

Welcome to:

EC400

Probability and Statistics

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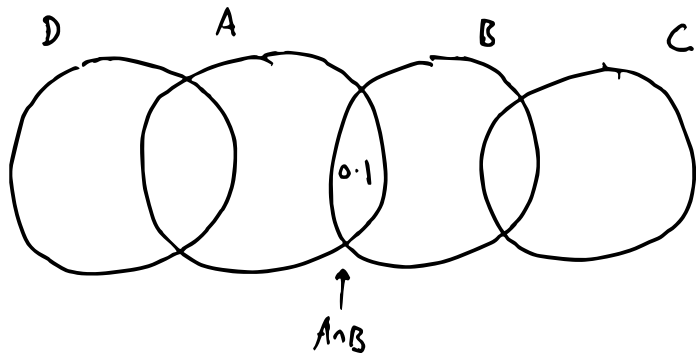
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QUIZ Q2

4 events A, B, C, D . $P(A) = P(B) = P(C) = P(D) = 0.4$

$$\underline{P(C \cap D)} = \underline{P(C \cap A)} = \underline{P(D \cap B)} = 0 \quad \underline{P(A \cap D) = 0.1}$$



a) A and D are independent

Is it: $A \cap D = 0$? \rightarrow A and D are mutually exclusive

Independence: $P(A, B) = P(A)P(B) \leftarrow$

\Leftrightarrow

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

Independence

Bayes Rule

\downarrow

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

B: Hate statistics

A: EC400

Ω : All students at LSE

Independence: $P(\text{Take Hate statistics} | \text{Take EC400}) = P(\text{Hate statistics})$

I take all EC400 students
How many hate statistics

ALL LSE students.

Mutually exclusive:

$P(A \cap B) = 0$

$P(\text{Hate statistics and taking EC400}) = 0$

ME: $P(A \cap B) = 0$

Independent: $P(A \cap B) = P(A) \cdot P(B)$

$P(A)P(B) = 0$

\Leftrightarrow either $P(A) = 0$

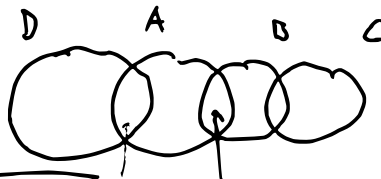
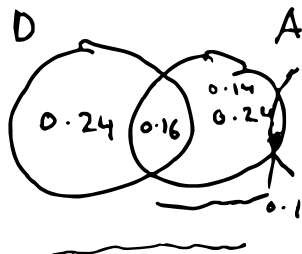
or $P(B) = 0$

Independence

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

\uparrow if $P(B) > 0$

a) A, D are independent:



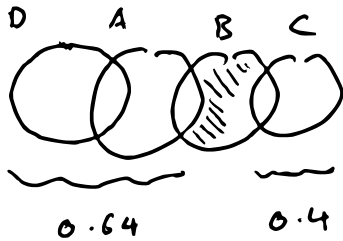
$P(A \cap D) = 0.16$

Then $P(A \cap D) = P(A)P(D) = 0.4^2 = 0.16$

$$P(A \cup D) = 0.64$$

$$P(C \cap A) = P(C \cap D) = 0$$

$$P(C) = 0.4$$

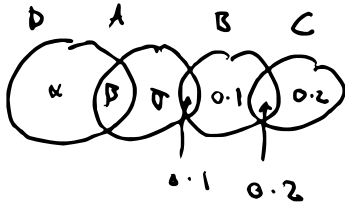


$$\therefore P(D \cup A \cup C) \geq 0.64 + 0.4$$

$$P > 1$$

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b)



