

## LESSON 9

# More Bayes and Simulating Probabilities

CSCI 3022

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- There population of CU undergraduates is  $n=31,000$  students
- Suppose you are friends with  $r=100$  people.
- You walk into a classroom and you see  $k=160$  random people.
- Assume each group of  $k$  CU undergrads is equally likely to be in the room.

**What is the probability that you see **at least one** friend in the room?**

- A). 10%      B) 20%      C) 40%      D) 60%      E) None of these

# Course Logistics: Your Fourth Week At A Glance

Mon 2/5	Tues 2/6	Wed 2/7	Thurs 2/8	Fri 2/9	Sat 2/10	
	(Optional): Attend Notebook Discussion with our TA (5-6pm Zoom)	Attend & Participate in Class	HW 4 Due: 11:59pm via Gradescope	Quiz 3: Scope - Lessons: L1-L5 (including HW 3, nb3)  Attend & Participate in Class		
			Graded HW 3 posted	HW 5 Released		

## HW 4 Tip:

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Grader checks for probability questions (e.g. 3a and 4a) require your answer to be in the form integer/integer (so you will need to simplify first before putting your answer into the grader check).

**Solutions to Extra Practice Problems in Lesson 7 added to Appendix of Lesson 7**

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# Roadmap

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- Bayes' Theorem
- Simulating Probabilities

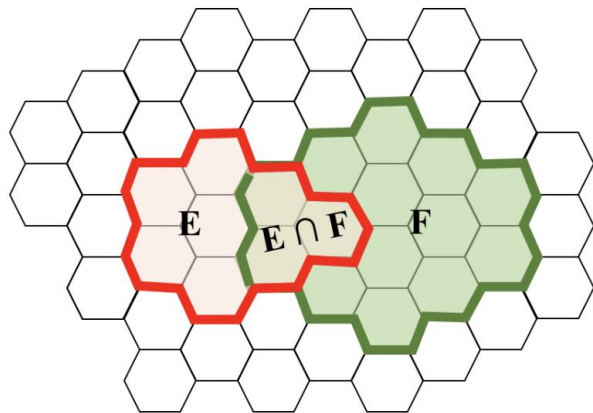
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## Recall: Law of Total Probability



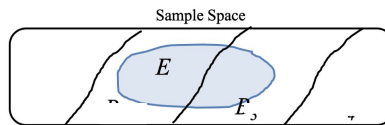
### Law of Total Probability

Thm Let  $F$  be an event where  $P(F) > 0$ . For any event  $E$ ,

$$P(E) = P(E|F)P(F) + P(E|F^C)P(F^C)$$

### General Law of Total Probability

Thm For **mutually exclusive events**  $F_1, F_2, \dots, F_n$  such that  $F_1 \cup F_2 \cup \dots \cup F_n = S$ ,



$$P(E) = \sum_{i=1}^n P(E|F_i)P(F_i)$$

Suppose there's a rare disease with prevalence of  $1/1000$  in the population.  
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- b). You test positive. What's the probability you have the disease?

