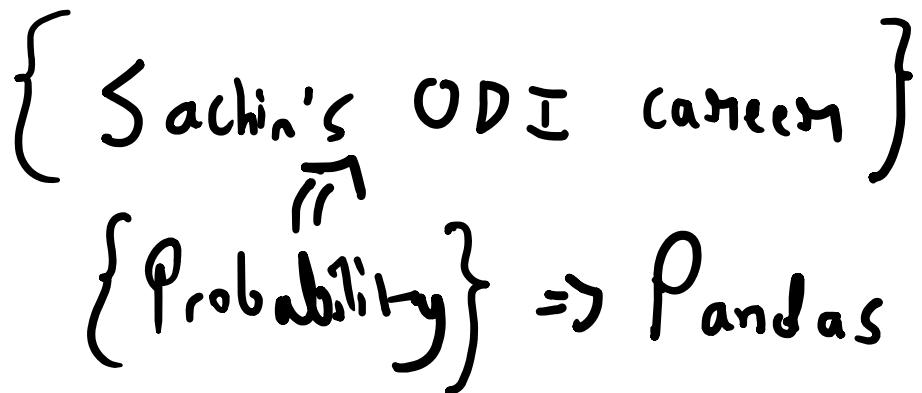
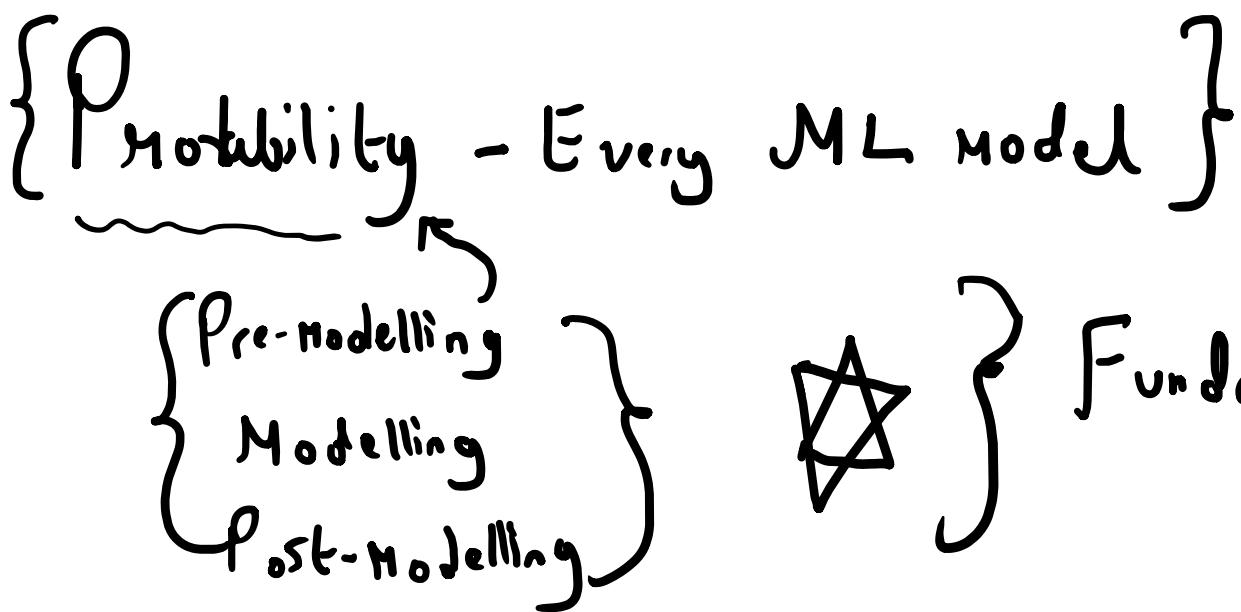


# Why is probability important

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## Experiment

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Experiment  $\Rightarrow$  Any action or process

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Tossing a coin} \\ \text{Rolling a die} \end{array} \right\}$

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Sachin playing the Match} \\ \text{Attempting an exam} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \text{Experiment}$

Shooting a basketball

# Outcome

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# Outcome

1 possible result from the experiment

{ Toss a coin  $\Rightarrow$  H } Outcome

( Roll a die  $\Rightarrow$  2 ) outcome

{ Man of the Match  
No. of fours and sixes  
112 runs in a match  $\Rightarrow$  outcome }

{ Scoring 0 in a Match }

# Sample space

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All possible outcomes

Roll a die

$$S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$$

Toss a coin

$$S = \{H, T\}$$

An outcome = one possible complete result of the experiment.

An event = any condition or subset of outcomes from the sample space.

## Outcome vs Event

1 possible result  $\Rightarrow$  Sachin scoring 53 in a Match

{Event  $\Rightarrow$  A group of outcomes}

(Sachin scoring 50 or more)

{Event  $\Rightarrow$  When we Roll a die

getting an even no.

getting an odd no.

getting multiple of 3.

