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1 The Curious Case of Predicting Football Games: A Journey into Bayes' Theorem

1.1 Or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love Probability

Picture this: It's Sunday afternoon, you're sitting on your couch with a bag of chips, and your favorite NFL team is about to play. Your friend confidently declares, "They're definitely going to win - they're playing at home!" But you wonder… is that really enough information to make such a bold prediction?

What if I told you that with some clever mathematics discovered by an 18th-century English minister named Thomas Bayes, we could actually calculate the probability of your team winning? And what if we could do this using nothing more than historical game data and some surprisingly simple math?

Welcome to the fascinating world of **Bayes' Theorem** - a mathematical principle so powerful that it's used everywhere from spam filters in your email to medical diagnoses to, yes, predicting football games!

1.1.1 What You'll Discover in This Journey:

The Magic of Bayes' Theorem - How to "flip" probabilities and gain incredible insights

Naive Bayes Classification - Why being "naive" sometimes makes you smarter

Real Football Analysis - We'll dissect 10 years of NFL data to uncover hidden patterns

The Detroit Lions Mystery - Why one team's struggles perfectly illustrate probability in action

By the end of this adventure, you'll not only understand one of the most important concepts in statistics and machine learning, but you'll also have some serious bragging rights the next time someone makes a bold prediction about a football game!

So grab your favorite beverage, settle in, and let's dive into the beautiful intersection of mathematics and football. Trust me - this is going to be way more fun than your high school statistics class!

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2 Chapter 1: The Setup - Gathering Our Arsenal of Data

2.1 "Every great story needs great data"

Before we can become probability wizards, we need ammunition - and in our case, that ammunition is **data**. Lots and lots of football data.

Think of this like being a detective. We're about to investigate the mysterious world of NFL game outcomes, and every good detective needs evidence. Our evidence? Ten years worth of NFL games, complete with scores, betting lines, and all the juicy details that make football predictions possible.

2.1.1 Why 10 Years of Data?

Here's the thing about probability - it loves large numbers. The more data we have, the more confident we can be in our patterns. It's like trying to figure out if a coin is fair: flip it 10 times and you might get 7 heads by pure chance, but flip it 10,000 times and the truth will reveal itself.

So let's load up our data treasure chest and see what we're working with!

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import pandas as pd
import nfl_data_py as nfl
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.naive_bayes import GaussianNB
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score, confusion_matrix
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np

print(" Welcome to our NFL Probability Laboratory! ")
print("Loading 10 years of NFL drama, upsets, and glory...\n")

seasons = list(range(2015, 2025))
sched = nfl.import_schedules(seasons)

print(f" SUCCESS! We've loaded {len(sched):,} games from {len(seasons)}␣
 ↪seasons")
print(f" Our data spans from {sched['gameday'].min()} to {sched['gameday'].
 ↪max()}")
print(f"\n That's roughly {len(sched) * 2:,} individual team performances to␣
 ↪analyze!")
print("\nNow we're ready to uncover some secrets... ")
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3 Chapter 2: The Great Data Transformation

3.1 "Raw data is like a rough diamond - it needs some polishing"

Right now, our data is organized around **games** - each row represents one game between two teams. But here's the thing: we want to predict whether a **specific team** will win, not just analyze games in general.

Imagine you're a coach trying to prepare your team. You don't just think about "games in general" - you think about YOUR team's situation: Are we playing at home? Are we favored? How have we been performing?

So we need to transform our data from a "game perspective" to a "team perspective." It's like changing the camera angle in a movie - same story, but now we're seeing it through each team's eyes.

3.1.1 The Magic Transformation

Every game involves two teams, so we'll create two rows from each game: - One row from the **home team's perspective** - One row from the **away team's perspective**

This way, we can ask questions like: "Given that Team X is playing at home and is favored by 7 points, what's the probability they'll win?"

