

# Probabilities Intro.

requires uniform prob ad space

- spaces, events, uniform prob.

$$\Rightarrow \text{prob} = \frac{\text{count favorable}}{\text{count all}}$$

(informal)

Count numerator  
Count denominator

Count favorable  
Count all

- random variables, joint, condition

$\Rightarrow$  not simple counts + fractions

functions (R.V) like expectation, variance, entropy

- non-uniform distributions

"prob  $\neq$  Numerator/denominator"

doesn't work

Probability • random experiment  $\Rightarrow$  outcome

set of outcomes

$\Omega$

outcome  $w \in \Omega$

Event: subset  $E \subset \Omega$

$E$  outcomes "favorable"

probab = measure

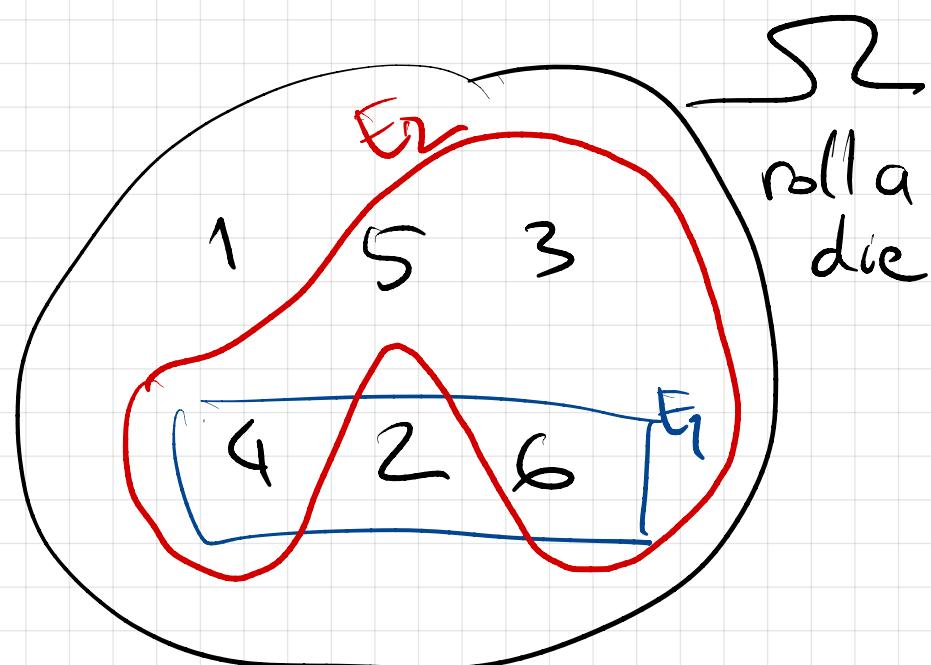
$P(\text{outcome}) \in \mathbb{R}^+$

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

Total

$$\sum_{w \in \Omega} P(w) = 1$$

$$\text{Uniform } P(w) = \frac{1}{|\Omega|}$$



$E_1$ : even outcome  $= \{2, 4, 6\}$

$E_2$ : outcome  $\geq 3 = \{3, 4, 5, 6\}$

$$P(E_1) = \sum_{w \in E_1} P(w)$$

$$\text{Uniform } P \Rightarrow P(E_1) = \frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2}$$

2 fair die roll

$$\Omega = \{(1,1), (1,2), \dots, (1,6)$$

$$(2,1), (2,2), \dots, (2,6)$$

$$\vdots$$

$$(6,1), (6,2), \dots, (6,6)\}$$

$$|\Omega| = 36$$

$E = \text{sum of } 7$

$$= \{(1,6), (2,5), \dots, (6,1)\}$$

$$P(E) = 6/36 = 1/6$$

$$|E| = 6$$

$E_2 = \text{sum} > 8$

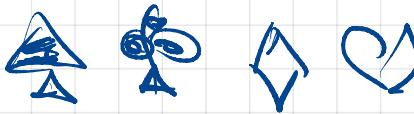
$$= 9 \text{ or } 10, 11, 12$$

36	46	56	66
45	55	65	
54	64		
63			

$$P(E_2) = \frac{10}{36}$$

deck of cards

& suits



values

2, 3, 4, ..., 10, J, Q, K, A

random exp : pick a card

$$E_1 = \text{face card} = \frac{16}{52}$$

2 suits

vals

faces

$$E_2 = \text{value red between 2 and 10} = \frac{9+9}{52}$$

9 + 9

15 red balls to blue balls in urn.

