

1. Suppose we deal five cards from an ordinary 52-card deck.

i What is the conditional probability that all five cards are spades, given that at least four of them are spades?

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(\text{All 5 are spades} \mid \text{At least 4 spades}) &= \frac{P(\text{All 5 are spades})}{P(4 \text{ spades} + 1 \text{ other card}) + P(\text{All 5 are spades})} \\
 &= \frac{\frac{\binom{13}{5}}{\binom{52}{5}}}{\frac{\binom{13}{4}\binom{39}{1}}{\binom{52}{5}} + \frac{\binom{13}{5}}{\binom{52}{5}}} \\
 &= \frac{\binom{13}{5}}{\binom{13}{4}\binom{39}{1} + \binom{13}{5}} \\
 &= \frac{3}{68}
 \end{aligned}$$

ii What is the conditional probability that the hand contains no pairs, given that it contains no spades?

$P(\text{Containing no spades}) = \frac{\binom{39}{5}}{\binom{52}{5}}$. $P(\text{Containing no pairs and no spades})$ means that for the first card chosen, any of 39 cards can be chosen, then for the second card, any of 36 cards can be chosen (excluding the other 3 cards that can make previous card a pair), etc.
 i.e. $P(\text{Containing no pairs and no spades}) = \frac{39}{52} \cdot \frac{36}{51} \cdot \frac{33}{50} \cdot \frac{30}{49} \cdot \frac{27}{48} = \frac{8019}{66640}$
 $\therefore P(\text{Containing no pairs given no spades}) = \frac{\frac{8019}{66640}}{\frac{\binom{39}{5}}{\binom{52}{5}}} = \frac{2673}{4921}$

2. (Q6 on p.84 From B&H)

A hat contains 100 coins, where 99 are fair but one is double-headed (always landing Heads). A coin is chosen uniformly at random. The coin is flipped 7 times, and it lands Heads all 7 times. Given this information, what is the probability that the chosen coin is double-headed?

From description: $P(1\text{-head coin}) = \frac{99}{100}$, $P(2\text{-head coin}) = \frac{1}{100}$, $P(\text{All heads} \mid 1\text{-sided coin}) = \frac{1}{2^7}$ and $P(\text{All heads} \mid 2\text{-head coin}) = 1$. Therefore, by Bayes' Theorem,

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(2\text{-head coin} \mid \text{All heads}) &= \frac{P(\text{All heads} \mid 2\text{-head coin}) P(2\text{-head coin})}{P(H \mid 2\text{-head coin}) P(2\text{-head coin}) + P(H \mid 1\text{-head coin}) P(1\text{-head coin})} \\
 &= \frac{1 \cdot \frac{1}{100}}{1 \cdot \frac{1}{100} + \frac{1}{2^7} \cdot \frac{99}{100}} \\
 &= \frac{\cancel{1} \cdot (1)}{\cancel{1} \cdot \left(1 + \frac{99}{2^7}\right)} \\
 &= \frac{2^7}{2^7 + 99}
 \end{aligned}$$