

Lecture 2: Conditioning, Bayes' Rule, and Independence

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- (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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 - \circ Can I ignore my knowledge about event B, when I consider event A?

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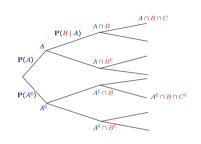
We will study this topic rigorously later in this class (chapter 8).



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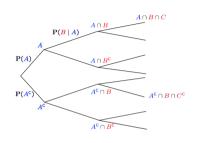


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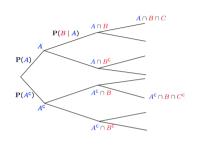


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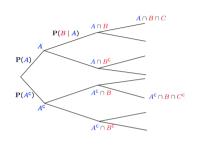


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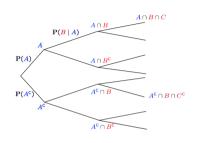


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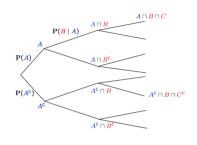


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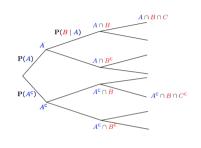


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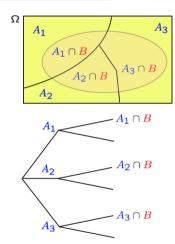
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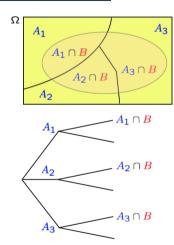
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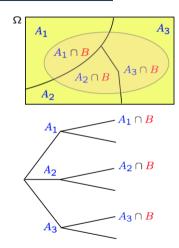


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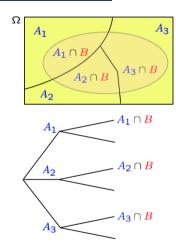


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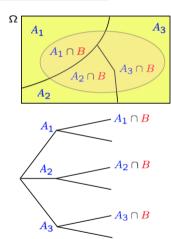


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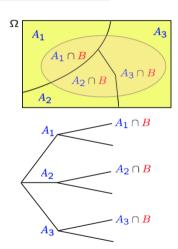


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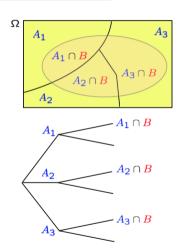


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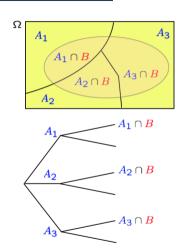


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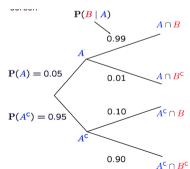
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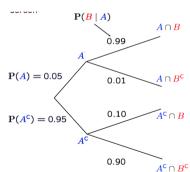
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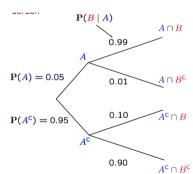
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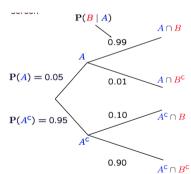
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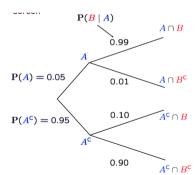
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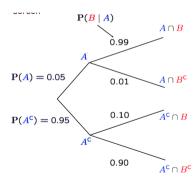
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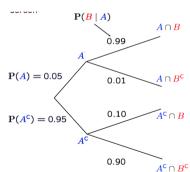
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Roadmap



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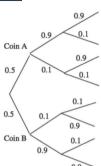
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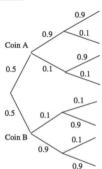


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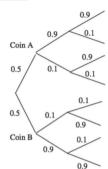
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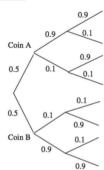




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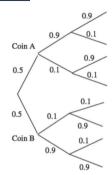




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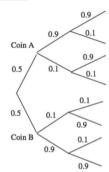




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Review Questions



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- 2) What is the definition of conditional probability? Are you happy about the definition?
- 3) What is the meaning that the conditional probability is a new probability law?
- 4) What is Bayes' rule? What does it give us?
- 5) Explain the overall framework of Bayesian inference.
- 6) What is the total probability theorem?
- 7) What's the difference between independence and conditional independence?