-draw 1 at random

$$P(\text{red}) = \frac{15}{25}$$

-draw 3 at once (without repetition)

$$P(3 \text{ reds}) = \frac{\binom{15}{3} \text{ favorable possib}}{\binom{25}{3} \text{ all possib of 3 out of 25}}$$

-draw 3 with replacement

$$P(3 \text{ reds}) = \frac{15^3 \rightarrow \text{all red possib with rep.}}{25^3 \rightarrow \text{all possib w/ repeat}}$$

# Lecture 12 ?

Random Variables

Conditional probability ; joint probability

Bayes Theorem

Expectation

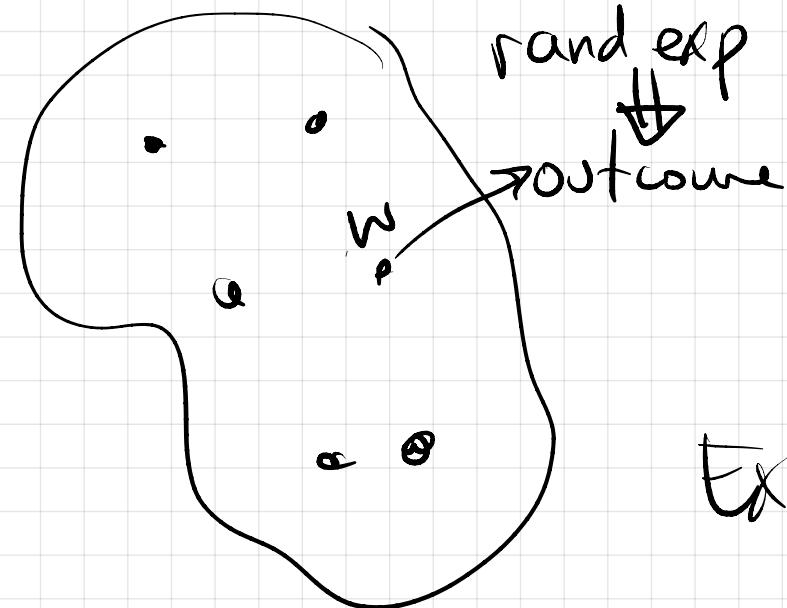
Before

prob =  $\frac{\text{count favorable}}{\text{count total}}$

= arith average

Random Variables = variables with a set of possible values (We are not sure)  
 $X, A, B, Y, Z, \dots$  each value has a probability

$\Omega = \text{space}$



(≈ chance of happening)

⇒ distribution of possible values.

$X = \text{R.V.}$

$X = \text{function of outcome}$

Ex: rand exp	outcome	$X$
pick a student	the student	age (student)

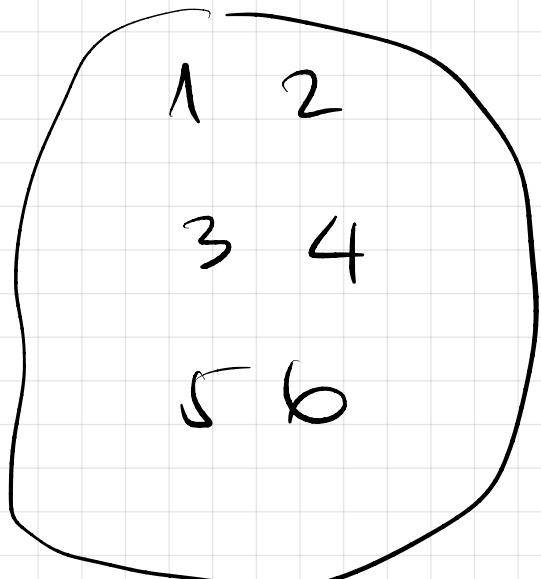
pick 3 cards

3 cards Sum(values cards)

