

Lecture 15

# Bayes' Theorem and Independence

DSC 40A

# Agenda

- Law of Total Probability.
- Bayes' Theorem.
- Independence.

Remember, we've posted **many** probability resources on the resources tab of the course website. These will come in handy! Specific resources you should look at:

- The [DSC 40A probability roadmap](#), written by Janine Tiefenbruck.
- The textbook [Theory Meets Data](#), which explains many of the same ideas and contains more practice problems.

For combinatorics specifically, there are two supplementary videos Suraj Rampure (previously taught and developed major parts of 40a) created that you should watch. They are linked in the course cal..

# Law of Total Probability

## Example: Getting to school

You conduct a survey where you ask students two questions:

1. How did you get to campus today – trolley, bike, or drive? (Assume these are the only options.)
2. Were you late?

All six boxes sum to 1

$P(\text{Drive} \cap \text{Late})$

	Late	Not Late
Trolley	0.06	0.24
Bike	0.03	0.07
Drive	0.36	0.24

$P(\text{Trolley} \cap \text{not Late})$

$\cap = \text{and}$

## Question 🤔

Take a moment to pause and reflect...

$P(\text{Bike} \cap \text{Late})$

	Late	Not Late
Trolley	0.06	0.24
Bike	0.03	0.07
Drive	0.36	0.24

$$\begin{aligned} &= 0.3 \quad P(\text{trolley}) \\ &= 0.1 \\ &= 0.6 \end{aligned}$$

$$\sum = 0.45 = 0.55 \quad P(\text{not Late})$$

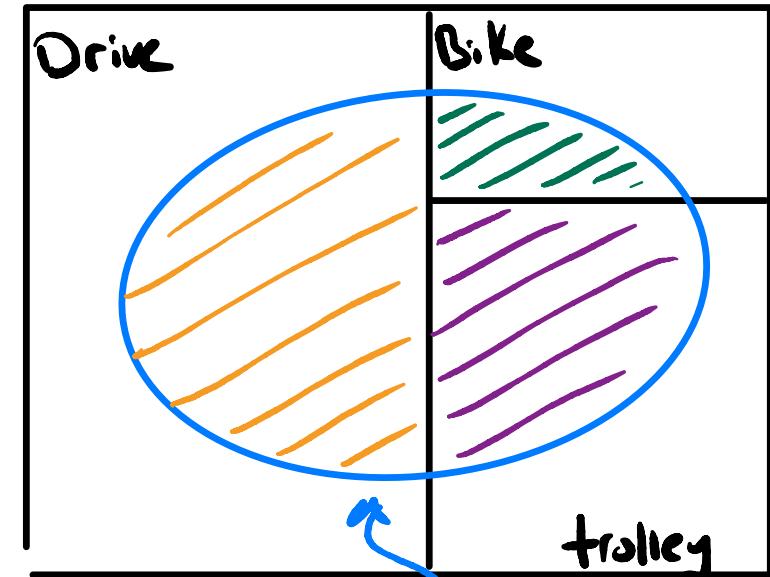
What's the probability that a randomly selected person was late?

- A. 0.24
- B. 0.30
- C. 0.45
- D. 0.50
- E. None of the above.

## Example: Getting to school

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Trolley	0.06	0.24
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Drive	0.36	0.24



- Since everyone either takes the trolley, bikes, or drives to school, we have:

$$\underbrace{\mathbb{P}(\text{Late})}_{0.45} = \underbrace{\mathbb{P}(\text{Late} \cap \text{Trolley})}_{0.06} + \underbrace{\mathbb{P}(\text{Late} \cap \text{Bike})}_{0.03} + \underbrace{\mathbb{P}(\text{Late} \cap \text{Drive})}_{0.36}$$



$$P(x|y)$$

Given

Question 🤔

$(P_{ish. \& x \text{ Given}})$

Take a moment to pause and reflect...

Avi THE AVOCADO  
is BACK !



Avi took the trolley to school. What is the probability that he was late?

