

## CS1800 Day 12

### Admin:

- exam / HW4 results & grade estimates (available by Friday afternoon, likely soon)
- tuning up your study process in CS1800

### Content:

Joint Probability Distribution

Marginalization

Conditional Probability



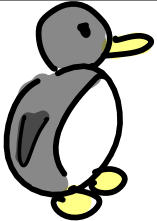
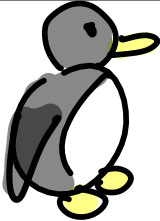
Bayes Rule

Independence

Joint Probability Distribution: A distribution over more than 1 variable at a time

Let  $A=1$  indicate if a penguin is an adult (0 otherwise)

Let  $F=1$  indicate if a penguin has big flippers (0 otherwise)

	$F=0$	$F=1$
$A=0$		
$A=1$		

	$F=0$	$F=1$
$A=0$	$\frac{3}{12}$	$\frac{2}{12}$
$A=1$	$\frac{1}{12}$	$\frac{6}{12}$

HALF OF PENGUINS ARE ADULTS w/ BIG FLIPPERS

# NOTATION

$P(A=0, F=1)$  IS PROB OF BOTH OUTCOMES  
OCCURRING AT SAME  
TIME

$A=0$  (NOT ADULT)

$F=1$  (BIG FLIPPER)

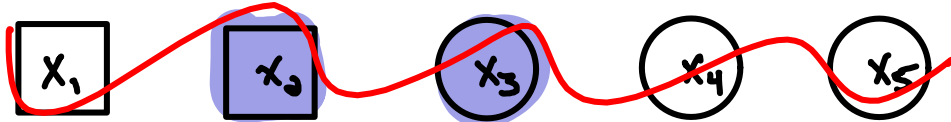


## Marginalizing (removing a random variable from a joint distribution)

Consider selecting one of the following 5 shapes, with equal probability:

Let  $B=1$  be the event that the shape is blue

Let  $C=1$  be the event that the shape is a circle



	$B=0$	$B=1$
$C=0$	$1/5$	$1/5$
$C=1$	$2/5$	$1/5$

WHAT IS

$$\begin{aligned} P(B=1) &= P(B=1, C=0) + P(B=1, C=1) \\ &= 1/5 + 1/5 \\ &= 2/5 \end{aligned}$$

Remember: To compute  $P(B)$  we can sum  $P(B, A)$  for all outcomes in sample space of  $A$

$$P(B=b) = \sum_a P(B=b, A=a)$$

## In Class Activity




Let  $C$  be a random variable representing penguin color (sample space: blue, red or green)

Let  $A=1$  indicate if a penguin is an adult (0 otherwise)

Given the following distribution of  $A, C$

Compute each of the follow probabilities:

- $P(C=\text{blue})$
- $P(C=\text{red}) + P(C=\text{green})$   
(how is this related to prob above?)
- $P(A=1)$

$C =$    $C =$    $C =$  

$A=0$	$1/12$	$3/12$	$0/12$
$A=1$	$2/12$	$1/12$	$5/12$

## In Class Activity

$$- P(C=\text{blue}) = \sum_a P(C=\text{BLUE} \mid A=a)$$

$$= P(C=\text{BLUE} \mid A=0) + P(C=\text{BLUE} \mid A=1)$$

$$\frac{1}{12} + \frac{2}{12} = \frac{3}{12}$$

$$- P(C=\text{red}) + P(C=\text{green})$$

(how is this related to prob above?)

$$P(C=\text{RED}) = \frac{3}{12} + \frac{1}{12} = \frac{4}{12}$$

$$- P(A=1) \quad P(C=\text{GREEN}) = \frac{0}{12} + \frac{5}{12} = \frac{5}{12}$$

$$P(A=1) = P(A=1 \mid C=\text{BLUE}) + P(A=1 \mid C=\text{RED}) + P(A=1 \mid C=\text{GREEN})$$

$$= \frac{2}{12} + \frac{1}{12} + \frac{5}{12} = \frac{8}{12}$$



$\frac{1}{12}$	$\frac{3}{12}$	$\frac{0}{12}$
$\frac{2}{12}$	$\frac{1}{12}$	$\frac{5}{12}$

$$P(C=\text{RED OR GREEN}) = \frac{9}{12}$$

## Conditional Probability (intuition & motivation)

$C=1$  indicates a person has covid ( $C=0$  otherwise)

$T=1$  indicates a person has positive test ( $T=0$  otherwise)

Let us discuss (and express) the following probabilities:

