

Pre-class preparation

Please watch the following video:

- Video: Conditional probability

Objectives

By the end of the day's class, students should be able to do the following:

- Define conditional probability in terms of set theory notation and in everyday language.
- Explain the difference between a conditional probability and an unconditional probability.
- State Bayes' rule and the Law of Total Probability.
- Apply Bayes' rule and the Law of Total Probability to compute desired probabilities.

Reflection Questions

Please submit your answers to the following questions to the corresponding Canvas assignment by 9:00AM:

1. If A and B are disjoint events with $P(B) > 0$, what is the value of $P(A|B)$? Show this mathematically, but also provide an intuitive explanation in words.
2. Each time I go to the grocery store, I will choose to buy eggs from farm A or farm B. For each purchase after the first, the probability is $\frac{2}{3}$ that I will choose the same farm as the purchase before, and the probability is $\frac{1}{3}$ that I will switch farms. Suppose that I am equally likely to pick farm A or farm B for the first purchase. What is the probability that my first two eggs purchases will be from farm A and the third and fourth purchases will be from farm B? *Be clear on how you define events!*
3. (Optional) Is there anything from the pre-class preparation that you have questions about? What topics would you like some more clarification on?