A. 0.06

B. 0.20

C. 0.25

D. 0.45

E. None of the above.

$$P(\text{Late} | \text{trolley}) = \frac{P(\text{Late} \cap \text{trolley})}{P(\text{trolley})}$$

$$= \frac{P(\text{Late} \cap \text{trolley})}{P(L \cap \text{trolley}) + P(NL \cap \text{trolley})}$$

$L = \text{Late}$   
 $NL = \text{Not Late}$

$$= \frac{0.06}{0.06 + 0.24}$$

$$= \frac{6}{30} = \frac{1}{5} = 0.2$$

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Intersection  
“AND”

- Since everyone either takes the trolley, bikes, or drives to school, we have:

$$\mathbb{P}(\text{Late}) = \mathbb{P}(\text{Late} \cap \text{Trolley}) + \mathbb{P}(\text{Late} \cap \text{Bike}) + \mathbb{P}(\text{Late} \cap \text{Drive})$$

- Another way of expressing the same thing:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{P}(\text{Late}) &= \mathbb{P}(\text{Trolley}) \mathbb{P}(\text{Late}|\text{Trolley}) + \mathbb{P}(\text{Bike}) \mathbb{P}(\text{Late}|\text{Bike}) \\ &\quad + \mathbb{P}(\text{Drive}) \mathbb{P}(\text{Late}|\text{Drive})\end{aligned}$$

equivalent statements.

## Partitions

$\cap$  = intersection i.e. "AND"

$\cup$  = union i.e. "OR"

- A set of events  $E_1, E_2, \dots, E_k$  is a **partition** of  $S$  if:

- $\mathbb{P}(E_i \cap E_j) = 0$  for all pairs  $i \neq j$ .

$\hookrightarrow |S|$  Sample Space

- $\mathbb{P}(E_1 \cup E_2 \cup \dots \cup E_k) = 1$ .

$\hookrightarrow$  exclusive events

i.e. you can't both

Drive  
\$

Bike to  
School

- Equivalently,  $\mathbb{P}(E_1) + \mathbb{P}(E_2) + \dots + \mathbb{P}(E_k) = 1$ .

e.g.  
CoinFlip

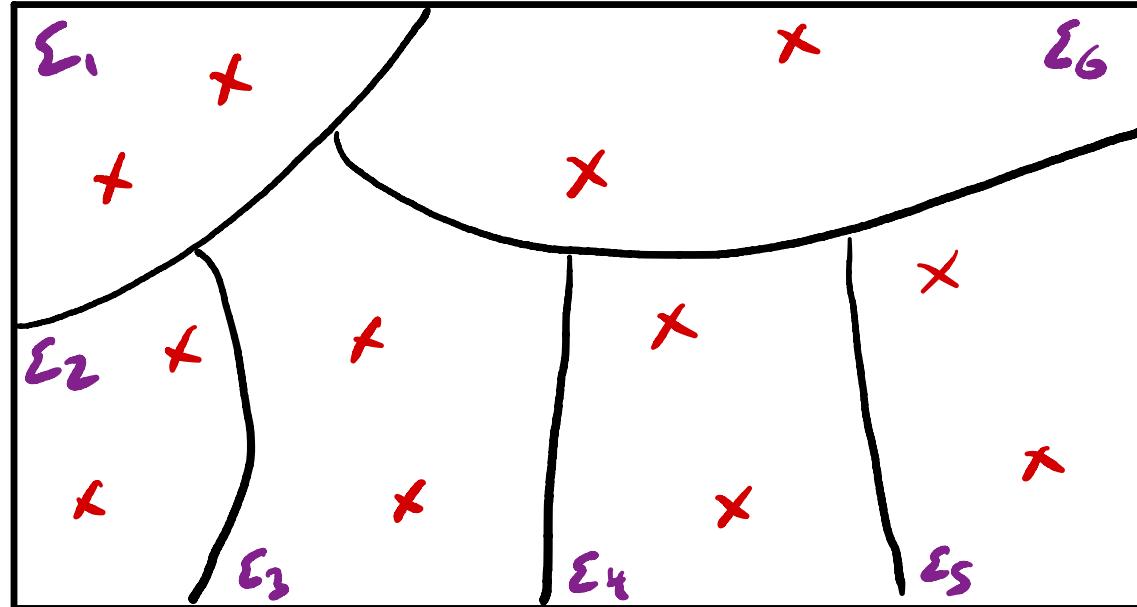
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both are

0.5 + 0.5 = 1

- In other words,  $E_1, E_2, \dots, E_k$  is a partition of  $S$  if every outcome  $s \in S$  is in exactly one event  $E_i$ .

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$x$  = Individual outcome  
e.g. taken trolley \$ late

For our outcomes "X" &  $\Sigma_k$

- (I.) no  $E$  overlaps w/ another  $\Sigma$
- (II.) every outcome "X" is in ONE & ONLY ONE  $E$



## Example partitions

- In getting to school, the events Trolley, Bike, and Drive.
- In getting to school, the events Late and Not Late.
- In selecting an undergraduate student at random, the events Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, and Senior, and Other.  $\rightarrow$  super senior  $\approx$  or Hs
- In rolling a die, the events Even and Odd. CANT HAVE EDD or an OVER
- In drawing a card from a standard deck of cards, the events Spades, Clubs, Hearts, and Diamonds. Suites
- Special case: Any event  $A$  and its complement  $\bar{A}$ .