flip coin  
 $n=100$  times

flip coins  
ex: HTHHTH... # of Heads

Roll a die



$E_1 = \text{outcome is even}$

$$X(\text{outcome}) = \frac{\text{even}}{\text{odd}}$$

prob =  $\frac{1}{2}$   
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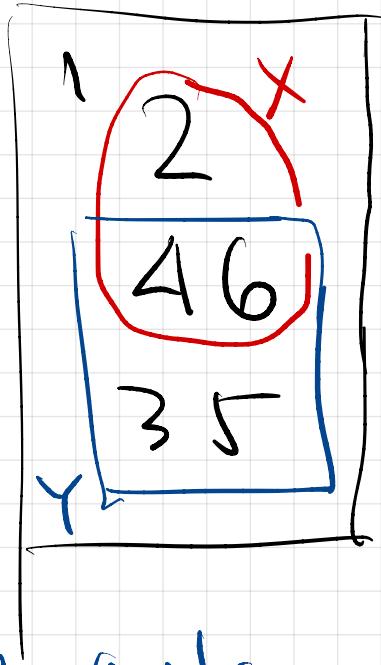
2 R.V. on same space  $\equiv$  2 properties  
of functions (outcomes)

maybe  
 $\equiv$  2 events

generating process (experiment or sampling)  
 $\Rightarrow$  outcomes

look at outcome through R.V.

roll a die ( $R.V \cong$  events)



$X$ : outcome is even?

	$T$	$\frac{1}{2}$
	$F$	$\frac{1}{2}$

$Y$ : outcome  $\geq 3$

	$T$	$\frac{4}{6}$
	$F$	$\frac{2}{6}$

$X, Y$  R.V. binary

# Outcomes as  $X, Y$  properties/values  $\Rightarrow$  joint table

$X$  (2 possib)  $\times$   $Y$  (2 possib)  $\Rightarrow$  table  $2 \times 2 = 4$

		$X=T$	$X=F$
$Y=T$	$X=T$	$\frac{1}{6} 2 \left( \begin{smallmatrix} "4" \\ "6" \end{smallmatrix} \right)$	$\frac{1}{6} 2 \left( \begin{smallmatrix} "3" \\ "5" \end{smallmatrix} \right)$
	$X=F$	$\frac{1}{6} 1 \left( \begin{smallmatrix} "2" \end{smallmatrix} \right)$	$\frac{1}{6} 1 \left( \begin{smallmatrix} "1" \end{smallmatrix} \right)$

$$\text{prob}(X=T \wedge Y=T) = \frac{2}{6}$$

$$= \text{prob}(X=T, Y=T) = \frac{2}{6}$$

$$P(X=F, Y=T) = \frac{2}{6}$$

$$P(X=T, Y=F) = \frac{1}{6}$$

## Marginalization

~~FOR~~ Only care about  $Y$ ?

Sum up each row

(summed up by diff  $X$ )

	$X=T$	$X=R$	
$Y=T$	$\frac{1}{6}$ 2 ("4")	$\frac{1}{6}$ 2 ("3")	$\frac{4}{6}$
$Y=F$	$\frac{1}{6}$ 1 ("2")	$\frac{1}{6}$ 1 ("1")	$\frac{2}{6}$
$R \cap X$	$\frac{3}{6}$	$\frac{3}{6}$	

only care about  $X$ ?

• sum up each column (over diff values of  $X$ )

$$P(X=T) = \frac{3}{6}$$

$$P(X=R) = \frac{3}{6}$$

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Joint table  $\equiv$   $\text{prob}(X=\text{val}_x \wedge Y=\text{val}_y)$

chance of  $X=\text{val}_x$  AND  $Y=\text{val}_y$

Probability of  $X=\text{val}_x$  given I know  $Y=\text{val}_y$

ex: prob  $X=T$  given  $Y=F$  not random restriction of space to only  $Y=F$

Joint probability

	$X=T$	$X=F$
$Y=F$	1	1
Condition		

$$P(X=T \mid Y=F) = \frac{1}{2}$$

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

*given  
 $Y=F$*

Conditional probability

$$P(X=T \mid Y=F) = \frac{\text{numerator}}{\text{denominator}} \quad \text{in the cases with } F=F \text{ (row)}$$