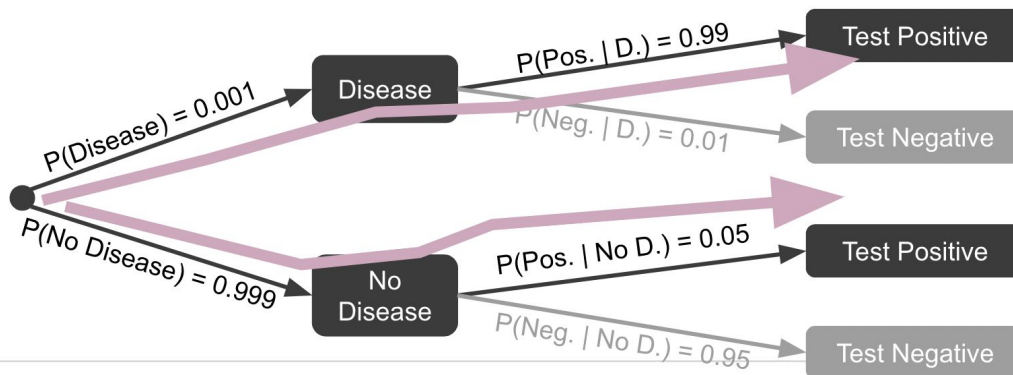


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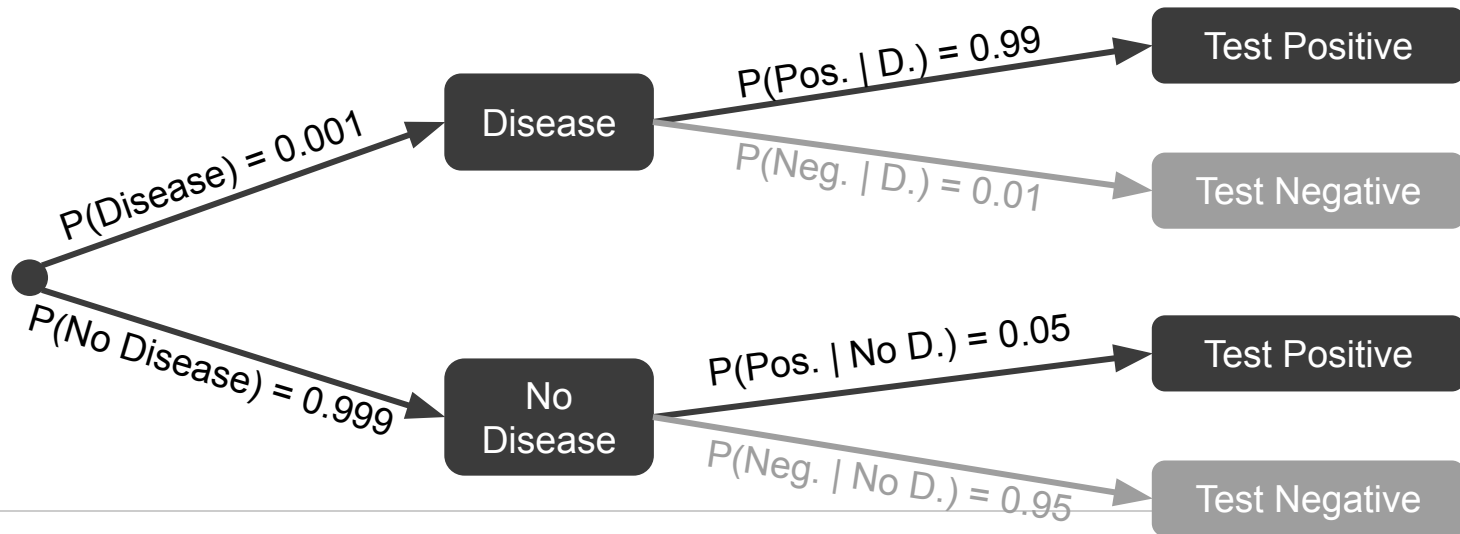
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$$P(D. \mid \text{Pos.}) = \frac{P(D., \text{Pos.})}{P(\text{Pos.})} = \frac{P(D.) P(\text{Pos.} \mid D.)}{P(\text{Pos.})}$$

Famous  
Equation Alert!  
**Bayes' Thm**



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$$P(D., \text{Pos.}) = P(D.) P(\text{Pos.} \mid D.) = 0.00099$$

$$P(D. \mid \text{Pos.}) = \frac{0.00099}{0.00099 + 0.04995} = 0.0194 \approx 2\%$$



# Bayes' Theorem

$$P(E|F) \Rightarrow P(F|E)$$

Thm For any events  $E$  and  $F$  where  $P(E) > 0$  and  $P(F) > 0$ ,

$$P(F|E) = \frac{P(E|F)P(F)}{P(E)}$$

Proof

2 steps!

Expanded form:

$$P(F|E) = \frac{P(E|F)P(F)}{P(E|F)P(F) + P(E|F^c)P(F^c)}$$

Proof

1 more step!



