

Math/Stat 341: Probability: Fall '21 (Williams)

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Lecture 09: 9-29-21: <https://youtu.be/jbXlsYsqH34>

Lecture 09: 9/25/19: Trump Splits, Conditional Probability, Bayes' Theorem: <https://youtu.be/Id0h1Nawh9Q>

Plan for the day: Lecture 09: September 29, 2021:

https://web.williams.edu/Mathematics/sjmillier/public_html/341Fa21/handouts/341Notes_Chap1.pdf

- Trump Splits
- Conditional Probability (sniffing out formula)
- Inclusion/Exclusion
- Bayes' Theorem

General items.

- Run simulations!
- Importance of phrasing.
- Explore extreme cases.

Probability of having a 5-0 trump split in bridge

4 hands of 13, partner and I have 8 trumps missing 5

$\binom{2}{1}$ which opponent
 $\binom{5}{5}$ Get all missing
 $\binom{21}{8}$ fill up hand
 $\binom{13}{13}$ other hand
 $\binom{26}{13} * \binom{13}{13}$ first hand second hand
 } equal to $\frac{9}{230} \approx 3.91\%$

$\binom{2}{1}$ Choose who gets
 $\frac{13}{26} * \frac{12}{25} * \frac{11}{24} * \frac{10}{23} * \frac{9}{22}$



OR $\binom{2}{1} * \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^5 = \frac{1}{16} \approx 6.25\%$
 Choose person

Probability of a 5-0 split: $9/230$, or about 3.91% or is it $2/32$ or about 6.25%?

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badtrumpsplit[numbad_, numiter_] := Module[{},
  deck = {};
  For[c = 1, c ≤ numbad, c++, deck = AppendTo[deck, 1]];
  For[c = numbad + 1, c ≤ 26, c++, deck = AppendTo[deck, 0]];
  badsplits = 0;
  For[n = 1, n ≤ numiter, n++,
    {
      hand = RandomSample[deck, 13];
      If[Mod[Sum[hand[[i]], {i, 1, 13}], numbad] == 0, badsplits = badsplits + 1];
    }];
  Print["Observed badsplits is ", SetAccuracy[100.0 badsplits / numiter, 4], "%."];
];
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Timing[badtrumpsplit[5, 1000000]]
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Observed badsplits is 3.942%.
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{15.5625, Null}
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Timing[badtrumpsplit[5, 10000000]]
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Observed badsplits is 3.913%.
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{188.891, Null}
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ABBA[®]
The Definitive Collection



Are these two items equivalent:

Each person is equally likely to be chosen, form a group of two people from four.

Chose any group of two people, all groups equally likely to be chosen.

Not Equivalent

$A_1 B_1 B_2 A_2$

$A_1 B_2$
 $A_1 A_2$
 $B_1 B_2$
 $B_1 A_2$ } each person
in 2 of 4
or 50%

Never have $A_1 B_1$ or $A_2 B_2$

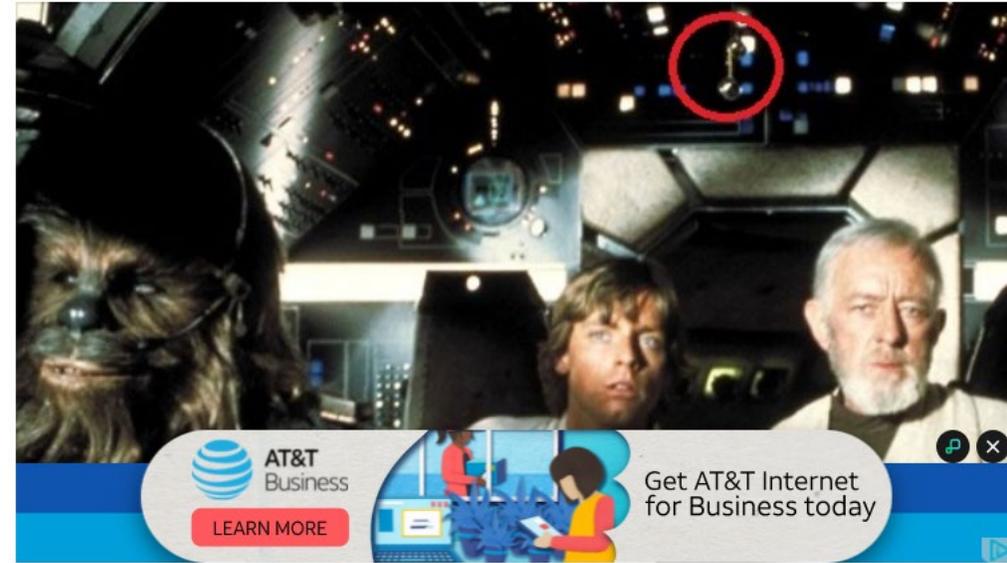
Rolling two fair independent die....