- probability person has a positive test

$P(T=1)$  is the fraction of EVERYONE who is testing positive

- probability person has positive test given they have covid

$P(T=1|C=1)$  is the fraction of THOSE WHO HAVE COVID who are testing positive

- probability person has covid given a positive test

$P(C=1|T=1)$  is the fraction of THOSE WHO ARE TESTING POSITIVE who have covid

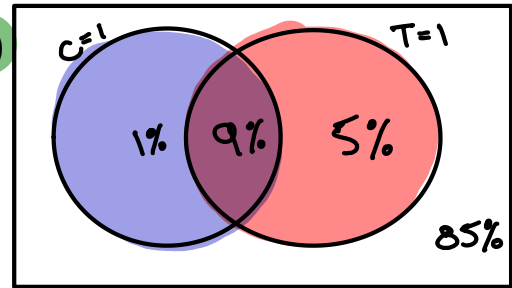
Intuition:

Conditional probability  $P(X=x|Y=y)$  is the probability of event  $X=x$  if we constrain ourselves to a world where  $Y=y$ .

## Conditional Probability (motivating our formula from intuition)

$C=1$  indicates a person has covid ( $C=0$  otherwise)

$T=1$  indicates a person has positive test ( $T=0$  otherwise)



Let us discuss (and express) the following probabilities:

- probability person has a positive test  $P(T=1) = P(T=1 | C=0) + P(T=1 | C=1) = 5\% + 9\% = 14\%$
- probability person has positive test given they have covid  $P(T=1 | C=1) = \frac{9}{1+9} = 90\%$
- probability person has covid given a positive test

$$P(C=1 | T=1) = \frac{9}{9+5} = \frac{P(C=1 \cap T=1)}{P(C=1 \cap T=1) + P(C=0 \cap T=1)} = \frac{P(C=1 \cap T=1)}{P(T=1)}$$

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Conditional Probability (Formula version 1: from our intuition)

$$P(a/b) = \frac{P(a \text{ b})}{P(b)}$$

PROB a HAPPENS  
GIVEN CONDITION b

PROB a b HAPPEN  
TOGETHER

PROB b HAPPENS

## In Class Activity

Compute each of the probabilities from the distribution below. For each, write a sentence explaining its meaning which is easily understood by a non-technical reader

Let  $S$  be a twitter sentiment score about bitcoin (1=good, 0=neutral, -1=bad)

Let  $B$  be the movement of bitcoin price (1=up, -1=down)

$$P(S=-1)$$

$$P(S=-1 | B=1)$$

$$P(B=1 | S=-1)$$

$$P(B=1)$$



$B=-1$



$B=1$

  $S=-1$         $S=0$         $S=1$

19%	27%	5%
8%	21%	20%

$$P(S=-1) = \sum_b P(S=-1 | B=b)$$

$$= P(S=-1 | B=-1) + P(S=-1 | B=1)$$

$$= 19 + 8 = 27\%$$

$$P(S=-1 | B=1)$$

$$P(S=-1 | B=1) = \frac{P(S=-1 \cap B=1)}{P(B=1)} = \frac{8}{8 + 21 + 20} \approx 16\%$$

$$P(B=1 | S=-1)$$

$$= \frac{P(B=1 \cap S=-1)}{P(S=-1)} = \frac{8}{19 + 8} \approx 29.6\%$$

$$P(B=1)$$

$$= 8 + 21 + 20 = 49\%$$

49% of the time bitcoin grows on a day when twitter is unhappy  
 bitcoin grows only 29.6% of time



B=-1  
 B=1

27% of the time, twitter unhappy with Bitcoin, on a day when bitcoin is increasing then only 16% of the tweets are unhappy

	S=-1	S=0	S=1
B=-1	19%	27%	5%
B=1	8%	21%	20%

Conditional Probability (formula version 2: often more useful in our algebraic manipulations)

$$P(a|b) = \frac{P(a \text{ } b)}{P(b)}$$

$$\longleftrightarrow P(a|b)P(b) = P(a \text{ } b)$$

Takeaway above:

Multiplying

- a conditional probability
- the probability of condition

Will yield

- prob both outcomes happen together

# BAYES RULE

(GLORIFIED CONDITIONAL PROBABILITY)

SEE PREVIOUS SLIDE

$$P(a|b)P(b) = P(ab) = P(b|a)P(a)$$

$$\Rightarrow P(a|b) = \frac{P(b|a)P(a)}{P(b)}$$

Notice: this formula "swaps" the order of the conditioning:  $P(A|B)$  on left  $P(B|A)$  on right  
Its typical in a Bayes question to be given variables in one order while question asks for other.

# A HELPFUL MANIPULATION

$$P(b) \stackrel{\text{MARGINALIZATION}}{=} \sum_a P(a, b)$$

$$\stackrel{\text{CONDITIONAL PROB DEFINITION}}{=} \sum_a P(b|a) P(a)$$

WHY WAS THAT HELPFUL?

