

## CS1800 Day 14

### Admin:

- exam results
- tuning up your study process in CS1800
- HW4 results by thursday (hopefully tomorrow)
- grade estimates by Friday (hopefully Thursday)

### 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)

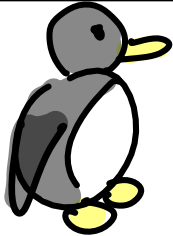
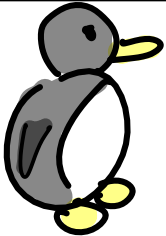
Let  $F=1$  indicate if a penguin has big flippers (0 otherwise)

$F=0$        $F=1$

$A=0$



$A=1$



$F=0$        $F=1$

$A=0$

$3/12$

$2/12$

$A=1$

$1/12$

$6/12$

HALF OF PENGUINS ARE  
ADULTS w/ BIG FLIPPERS

# NOTATION

$P(A=0, F=1)$  IS PROB

$A=0$  (NOT ADULT)

$F=1$  (BIG FLIPPER)

HAPPEN AT SAME TIME →

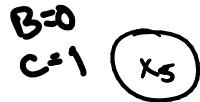


# MARGINALIZING

(REMOVING A  
RANDOM VARIABLE  
FROM PROB DISTRIBUTION)

$B=1$  SHAPE IS BLUE  
 $C=1$  SHAPE IS CIRCLE

$B=0$   $C=0$



$$P(B=1) = 2/5$$

	$B=0$	$B=1$
$C=0$	$x_1$ $1/5$	$x_2$ $1/5$
$C=1$	$x_4$ $x_5$ $2/5$	$x_3$ $1/5$

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

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:

- $P(C=\text{blue})$
- $P(C=\text{red}) + P(C=\text{green}) = 9/12$   
(how is this related to prob above?)
- $P(A=1)$

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

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

$$P(C=\text{BLUE}) = P(C=\text{BLUE} \mid A=0) + P(C=\text{BLUE} \mid A=1)$$
$$= 1/12 + 2/12 = 3/12$$

$$P(A=1) = 2/12 + 1/12 + 5/12$$

## 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

$$P(T=1)$$

- probability person has positive test given they have covid

"GIVEN  $C=1$ "

$$P(T=1 | C=1)$$

- probability person has covid given a positive test

$$P(C=1 | T=1)$$

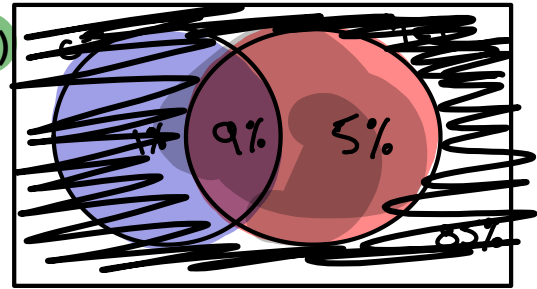
Intuition:

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)

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Let us discuss (and express) the following probabilities:

- probability person has a positive test

$$P(T=1) = 9 + 5 = 14\%$$

- 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

$$P(C=1 | T=1) = \frac{P(C=1, T=1)}{P(T=1)} = \frac{9}{9+5} = \frac{9}{14}$$

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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)

$P(S=-1|B=1)$  ... compare to  $P(S=-1)$




$P(B=1|S=-1)$  ... compare to  $P(B=1)$



$B = -1$



$B = 1$

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

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

$$= \frac{P(S=-1, B=1)}{P(B=1)}$$

$$= \frac{.08}{.08 + .21 + .20}$$




$$= 16\%$$



B=-1



B=1

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

$$P(S=-1) = .19 + .08$$

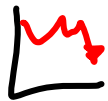
$$= 27\%$$

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

"Given  $S=-1$ "

$$= \frac{P(B=1, S=-1)}{P(S=-1)}$$




$$= \frac{.08}{.08 + .19} = 30\%$$



$B=-1$



$B=1$

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

$$P(B=1) = .08 + .21 + .20$$
$$= .49$$

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

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



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

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

$$P(b) = \sum_a P(ab)$$

MARGINALIZATION

$$= \sum_a P(b|a)P(a)$$

CONDITIONAL PROB DEFINITION

WHY WAS THAT HELPFUL?

