

- last time - Combinations,  $\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!k!}$

- Probability

- equally likely outcomes  $\Pr(E) = \frac{N(E)}{N(S)}$

### Axioms of Probability:

(i)  $0 \leq \Pr(E) \leq 1$ , for all events E

(ii)  $\Pr(S) = 1$

(iii) If  $E \cap F = \emptyset$ , then  $\Pr(E \cup F) = \Pr(E) + \Pr(F)$

$$E \cup \bar{E} = S, E \cap \bar{E} = \emptyset$$

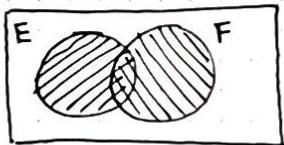
$$\Pr(E \cup \bar{E}) = \Pr(E) + \Pr(\bar{E})$$

$$\Pr(S) = \Pr(E) + \Pr(\bar{E})$$

$$1 = \Pr(E) + \Pr(\bar{E})$$

$$\Pr(\bar{E}) = (-\Pr(E))$$

$\Pr(E) = \text{sum of the probabilities of the outcomes in } E$ :



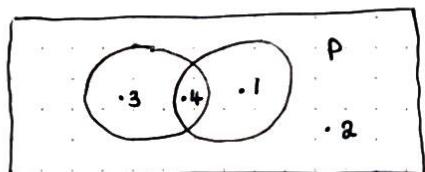
In general,  $\Pr(E \cup F) = \Pr(E) + \Pr(F) - \Pr(E \cap F)$

e.g.  $\Pr(E) = 5$ ,  $\Pr(F) = 6$ ,  $\Pr(E \cap F) = 8$ , what is  $\Pr(E \cup F)$ ?

$$8 = 5 + 6 - \Pr(E \cap F), \text{ so } \Pr(E \cup F) = 3$$

We can put probability into the regions of Venn diagrams

e.g. in a survey of 100 people, 70 liked cake, 50 liked pie, 40 liked both cake and pie. Find the probability that a randomly selected participant liked neither cake or pie.



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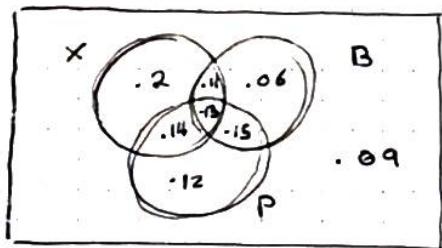
- e.g. in a survey of 100 people, 58 liked Xena, 46 liked Buffy, 54 liked South Park, 24 liked X+B, 27 liked X+P, 28 liked B+P, 13 liked all 3.

Find the probability that a randomly selected participant liked:

(i) Xena, nothing else  $\rightarrow .2$

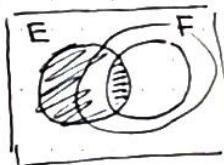
(ii) exactly one show  $\rightarrow .38$

(iii) Buffy + South Park  $\rightarrow .17 = 0.11 + 0.06$



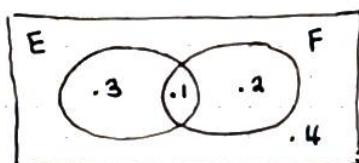
Let E and F be events, then the conditional probabilities of E given F is

$$\Pr(E|F) = \frac{\Pr(E \cap F)}{\Pr(F)}$$



- e.g.  $\Pr(E) = .4$ ,  $\Pr(F) = .3$ ,  $\Pr(E \cap F) = .1$

Find (i)  $\Pr(E|F)$  (ii)  $\Pr(F|E)$  (iii)  $\Pr(\bar{E}|F)$



$$(i) \frac{\Pr(E \cap F)}{\Pr(F)} = \frac{(.1)}{(.3)} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$(ii) \frac{\Pr(F \cap E)}{\Pr(E)} = \frac{(.1)}{(.4)} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$(iii) \frac{\Pr(\bar{E} \cap F)}{\Pr(F)} = \frac{(.2)}{(.3)} = \frac{2}{3}$$

