

Problem 1. (2 children) Consider a family that has two children. We are interested in the children's genders. Our sample space is:

$$S = \{(G, G), (G, B), (B, G), (B, B)\}$$

where G represents a girl and B represents a boy. Assume that all four possible outcomes are equally likely.

1. What is the probability that both children are girls given that the first child is a girl?
2. Suppose we ask the father: "Do you have at least one daughter?" He responds "Yes!" Given this extra information, what is the probability that both children are girls? In other words, what is the probability that both children are girls given that we know at least one of them is a girl?

$$\frac{\begin{matrix} \boxed{G} & G \\ (G, B) \\ (B, G) \end{matrix}}{\begin{matrix} \text{#2} \\ 3 \end{matrix}} \quad \frac{1}{2} \quad \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)$$

A - at least one girl

B - at least one boy

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

$$= \frac{P(B)}{P(A)} = \frac{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2}}{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{\frac{1}{4}}{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} = \frac{P(B)}{P(B)} = 1$$

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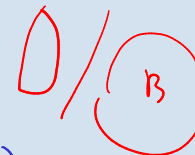
$$P(B|A) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(A)}$$

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$P(A|B)$

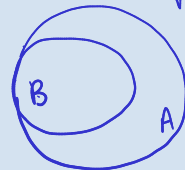
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$$P(B|A) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(A)} = \frac{P(B)}{P(A)} = \frac{\frac{1}{4}}{\frac{3}{4}} = \frac{1}{3}$$



$$1 - \frac{1}{4} = \frac{3}{4}$$

Problem 2. (2 Children, one Lilia) A family has two children. We ask the father, "Do you have at least one daughter named Lilia?" He replies, "Yes!" What is the probability that both children are girls?

In other words, we want to find the probability that both children are girls, given that the family has at least one daughter named Lilia. Here, you can assume the following:

- If a child is a girl, her name will be Lilia with probability $\alpha \ll 1$, independently from other children's names.
- If the child is a boy, his name will not be Lilia.

$$\frac{1}{3}$$

$$x > \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\alpha^2 \quad \text{G-girl}$$

GG
GB
BG
BB
L - Lilia

$$P(GG|L) = \frac{P(GG \cap L)}{P(L)}$$



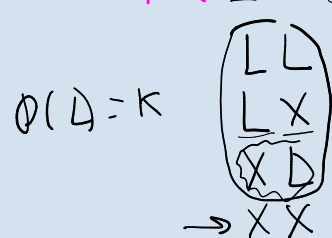
$$= \frac{P(L|GG) \cdot P(GG)}{P(L)}$$

$P(L|GG) = P(\alpha)$

$$P(GG \cap L) = P(GG|L) \cdot P(L)$$

$$P(L \cap GG) = P(L|GG) P(GG)$$

$$P(L|GG) = k \cdot k + k(1-k) + (1-k)k = k^2 + k - k^2 + k - k^2 =$$



$$P(L) = P(L) \cdot P(L)$$

$$P(A_1=L, A_2 \neq L) =$$

$$= P(A_1=L) \cdot P(A_2 \neq L) = k(1-k)$$

$$\frac{1}{4}$$

$$P(L) = \frac{1}{4} P(L|GG) + \frac{1}{2} P(L|GB) + \frac{1}{4} P(L|BB)$$



$$P(L|GB) = P(L|G) = k$$

$$(2k - k^2) \cdot \frac{1}{4}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} (2k - k^2 + 2k)$$

$$= \frac{2-k}{2-k+2} = \frac{2-k}{4-k} \quad \left(\frac{1}{3} \right)$$

$$10 + 5 = 15$$

$$\boxed{55}$$

Problem 3. (elections) In a certain town, 30% of the people are conservatives and 70% socialists. At the last election, 65% of conservatives voted and 80% of socialists. A person from the town is selected at random, and states that she voted at the last election. What is the probability that she is a socialist?

Problem 4. (Spam emails) A spam filter tags emails as spam or not spam. Based on historical data:

- 80% of spam emails contain the word "lottery."
- 30% of non-spam emails contain the word "lottery."
- 40% of emails are spam.