BAYES RULE 1

$$P(a|b) = \frac{P(b|a)P(a)}{P(b)}$$

BAYES RULE 2

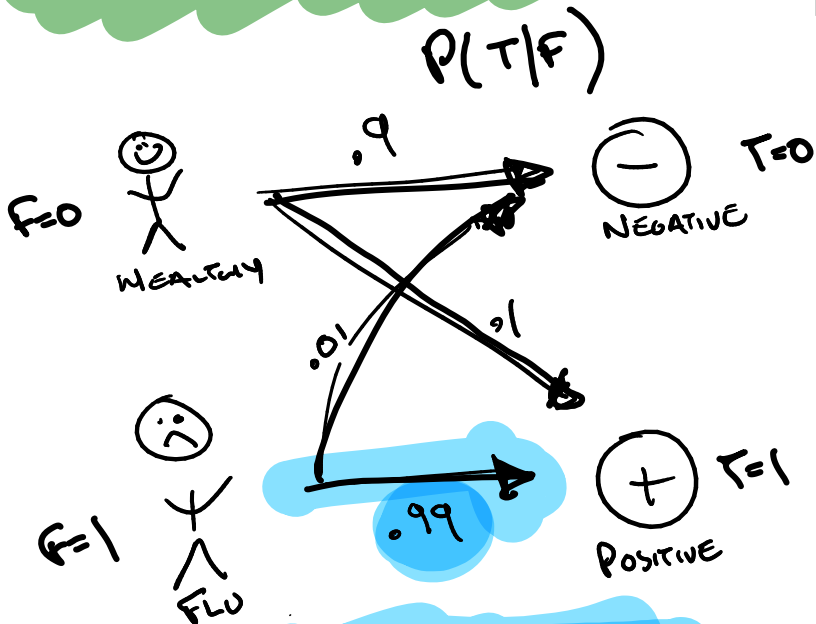
$$P(a|b) = \frac{P(b|a)P(a)}{\sum_i P(b|a_i)P(a_i)}$$

Notice:

all terms of form  $P(b|a)$  and  $P(a)$  here

# BAYES RULE Ex

Given flu occurs in 4% of population, what is the probability one has flu given they test positive?



$$P(T=1|F=1) = .99$$

$$P(F=1|T=1) = \frac{P(T=1|F=1) P(F=1)}{P(T=1)}$$

$$\approx \frac{.99 \cdot .04}{.1356}$$

$$\approx .292$$



# BAYES RULE Ex

$$P(T|F)$$



$$P(T=1|F=1) = .99$$

Given flu occurs in 4% of population, what is the probability one has flu given they test positive?

$$P(F=0) = 1 - P(F=1) = 1 - .04 = .96$$

$$P(T=1) = P(T=1|F=0)P(F=0) + P(T=1|F=1)P(F=1)$$

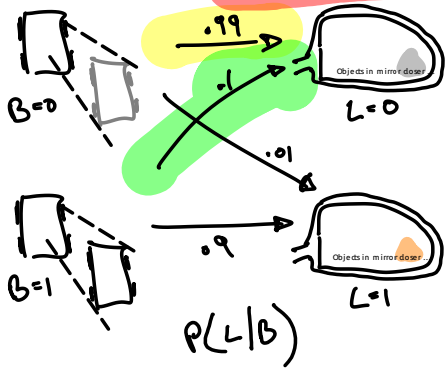
$$= P(T=1|F=0)P(F=0) + P(T=1|F=1)P(F=1)$$

$$= .01 \cdot .96 + .99 \cdot .04$$

$$= .1356$$

## In Class Assignment

A blind spot monitor produces a warning light ( $L=1$ ) when it estimates that a car is in one's blind spot ( $B=1$ ). Given that the light is off, what's the probability that a car is one's blind spot? (Assume that a car is in your blindspot 2 percent of the time while driving.)