Events E and F are independent if  $\Pr(E \cap F) = \Pr(E)\Pr(F)$

If  $\Pr(F) \neq 0$ , this means  $\frac{\Pr(E \cap F)}{\Pr(F)} = \Pr(E)$

$$\text{so, } \Pr(E|F) = \Pr(E)$$

If  $\Pr(E) = 0$ ,  $\frac{\Pr(F \cap E)}{\Pr(E)} = \Pr(E)$

$$\text{so } \Pr(F|E) = \Pr(E)$$

- e.g. Flip a balanced coin twice

Let E be the event that we get heads on flip 1

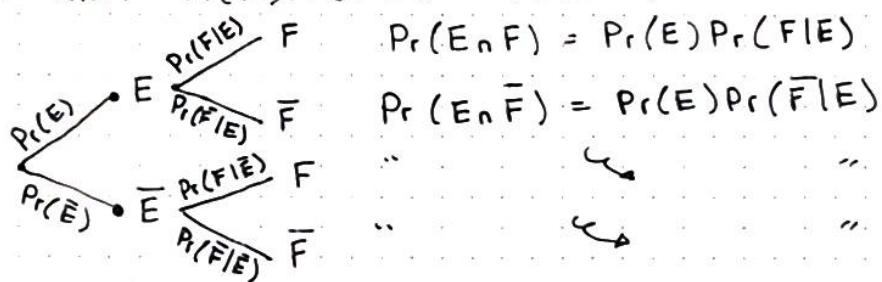
Let F " = flip 2

$$\Pr(E) = \Pr(F) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\{\text{HH, HT, TH, TT}\} \quad \Pr(E \cap F) = \frac{1}{4} = \Pr(E)\Pr(F)$$

E and F are independent

Note that  $\Pr(E)\Pr(F|E) = \Pr(E \cap F)$

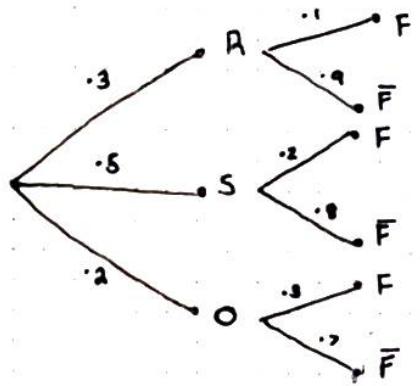


We can write conditional probability on the branches of a tree diagram, then multiply along the path to get the probability of the outcome.

- e.g. 30% of the cars in the parking lot are red

50% are silver, 20% are some other colour. Further

Suppose 10% of the red cars, 20% of the silver cars, 30% of the other cars have fuzzy dice.



$$\Pr(F) = (0.3)(0.1) + (0.5)(0.2) + \dots \\ \dots (0.2)(0.3) = 0.19$$

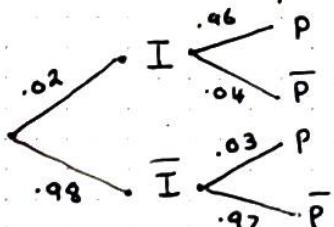
In Bayes Probability, we are given  $\Pr(EIF)$ , we want to know  $\Pr(F|E)$ . These can be solved with tree diagrams.

- e.g. In the car problem, given that the car has fuzzy dice, find the prob. that it is red.

$$\Pr(R|F) = \frac{\Pr(R \cap F)}{\Pr(F)} = \frac{(0.3)(0.1)}{(0.19)} = \frac{3}{19}$$

- e.g. 2% of the population has Xena Fever. There is a test, but it has a 3% false positive, and a 4% false neg. Given that a randomly selected person tests positive, what is the probability that he has Xena Fever?

