Expected value and covariance functions

• Expectation:
$$\mathbb{E}_{x \sim P}[f(x)] = \sum_{x} P(x)f(x)$$

• Variance:
$$Var(f(x)) = \mathbb{E}_x[(f(x) - \mathbb{E}[f(x)])^2]$$

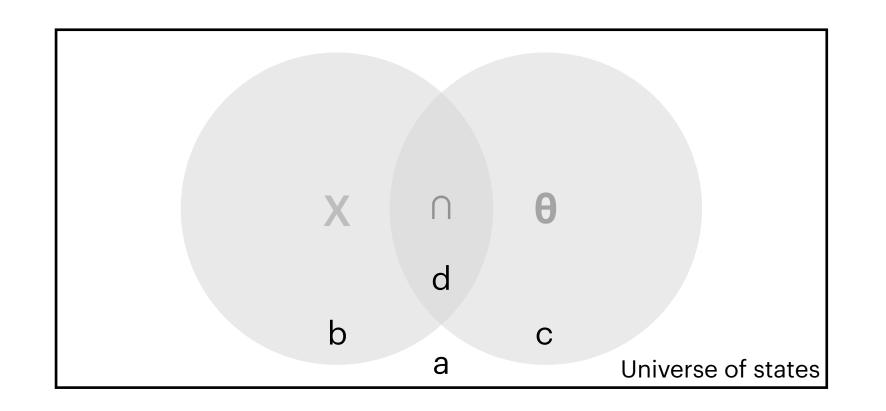
• Covariance:
$$Cov(f_1(x), f_x(x)) = \mathbb{E}[(f_1(x) - \mathbb{E}[f_1(x)]) \cdot (f_2(x) - \mathbb{E}[f_2(x)])]$$

• Covariance of random vector, \mathbf{x} : $Cov(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}) = \mathbb{E}[(\mathbf{x} - \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{x}])(\mathbf{x} - \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{x}])^T]$ = $\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}^T - \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{x}]\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{x}]^T]$

Bayes' Rule

• Intuitive statement: $P(x | \theta)P(\theta) = P(\theta | x)P(x)$

• Proof
$$\frac{d}{c} \cdot \frac{c}{a} = \frac{d}{b} \cdot \frac{b}{a} = \frac{d}{a}$$



• Bayes' Rule follows by deduction: $P(\theta|x) = \frac{P(x|\theta)P(\theta)}{P(x)}$ $posterior = \frac{likelihood \times prior}{evidence}$

• Prescription for how to update a model given new evidence (i.e., new data)