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print(" Let's first peek at what our raw data looks like...\n")

required_columns = ["game_id", "season", "week", "gameday", "home_team",␣
 ↪"away_team",
                    "home_score", "away_score", "spread_line"]
missing = [col for col in required_columns if col not in sched.columns]

if missing:
    print(f" Uh oh! We're missing some important data: {missing}")
else:
    print(" Perfect! We have all the data we need for our analysis")

sched["home_win"] = (sched["home_score"] > sched["away_score"]).astype(int)
sched["away_win"] = (sched["away_score"] > sched["home_score"]).astype(int)

print("\n Here's what a few games look like in our dataset:")
sample_games = sched[['home_team', 'away_team', 'home_score', 'away_score',␣
 ↪'home_win', 'away_win']].head()
print(sample_games)

print("\n Notice how each row represents one game, but we want to analyze team␣
 ↪performance...")
print("Time for the great transformation! ")
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3.1.2 The Transformation Magic

Watch as we perform some data alchemy! We're about to turn each game into **two stories** - one from each team's perspective. It's like having a conversation where we hear both sides of the story.

Home Team Story: "We're playing at our house, with our fans cheering!"

Away Team Story: "We're on the road, but we're ready to steal a victory!"

This transformation is crucial because it allows us to build a model that thinks like a team, not just about abstract "games."

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[ ]: print(" Lights, camera, transformation! \n")

game_cols = ["game_id", "season", "week", "gameday", "home_team", "away_team",
             "home_score", "away_score", "spread_line"]

# HOME TEAM PERSPECTIVE
home_perspective = sched[game_cols].copy()
home_perspective["team"] = home_perspective["home_team"]
home_perspective["opponent"] = home_perspective["away_team"]
home_perspective["is_home"] = 1
home_perspective["points_for"] = home_perspective["home_score"]
home_perspective["points_against"] = home_perspective["away_score"]
home_perspective["win"] = (home_perspective["home_score"] >␣
 ↪home_perspective["away_score"]).astype(int)

# AWAY TEAM PERSPECTIVE
away_perspective = sched[game_cols].copy()
away_perspective["team"] = away_perspective["away_team"]
away_perspective["opponent"] = away_perspective["home_team"]
away_perspective["is_home"] = 0
away_perspective["points_for"] = away_perspective["away_score"]
away_perspective["points_against"] = away_perspective["home_score"]
away_perspective["win"] = (away_perspective["away_score"] >␣
 ↪away_perspective["home_score"]).astype(int)

# COMBINE THE MAGIC
team_games = pd.concat([home_perspective, away_perspective], ignore_index=True)

print(f" TRANSFORMATION COMPLETE! ")
print(f" Original data: {len(sched):,} games")
print(f" Team-centric data: {len(team_games):,} team-game records")
print(f"\n Here's what our transformed data looks like:")
print(team_games[['team', 'opponent', 'is_home', 'points_for',␣
 ↪'points_against', 'win']].head())
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4 Chapter 3: The Art of Feature Engineering

4.1 "Give me the right features, and I'll predict the world"

Now comes the fun part - creating **features**! Think of features as the "clues" our detective (the machine learning model) will use to solve the mystery of "Will this team win?"

We're going to create three powerful features that capture the essence of what makes teams win:

Home Field Advantage - There's something magical about playing in front of your own fans

Vegas Knows Best - If the betting experts favor a team, that's valuable information

Recent Performance - How has this team been doing compared to their opponent?

4.1.1 Understanding the Mysterious "Spread Line"

The spread line is like a crystal ball from Las Vegas. It's always from the **home team's perspective**: - **Negative spread** (like -7) = "Home team is favored by 7 points" - **Positive spread** (like +3) = "Away team is favored by 3 points"

Vegas doesn't just guess - they use sophisticated models, insider knowledge, and years of experience. We'd be foolish to ignore their wisdom!

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print("  Time to engineer some powerful features!  \n")
print("Step 1: Organizing our data chronologically...")

team_games["gameday"] = pd.to_datetime(team_games["gameday"])
team_games = team_games.sort_values(["team", "season", "week", "gameday"],␣
 ↪kind="mergesort")

print("  Data sorted by team and date")
print("\nStep 2: Calculating pregame records (this is crucial - no cheating␣
 ↪with future info!)")

team_games["cum_wins_pre"] = team_games.groupby(["team", "season"])["win"].
 ↪cumsum().shift(1).fillna(0).astype(int)
team_games["cum_losses_pre"] = team_games.groupby(["team", "season"]).apply(
    lambda g: (1 - g["win"]).cumsum().shift(1)
).reset_index(level=[0,1], drop=True).fillna(0).astype(int)

print("  Calculated each team's record BEFORE each game")
print("\nStep 3: Getting opponent records for comparison...")