# Famous Equation: Bayes' Theorem

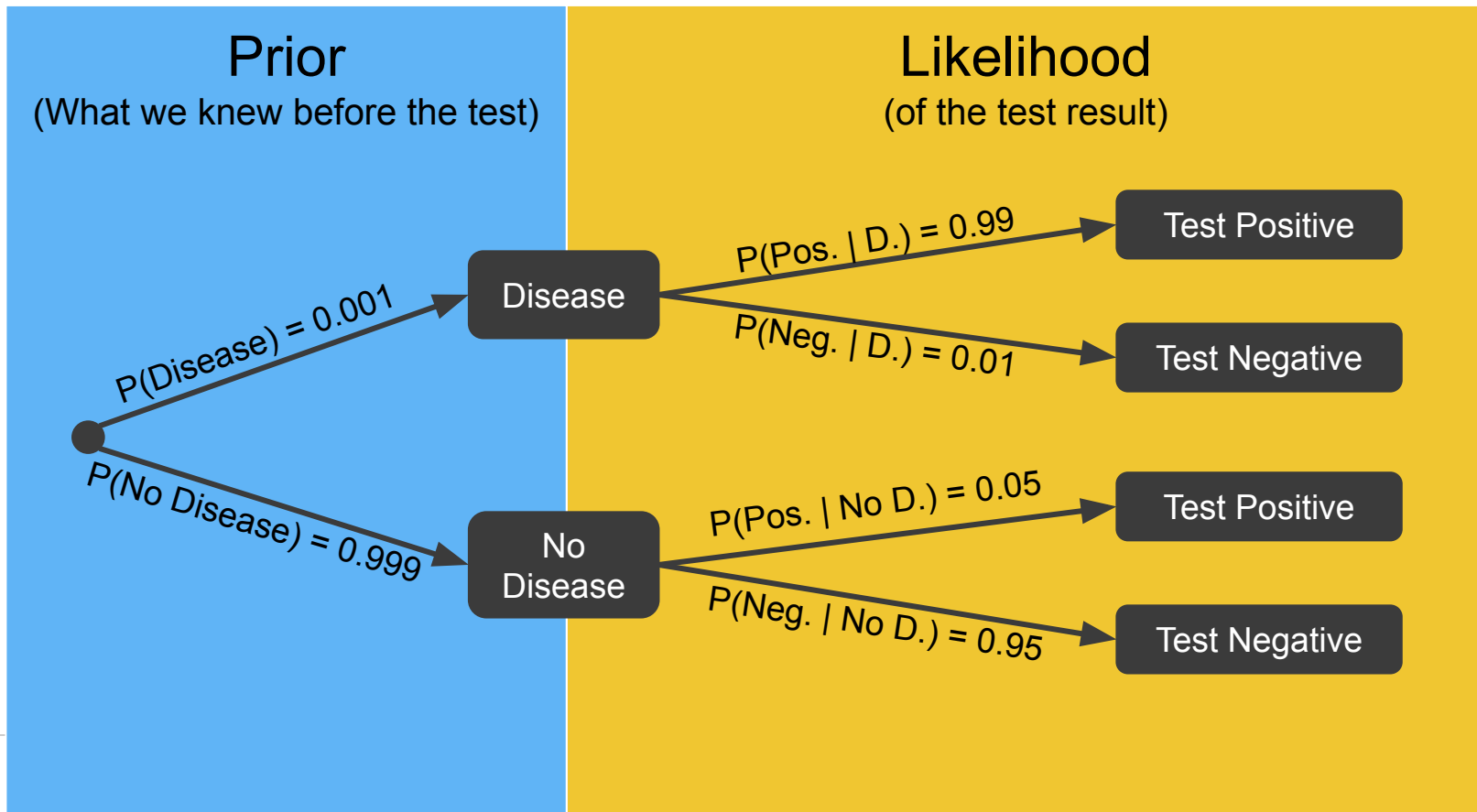
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Bayes' Thm allows us to **update probabilities** by incorporating observations:

The diagram illustrates Bayes' Theorem with three callout boxes: a purple box labeled 'Posterior' pointing to the left side of the equation, a blue box labeled 'Prior' pointing to the first term of the numerator, and a yellow box labeled 'Likelihood (Observation)' pointing to the second term of the numerator.

