

Bayesian Statistics (Basic) Cheat Sheet

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Probability

→ joint probability

$$\mathbb{P}(A = a_1, B = b_1)$$

→ conditional probability

$$\mathbb{P}(A = a_1 | B = b_1) = \frac{\mathbb{P}(A = a_1, B = b_1)}{\mathbb{P}(B = b_1)}$$

Independence

→ (absolutely) independent

$$\mathbb{P}(A = a | B = b) = \mathbb{P}(A = a)$$

→ conditionally independent

$$\mathbb{P}(A = a | B = b, C = c) = \mathbb{P}(A = a | C = c)$$

→ absolutely independent **does not imply** conditionally independent.

→ also, conditionally independent **does not imply** absolutely independent.

Bayes Theorem

→ Formula for 1 dependent variable:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}(A = a_1 | B = b_1) &= \frac{\mathbb{P}(A = a_1, B = b_1)}{\mathbb{P}(B = b_1)} \\ &= \frac{\mathbb{P}(A = a_1) \times \mathbb{P}(B = b_1 | A = a_1)}{\mathbb{P}(B = b_1)} \end{aligned}$$

- $\mathbb{P}(A = a_1)$ is called the **prior** probability
- $\mathbb{P}(B = b_1 | A = a_1)$ is called the **likelihood**
- $\mathbb{P}(B = b_1)$ is called the **evidence**
- $\mathbb{P}(A = a_1 | B = b_1)$ is called the **posterior** probability

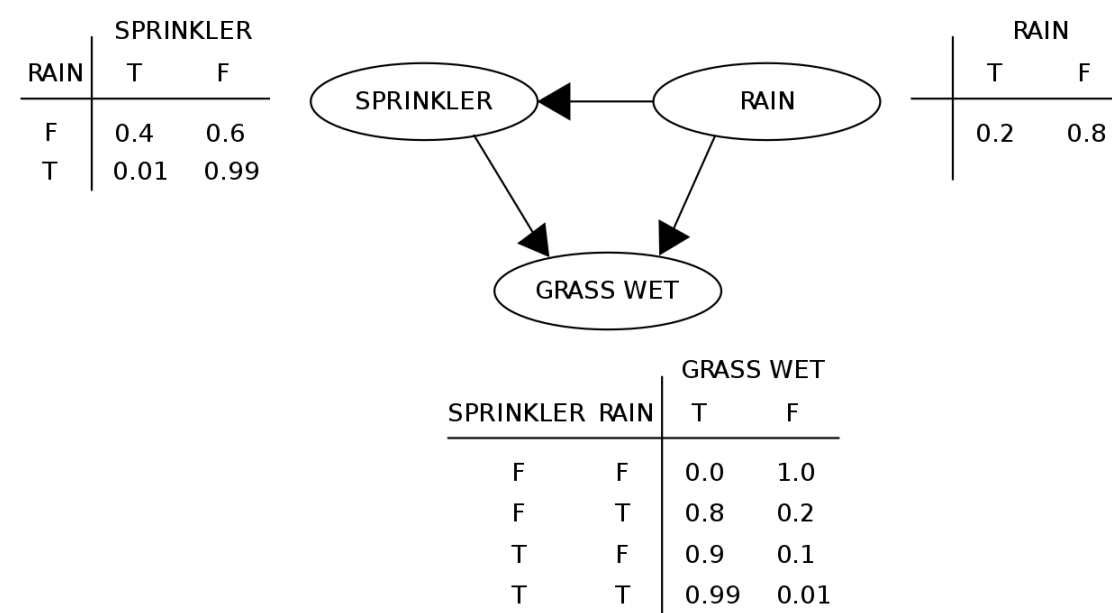
→ The case for two dependent variables:

$$\mathbb{P}(A = a_1 | B = b_1, C = c_1) = \frac{\mathbb{P}(A = a_1 | C = c_1) \times \mathbb{P}(B = b_1 | A = a_1, C = c_1)}{\mathbb{P}(B = b_1 | C = c_1)}$$

Bayes Network (or Graphical Model)

→ A directed acyclic graph (DAG)

- nodes: variables
- edges: dependencies



(source: wikipedia)

→ determining independence:
d-separation method

- draw the ancestral graph
- connect parents of joint child
- remove directions
- remove given variables
- path → dependence

Posterior Distrubution Inference

- Enumeration
- Elimination
- Sampling (*conditional prob* → *prob*)
 - Rejection Sampling
 - Gibbs Sampling
 - Metropolis-Hasting Sampling

Conjugate Prior

→ An Example:

likelihood function: **Binomial**(N, p)

prior p : **Beta**(α, β)

posterior $p|X$: **Beta**($\alpha+x, \beta+(n-x)$)

→ If likelihood function is discrete:

Likelihood distribution	Conjugate prior
Binomial	Beta
Poisson	Gamma
Geometric	Gamma
Multinomial	Dirichlet

→ If likelihood function is continuous:

Likelihood distribution	Conjugate prior
Uniform	Pareto
Exponential	Gamma
Normal distribution, known σ^2	Normal distribution
Normal distribution, known μ	Inverse Gamma

Common Bayesian ML Models

- Naive Bayes
- [Bayesian Linear Regression](#)
- [Bayesian Logistic Regression](#)
- Gaussian Mixture Model (or Bayesian K-mean)
- [Latent Dirichlet Allocation](#) (topic model)