opp_cols = ["game_id", "season", "team", "cum_wins_pre", "cum_losses_pre"]
opp_records = team_games[opp_cols].rename(
    columns={"team": "opponent", "cum_wins_pre": "opp_wins_pre",␣
 ↪"cum_losses_pre": "opp_losses_pre"}
)

team_games = team_games.merge(opp_records, on=["game_id", "season",␣
 ↪"opponent"], how="left")

print("  Added opponent pregame records")
print("\n  Ready to create our three power features!")
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4.1.2 Creating Our Three Power Features

Now for the moment of truth! We're about to create the three features that will give our model its predictive power:

Feature #1: Record Differential - "How much better is our record than theirs?"

Feature #2: Favored Status - "Do the Vegas experts think we'll win?"

Feature #3: Home Field - "Are we playing in front of our home crowd?"

These might seem simple, but together they capture the essence of what makes teams win football games!

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print("  Creating our power features!  \n")

# FEATURE 1: Record Differential
team_games["record_diff"] = (team_games["cum_wins_pre"] -␣
 ↪team_games["cum_losses_pre"]) - \
                             (team_games["opp_wins_pre"] -␣
 ↪team_games["opp_losses_pre"])

print("  Feature 1: Record Differential created!")
print("    (Positive = we have a better record, Negative = they have a better␣
 ↪record)")

# FEATURE 2: Favored Status (decoding the Vegas wisdom)
team_games["is_favored"] = (
    ((team_games["is_home"] == 1) & (team_games["spread_line"] < 0)) |  # Home␣
 ↪team with negative spread
    ((team_games["is_home"] == 0) & (team_games["spread_line"] > 0))    # Away␣
 ↪team with positive spread
).astype(int)

print("  Feature 2: Favored Status created!")
print("    (1 = Vegas thinks we'll win, 0 = Vegas thinks we'll lose)")

print("  Feature 3: Home Field Advantage already exists!")
print("    (1 = playing at home, 0 = playing away)")

print("\n  ALL FEATURES CREATED!  ")
print(f"\n  Feature Summary:")
print(f"     Home games: {team_games['is_home'].mean():.1%} of all games")
print(f"     Favored: {team_games['is_favored'].mean():.1%} of all teams")
print(f"     Record diff: ranges from {team_games['record_diff'].min()} to␣
 ↪{team_games['record_diff'].max()}")
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5 Chapter 4: Enter the Detroit Lions - Our Perfect Case Study

5.1 "Every probability story needs a protagonist"

Ladies and gentlemen, let me introduce our star: the **Detroit Lions**!

Why the Lions, you ask? Well, if you want to understand probability and uncertainty, there's no

better team to study. The Lions are the perfect embodiment of football's beautiful unpredictability. They're the team that can lose to anyone on any given Sunday… but also the team that can surprise you when you least expect it.

Lions fans have experienced every emotion known to humanity: - The agony of being favored and losing - The ecstasy of winning as underdogs - The confusion of "How did we lose that game?!" - The hope that "This year will be different!"

In other words, they're the perfect case study for understanding how probability works in the real world, where nothing is ever certain and surprises lurk around every corner.

Let's dive into their data and see what stories it tells us!

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print("  INTRODUCING OUR STAR: THE DETROIT LIONS!  \n")

lions = team_games[team_games["team"] == "DET"].copy()

print(f"  Detroit Lions: A Decade in Numbers (2015-2024)")
print(f"   Total games played: {len(lions)}")
print(f"   Overall win rate: {lions['win'].mean():.1%}")
print(f"   Home games: {lions['is_home'].sum()} ({lions['is_home'].mean():.
 ↪1%})")
print(f"   Times favored: {lions['is_favored'].sum()} ({lions['is_favored'].
 ↪mean():.1%})")

print(f"\n  The Lions' Story in Data:")
if lions['win'].mean() < 0.5:
    print(f"    More losses than wins - the struggle is real")
else:
    print(f"    More wins than losses - things are looking up!")

if lions['is_favored'].mean() < 0.3:
    print(f"    Usually the underdog - Vegas doesn't believe in them")
else:
    print(f"    Often favored - Vegas respects their game")

print(f"\n  A glimpse into some Lions games:")
sample_cols = ['season', 'week', 'opponent', 'is_home', 'is_favored',␣
 ↪'points_for', 'points_against', 'win']
print(lions[sample_cols].head(8))

print(f"\n  Each row tells a story... Let's use math to understand these␣
 ↪stories better!")
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6 Chapter 5: Building Our Crystal Ball - The Naive Bayes Model

6.1 "Time to teach a computer how to think like a football fan"

Now comes the exciting part - we're going to build our very own **prediction machine**! But not just any machine… we're building one based on **Bayes' Theorem**, one of the most elegant and powerful ideas in all of mathematics.