BAYES RULE 1

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

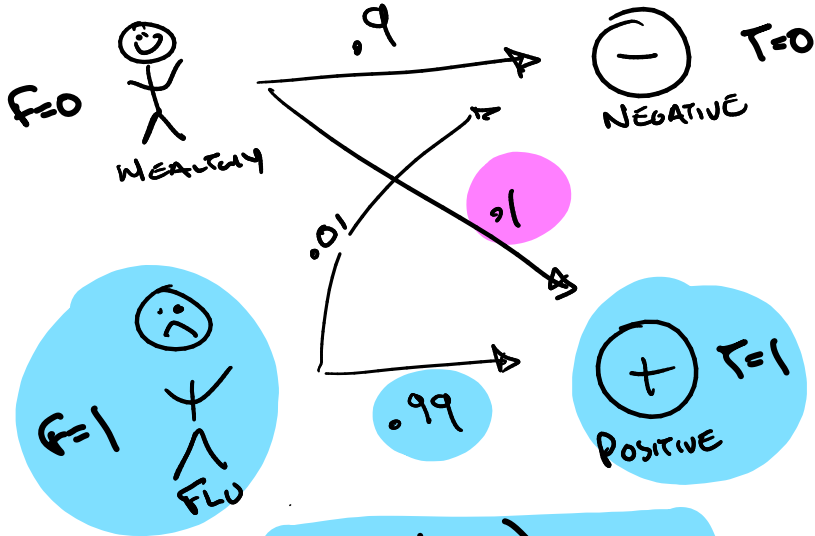
BAYES RULE 2

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

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?



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

$$P(F=1) = .04$$

$$P(F=0) = .96$$

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

$$= \frac{.99 \cdot .04}{.1 \cdot .96 + .99 \cdot .04} \approx .29$$

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

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

$$= .1 \cdot .96 + .99 \cdot .04$$

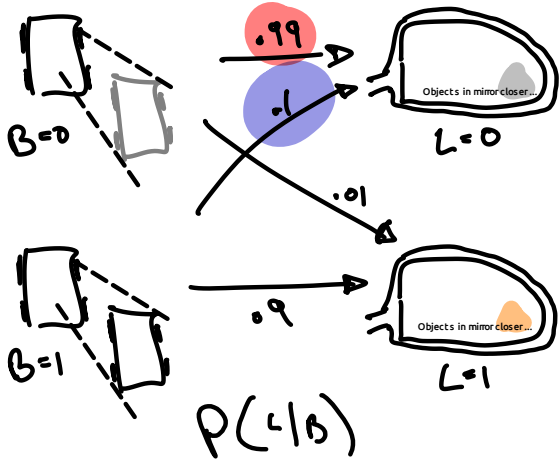


## In Class Assignment

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.)

