

Conditional Probability
COR1-GB.1305 – Statistics and Data Analysis

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1. Here is a table tabulated frequencies for the undergraduate majors and genders of the students in the class survey.

Undergrad Major	Gender		Total
	Female	Male	
Business	6	14	20
Hum./Soc. Sci.	15	7	22
Sci./Eng.	2	12	14
Total	23	33	56

- (a) Express the following statements as conditional probabilities:

- $\frac{6}{20} \approx 30\%$ of the people who majored in Business are Females.
- $\frac{6}{23} \approx 26\%$ of the Females majored in Business.

- (b) Compute $P(\text{Hum./Soc. Sci.} \mid \text{Male})$ and $P(\text{Male} \mid \text{Hum./Soc. Sci.})$. Explain the difference between these two quantities.

2. The following table lists the pick-up and drop-off locations of approximately 170 million yellow cab taxi trips made in New York City in 2013. Numbers are reported in thousands.

Pick-up	Drop-off					Total
	Bronx	Brooklyn	Manhattan	Queens	Staten Is.	
Bronx	53	1	37	4	0	95
Brooklyn	8	2,707	1,598	273	2	4,588
Manhattan	638	5,458	143,656	5,906	22	155,680
Queens	122	1,022	5,058	2,281	8	8,491
Staten Is.	0	0	0	0	3	3
Total	821	9,188	150,349	8,464	35	168,857

- (a) Find $P(\text{drop-off Brooklyn} \mid \text{pick-up Manhattan})$ and $P(\text{pick-up Manhattan} \mid \text{drop-off Brooklyn})$. Explain the difference between these two quantities.

- (b) Express the following statement as a conditional probability: “29% of the trips with drop-off locations in Brooklyn originated in the same borough.”

The Multiplicative Rule

3. Out of the 60 students enrolled in the class, 23 are female (38%) and 37 are male (62%). Suppose that we randomly select two different students.
 - (a) What is the probability that both students are male?
 - (b) What is the probability that both students are female?
 - (c) What is the probability that one of the students is male and one of the students is female?

4. Of the 54 students who filled out the survey, 39 indicated that they drink at least one cup of coffee per day, while 15 indicated that they do not drink coffee on a typical day. Suppose that we randomly select two different survey respondents.
 - (a) What is the probability that both students regularly drink coffee?
 - (b) What is the probability that neither student regularly drinks coffee?
 - (c) What is the probability that exactly one student regularly drinks coffee?

Independence

5. Suppose that you flip two fair coins. Let A = “the first coin shows Heads,” B = “The second coin shows Heads.” Find the probability of getting Heads on both coins, i.e. find $P(A \cap B)$.

6. Suppose that you roll two dice. What is the probability of getting exactly one 6?

7. Suppose that you sell fire insurance policies to three different buildings in Manhattan, located in different neighborhoods. You estimate that the buildings have the following chances of being damaged by fire in the next 10 years: 0.2%, 5%, and 1%. Assume that fire damages to the three buildings are independent events. Compute the probability that exactly one building gets damaged by fire in the next 10 years.

8. Suppose you have a database of 300K reviews from 15K businesses and 70K users. In each of the following scenarios, you randomly sample 2 reviews. Define events A and B as

A = the first review is 4 or 5 stars

B = the second review is 4 or 5 stars

In which sampling schemes are events A and B independent? Assume that all samples are random and unbiased. Explain your answers.

(a) You sample two distinct reviews from the entire dataset.

(b) You randomly sample one business from the dataset, then sample two distinct reviews of the business.

(c) You randomly sample one user from the dataset, then sample two distinct reviews written by the user.