$$P(\text{Disease} \mid \text{Pos. Test}) = \frac{P(\text{Disease}) P(\text{Pos. Test} \mid \text{Disease})}{P(\text{Pos. Test})}$$

# Tree Diagrams and Terminology



# Bayes' Theorem

Review

$$\overset{\text{posterior}}{P(F|E)} = \frac{\overset{\text{likelihood}}{P(E|F)} \overset{\text{prior}}{P(F)}}{\underset{\text{normalization constant}}{P(E)}}$$

Mathematically:

$$P(E|F) \rightarrow P(F|E)$$

Real-life application:

Given new evidence  $E$ , update belief of fact  $F$   
Prior belief  $\rightarrow$  Posterior belief  
 $P(F) \rightarrow P(F|E)$



# A Closer Look at the Answer

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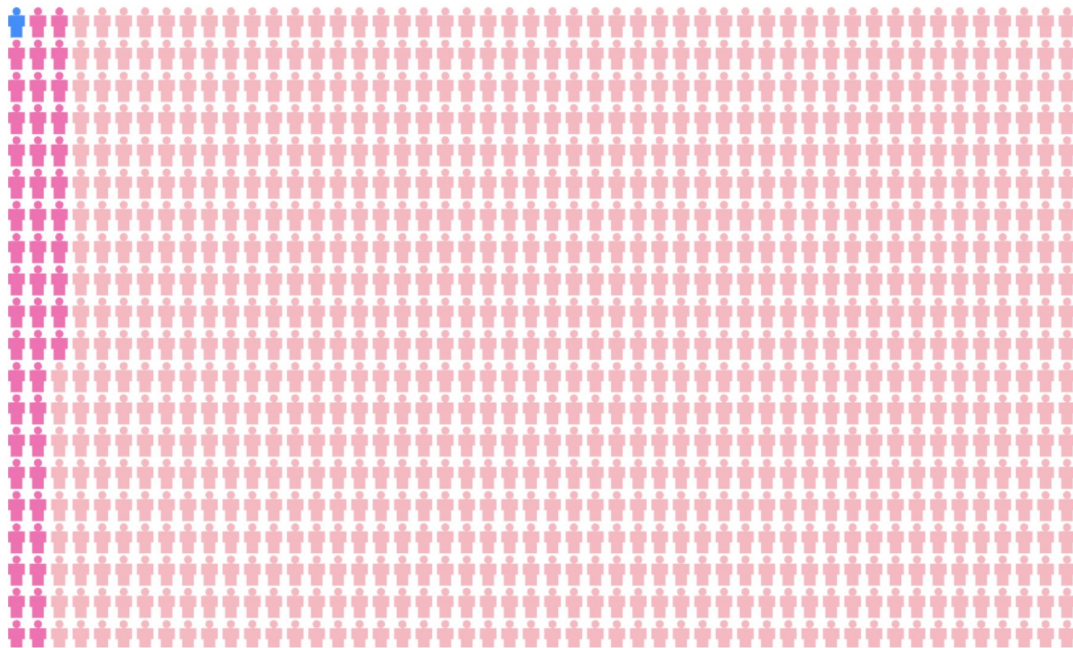
**Assume a patient is picked at random.**

- Prior probability of disease
    - $P(\text{Disease}) = 0.001 = 0.1\%$
  - Posterior probability of disease given positive test
    - $P(\text{Disease} \mid \text{Test positive}) = 0.0194... \approx 2\%$
  - Bigger than the prior, but still pretty small
  - Should we approve such a test?
    - The test has **low error rates** compared to most tests
  - How can this be?
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Here is the whole population of 1000 people:



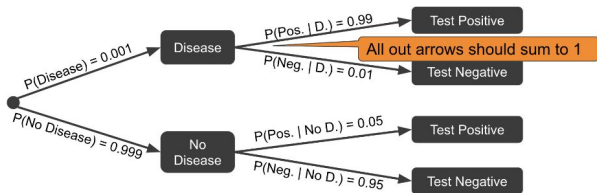
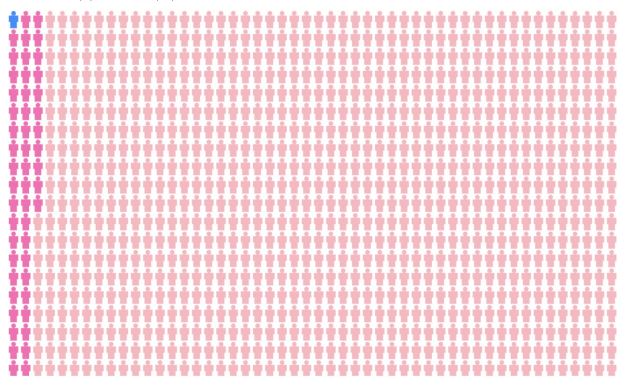
- Out of 1000 people:
- # of people with disease:  
 $1000 * (1/1000) = 1$
- # of people who test positive and have the disease:  
 $1000 * (.001 * .99) \cong 1$
- # of people who test positive and don't have the disease:  
 $1000 * (.999 * .05) \cong 50$
- # of people who test positive:  
 $1 + 50 = 51$

$$P(D | Pos) \cong 1/51 \cong 2\%$$

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**c). You test NEGATIVE. What's the prob you have the disease?**

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- # of people who test positive and don't have the disease:

$$1000 * (.999 * .05) \approx 50$$

- # of people who test positive:  
 $1 + 50 = 51$

$$P(D | Pos) \approx 1/51 \approx 2\%$$

- # of people who test negative and DO have the disease:

$$1000 * (.001 * .01) = 0.01 \approx 0$$

- # of people who test negative and don't have the disease:

$$1000 * (.999 * .95) \approx 949$$

- # of people who test negative:  
 $0 + 949 = 949$

$$P(D | Neg) = 0.01/949 = 0.00001 \approx 0\%$$

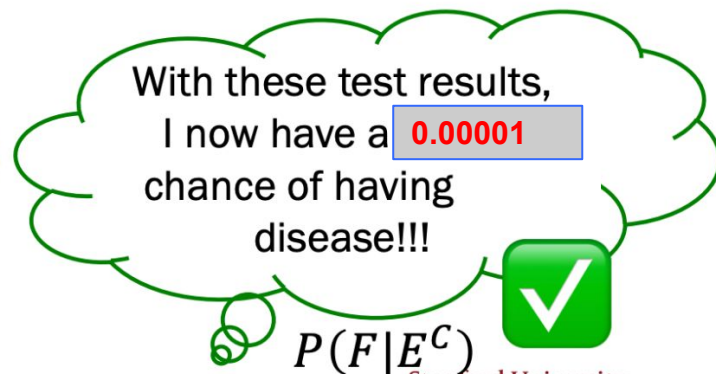
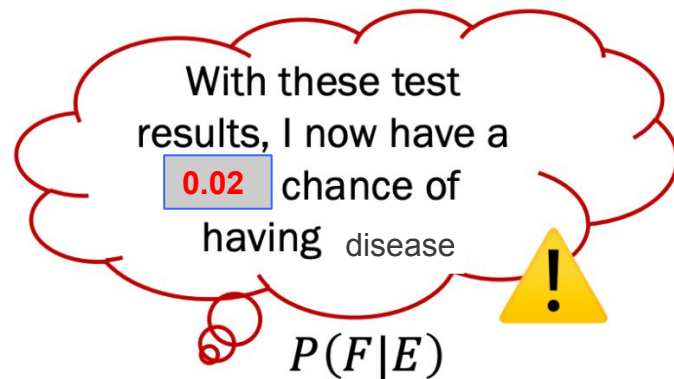
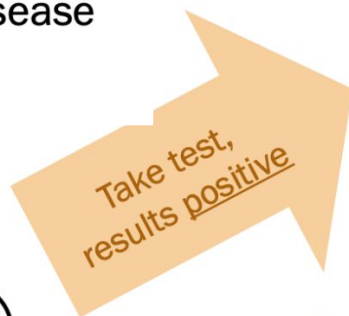
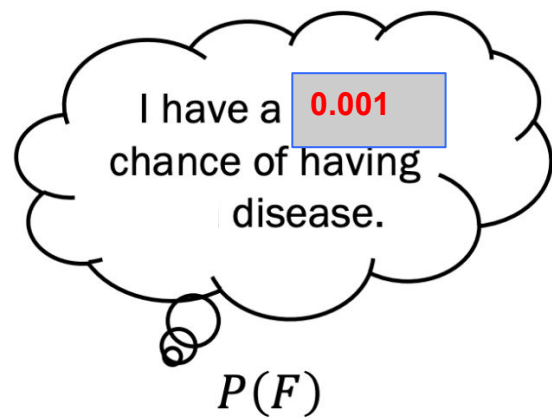
Suppose there's a rare disease with prevalence of 1/1000 in the population.  
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## Why it's still good to get tested