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

*Context/  
restriction/constraint*

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

When there is no confusion,  $P(X=T)$  write instead of  $P(X=F)$

$P(X)$  or  $P(T)$

ex :  $X$  binary  $P(X) = P(X=T)$ ;  $P(X) = P(T) = P(X=F)$

ex  $X$  color  $\in \{ \text{Red, Blue, Green} \}$   $P(\text{red}) = P(X=\text{red})$

$X=T$  given



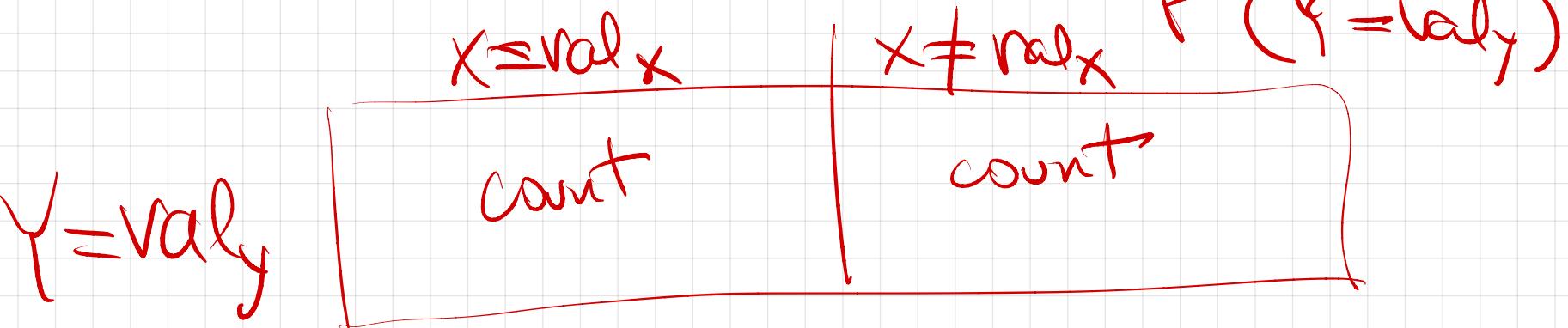
$$P(X|Y) = \frac{P(X, Y)}{P(Y)} = \frac{P(X=T \text{ and } Y=T)}{P(Y=T)}$$

general  $X, Y$  R.V true always

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

$\nabla \text{var}_X$   $\nabla \text{var}_Y$   
 $E_{\text{var}_X}$   $E_{\text{var}_Y}$

$$P(X=\text{val}_x | Y=\text{val}_y) = \frac{P(X=\text{val}_x \text{ AND } Y=\text{val}_y)}{P(Y=\text{val}_y)}$$



example 2 100 objects

$$X = \text{color} \in \{R, B, G\}$$

$$Y = \text{shape} \in \{\square, O\}$$

joint table  $2 \times 3$

		R	B	G	
		$\frac{25}{100}$	$\frac{10}{100}$	$\frac{21}{100}$	$0.56$
D	O	$\frac{17}{100}$	$\frac{4}{100}$	$\frac{23}{100}$	$0.44$
	S	$\frac{7}{100}$	$\frac{1}{100}$	$\frac{4}{100}$	$0.14$
		$0.42$			$P(X)$ distribution

there are 25 objects Red  $\square$

$.25 + .10 + .21 + .17 + .04 + .23 = 1$

conditioned  $P(Y=O | X=R) = P(O|R)$

$$= \frac{P(Y=O, X=R)}{P(X=R)} = \frac{P(O, R)}{P(R)} = \frac{25}{42}$$

$$= \frac{P(\square, R)}{P(\square, R) + P(O, R)} = \frac{25}{25+17}$$

conditional  $P(X=\text{Red} | Y=\square) = P(\text{Red} | \square) =$

look at first row  $\rightarrow$  corresponds to all  $\square$

$Y = \square$	$X = R$	$X = B$	$X = G$	Total
	25	10	21	56

$$P(\text{red} | \square) = \frac{P(\text{red}, \square)}{P(\square)} = \frac{25}{56}$$

$$= \frac{P(\text{red}, \square)}{P(\square, \text{red}) + P(\square, \text{Blue}) + P(\square, \text{Green})} = \frac{25}{25+10+21}$$

