

# Probability And Statistics Lecture : 12

- Spam Detection

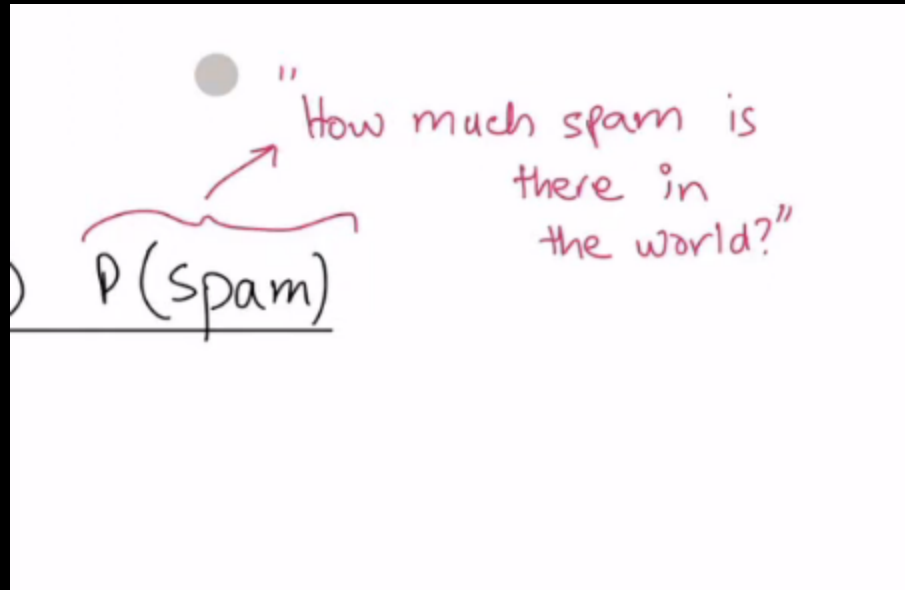
- "You have inherited a million dollars."
- "There will be a meeting at noon."
- Assumption : We have a dataset of spam emails.
- Need to find whether a piece of text is spam.
- Let's first consider a single word.

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- First we know that we must have a dataset to work on and secondly we guess or consider some word to be spam before moving forward to work on it

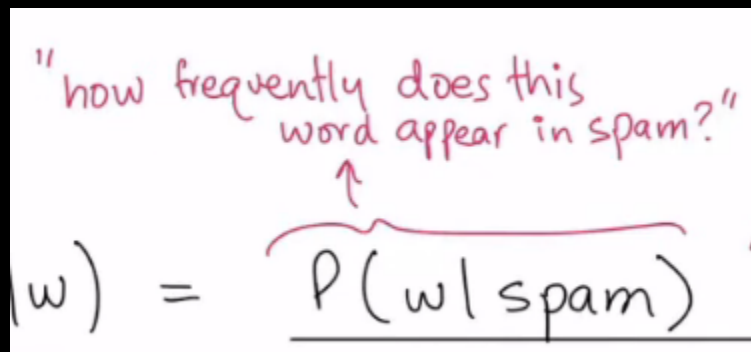
$$\bullet \quad \underbrace{P(\text{Spam}|w)} = \frac{P(w|\text{spam}) P(\text{spam})}{P(w)}$$

● "Given that this word appears, how likely is it that the message is spam?"

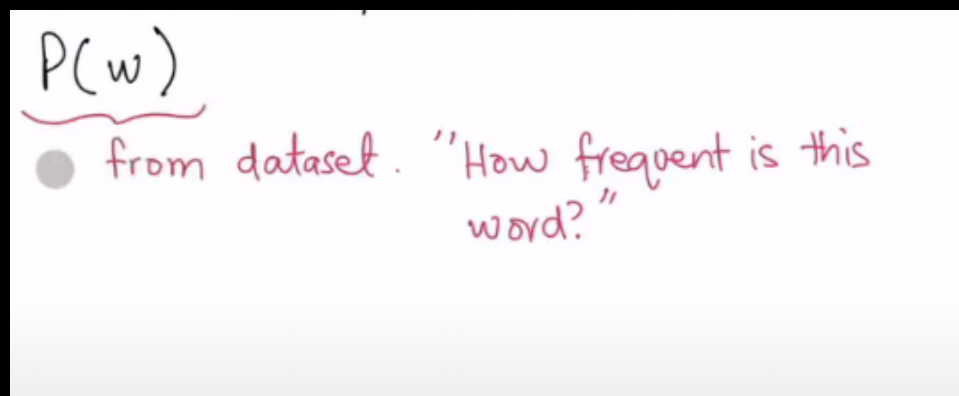
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- With the help of bayesian rule
- Likelihood into prior divided by normalizing factor



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- So we first find the total population and find the spams messages in it



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- In the total spam we find the frequency of the specific word



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- How frequent is this word

$$P(\text{spam}) = \frac{\# \text{ of spam messages}}{\# \text{ of all messages}}$$

$$P(w | \text{spam}) = \frac{\# \text{ of times this word appears in spam}}{\# \text{ of spam messages}}$$

$$P(w) = \frac{\# \text{ of times this word appears}}{\# \text{ of total messages}}$$

"how frequently does this word appear in spam?"  
 "How much spam is there in the world?"  
 "Given that this word appears, how likely is it that the message is spam?"  
 "from dataset. How frequent is this word?"

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- Prior : If there is a lot of spam in this world then there is a larger possibility or prob of it being a spam
- Likelihood : The more frequently this word appears in messages the greater the prob of it being spam

- The above are all directly proportional

- Now we do this for all the words

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Now, do this for all words

$P(\text{spam} | \text{words}) = P(\text{spam} | w_1) * P(\text{spam} | w_2) * \dots * P(\text{spam} | w_n)$

$$P(\text{spam} | \text{words}) = \prod_{i=1}^{|\text{words}|} P(\text{spam} | w_i)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n$$

- Product of all the prob of a message being spam such that the spam word was in it