What is the probability that

1. The sum is an 11: $\frac{2}{36} = \frac{1}{18}$
2. The sum is a 7: $\frac{6}{36} = \frac{1}{6}$
3. Given first die is a 3, the sum is an 11: 0
4. Given first die is a 3, the sum is a 7: $\frac{1}{6}$

Conditional probability can be the same or different as the probability.

20. Han's Dice



When Luke boards the Millennium Falcon in *The Last Jedi*, he grabs a pair of gold dice which belonged to Han Solo, and though you may not have ever noticed them before, they were hanging up in the Falcon in *A New Hope* and also reappeared in *The Force Awakens*.

Is it possible that there's some nice function F such that

$$\underbrace{\Pr(A|B)} = F(\Pr(A), \Pr(B))?$$

Conditional prob of
A given B happens

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} \text{Assumption} \\ P(B) > 0 \end{array} \right)$$

Try: $B = \Omega$ The entire space, so $P(B) = 1 \Rightarrow P(A|\Omega) = P(A)$

• $A = B$ Then $P(A|A) = 1$

• $A = B^c$ Then $P(A|A^c) = 0$

If $A = B$ $(P(A), P(B))$ same as if $A = B^c$ $(P(A), P(A^c))$

Take $P(A) = P(B) = P(B^c) = 1/2$

$$F(1/2, 1/2) = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad F(1/2, 1/2) = 0$$

NO SUCH F EXISTS!

$$\Pr(A|B) = G(\Pr(A), \Pr(B), \Pr(A \cap B))$$

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- $\Pr(B|B) = 1,$

- $\Pr(B^c|B) = 0,$ and

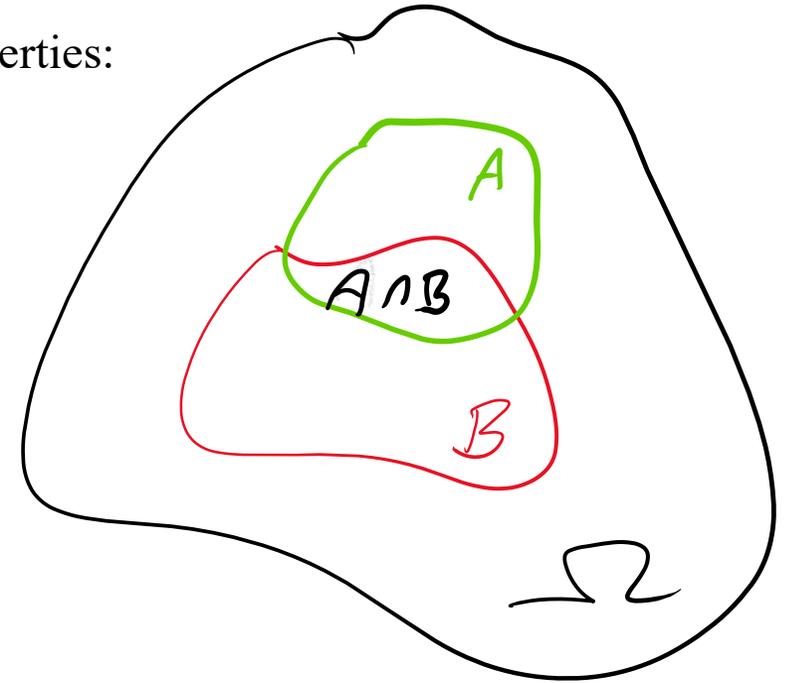
- $0 \leq \Pr(A|B) \leq 1.$

A and B happen

There's a simple expression using our three building blocks that has these three properties:

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

Satisfies the three points above



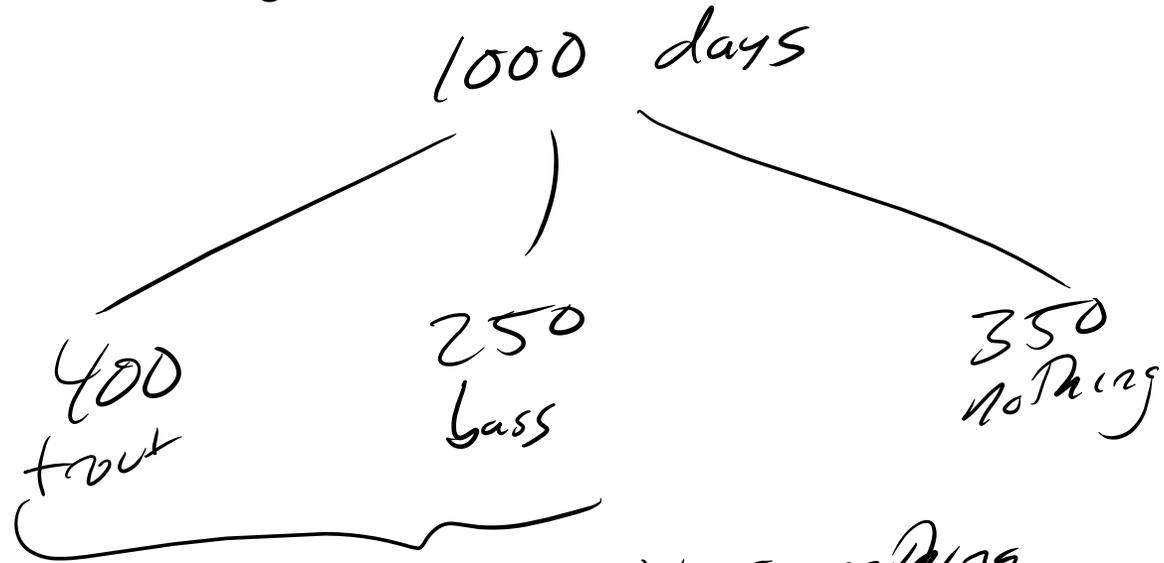
Expected Counts Approach

Suppose that you go out fishing one day, and you have the following set of rules: you stop fishing once you catch a fish, or after you've been on the water for four hours (whichever comes first). Let's also imagine that there's a 40% chance that you catch a trout, a 25% chance you catch a bass, and a 35% chance you don't catch anything. Notice that the percentages sum to 100%, and that you never catch more than one fish in a day. Now, if we know that you caught a fish one day, what are the odds that fish was a trout? Suppose that you went fishing 1000. Then....

40% chance catch trout
25% chance catch a bass
35% chance catch nothing

$P(\text{trout} / \text{caught fish})$

$$= \frac{.40}{.65}$$



650 times caught something

400 of those are trout

$$\text{So } \frac{400}{650}$$

Conditional Probability, Independence and Bayes' Theorem

	A	A^c
B	$A \cap B$	$A^c \cap B$
B^c	$A \cap B^c$	$A^c \cap B^c$

Table 4.1: These are the possible outcomes for events A and B . If we know that event B has happened, we need only worry about the events in B 's row.