Late ( $1 - \text{Late}$ )      LATE's Complement  
is all students NOT LATE  
"On time"

A, B, C = pairwise mutually exclusive, but Do not form a partition  $P(A) + P(B) + P(C) \neq 1$



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## The Law of Total Probability

- If  $A$  is an event and  $E_1, E_2, \dots, E_k$  is a **partition** of  $S$ , then:

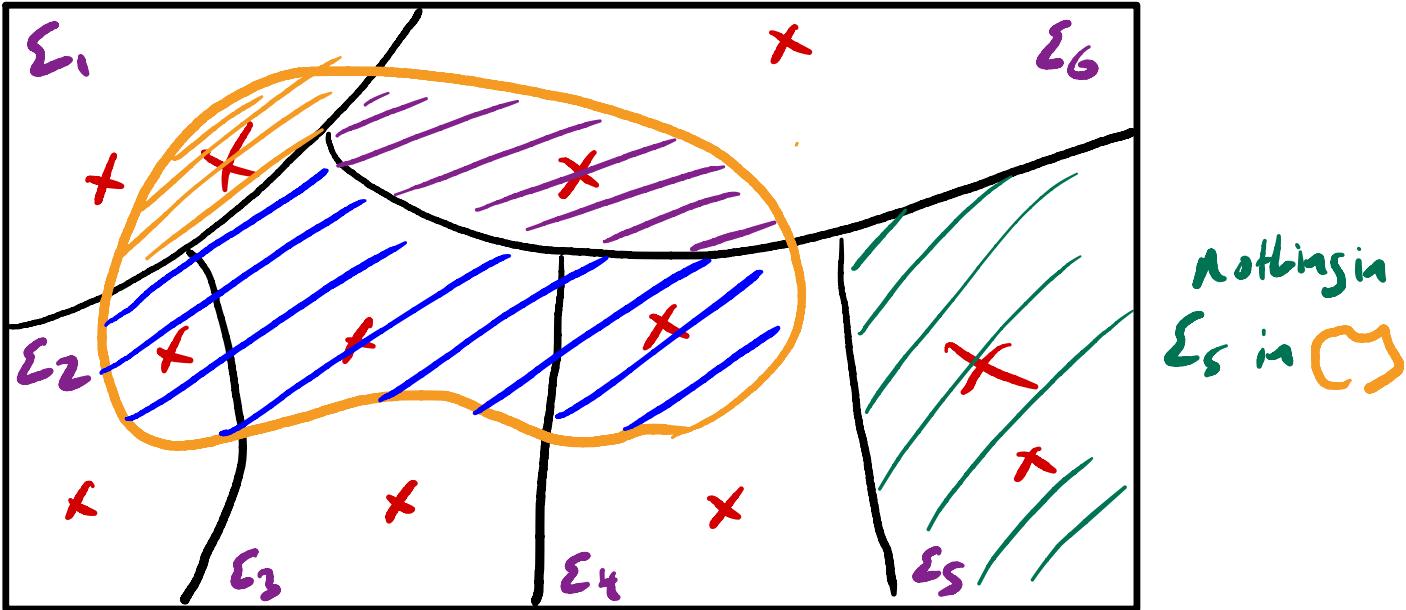
$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{P}(A) &= \mathbb{P}(A \cap E_1) + \mathbb{P}(A \cap E_2) + \dots + \mathbb{P}(A \cap E_k) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^k \mathbb{P}(A \cap E_i)\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbb{P}(\text{Late}) = \mathbb{P}(\text{Late} \cap \text{trolley}) + \mathbb{P}(\text{Late} \cap \text{Drive}) + \mathbb{P}(\text{Late} \cap \text{Bike})$$