$E$  = you test positive

$F$  = you actually have the disease

$E^C$  = you test **negative**



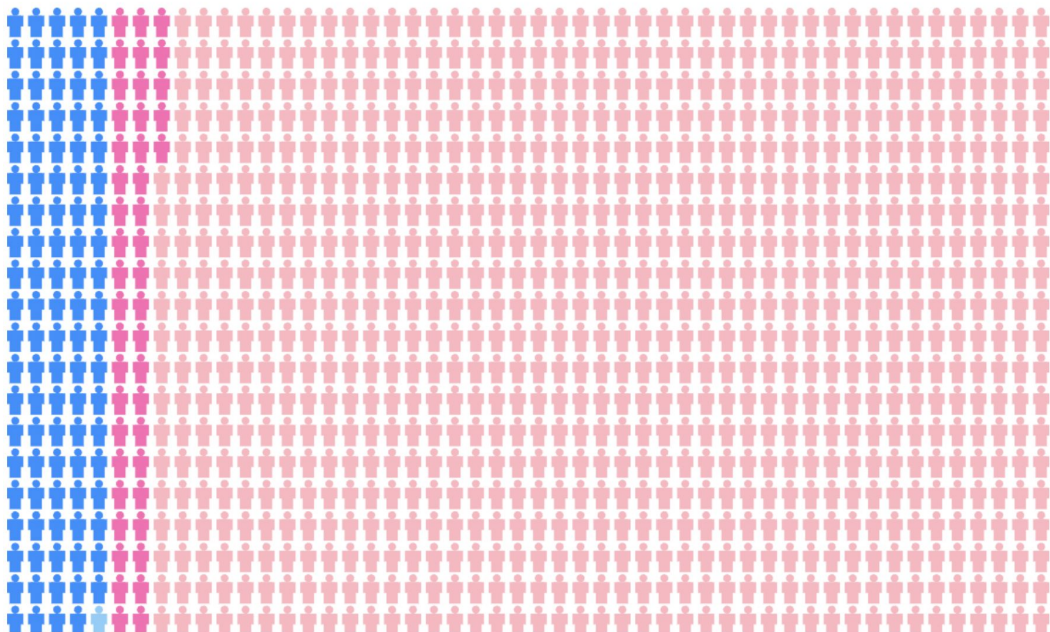
# Assumptions Matter

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- “**Assume a patient is picked at random.**”
    - But usually, people aren't picked at random for medical tests
    - So our intuition about randomly picked patients may not be great
  - For a ***randomly picked patient, the result does make sense***, because the disease is very rare.
  - What if the doctor believes there is a 10% chance the patient has the disease?
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**b). You test positive. What's the prob you have the disease?**



- What if, based on additional information your doctor believes you are in a subpopulation where there is a 10% chance you have the disease?