Possible that $P(B \cap C) = 0.2$

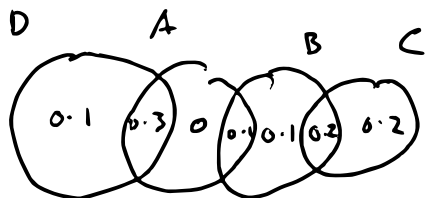
Assigned 0.6 so far

$$\bullet \beta + \gamma + 0.1 = \underline{0.4}$$

$$\bullet \alpha + \beta = 0.4$$

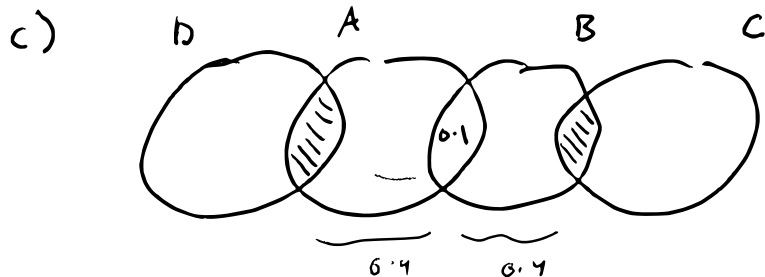
$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \beta + \gamma + 0.1 = 0.4 \\ \alpha + \beta = 0.4 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \beta + \gamma = 0.3 \\ \alpha + \beta = 0.4 \end{cases}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \beta = 0.3 \\ \gamma = 0 \\ \alpha = 0.1 \end{array} \right.$$



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$$P((B \cap C) \cup (A \cap D)) = 0.45$$

$$P(C \cap D) = 0$$

$$P(C \cup D) = P(C) + P(D) - P(C \cap D)$$

$$i) \quad P(C \cup D) = 0.8 \quad \Rightarrow \quad P((C \cup D)^c) = 0.2 \quad ]$$

$$ii) \quad P((B \cap C) \cup (A \cap D)) = 0.45$$

$$\Rightarrow P((B \cup A) \cap (C \cup D)) = 0.45$$

$$iii) \quad P(A \cup B) = 0.7$$

$$iv) \quad P(A \cup B) = P((A \cup B) \cap (C \cup D)) + P((A \cup B) \cap (C \cup D)^c)$$

$$P(A) = P(A \cap B) + P(A \cap B^c)$$



$$0.7 = P(A \cup B) = \underbrace{P((A \cup B) \cap (C \cup D))}_{0.45} + \underbrace{P((A \cup B) \cap (C \cup D)^c)}_{0.25}$$

we know that

$$\underbrace{P((C \cup D)^c)}_{0.2} \geq \underbrace{P((A \cap B) \cap (C \cup D)^c)}_{0.25}$$

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# QUIZ Q4

If " $P(A|B) < P(A)$ ".

- $P(A) < P(B)$
- $P(O) < P(A)$
- $P(A) \overset{>}{\cancel{>}} P(A \cap B)$  ✗
- $P(A|B) \overset{<}{\cancel{<}} P(A \cap B)$
- $P(B|A) < P(B)$ .

1 person takes EC400  
Hate stats

A : Hate stats

B : Take EC400

$\Omega$  : All LSE students.

→ : " $P(\text{Hate stats} | \text{Take EC400}) < P(\text{Hate stats})$ "

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

$$E(y|x) \sim x'\beta$$

$$\cancel{P(A \cap B) = P(A|B)P(B)} \rightarrow \cancel{P(B|A)P(A)}$$

Suppose:

