

DS2500 Day 18 Mar 20

Admin:

- submitting data & analysis plan
- April 4th and 7th
 - Project meetings with Prof Higger
 - sign up link available on course schedule
 - 1 student per team sign up (share the link within team please)
 - no classes will be held (to allow time to meet)

Part 1: Bayes Rule

- basic probability (review)
- binary problems (review)
- bayes rule & independence

(Part 2 of today's notes has its own content table of contents too)

PROBABILITY (NOTATION + DEFINITIONS)

LET X BE A RANDOM VARIABLE REPRESENTING
OUTCOME OF FAIR 6 SIDED DIE ROLL

" $X = x_1$ " \leftrightarrow "DIE ROLL WAS 1"

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CAPITAL \rightarrow RANDOM
VARIABLE

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LOWERCASE w/ SUBSCRIPT
 \rightarrow PARTICULAR OUTCOME

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OUTCOME OF FAIR 6 SIDED DIE ROLL

" $P(X = x_1)$ " \leftrightarrow "PROBABILITY THAT DIE OUTCOME
IS 1"

SHORTHAND

WE DROP MENTION OF RANDOM VARIABLE
TO SAVE SPACE

$$P(x_0) = P(X = x_0)$$

PROBABILITY AXIOMS

$$0 \leq P(x_i) \leq 1$$

EACH OUTCOME PROB IS
BETWEEN 0 AND 1

$$\sum_i P(x_i) = 1$$

SUM OF PROBABILITY OF
ALL OUTCOMES IS 1

Conditional Probability (motivation)

Let $C=1$ indicate the event that a person has covid ($C=0$ otherwise)

Let $A=1$ indicate the event that an antigen test is positive ($A=0$ otherwise)

Let us discuss (and express) the following probabilities:

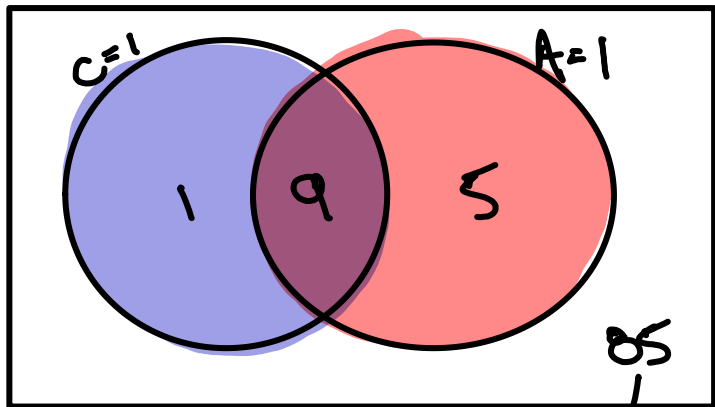
- probability person has a positive antigen test
- probability person has covid and a positive antigen test
- probability person has covid given a positive antigen test

A conditional probability gives the probability of one event given that another has occurred.

A conditional probability $P(a|b)$ ignores all states which don't meet a condition

Given the following, estimate

- the prob of covid
- the prob of covid given a positive antigen test



85

85 PEOPLE w/
 $C=0$ $A=0$

CONDITIONAL PROB (ALGEBRAIC DEFINITION)

$$P(a/b) = \frac{P(a \text{ } b)}{P(b)}$$

PROB a HAPPENS
GIVEN CONDITION b

PROB a b HAPPEN
TOGETHER

PROB b HAPPENS

CONDITIONAL PROB (ALGEBRAIC DEFINITION)

$$P(a|b) = \frac{P(a \text{ } b)}{P(b)}$$



$$P(a|b)P(b) = P(a \text{ } b)$$

Takeaway above:

Multiplying

- a conditional probability
- the probability of condition

Will yield

- prob both outcomes happen together

BAYES RULE (GLORIFIED CONDITIONAL PROBABILITY)

SEE PREVIOUS "TAKEAWAY"

$$P(a|b)P(b) = P(ab) = P(b|a)P(a)$$

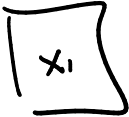
$$\Rightarrow P(a|b) = \frac{P(b|a)P(a)}{P(b)}$$

Notice: this formula "swaps" the order of the conditioning: $P(A|B)$ on left $P(B|A)$ on right
Its typical in a Bayes question to be given variables in one order while question asks for other.