What is the probability that an email is spam given it contains the word "lottery"?

Problem 5. (PMF and CDF for 2 coin flips) I toss a coin twice. Let X be the number of observed heads. Find and plot the PMF and CDF of X .

1. h/h . $K \geq h$

Probability Mass Function

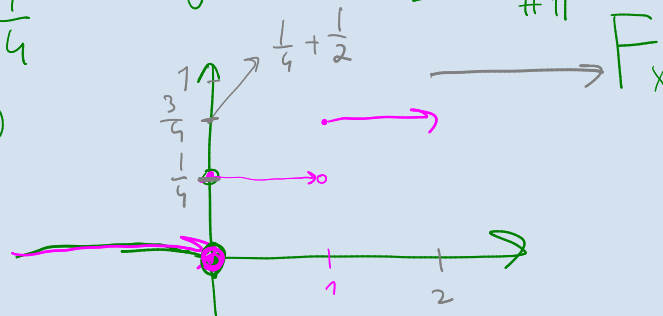
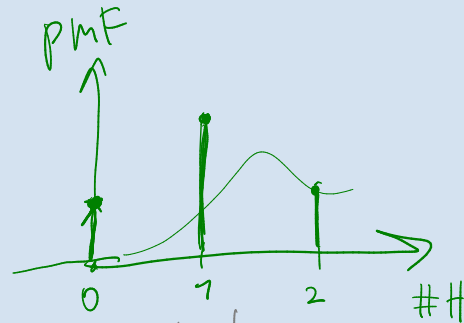
Cumulative distr.

$$P(X=1)$$

$$P(X=2)$$

$$P(X=3)$$

$$\begin{array}{l} 2 \quad \textcircled{H} \quad \textcircled{H} \\ X \\ \# H = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 0 \rightarrow \frac{1}{4} \\ 1 \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \\ 2 \rightarrow \frac{1}{4} \\ 3 \rightarrow 0 \end{array} \right. \end{array}$$



$$P(X < 0)$$

$$P(X < 1)$$

$$P(X < 2)$$

Problem 6. (PDF, CDF) Let X be a continuous random variable with the following PDF:

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} ce^{-x} & \text{if } x \geq 0, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where c is a positive constant.

1. Find c .
2. Find the CDF of X , denoted $F_X(x)$.
3. Find $P(1 < X < 3)$.



$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x) dx = 1 \quad \int_0^{\infty} e^{-x} dx \quad (e^{-x})' = -e^{-x}$$

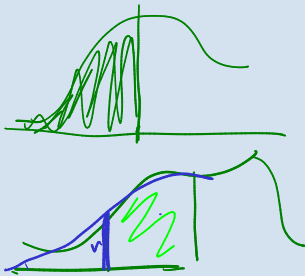
$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} ce^{-x} dx = c \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-x} dx = c \cdot e^{-x} \Big|_0^{\infty} =$$

$$= c \cdot \left(\frac{1}{e^x} \Big|_0^{\infty} \right) = c \left(\frac{1}{e^0} - \frac{1}{e^{\infty}} \right) \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow c = 1$$

