability of the more information.

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Concluding Remarks

- Concept of probability of events is discussed through different theorems and problems
- The theorems of Conditional Probability define the probability of one event based on occurrence of other event(s)
- Concept of total probability theorem and Bayes Theorem is useful for revising or updating with the availability of more information
- The concept of Random Variables will be discussed in the next lecture

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So, in this class the concept of probability events is discussed through different theorems and problems. The theorem of conditional probability is defined, the probability of one event based on the occurrence of the other events. Concept of total probability theorem and Bayes' theorem is useful for revising or updating with the availability of more information which is seen in the last example and **concept of**, in the next class, we will cover the concept of **random**, random variable and this we will see in the next class.

Thank you.