Event A, Event B,

$\Downarrow$   
Probability

# probability

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$$P(E) = \frac{N(E)}{N(S)} \Rightarrow \frac{\text{No. of times a specified event occurs}}{\text{length of the sample space}}$$

Rolling a die      ↗ event  
What is prob of [even no.]

$$\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\} \Rightarrow 6$$

$$\frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2}$$

# Interview Question!

Events that can never happen together

{Sachin Scoring a duck and a century in the  
Same ODI Match}  $\rightarrow 0$

{Probability of mutually exclusive events happening  
together is always 0}

{Getting H and T in some toss}

Let there be two events

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A \Rightarrow \text{Sachin scores 100 or more} \\ B \Rightarrow \text{Sachin scores less than 100} \\ C \Rightarrow \text{Sachin did not bat} \end{array} \right\}$$

A, B, C make up entire Sample space

Rolling a die example

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A \Rightarrow \text{All even no.} \\ B \Rightarrow \text{All odd no.} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \text{Mutually exhaustive}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Mutually excl} \Rightarrow \text{No common outcomes} \\ \text{Exhaustive} \Rightarrow \text{Common possible, but should cover} \\ \text{all outcomes} \end{array} \right\}$$

- i) Entire sample  $\Rightarrow$   $E_x \checkmark$   $ME \times$
- ii) Nothing in common  $\Rightarrow$   $E_x \times$   $ME \checkmark$

[India plays 10 matches in a tournament  $\Rightarrow \{A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J\}$

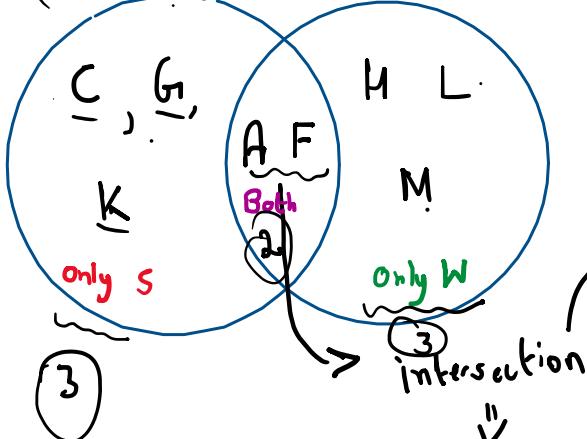
Sachin Scores  $\geq 50$   $\Rightarrow \{A, C, F, G, K\} \cap \{H, I, J, L, M\}$

India Wins  $\Rightarrow \{A, E, H, I, M\} P = \frac{5}{10} = \frac{1}{2}$

$\Rightarrow$  Data Science  
assessments  
for Consulting  
 $\hookrightarrow$  McKinsey & Co

{Venn Diagram}

Event S  
(Sachin  $\geq 50$ ) Event W  
(India Wins)



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Also called joint events

$S \cap W$

{Both events happening together}

[Union  $\Rightarrow$  Either one or all]

[Either Sachin  $\geq 50$ , or India Wins  
or Both happen]  $\Rightarrow$  Union

$$3 + 3 + 2 = 8$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(S \cup W) &= P(\text{Only } S) + P(\text{Only } W) \\ &\quad + P(S \cap W) \end{aligned}$$

$$P(s) \text{ and } P(\text{only } s) \text{ same or not?}$$

↓                      ↓  
 $\frac{5}{10}$                $\frac{3}{10}$

$$P(s) = P(\text{only } s) + P(s \cap w)$$

$$P(\text{only } s) = P(s) - P(s \cap w)$$

$$P(\text{only } w) = P(w) - P(s \cap w)$$

$$P(s \cup w) = P(\text{only } s) + P(\text{only } w) + P(s \cap w)$$

$$P(s \cup w) = P(s) - P(s \cap w) + P(w) - P(s \cap w) + P(s \cap w)$$

$$\star P(s \cup w) = P(s) + P(w) - P(s \cap w) \star$$

↓                      ↓  
 1                      2

$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{10}$$

$$\left\{ \frac{2}{2} - \frac{2}{10} ; 1 - \frac{2}{10} = \frac{8}{10} = \frac{4}{5} \right\}$$

0.8

Event A :  
 Sachin Scores 0  
 {  
 Event A' :  
 Sachin does not Score 0

I roll a die

Event A  $\Rightarrow$  Getting even number

A'  $\Rightarrow$  Not getting even number  $\Rightarrow$  odd numbers

$$\{P(A') = 1 - P(A)\}$$

$$P(\text{odd}) = 1 - P(\text{even}) \Rightarrow \text{Rolling a die}$$

(Potential interview question)

(1) or "or interview question)

$\{A \text{ and } A' \text{ are } \underline{\text{exhaustive}} \text{ and } \underline{\text{exclusive}}\}$

{ Two events are independent when one has no impact or effect on the other }

Exam results in two different subjects  
 { Toss one coin and roll one die }  
Getting H and getting even no.