$$P(B=0) = .98$$

$$P(B=1) = .02$$



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

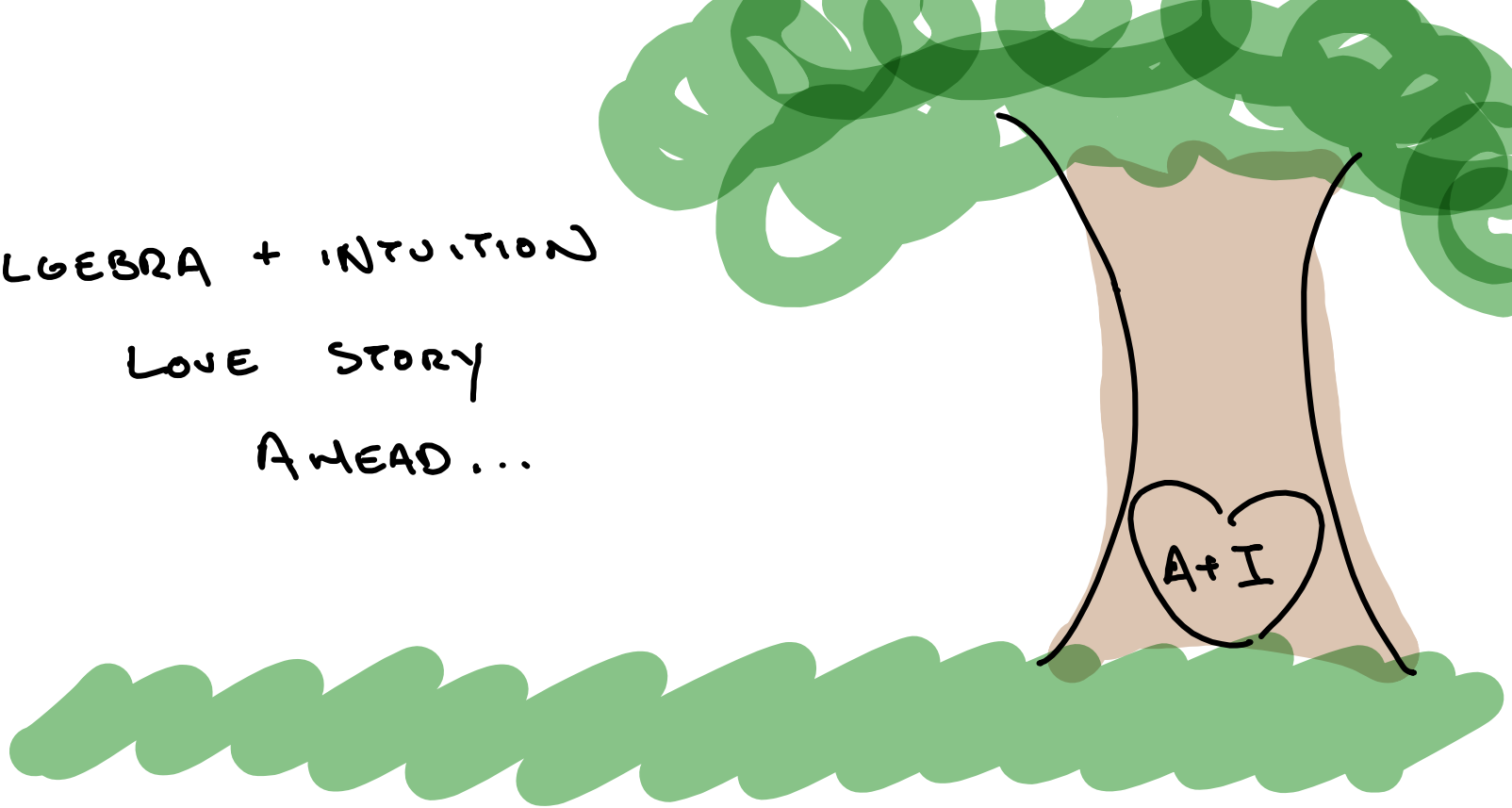
$$= \frac{.1 \cdot .02}{.99 \cdot .98 + .1 \cdot .02} \approx .00205$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(L=0) &= P(L=0|B=0)P(B=0) + P(L=0|B=1)P(B=1) \\ &= .99 \cdot .98 + .1 \cdot .02 \end{aligned}$$

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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### ALGEBRA:

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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  $X$ !

# JOINT DISTRIBUTIONS

w/ INDEPENDENT  
VARIABLES

$$P(X, Y) = \underline{P(X)} \underline{P(Y)}$$

$$P(X=1) = 1/4 \quad 0 \text{ OTHERWISE}$$

$$P(Y=1) = 1/4 \quad 0 \text{ OTHERWISE}$$

	X=0	X=1
Y=0	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$
Y=1	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$