- Out of 1000 people:

- # of people with disease:  
 $1000 * (1/10) = 100$
- # of people who test positive and have the disease:  
 $1000 * (0.1 * 0.99) \cong 99$
- # of people who test positive and don't have the disease:  
 $1000 * (.90 * .05) \cong 45$
- # of people who test positive:  
 $99 + 45 = 144$

$$P(D | Pos) \cong 99/144 \cong 69\%$$

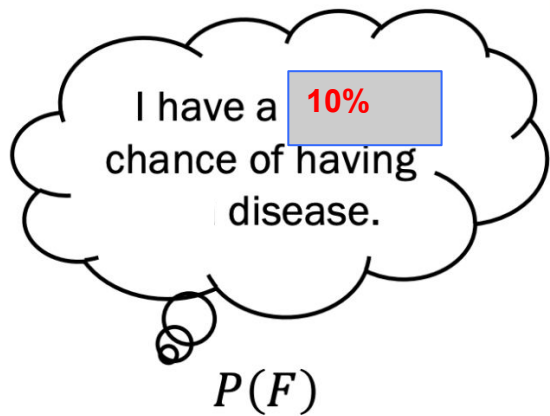


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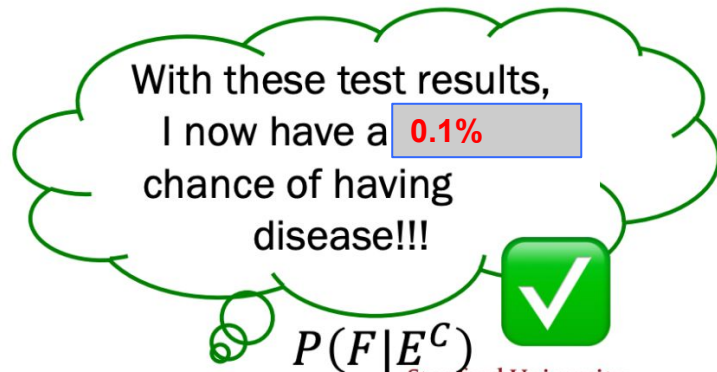
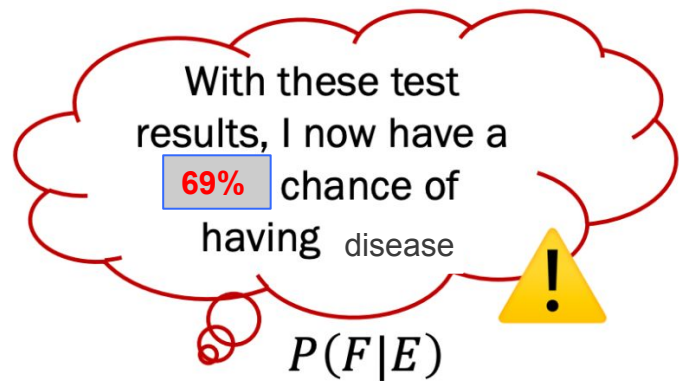
$F$  = you actually have the disease

$E^C$  = you test **negative**



Take test,  
results positive

Take test,  
results negative



# Subjective Probabilities

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$$\overset{\text{posterior}}{P(F|E)} = \frac{\overset{\text{likelihood}}{P(E|F)}\overset{\text{prior}}{P(F)}}{\underset{\text{normalization constant}}{P(E)}}$$

Recall: the probability of an outcome can be defined as:

**[Frequentist]** The **frequency** with which it will occur in repeated trials:

$$P(\text{Event}) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\text{count}(\text{Event})}{n}$$

**[Bayesian]** Someone's **subjective degree** of belief that it will occur

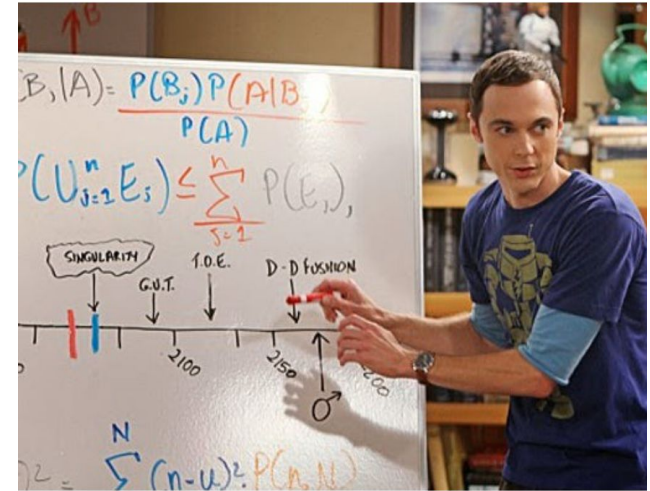
Why use subjective priors?