$$\begin{aligned} P(B=0) &= 1 - P(B=1) \\ &= 1 - .02 \\ &= .98 \end{aligned}$$

$$P(B=1|L=0) = \frac{P(L=0|B=1)P(B=1)}{P(L=0)}$$

$$= \frac{P(L=0|B=1)P(B=1)}{P(L=0|B=1)P(B=1) + P(L=0|B=0)P(B=0)}$$

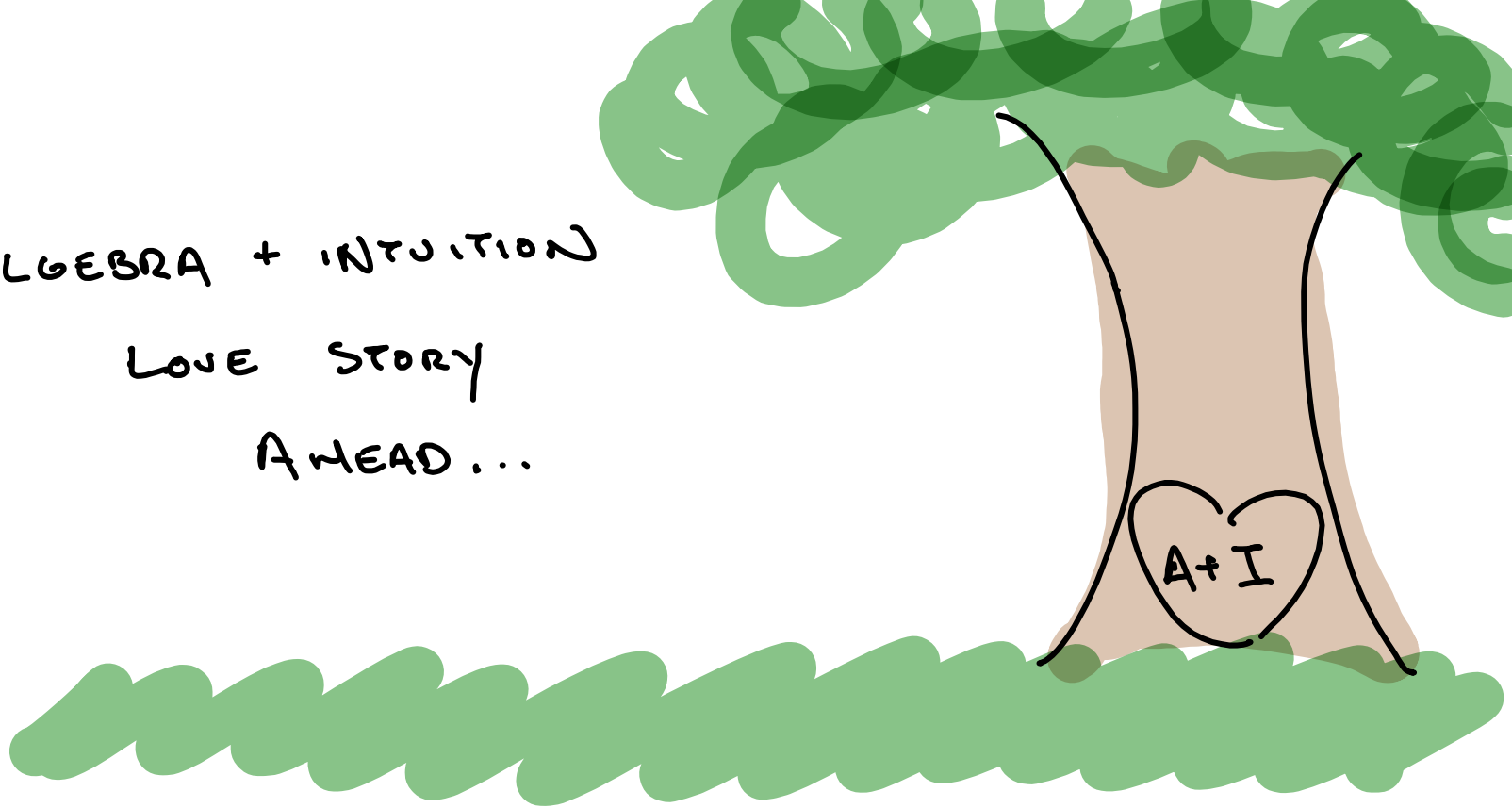
$$= \frac{.1 \cdot .02}{.1 \cdot .02 + .99 \cdot .98} \approx 0.00205719$$

$$\approx 0.00205719$$

ALGEBRA + INTUITION

LOVE STORY

AHEAD...



# INDEPENDENCE + CONDITIONAL PROB

## INDEPENDENCE

### INTUITION:

Random variables  $x, y$  are independent if observing any outcome of one doesn't impact our beliefs about the other.

### ALGEBRA:

FOR EACH OUTCOME PAIR  $x, y$

$$P(X=x, Y=y) = P(X=x)P(Y=y)$$

Bayes Rule shows the equivalence of the algebraic and intuitive definitions above!

# INDEPENDENCE + CONDITIONAL PROBS

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$$P(X=x, Y=y) = P(X=x)P(Y=y)$$

$$P(X|Y) = \frac{P(X, Y)}{P(Y)} = \frac{P(X)P(Y)}{P(Y)} = P(X)$$

Notice that  $P(X|Y) = P(X)$ . Observing  $Y$  has no impact on the prob of  $X$ !