CDF

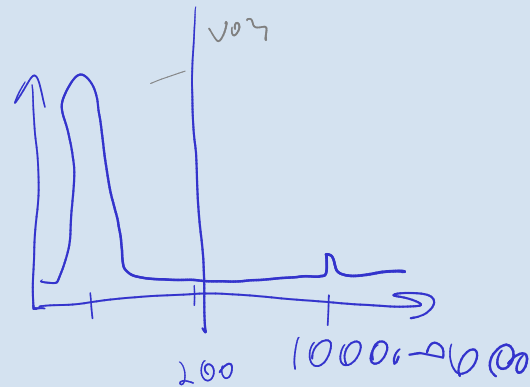
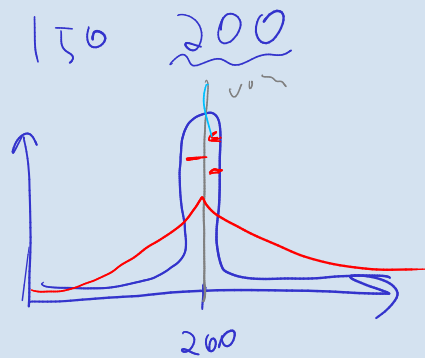
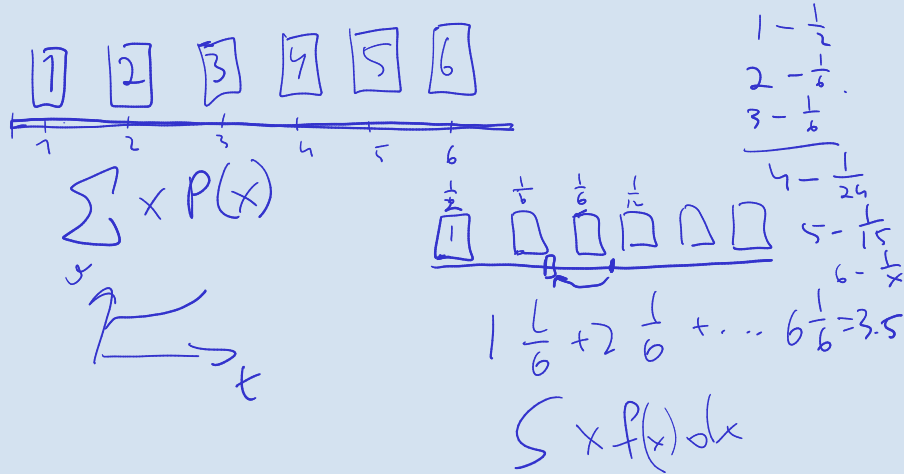
$$F_X(x) = \int_0^x e^{-u} du$$



$$P(1 < X < 3) = \int_1^3 e^{-u} du = F_X(3) - F_X(1)$$

Problem 7. (Expected value and Variance of the Uniform distribution) Let $X \sim \text{Uniform}(a, b)$.

1. Find $\mathbb{E}[X]$ (the expected value of X).
2. Find $\text{Var}(X)$ (the variance of X).



$$\mathbb{E}[(X - \mathbb{E}[X])^2]$$

$$\mathbb{E}[X^2] - (\mathbb{E}[X])^2$$



Problem: Medical Test

A disease affects 1 in 1,000 people (i.e., 0.1%). There is a test for the disease:

- If a person **has** the disease, the test is **positive** 99% of the time (true positive rate = sensitivity).
- If a person **does not have** the disease, the test is **positive** 5% of the time (false positive rate = 5%).

Question: If a person tests positive, what is the probability they actually have the disease?

0.1%

99%

5%

hand
d/h.
with 5% w/h

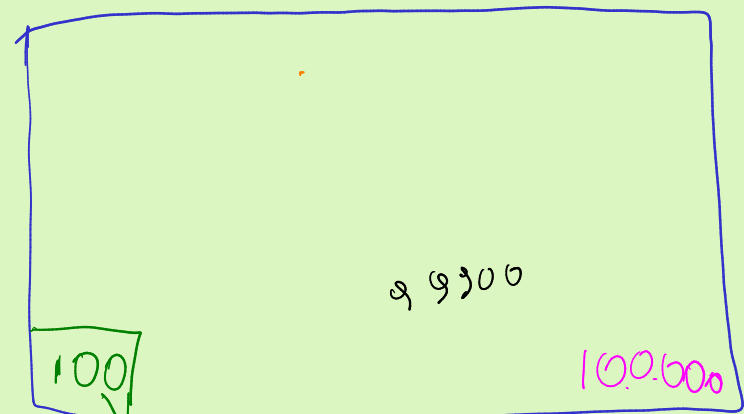
$$P(T^+ | H) = 0.99$$

$$P(T^+ | H^c) = 0.05$$

$$P(H) = 0.001, P(H^c) = 0.999$$

$$P(H | T^+) = \frac{P(T^+ | H) \cdot P(H)}{P(T^+)} \approx 2\%$$

$$P(T^+ | H) \cdot P(H) + P(T^+ | H^c) \cdot P(H^c)$$



9.9

99.20

99.21

$$\frac{99}{99.21} \approx \frac{1}{21}$$