$I$  = infected,  $P$  = tests positive



$$\Pr(I|P) = \frac{\Pr(I \cap P)}{\Pr(P)}$$

$$= \frac{(0.02)(0.96)}{(0.02)(0.96) + (0.98)(0.03)}$$

- e.g. Find the prob. of getting "one-pair" in poker

$$\rightarrow \frac{13 \binom{4}{2} \binom{12}{3} 4^3}{\binom{52}{5}}$$

- e.g. Find the prob. of getting at least 4 hearts, and exactly one ♦

$$\rightarrow \frac{\binom{13}{4} + \binom{12}{3} 36 + \binom{12}{4} 3}{\binom{52}{5}}$$

Case 1 : All hearts

- e.g. Find the probability that our hand will contain two kings, and exactly one club

$$\rightarrow \frac{3 \binom{36}{3} + \binom{3}{2} 12 \binom{36}{2}}{\binom{52}{5}}$$

Case 1 : Club is a king

Case 2 : Club isn't a king

- e.g. Fizzbin : You get 7 randomly dealt cards

A royal Fizzbin is three of a kind and two pairs

Find the prob of getting one : KKKQQ44

$$\rightarrow \frac{13 \binom{4}{3} \binom{12}{2} \binom{4}{2}^2}{\binom{52}{7}}$$

- e.g. Our Xena Fan club has 23 members, including Bob. We must select a pres., tres. and vice pres. What are the odds of Bob being president?

$$\frac{P(22, 2)}{P(23, 3)} = \frac{22 \cdot 21}{23 \cdot 22 \cdot 21} = \frac{1}{23}$$

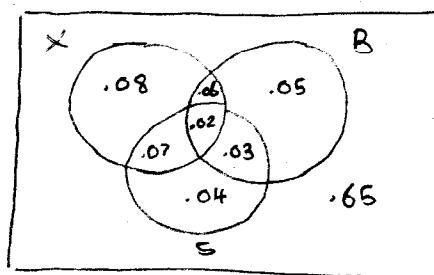
- e.g. We ask 100 people about their favorite shows.

23 like Xena, 16 like Buffy, 16 like Simpsons

8 like X+B, 9 like X+S, 5 like B+S

2 like all 3

(i) Likes neither B or S



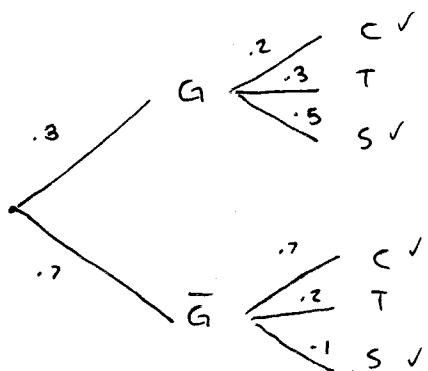
$$(i) P(\bar{B} \cap \bar{S}) = 0.08 + 0.65 = 0.73$$

$$(ii) P(\bar{B} | X) = \frac{P(\bar{B} \cap X)}{P(X)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{0.08 \times 0.07}{0.23} = \frac{15}{23}$$

- 30% of the vehicles in the parking lot are green.
- ↳ of the green vehicles, 20% cars, 30% trucks, 50% SUV
- ↳ of non green vehicles, 70% cars, 20% trucks, 10% SUV

Given that a randomly selected vehicle is not a truck,  
Find the prob. that it is green



$$\Pr(G|\bar{T}) : \frac{(.3)(.2) + (.3)(.5)}{(.3)(.2) + (.3)(.5) + (.7)(.7) + \dots + (.7)(.1)}$$

- Last time - axioms of probability
  - $\Pr(\bar{E}) = 1 - \Pr(E)$ ,  $\Pr(E \cup F) = \Pr(E) + \Pr(F) - \Pr(E \cap F)$
  - $\Pr(E) = \sum$  Prob of outcomes in E
  - Venn diagrams
  - Combined Prob.  $\Pr(E \cap F) = \frac{\Pr(E \cap F)}{\Pr(F)}$
  - independent
  - tree diagrams
  - Bayes' probabilities
- e.g. Monty-hall problem : You are shown three doors, behind one is a car, and the others goats. You choose door 3, Monty opens a door to reveal a goat. would you like to keep door 3, or switch for another door? Switch!

