

BAYES THEOREM

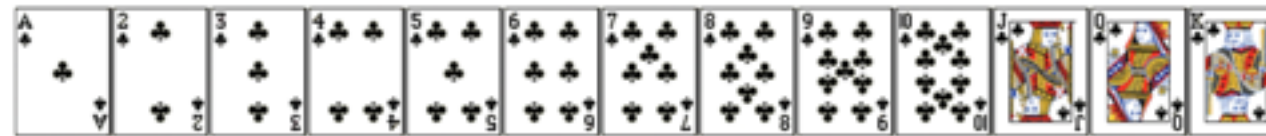


YOU COME HOME, AND FIND THE
CONTENTS OF YOUR TRASH CAN
SPREAD ALL OVER YOUR HOME



WAS IT YOUR PET DOG?

OR WAS IT SOMETHING ELSE,
MAYBE A BEAR?



Sarah



You



Mark



YOU WIN IF YOU GET A FACE CARD. WHAT IS THE PROBABILITY THAT YOU'LL WIN?

$$P(\text{You get a face card}) = 3/13$$

BUT, WHAT IF YOU KNEW WHICH CARDS SARAH AND MARK WERE DEALT?

$$P(\text{You get a face card given Sarah got a face card}) = 2/12$$

$$P(\text{You get a face card given Sarah got a face card and given Mark got a face card}) = 1/11$$

**YOUR PREDICTION FOR YOUR
CHANCES OF WINNING CHANGES
WHEN YOU HAVE PRIOR KNOWLEDGE
ABOUT WHICH CARDS WERE DEALT**

WHAT IS CONDITIONAL PROBABILITY?

Definition. The **conditional probability** of an event A given that an event B has occurred is written:

and is calculated using:

as long as $P(B) > 0$.

$$P(A|B)$$

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

P(You get a face card **AND** Sarah got a face card)

P(You get a face card **given** Sarah got a face card)

A → You getting a face card

B → Sarah getting a face card

$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{You get a face card AND Sarah got a face card}) &= P(\text{Sarah got a face card}) * \\ &\quad P(\text{You get a face card given Sarah got a face card}) \\ &= \mathbf{3/13 * 2/12 = 1/26} \end{aligned}$$

$$P(\text{You get a face card given Sarah got a face card}) = \frac{P(\text{You get a face card AND Sarah got a face card})}{P(\text{Sarah got a face card})}$$

$$P(\text{Sarah got a face card given You get a face card}) = \frac{P(\text{You get a face card AND Sarah got a face card})}{P(\text{You got a face card})}$$



WAS IT YOUR PET DOG?

OR WAS IT SOMETHING ELSE,
MAYBE A BEAR?

PROBABABILITY (DOG ATE TRASH) $= P(D) = 0.3$ (ROVER IS A GREAT DOG,
SO ITS QUITE UNLIKELY THAT
HE WAS NAUGHTY)