6.1.1 What Makes Naive Bayes So Special?

Imagine you're trying to predict whether the Lions will win their next game. You might think:

"Well, they're playing at home, which is good…"

"But they're not favored by Vegas, which is bad…"

"However, their record is better than their opponent's, which is good…"

Naive Bayes does exactly this kind of thinking, but with mathematical precision!

6.1.2 The Beautiful Math Behind It

Bayes' Theorem (the foundation of our model):

`P(Win | Our Features) = P(Our Features | Win) × P(Win) / P(Our Features)`

The "Naive" Assumption (why it's called "naive"):

`P(Home, Favored, Record | Win) = P(Home | Win) × P(Favored | Win) × P(Record | Win)`

It's "naive" because it assumes our features are independent (which they probably aren't), but amazingly, this simplification often works incredibly well!

Think of it as the model saying: "I'll consider each piece of evidence separately, then combine them mathematically to make my prediction."

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print("  TIME TO BUILD OUR CRYSTAL BALL!  \n")
print("Preparing our ingredients for the prediction recipe...")

features = ["is_home", "is_favored", "record_diff"]
X = lions[features].fillna(0)
y = lions["win"].astype(int)

print(f"  Our three magical ingredients:")
print(f"     Home field advantage")
print(f"     Vegas betting wisdom")
print(f"     Record differential")

print(f"\n  What we're predicting:")
print(f"     Win (1) or Loss (0)")
print(f"     Lions have won {y.sum()} out of {len(y)} games ({y.mean():.1%})")

print(f"\n  Here's what our feature data looks like:")
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print(X.head())
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6.1.3 Training Our Crystal Ball

Now we need to split our data into two parts:

Training Set (70%) - "Here, model, learn from these games!"

Testing Set (30%) - "Now prove you've learned something by predicting these games!"

This is like studying for an exam with practice problems, then taking the real test. We never let our model see the "test answers" during training - that would be cheating!

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print(" Time for school! Splitting our data into training and testing...\n")

X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(
    X, y, test_size=0.3, random_state=42, stratify=y
)

print(f" Training set: {len(X_train)} games (the model learns from these)")
print(f" Testing set: {len(X_test)} games (the model proves itself on these)")
print(f"\n Training set win rate: {y_train.mean():.1%}")
print(f" Testing set win rate: {y_test.mean():.1%}")

print(f"\n Now let's train our Naive Bayes model...")

model = GaussianNB()
model.fit(X_train, y_train)

print(f" Model trained! It has learned the patterns from {len(X_train)} Lions␣
 ↪games")

y_pred = model.predict(X_test)
accuracy = accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred)
conf_matrix = confusion_matrix(y_test, y_pred)

print(f"\n MOMENT OF TRUTH - How well did our model do?")
print(f" Accuracy: {accuracy:.1%}")

if accuracy > 0.6:
    print(f" Not bad! Our model is better than random guessing!")
else:
    print(f" Hmm, that's about as good as flipping a coin...")