MARGINALIZING

(ADDING / REMOVING A
RANDOM VARIABLE
FROM PROB)

B=1 SHAPE IS BLUE
C=1 SHAPE IS CIRCLE

	
B=0	
B=1	
C=0	
C=1	



$P(B=1)$

Remember: To compute $P(B)$ we can sum $P(B, A)$ for all outcomes in sample space of A

$$P(B=b) = \sum_a P(B=b, A=a)$$

A HELPFUL MANIPULATION

MARGINALIZATION

$$P(b) = \sum_a P(a, b)$$

CONDITIONAL PROB DEFINITION

$$= \sum_a P(b|a) P(a)$$

WHY WAS THAT HELPFUL?

BAYES RULE 1

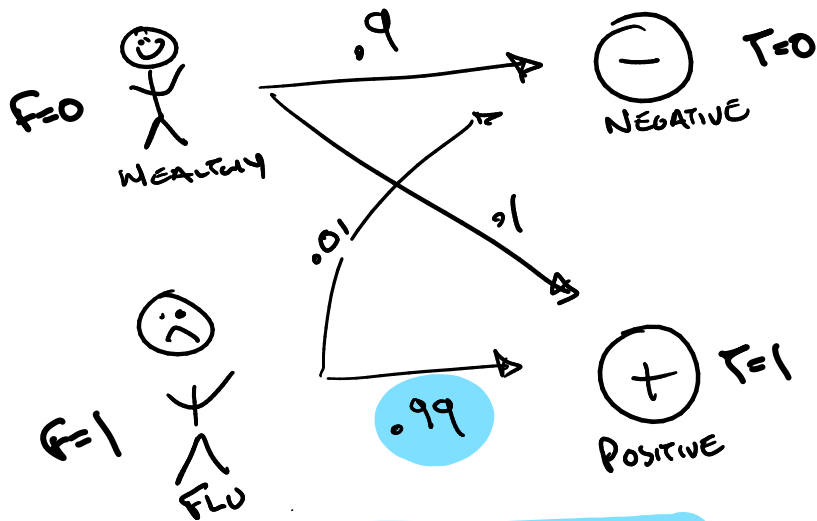
$$P(a|b) = \frac{P(b|a)P(a)}{P(b)}$$

BAYES RULE 2

$$P(a|b) = \frac{P(b|a)P(a)}{\sum_i P(b|a_i)P(a_i)}$$

BAYES RULE Ex

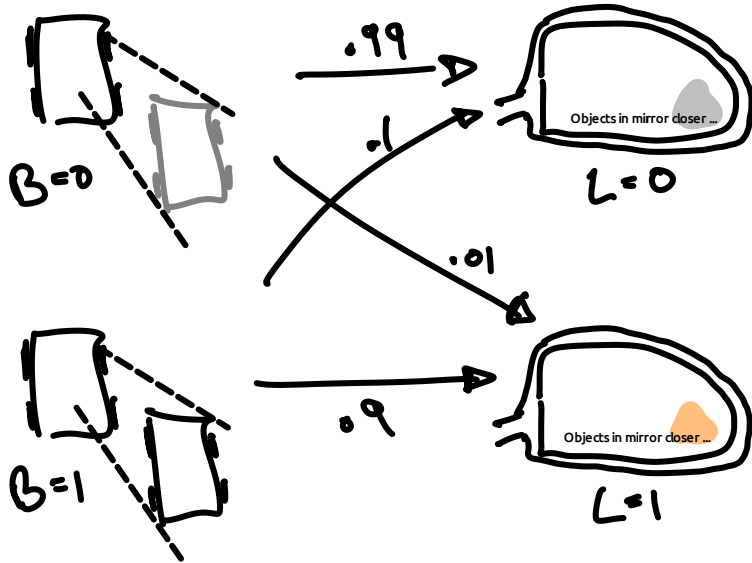
Given flu occurs in .04 of population, what is the probability one has flu given they test positive?