$A$ : Late

$\Sigma_1$ : trolley ,  $\Sigma_2$ : Drive,  $\Sigma_3$ : Bike

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$$\begin{aligned} P(A \cap E_i) &= P(A) \cdot P(E_i | A) \\ &= P(E_i) \cdot P(A | E_i) \end{aligned}$$

$$P(A) = \underbrace{P(A \cap E_1)}_{\text{orange}} + \underbrace{\dots}_{\text{orange}} + \overbrace{P(A \cap E_5)}^{\text{green}} + \underbrace{P(A \cap E_6)}_{\text{purple}}$$

$$P(A) = \sum_{i=1}^6 P(A \cap E_i)$$

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via  
multiplication  
Rule

- Since  $\mathbb{P}(A \cap E_i) = \mathbb{P}(E_i) \cdot \mathbb{P}(A|E_i)$  by the multiplication rule, an equivalent formulation is:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{P}(A) &= \underbrace{\mathbb{P}(E_1) \cdot \mathbb{P}(A|E_1)}_{\text{Conditionals}} + \underbrace{\mathbb{P}(E_2) \cdot \mathbb{P}(A|E_2)}_{\uparrow} + \dots + \underbrace{\mathbb{P}(E_k) \cdot \mathbb{P}(A|E_k)}_{\text{Conditionals}} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^k \mathbb{P}(E_i) \cdot \mathbb{P}(A|E_i)\end{aligned}$$

A is conditioned  
on  $\Sigma$  "Given" =  $\neq$  not  $\perp$  or  $\perp$

$$P(Trolley | Late) = \frac{P(Trolley \cap Late)}{P(Late)} = \frac{P(trolley \cap late)}{P(T \cap L) + P(B \cap L) + P(D \cap L)}$$

Question 🤔

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$$= \frac{0.06}{0.06 + 0.03 + 0.36}$$

$$\frac{0.06}{0.45} = \frac{6}{45} \approx 0.15$$

Lauren is late to school. What is the probability that she took the trolley? Choose the best answer.

- A. About 0.05
- B. About 0.15
- C. About 0.30
- D. About 0.40

# Bayes' Theorem

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A) \cdot P(B|A)$$

or

$$= P(B) \cdot P(A|B)$$

## Example: Getting to school

- Now, suppose we don't have that entire table. Instead, all you know is:

- $P(\text{Late}) = 0.45$ .

- $P(\text{Trolley}) = 0.3$ .

- $P(\text{Late}|\text{Trolley}) = 0.2$ .

- Can we still find  $P(\text{Trolley}|\text{Late})$ ?

given  $P(A|B)$

We will accomplish  
this via the  
Multiplication Rule

$$P(\text{Trolley}|\text{Late}) = \frac{P(\text{Trolley} \cap \text{Late})}{P(\text{Late})} = \frac{P(\text{Trolley}) \cdot P(\text{Late}|\text{Trolley})}{P(\text{Late})}$$

$$P(\text{Trolley}|\text{Late}) = \frac{P(\text{Trolley} \cap \text{Late})}{P(\text{Late})} =$$

$$= \frac{0.3 \cdot 0.2}{0.45} = \frac{0.06}{0.45} = \frac{6}{45}$$

AKA Bayes' Rule

## Bayes' Theorem

- Recall that the multiplication rule states that:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}(A \cap B) &= \mathbb{P}(A) \cdot \mathbb{P}(B|A) \\ \text{It also states that:} \quad & \\ \mathbb{P}(B \cap A) &= \mathbb{P}(B) \cdot \mathbb{P}(A|B) \end{aligned}$$

Because  $\mathbb{P}(A \cap B) = \mathbb{P}(B \cap A)$

- But since  $A \cap B = B \cap A$ , we have that:

$$\mathbb{P}(A) \cdot \mathbb{P}(B|A) = \mathbb{P}(B) \cdot \mathbb{P}(A|B)$$

- Re-arranging yields Bayes' Theorem:

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

Bayes' reverse engineer  
Conditional Probability Questions

## Bayes' Theorem and the Law of Total Probability

- Bayes' Theorem:

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

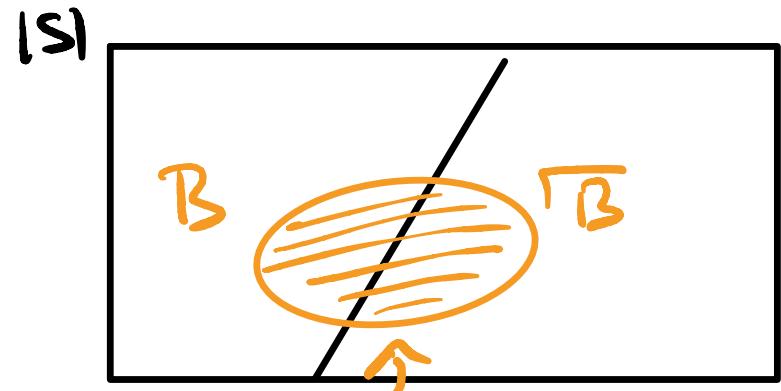
- Recall from earlier, for any sample space  $S$ ,  $B$  and  $\bar{B}$  partition  $S$ . Using the Law of Total Probability, we can re-write  $\mathbb{P}(A)$  as:

$$\mathbb{P}(A) = \mathbb{P}(A \cap B) + \mathbb{P}(A \cap \bar{B}) = \mathbb{P}(B) \cdot \mathbb{P}(A|B) + \mathbb{P}(\bar{B}) \cdot \mathbb{P}(A|\bar{B})$$