print(f"\n Confusion Matrix (the full story):")
print(f"                 Predicted")
print(f"Actual     Loss    Win")
print(f"Loss       {conf_matrix[0,0]:4d}    {conf_matrix[0,1]:3d}")
print(f"Win        {conf_matrix[1,0]:4d}    {conf_matrix[1,1]:3d}")
```

7 Chapter 6: The Magic of Bayes' Theorem Revealed

7.1 "Let's peek behind the curtain and see how the magic really works"

Now for the really cool part! We're going to manually calculate some probabilities using **Bayes' Theorem** to understand what our model is actually doing under the hood.

Think of this as reverse-engineering a magic trick. We're going to see exactly how Thomas Bayes' 250-year-old theorem helps us "flip" probabilities and gain incredible insights.

7.1.1 The Question We're Asking

"What's the probability the Lions win when playing at home?"

We can calculate this two ways: 1. **The Direct Way**: Just count home wins vs. home games 2. **The Bayes Way**: Use the theorem to "flip" the probability

If Bayes' theorem is correct, both methods should give us the same answer!

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print("  TIME FOR SOME MATHEMATICAL MAGIC!  \n")
print("Let's manually calculate probabilities and see Bayes' Theorem in action..
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# THE DIRECT WAY: Simple counting
p_win_home_direct = lions.loc[lions["is_home"] == 1, "win"].mean()
p_win_away_direct = lions.loc[lions["is_home"] == 0, "win"].mean()

print(f"  THE DIRECT CALCULATION:")
print(f"     P(Win | Home) = {p_win_home_direct:.3f} ({p_win_home_direct:.1%})")
print(f"      P(Win | Away) = {p_win_away_direct:.3f} ({p_win_away_direct:.
 ↪1%})")
print(f"     Home field advantage = {p_win_home_direct - p_win_away_direct:.3f}␣
 ↪({(p_win_home_direct - p_win_away_direct):.1%})")

if p_win_home_direct > p_win_away_direct:
    print(f"     Home field advantage confirmed!")
else:
    print(f"     Hmm, no home field advantage for the Lions...")
```

7.1.2 Now for the Bayes' Theorem Magic!

Here's where it gets really cool. We're going to calculate the same probability using **Bayes' Theorem**:

`P(Win | Home) = P(Home | Win) × P(Win) / P(Home)`

In plain English: "The probability of winning at home equals the probability that a win happened at home, times the overall probability of winning, divided by the probability of playing at home."

It sounds backwards, but that's the magic of Bayes - it lets us "flip" conditional probabilities!

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print("  THE BAYES' THEOREM CALCULATION:\n")
print("We need three ingredients for our magical formula...")

# Step 1: P(Home | Win) - Of all Lions wins, what fraction were at home?
p_home_given_win = (
    len(lions[(lions["is_home"] == 1) & (lions["win"] == 1)]) /
    len(lions[lions["win"] == 1])
)

# Step 2: P(Win) - Overall probability of Lions winning
p_win = lions["win"].mean()

# Step 3: P(Home) - Probability of Lions playing at home
p_home = lions["is_home"].mean()

print(f"  Ingredient 1: P(Home | Win) = {p_home_given_win:.3f}")
print(f"     'Of all Lions wins, {p_home_given_win:.1%} were at home'")

print(f"\n  Ingredient 2: P(Win) = {p_win:.3f}")
print(f"     'Lions win {p_win:.1%} of all their games'")

print(f"\n  Ingredient 3: P(Home) = {p_home:.3f}")
print(f"     'Lions play at home {p_home:.1%} of the time'")

# THE MAGIC FORMULA!
p_win_given_home_bayes = (p_home_given_win * p_win) / p_home

print(f"\n  NOW FOR THE MAGIC FORMULA!  ")
print(f"P(Win | Home) = P(Home | Win) × P(Win) / P(Home)")
print(f"P(Win | Home) = {p_home_given_win:.3f} × {p_win:.3f} / {p_home:.3f}")
print(f"P(Win | Home) = {p_win_given_home_bayes:.3f}")

print(f"\n  THE MOMENT OF TRUTH:")
print(f"     Direct calculation:  {p_win_home_direct:.3f}")
print(f"     Bayes calculation:   {p_win_given_home_bayes:.3f}")
print(f"     Do they match? {abs(p_win_home_direct - p_win_given_home_bayes) <␣
 ↪0.001}")

if abs(p_win_home_direct - p_win_given_home_bayes) < 0.001:
    print(f"\n  BAYES' THEOREM WORKS! The math checks out perfectly!")
else:
    print(f"\n  Hmm, something's not quite right with our calculation...")
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8 Chapter 7: The Lions' Curse - A Probability Paradox

8.1 "Sometimes being the favorite is the worst thing that can happen"

Now let's investigate one of the most fascinating aspects of Lions football - their performance when favored versus when they're underdogs. This is where probability gets really interesting!

Every Lions fan knows the feeling: "Oh no, we're favored by 10 points… we're definitely going to lose." But is this just superstition, or is there actual data to support this fear?