For independent events, the joint probability equals the product of individual probabilities:

$$\{ P(A \cap B) = P(A) \cdot P(B) \}$$

- This is the key relationship: independence is defined via joint probability.
- Conversely, if  $P(A \cap B) = P(A) \cdot P(B)$ , the events are independent.

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A) \cdot P(B)$$

when A and B  
independent of  
each other

Proof

$$P(\text{century}) = \frac{21}{120} = \frac{1}{20}$$

{ 21 centuries }

{ 420 matches }

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$\therefore$	$3M$	60
$\therefore$	$3T$	60
$\therefore$	$3W$	60
$\therefore$	$3\bar{T}$	60
$\therefore$	$3F$	60
$\therefore$	$3S$	60
$\therefore$	$3S$	60

{ Sachin scoring 100 }  
 and  
 Real Madrid winning

Probability of

Sachin scoring  
a century  
and  
it being a Monday

$$\left\{ \frac{3}{140} \right\} = \left\{ \frac{1}{140} \right\}$$

$$\frac{3}{420}$$

$$\left( \overline{420} \right) \left( \overline{140} \right)$$

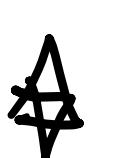
$$P(A \cap B) = P(A) \times P(B)$$



$$\frac{1}{20} \times \frac{1}{7} = \frac{1}{140}$$



$$P(A \cap B) = P(A) \times P(B)$$



When A and B are independent



[I roll a die. Possible outcomes?]

$$\{ \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\} \}$$

$$\text{Probability of getting a } 2 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{6}$$

$$A = \{2\} \xrightarrow{\uparrow \downarrow} \frac{1}{6}$$

$$B = \{2, 4, 6\}$$

$$A \cap B = \{2\}$$

I know beforehand that I will get an even number  $\{2, 4, 6\}$

$$\left\{ \frac{1}{3} \right\} \Rightarrow \text{Conditional probability}$$

$$\left\{ \frac{1}{6} \right\}$$

{ Given some condition, what is the probability of some event }

$$P(A | B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} = \frac{\frac{1}{6}}{\frac{3}{6}} = \frac{1}{3}$$

↓  
 Prob of getting 2  
 ↓  
 Prob of even number

(10 matches are played in World Cup)  $\Rightarrow \{A, C, F, G, H, K, L, M, Q, R\}$

$$\text{Sachin Scores} > 50 \Rightarrow \{A, C, F, G, H, K\}$$

$$\text{India Wins} \Rightarrow \{A, F, H, L, M\}$$

$$P(S \cap W) = \frac{2}{10}$$

Let us say we know Sachin will score  $> 50$

Find the probability of India winning ,  
given Sachin > : 50

$$P(W|S) = \frac{P(W \cap S)}{P(S)} = \frac{\frac{2}{10}}{\frac{5}{10}} = \frac{2}{5} \{40\%\}$$

{Given , known , if}

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

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

$$\left\{ P(B|A) \times P(A) = P(A|B) \times P(B) \right\}$$

$$\left\{ P(B|A) = \frac{P(A|B) \times P(B)}{P(A)} \right\}$$

$$\left( P(A|B) = \frac{P(B|A) \times P(A)}{P(B)} \right)$$

or

Across ML  $\Rightarrow$  Naive Bayes ML

## Problem solving

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In a school:

- 10% of students play football.

- 20% of students play basketball.

If a student is randomly picked and plays basketball, what is the probability that the student also plays football?

$$P(F) = \frac{1}{10}$$

$$P(B) = \frac{1}{5}$$

$$\left\{ P(B|F) = \frac{3}{5} \right.$$

$$P(F|B) = \frac{3}{5} \times \frac{1}{10} = \frac{3}{50} = \frac{3 \times 5}{50} = \frac{15}{50}$$

$$\frac{1}{5}$$

$$\frac{1}{5}$$

$$= 15/50$$

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

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

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

$$P(A|B) \times P(B) = P(B|A) \times P(A)$$

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(B|A) \times P(A)}{P(B)} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Bayes} \\ \text{Theorem} \end{array} \right\}$$

In a school:  
 • 10% of students play football.  
 • 20% of students play basketball.  
 • Among football players 60% also play basketball.

If a student is randomly picked and plays basketball, what is the probability that the student also plays football?

$$P(F) = 1/10$$

$$P(B) = 1/5$$

$$P(F|B) = \frac{3}{5} \times \frac{1}{10} = \frac{3}{50}$$

$$P(B|F) = \frac{3}{5} -$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{5}$$

$$P(F|B) = \frac{P(F \cap B)}{P(B)} = \frac{\frac{3}{50}}{\frac{1}{5}}$$

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

$$\therefore \frac{\frac{3}{5} \times \frac{1}{10}}{\frac{1}{10}}$$

$$\frac{3}{5} \times \frac{1}{10} = \frac{3}{50}$$

# Colab link

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