

Lecture 2: Conditioning, Bayes' Rule, and Independence

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Roadmap



- (1) Conditional Probability
 - \circ How should I change my belief about event A, if I come to know that event B occurs?
- (2) Bayes' Rule and Bayesian Inference
 - \circ prob. of A given that B occurs vs. prob. of B given that A occurs
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From now on, using the theory of probability and conditional probability constructed so far, we will develop interesting properties and theorems which are very useful to answer some exciting questions.

That is *Bayes' Rule* to make some *inference* (추론).

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Example: (Bayesian) Inference



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We will study this topic rigorously later in this class (chapter 8).

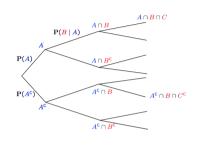


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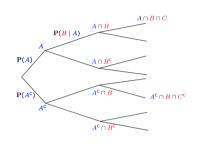


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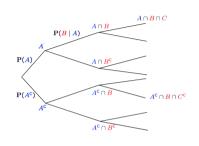


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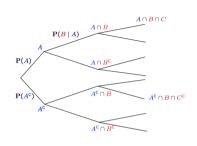


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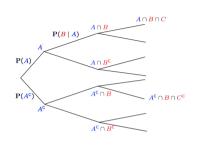


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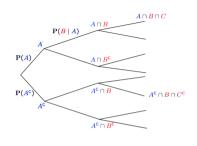


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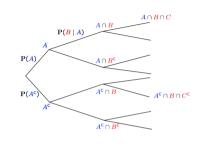


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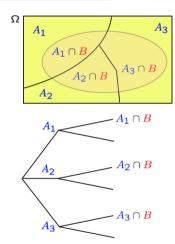
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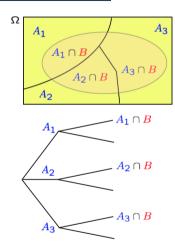
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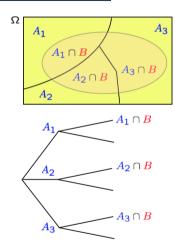
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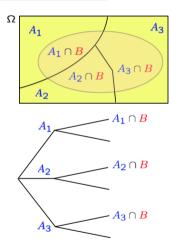


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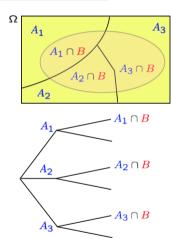


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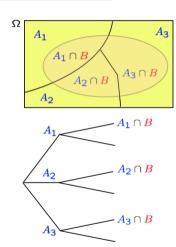
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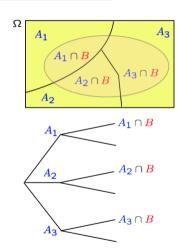
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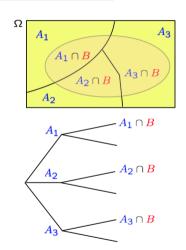


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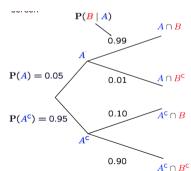
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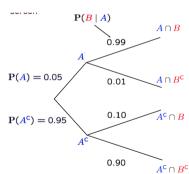
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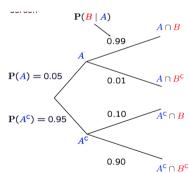
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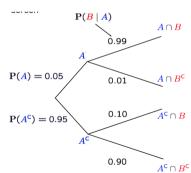
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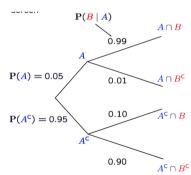
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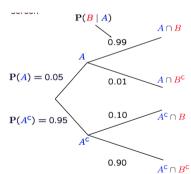
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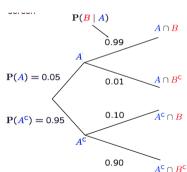
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Roadmap



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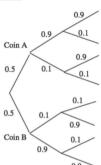


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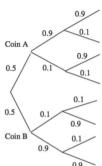


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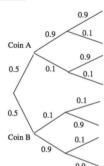
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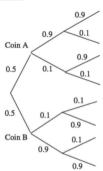




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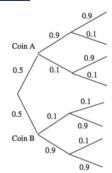




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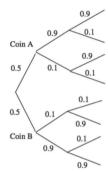


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