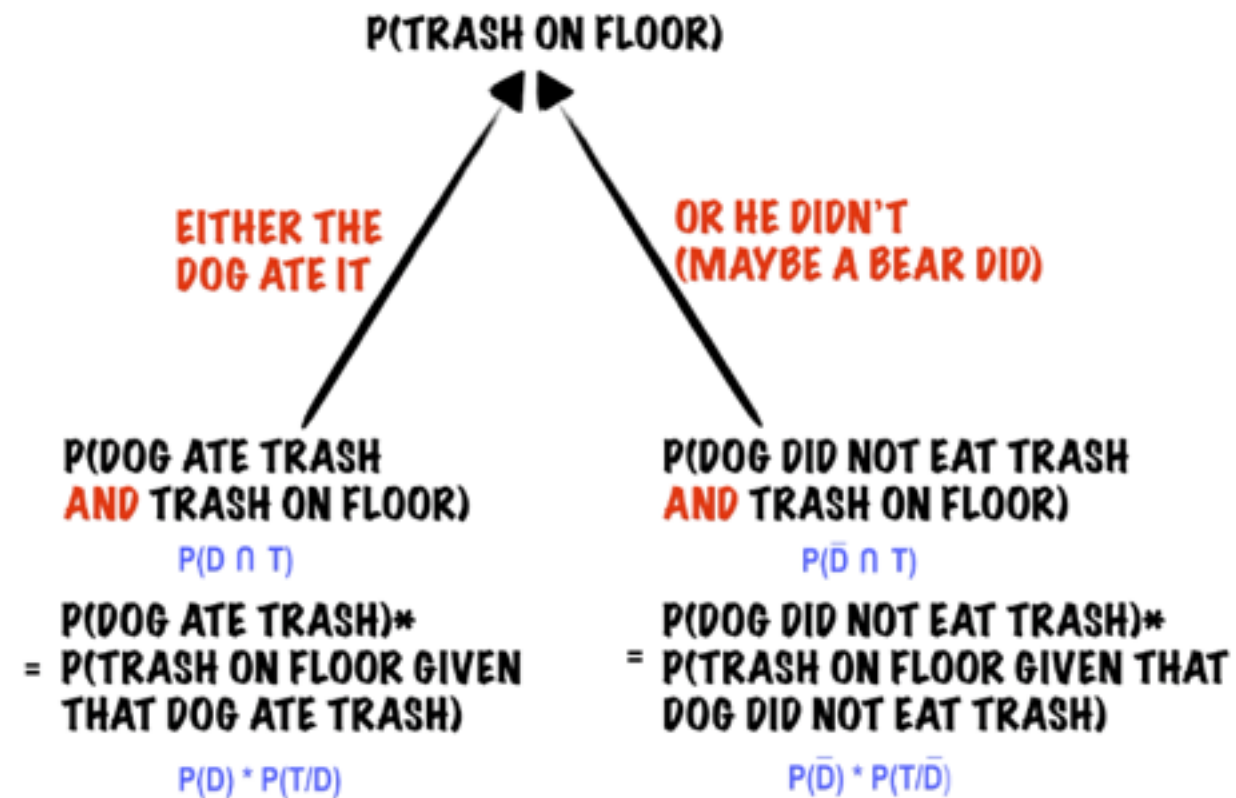
PROBABABILITY (DOG DID NOT
EAT THE TRASH) $= \overline{P(D)} = 0.7$ (THIS JUST FOLLOWS
FROM THE LINE ABOVE)

PROBABABILITY (TRASH IS ON THE
FLOOR IF DOG ATE IT) $= P(T/D) = 0.8$ THIS BTW IS A
"CONDITIONAL
PROBABILITY"

PROBABABILITY (TRASH IS ON THE
FLOOR IF DOG DID NOT EAT IT) $= P(T/\overline{D}) = 0.01$ THERE AREN'T REALLY
A LOT OF BEARS OR
SQUIRRELS IN APARTMENT
COMPLEXES IN BANGALORE

SO – WAS IT YOUR PET DOG OR NOT?

(THE TRASH IS STREWN ALL OVER THE FLOOR,
AND YOU CAN SEE ANIMAL FOOTPRINTS –
THAT MUCH IS AN UNDENIABLE FACT)



BAYES' THEOREM



$P(\text{DOG ATE TRASH} \mid \text{GIVEN THAT TRASH IS ON FLOOR})$

$$= \frac{P(\text{TRASH IS ON FLOOR AND THAT DOG ATE TRASH})}{P(\text{TRASH IS ON FLOOR AND THAT DOG ATE TRASH} \text{ OR } \text{TRASH IS ON FLOOR AND THAT DOG DID NOT EAT TRASH})}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(D/T) &= \frac{P(T \cap D)}{P(T \cap D) + P(T \cap \bar{D})} \\ &= \frac{P(T/D) \cdot P(D)}{P(T/D) \cdot P(D) + P(T/\bar{D}) \cdot P(\bar{D})} \\ &= \frac{0.8 \cdot 0.3}{0.8 \cdot 0.3 + 0.01 \cdot 0.7} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{24}{24.7} = 97\%$$

IS THE NAME FOR THE LITTLE TEST WE JUST APPLIED

SORRY POOCH, BUT THE NUMBERS SAY YOU DID IT!

IT TURNS OUT BAYES' THEOREM IS THE FOUNDATION OF SOME PRETTY COOL AND POWERFUL ML TECHNIQUES