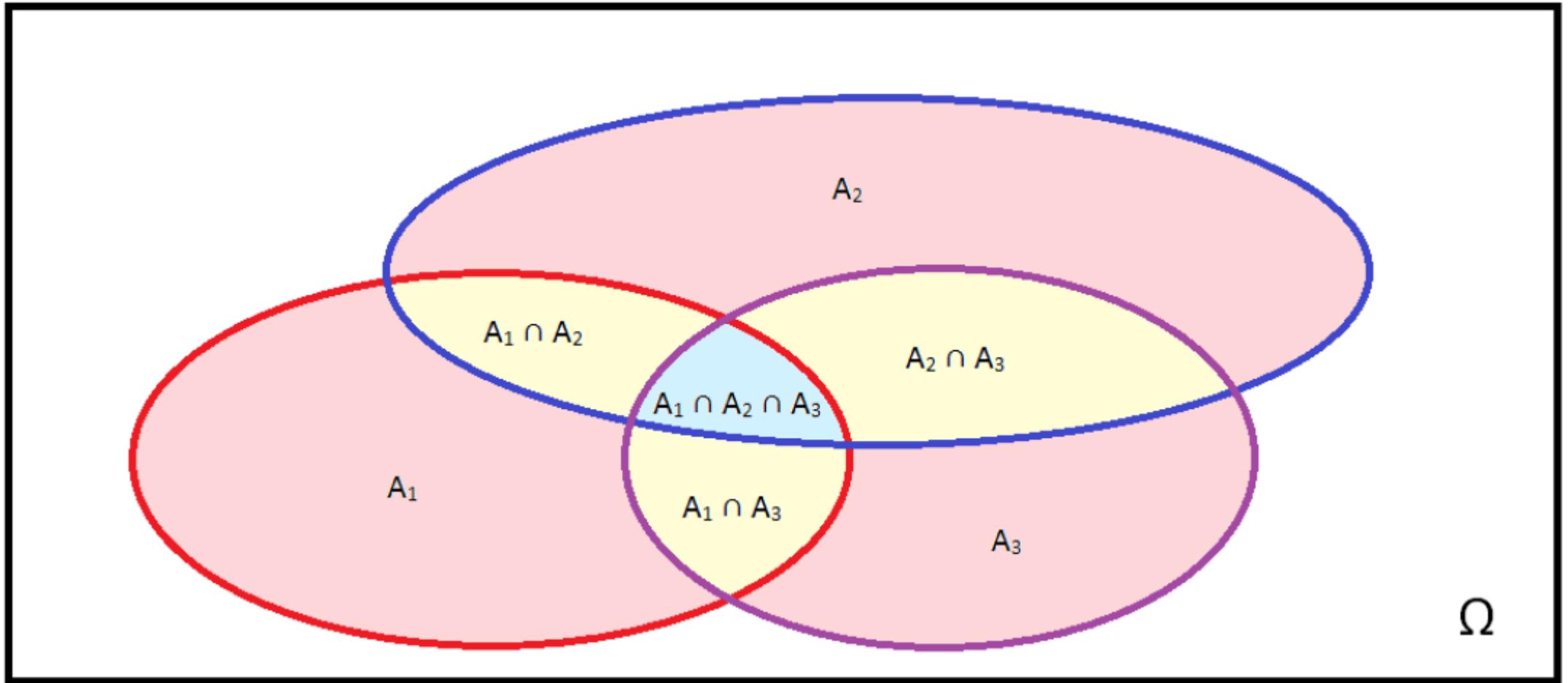
Conditional Probability: Let B be an event such that $\Pr(B) > 0$. Then the conditional probability of A given B is

$$\Pr(A|B) = \Pr(A \cap B) / \Pr(B).$$

Rewrite: $\Pr(A \cap B) = \Pr(A|B) * \Pr(B)$

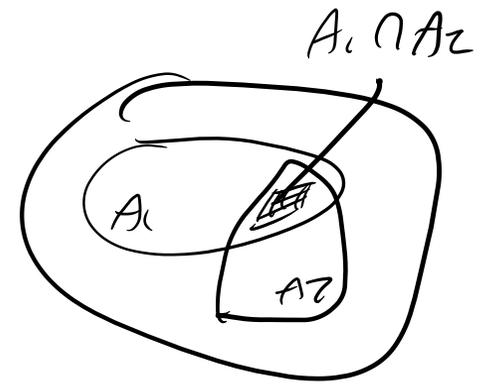
If you were really reading carefully, you might've noticed a new condition snuck into the box above: $\Pr(B) > 0$. If $\Pr(B) = 0$, then B cannot happen. If B cannot happen, it doesn't make sense to talk about the probability A happens given B happens! Fortunately if $\Pr(B) = 0$ then $\Pr(A \cap B)$ is also 0, and we have the indeterminate ratio $0/0$, which warns us that we are in dangerous waters.