Let's find out if the Lions really do have a "curse" when it comes to being favored!

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print("  INVESTIGATING THE LIONS' CURSE!  \n")
print("Do the Lions really perform worse when they're favored? Let's find out...
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# Calculate win rates for favored vs underdog scenarios
favored_games = lions[lions["is_favored"] == 1]
underdog_games = lions[lions["is_favored"] == 0]

p_win_when_favored = favored_games["win"].mean() if len(favored_games) > 0 else␣
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p_win_when_underdog = underdog_games["win"].mean() if len(underdog_games) > 0␣
 ↪else 0

print(f"  THE VERDICT:")
print(f"     P(Win | Favored) = {p_win_when_favored:.3f} ({p_win_when_favored:.
 ↪1%})")
print(f"     P(Win | Underdog) = {p_win_when_underdog:.3f}␣
 ↪({p_win_when_underdog:.1%})")

print(f"\n  THE NUMBERS:")
print(f"   Games when favored: {len(favored_games)}")
print(f"   Games as underdog: {len(underdog_games)}")
print(f"   Wins when favored: {favored_games['win'].sum()}")
print(f"   Wins as underdog: {underdog_games['win'].sum()}")

# The moment of truth!
if p_win_when_favored < p_win_when_underdog:
    difference = p_win_when_underdog - p_win_when_favored
    print(f"\n  THE CURSE IS REAL!")
    print(f"   Lions win {difference:.1%} MORE often as underdogs!")
    print(f"   This is the classic Lions paradox - they play better with lower␣
 ↪expectations!")
elif p_win_when_favored > p_win_when_underdog:
    difference = p_win_when_favored - p_win_when_underdog
    print(f"\n  NO CURSE HERE!")
    print(f"   Lions win {difference:.1%} MORE often when favored (as␣
 ↪expected)")
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    print(f"   Vegas knows what they're doing!")
else:
    print(f"\n  IT'S A TIE!")
    print(f"   Lions win at exactly the same rate whether favored or not")
    print(f"   The curse is neither confirmed nor denied!")
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9 Chapter 8: The Grand Finale - What We've Discovered

9.1 "Every great journey deserves a proper ending"

Congratulations, probability explorer! You've just completed an epic journey through the fascinating world of **Bayes' Theorem** and **Naive Bayes classification**. But more than that, you've discovered how mathematics can help us understand the beautiful chaos of football!

9.1.1 What We've Accomplished Together:

Mastered Bayes' Theorem - You now understand one of the most powerful concepts in statistics

Built a Prediction Model - You created a machine learning model that can predict game outcomes

Analyzed Real Football Data - You dissected 10 years of NFL games and found real patterns

Solved the Lions Mystery - You investigated whether the "Lions curse" is real or just superstition

9.1.2 The Beautiful Math We Explored:

Bayes' Theorem: `P(A|B) = P(B|A) × P(A) / P(B)` - The magical formula that lets us "flip" conditional probabilities

Naive Independence: `P(A,B,C|D) = P(A|D) × P(B|D) × P(C|D)` - The "naive" assumption that makes complex problems simple

Conditional Probability: `P(Win|Home)` vs `P(Home|Win)` - How the order of conditions completely changes the meaning

9.1.3 Why This Matters Beyond Football:

The principles you've learned here are used everywhere: - **Email spam filters** use Naive Bayes to detect unwanted messages - **Medical diagnosis** systems use Bayes' theorem to interpret test results - **Weather prediction** models use similar probability concepts - **Financial markets** use these ideas to assess risk

9.1.4 Your Next Adventures:

Now that you understand these concepts, you could: - Analyze other sports (basketball, baseball, soccer) - Add more features (weather, injuries, player stats) - Compare different machine learning algorithms - Apply these techniques to completely different domains

9.1.5 The Final Wisdom:

Remember, probability isn't about predicting the future with certainty - it's about understanding uncertainty itself. Every time you watch a football game now, you'll see it through the lens of probability, understanding that every play, every decision, and every outcome is part of a beautiful mathematical dance.

And the next time someone makes a bold prediction about a game, you can smile knowingly and think: "That's interesting… but what does the data say?"

Welcome to the wonderful world of data-driven thinking!

"In probability, as in football, the most beautiful moments come from the unexpected. But with the right mathematical tools, we can at least understand why the unexpected happens."

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