- This means that we can re-write Bayes' Theorem as:

$$\mathbb{P}(B|A) = \frac{\mathbb{P}(B) \cdot \mathbb{P}(A|B)}{\mathbb{P}(B) \cdot \mathbb{P}(A|B) + \mathbb{P}(\bar{B}) \cdot \mathbb{P}(A|\bar{B})}$$

Well we are not often provided or know  $\mathbb{P}(A)$



using multiplication Rule.

Why?

## Example: Drug test

A manufacturer claims that its drug test will **detect steroid use**. What the company does not tell you is that **15%** of all steroid-free individuals also test positive (the "false positive rate"). Suppose **10%** of the Tour de France bike racers use steroids and your favorite cyclist just tested positive. What's the probability that they used steroids?

A: Positive Test

B: Cyclist Actually  
uses steroids

95 % of the time it works!

$$P(A|B) = 0.95 \quad \text{"we have a pos. test, given cyclist uses steroids"}$$
$$P(A|\bar{B}) = 0.15 \quad \text{"we have a pos. test, given a cyclist Does Not use steroids"}$$
$$P(B) = 0.1 \quad \text{"How many cyclists % in Tour de France use steroids (real steroid Rate)"}$$

what we want to know is  $P(B|A)$  "cyclist Actual uses steroids given Pos. test"

$$P(A|B) = 0.95$$

$$P(A | \bar{B}) = 0.15$$

$$P(B) = 0.1$$

$$P(A) = ?$$

$$P(B|A) = \frac{P(B) \cdot P(A|B)}{P(A)} = \frac{P(B) \cdot P(A|B)}{P(A \cap B) + P(A \cap B^c)}$$

(Bayes' Rule)

(Law of Total Prob.)

$$= \frac{P(B) \cdot P(A|B)}{P(B) \cdot P(A|B) + P(\bar{B}) \cdot P(A|\bar{B})}$$

Insist that you are on  
the right track!

$$= \frac{0.1 \cdot 0.95}{0.1 \cdot 0.95 + (1 - 0.1) \cdot 0.15}$$

$$= \underline{40\%}$$

{ what we want  
to know is

$P(B|A)$  "cyclist Actual uses steroids given  
Pos. test" } if test + pos.  
} - 40% you actually

5-40% you actually use

$|S| = \text{Prob. space}$

$S = \text{shake shack}$

## Example: Taste test

- Your friend claims to be able to correctly guess what restaurant a burger came from, after just one bite.
- The probability that she correctly identifies an In-n-Out Burger is 0.55, a Shake Shack burger is 0.75, and a Five Guys burger is 0.6.
- You buy 5 In-n-Out burgers, 4 Shake Shack burgers, and 1 Five Guys burger, choose one of the burgers randomly, and give it to her.
- Question: Given that she guessed it correctly, what's the probability she ate a Shake Shack burger? *4 Events in this Problem!*

I : in-n-out , S : shake shack , F : five guys , C : Correct Guess

$$P(I) = 0.5, P(S) = 0.4, P(F) = 0.1$$

$$P(C|I) = 0.55, P(C|S) = 0.75, P(C|F) = 0.6$$

$$P(S|C)$$

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$$P(S|C)$$

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$$P(S|C) = \frac{P(S) \cdot P(C|S)}{P(C)} ? = \frac{P(S) \cdot P(C|S)}{P(C \cap I) + P(C \cap S) + P(C \cap F)}$$

Bayes theorem  
Law of total Prob.

$$P(C|S)$$

$$P(S|C)$$

$$= \frac{P(S) \cdot P(C|S)}{P(I)P(C|I) + P(S)P(C|S) + P(F)P(C|F)}$$

multiplication Rule

$$= \frac{(0.4)(0.75)}{(0.5 \cdot 0.55) + (0.4)(0.75) + (0.1 \cdot 0.6)} \approx \frac{.3}{.255} \approx 45\%$$