Illustration of inclusion-exclusion with three sets.



$$\begin{aligned} P_r(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3) &= P_r(A_1) + P_r(A_2) + P_r(A_3) \\ &\quad - P_r(A_1 \cap A_2) - P_r(A_1 \cap A_3) - P_r(A_2 \cap A_3) \\ &\quad + P_r(A_1 \cap A_2 \cap A_3) \end{aligned}$$

$$P_r(A_1 \cup A_2) = P_r(A_1) + P_r(A_2) - P_r(A_1 \cap A_2)$$



Inclusion-Exclusion Principle: Consider sets A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n . Denote the number of elements of a set S by $|S|$ and the probability of a set S by $\Pr(S)$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i \right| &= \sum_{i=1}^n |A_i| - \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} |A_i \cap A_j| + \sum_{1 \leq i < j < k \leq n} |A_i \cap A_j \cap A_k| - \\ &\quad \cdots + (-1)^{n-2} \sum_{1 < \ell_1 < \ell_2 < \cdots < \ell_{n-1} \leq n} |A_{\ell_1} \cap A_{\ell_2} \cap \cdots \cap A_{\ell_{n-1}}| \\ &\quad + (-1)^{n-1} |A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \cdots \cap A_n|; \end{aligned}$$

this also holds if we replace the size of all the sets above with their probabilities.

We may write this more concisely. Let $A_{\ell_1 \ell_2 \dots \ell_k} = A_{\ell_1} \cap A_{\ell_2} \cap \cdots \cap A_{\ell_k}$ (so $A_{12} = A_1 \cap A_2$ and $A_{489} = A_4 \cap A_8 \cap A_9$). Then

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i \right| &= \sum_{i=1}^n |A_i| - \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} |A_{ij}| + \sum_{1 \leq i < j < k \leq n} |A_{ijk}| - \cdots \\ &\quad + (-1)^{n-2} \sum_{1 < \ell_1 < \ell_2 < \cdots < \ell_{n-1} \leq n} |A_{\ell_1 \ell_2 \dots \ell_{n-1}}| + (-1)^{n-1} |A_{12 \dots n}|. \end{aligned}$$

If the A_i 's live in a finite set and we use the counting measure where each element of our outcome space is equally likely, we may replace all $|S|$ above with $\Pr(S)$.

$$\left| \bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i \right| = \sum_{i=1}^n |A_i| - \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} |A_i \cap A_j| + \sum_{1 \leq i < j < k \leq n} |A_i \cap A_j \cap A_k| - \dots + (-1)^{n-2} \sum_{1 < l_1 < l_2 < \dots < l_{n-1} \leq n} |A_{l_1} \cap A_{l_2} \cap \dots \cap A_{l_{n-1}}| + (-1)^{n-1} |A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_n|;$$

Special case:
 $|A_i| = \text{same}$
 $|A_i \cap A_j| = \text{same} \dots$

$$\binom{n}{1} - \binom{n}{2} + \binom{n}{3} - \binom{n}{4} + \dots + (-1)^{n-1} \binom{n}{n} - \underbrace{\binom{n}{0} + \binom{n}{0}}_{\text{adding zero}}$$

$$= \binom{n}{0} - \left[\binom{n}{0} - \binom{n}{1} + \binom{n}{2} - \dots + (-1)^n \binom{n}{n} \right]$$

$$= 1 - (1 - 1)^n \quad \text{Binomial Thm: } x=1, y=-1$$

= 1 Simplifies when we assume the equalities above

$$P_r(A_1 \cup \dots \cup A_n)$$

$$= \sum P_r(A_i)$$

$$- \binom{n}{2} P_r(A_1 \cap A_2)$$

$$+ \binom{n}{3} P_r(A_1 \cap A_2 \cap A_3)$$

...

$$+ (-1)^{n-1} \binom{n}{n} P_r(A_1 \cap \dots \cap A_n)$$