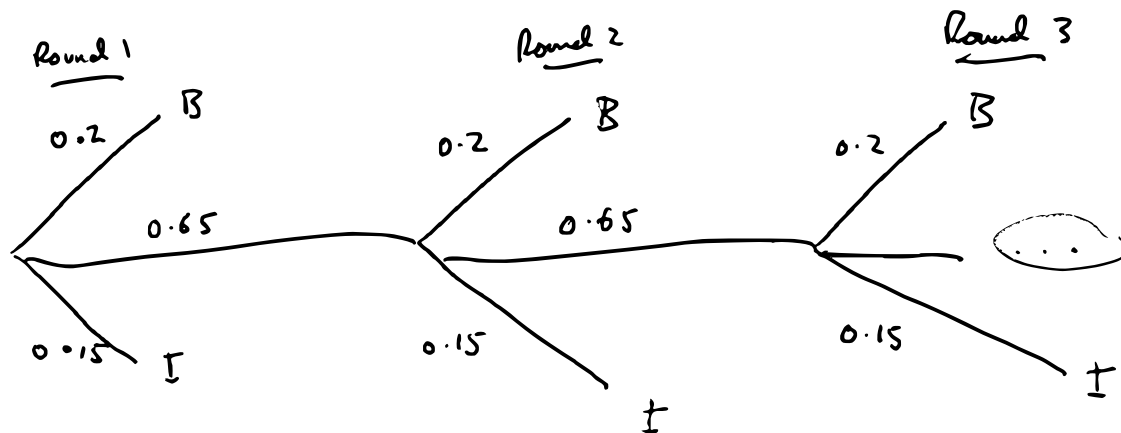
$$\underline{P(A|B) < P(A)}$$

$$\frac{P(B|A)P(A)}{\uparrow P(B)} < \cancel{P(A)} \Rightarrow P(B|A) < P(B) \quad \square$$

Bayes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 P(B|A) & = & \frac{P(A|B)}{P(A)} \cdot P(B) \\
 \uparrow & & \uparrow \\
 \text{posterior} & & \text{prior} \\
 & \uparrow & \\
 & > 1 & 
 \end{array}$$

## QUIZ 6



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

$$P(B \text{ score}) = 0.8$$

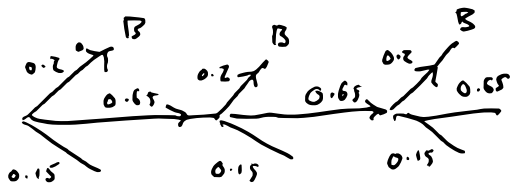
$$P(I \text{ score}) = 0.75$$

$$P(B \text{ score and } I \text{ don't}) = P(B \text{ score}) \times P(I \text{ don't})$$

$$= 0.8 \times 0.25$$

$$= 0.2$$

$$P(I \text{ score}; B \text{ don't}) = 0.75 \times 0.2 = 0.15$$



$$P(\text{Brazil win}) = 0.2 + (0.65 \times 0.2) + (0.65^2 \times 0.2) + \dots$$

$\underbrace{0.2}_{P(\text{win in round 1})} + \underbrace{(0.65 \times 0.2)}_{P(\text{win in round 2})} + \underbrace{(0.65^2 \times 0.2)}_{P(\text{win in round 3})} + \dots$

$$+ (0.65^3 \times 0.2) \dots$$

$$P(\text{win in round 4})$$

"need"

$$|r| < 1$$

Geometric series:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} a = 0.2 \\ r = 0.65 \end{array} \right\}$$

$$P(\text{Brazil win}) = 0.2 + (0.2 \times 0.65) + (0.2 \times 0.65^2) + \dots$$

$$a + ar + ar^2 + ar^3 + \dots$$

FOR INDEPENDENT & M.E.

EVEN

"A and B"  $P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B)$

"A or B"  $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B)$

So loosely

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \text{AND} & = \times \\ \text{OR} & = + \end{array} \right.$$

$$P(\text{Brazil win}) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} ar^n \quad \text{where } a = 0.2$$

$$r = 0.65$$

$$= \frac{a}{1-r} = \frac{0.2}{1-0.65} = \frac{4}{7} \quad \square$$

WHY CARE ABOUT PROBABILITY?

$$\bullet \quad \underline{y_i = x_i' \beta + \epsilon_i} \quad \mathbb{E} \quad x_i \epsilon_i = 0 \quad \left] \rightarrow \text{RESTRICTION ON PDF OF } (x_i, y_i)\right.$$

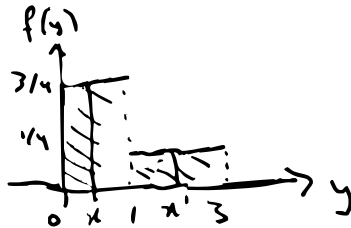
• So is econ. model:

$$\text{eg } GDP_i = f(\text{Inf}, \text{Unemp}, \dots) \rightarrow \text{random } \epsilon.$$