- To quantify your degree of uncertainty about an outcome, even when there is no physical randomization
    - i.e. chance of CU football team getting into a Bowl game next year
    - i.e. chance of the “Big One” in the next 30 years
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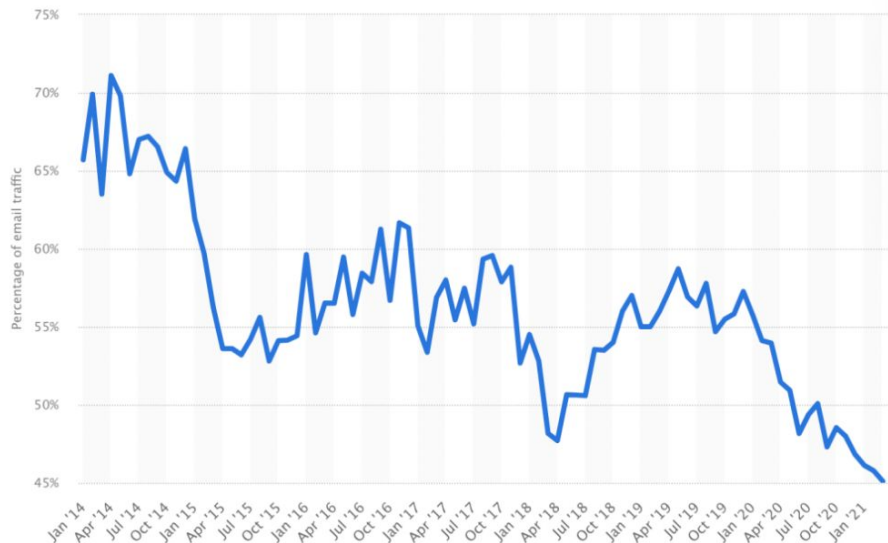


# Purpose of Bayes' Theorem

- Update your prediction based on new information
- In a multi-stage experiment, find the chance of an event at an earlier stage, given the result of a later stage



# Detecting spam email



We can easily calculate how many existing spam emails contain "Dear":

$$P(E|F) = P(\text{"Dear"} \mid \text{Spam email})$$

But what is the probability that a mystery email containing "Dear" is spam?

$$P(F|E) = P(\text{Spam email} \mid \text{"Dear"})$$

## INVOICE

**Geek SQUAD**

Customer Support: +1 818 921 4805  
Date: 24<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022  
Invoice ID: #GS535741

Dear Geek Squad Customer,

Thank you for using Geek Squad Antivirus for the last one year. Your **Geek SQUAD Antivirus plan** will expire today. We wanted to remind you that your plan will be auto-renewed Today for next one year. You will be billed from your saved account details for the annual amount of your Antivirus Plan.

### Payment Information

PURCHASE DATE : 24<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2022  
INVOICE NO.: #GS733710  
PRODUCT NAME: Geek SQUAD Antivirus  
BILLING CYCLE: 2 Year  
PURCHASE TYPE: Subscription Renewal  
Total Price: \$440.80

### Note:

Having any queries with this invoice? Feel free to contact our support team at +1 818 921 4805. If you want to continue taking our service and products and retain all your data and preferences, you can easily renew or cancel the services/products by calling on +1 818 921 4805.

Regards,  
GEEK SQUAD.

### Detecting spam email

$$P(F|E) = \frac{P(E|F)P(F)}{P(E|F)P(F) + P(E|F^c)P(F^c)} \quad \text{Bayes' Theorem}$$

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You get an email with the word "Dear" in it.

What is the probability that the email is spam?

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# More Practice

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**Note:** You should still know how to use Bayes/ Law of Total Prob., but drawing a probability tree can help you identify which probabilities you have. The branches are determined using the problem setup.

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# Simulating Probabilities

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- DEMO!