$$P(T=1|F=1) = .99$$

In Class Assignment 1

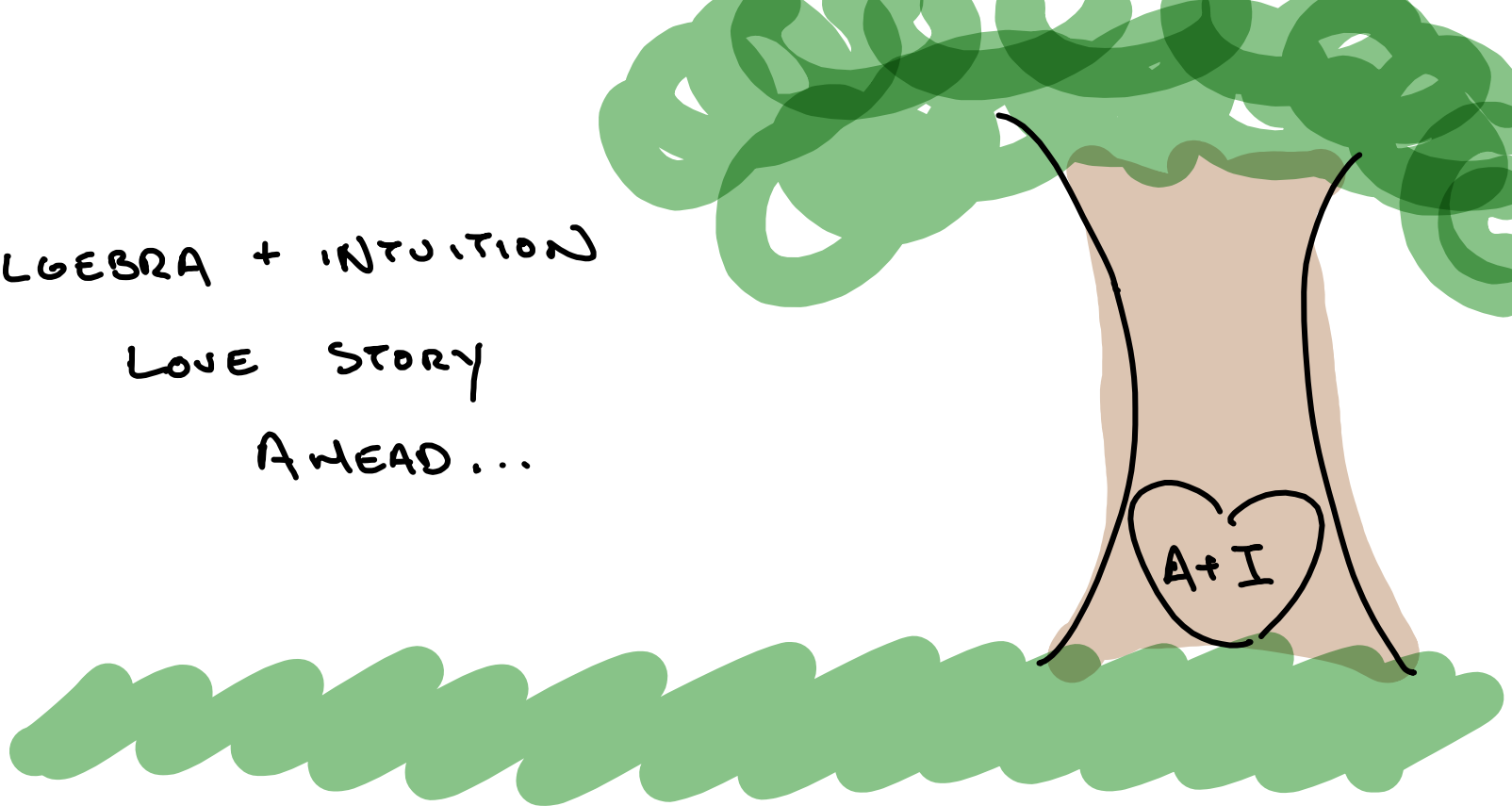
A blind spot monitor produces a warning light ($L=1$) when it estimates that a car is in one's blind spot ($B=1$). Given that the light is off, what's the probability that a car is one's blind spot? (Assume that a car is in your blindspot .02 percent of the time while driving.)



ALGEBRA + INTUITION

LOVE STORY

AHEAD...



INDEPENDENCE + CONDITIONAL PROB

INDEPENDENCE

INTUITION:

Random variables x, y are independent if observing any outcome of one doesn't impact our beliefs about the other.

ALGEBRA:

FOR EACH OUTCOME PAIR x, y

$$P(X=x, Y=y) = P(X=x) P(Y=y)$$

Bayes Rule shows the equivalence of the algebraic and intuitive definitions above!

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$$P(X|Y) = \frac{P(X, Y)}{P(Y)} = \frac{P(X)P(Y)}{P(Y)} = P(X)$$

Notice that $P(X|Y) = P(X)$. Observing Y has no impact on the prob of X !