$W_i$  = door i is the winner

$O_i$  = monty opens door i

We chose door 3.

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 \Pr(W_3 | O_1) = \frac{\Pr(W_3 \cap O_1)}{\Pr(O_1)} = \frac{(1/3)(1/2)}{(1/3)(1) + (1/3)(1/2)} = 1/3 \\
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 \Pr(W_2 | O_1) = \frac{\Pr(W_2 \cap O_1)}{\Pr(O_1)} = \frac{(1/3)(1)}{(1/3)(1) + (1/3)(1/2)} = 2/3
 \end{array}$$

## Chapter 4 - Probability Distributions

A random variable  $X$  assigns a numerical value to each possible outcome of an experiment

- e.g. roll 2 balanced dice, let  $X$  = total
  - e.g. flip a coin 3 times, let  $X$  be the number of heads
- A probability distribution assigns a probability  $f(x)$  to each possible value  $x$  of  $X$

$$f(x) = \Pr(X = x)$$

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We usually denote this with a table

- e.g. Flip a balanced coin 3 times, Let  $X = \# \text{ of heads}$

$X$	0	1	2	3
$f(x)$	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{1}{8}$

- e.g. Roll 2 balanced dice, let  $X$  be the total

$X$	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
$f(x)$	$\frac{1}{36}$	$\frac{2}{36}$	$\frac{3}{36}$	$\frac{4}{36}$	$\frac{5}{36}$	$\frac{6}{36}$	$\frac{5}{36}$	$\frac{4}{36}$	$\frac{3}{36}$	$\frac{2}{36}$	$\frac{1}{36}$

- e.g. Flip a balanced coin until head appears

$X$	1	2	3	$\dots$	$n$	$\dots$
$f(x)$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\dots$	$\frac{1}{2^n}$	$\dots$

To get a valid distribution we must have:

$$f(x) \geq 0 \text{ for all } x$$

$$\sum_{\text{all } x} f(x) = 1$$

$x$	762	18	2394	Valid
$f(x)$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	

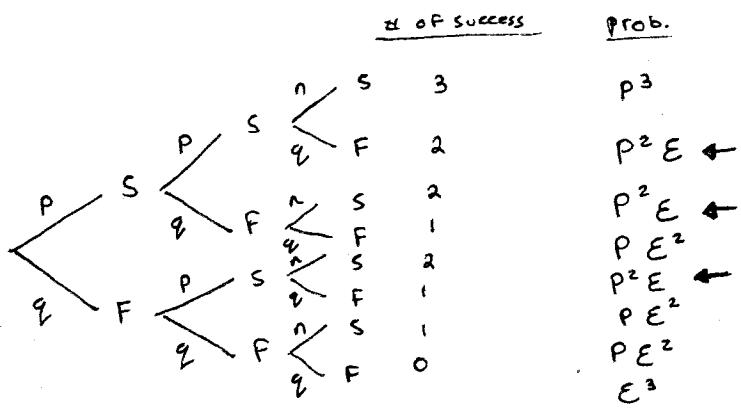
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cumulative distribution} &= F(x) = \Pr(X \leq x) \\ &\Rightarrow \sum_{y \leq x} f(y) \end{aligned}$$

$x$	0	1	2	3
$f(x)$	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{1}{8}$
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A Bernoulli process (or Bernoulli trials) is a series of trials with the following assumptions:

- 1) At each stage, there are two possibilities, success (S) and Failure (F)
- 2) The probability of success,  $P$ , is the sum of each stage
- 3) The stage is independent
- 4) The number of stages,  $n$ , is predetermined  
we are interested in the number of success,  $X$

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In general each prob. leading to  $x$ -successes in  $n$ -attempts

has Probability  $p^x q^{n-x} = P^x (1-p)^{n-x}$   
 There are  $\binom{n}{x}$