• Aim: To test theories by looking at reduced form  
(fewer assumptions)

• Point of formalism: prove when <sup>estimators</sup> works well or badly

$$1i) \quad f(y) = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} 3/4 & 0 \leq y \leq 1 \\ 1/4 & 1 \leq y \leq 3 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{array} \right.$$



$$F(y) = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} 0 & y < 0 \\ \frac{3}{4} \cdot y & 0 \leq y \leq 1 \\ \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4}y & 1 \leq y \leq 3 \\ 1 & y > 3 \end{array} \right.$$

↑  
 $P(Y \leq y)$

PLOT FUNCTIONS

$$\int_0^x f(y) dy = \int_0^x \frac{3}{4} dy = \frac{3}{4}x$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{3}{4} + \int_1^x \frac{1}{4} dy &= \frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{4}x - \frac{1}{4} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4}x \end{aligned}$$



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a)  $f(x) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^x$  for  $x = 1, 2, 3, \dots$  0 elsewhere.

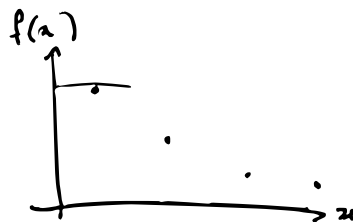
$\uparrow$   
 $P(X=x)$

DISCRETE

$$P(X=1) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$P(X=2) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$P(X=3) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 = \frac{1}{8}$$



consider  $n$ .  $P(X=n+1) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n+1} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n \cdot \frac{1}{2} < \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n = P(X=n)$

b)  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2} x^2 e^{-x} \quad x > 0 \quad 0 \text{ check.}$

$\rightarrow \max_x \left( \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} x^2}_u \underbrace{(e^{-x})}_v \right)$

Product rule:  $(uv)' = uv' + u'v$

Foc:  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} : \frac{1}{2} x^2 (-e^{-x}) + x e^{-x}$

$= \frac{1}{2} \cancel{e^{-x}} (2x - x^2) = 0$

$2x - x^2 = 0$

$x(2-x) = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0$

$x = 2$

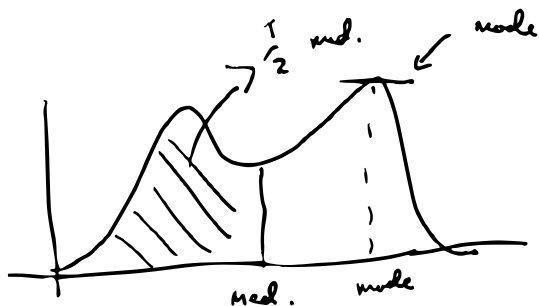
Soc:  $\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} : x(-e^{-x}) + \frac{1}{2} x^2 e^{-x} + e^{-x} - x e^{-x}$

$= e^{-x} [-x + \frac{1}{2} x^2 + 1 - x]$

$= \frac{1}{2} e^{-x} [x^2 - 4x + 2] = \cancel{\text{negative}}$



4a)



$$f(x) = \frac{4!}{x!(4-x)!} \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^x \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^{4-x} \quad x = 0, 1, \dots, 4 \quad 0 \text{ inclusive.}$$

$\uparrow$   
 $\binom{4}{x} \quad 4C_x$

$$f(0) = \binom{4}{0} \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^0 \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^{4-0} = \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^4 \approx \frac{81}{256} < \frac{1}{2}$$

$$f(1) = \binom{4}{1} \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^1 \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^3 = \frac{108}{256} \quad f(0) + f(1) = \frac{81}{256} + \frac{108}{256} = \frac{189}{256} > \frac{1}{2}$$

$$P(X \leq 0) = f(0) \quad P(X \leq 1) = f(0) + f(1)$$

$$P(X \leq 0) \leq \frac{1}{2} \leq P(X \leq 1)$$

$$\underline{\text{med} = 1}$$

$$P(X \leq 0) = P(X < 1) = \frac{91}{256} < \frac{1}{2}$$

$$P(X \leq 1) = \frac{191}{256} > \frac{1}{2}$$

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