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

Bayes theorem

allows cond. prob calculation

by inverting conditionals

$$P(X|Y) = P(X|Y) \cdot P(Y)$$

$$P(Y|X) = P(Y|X) \cdot P(X)$$

$$P(X|Y) \cdot P(Y) = P(Y|X) \cdot P(X)$$

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

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

$$P(Y|X) = P(Y)$$

definition  $X|Y$  independent if  $P(X|Y) = P(X)$

"Knowing  $Y$  does not influence distribution of  $X"$

Property

If  $X, Y$  independent  $\Leftrightarrow$   cell joint rate = product of marginals

joint  $P(X, Y)$  =  $\overset{\text{cell}}{P(X, Y)}$   $\overset{\text{marginals}}{= P(X) \cdot P(Y)}$

$$P(X=val_X \text{ and } Y=val_Y) = P(X=val_X) \cdot P(Y=val_Y)$$

2 dice      6-faces      1: 6 uniform D6

20-faces      1: 20 uniform D20

pick one of them at random  
roll  $\Rightarrow 5$

before outcome  
 $P(D6) = \frac{1}{2}$

Prob (picked D6) = ?      after we see outcome

$D = \text{which die}$        $\xrightarrow{6}$   
 $\xrightarrow{20}$

$E = \text{outcome}$        $\xrightarrow{5}$   
 $\xrightarrow{\text{not } 5}$

Bayes Th

$$P(5 | D_6) \cdot P(D_6)$$

$$\text{Prob}(D=D_6 | E=5) = \frac{P(5 | D_6) \cdot P(D_6)}{P(5)}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{2}}{P(5, D_6) + P(5, D_{20})} = \frac{\frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{2}}{\frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot P(5 | D_6) \cdot P(D_6) + \frac{1}{20} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot P(5 | D_{20}) \cdot P(D_{20})}$$

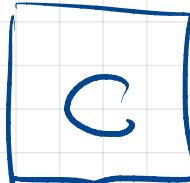
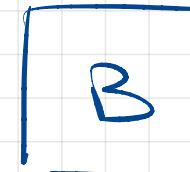
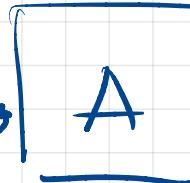
# Monty Hall

3 doors one with treasure.

You pick randomly (Door open)

door A

choose



MH opens at random  $\rightarrow$  door B  
 — not the one picked A  
 — not the one with treasure

MH open

Choice: T=treasure O=open MH

stick with A:  $P(T=A | O=B) = \frac{P(O=B | T=A) \cdot P(T=A)}{P(O=B)} = \frac{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{3}}{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{3}$

switch to C:  $P(T=C | O=B) = \frac{P(O=B | T=C) \cdot P(T=C)}{P(O=B)} = \frac{\frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{3}}{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{3}$

$$P(T=C | O=B) + P(T=A | O=B) = 1 \Rightarrow P(O=B) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$P(T=C | O=B) = \frac{1}{3} \quad P(T=A | O=B) = \frac{1}{3}$$

## virus

test for virus not perfect "false positives"

$$P(V) = P(\text{virus}) = P(\text{infected with virus}) = \frac{1}{10^4}$$

$$P(\text{pos test} \mid \text{virus infection}) = P(T \mid V) = \frac{99}{100}$$

$$P(\text{pos test} \mid \text{no virus}) = P(T \mid \bar{V}) = \frac{1}{1000}$$

false positive

if test = pos, chance of being infected?

$$P(V \mid T) = ? = \frac{P(+ \mid V) \cdot P(V)}{P(T)} = \frac{\frac{99}{100} \cdot \frac{1}{10000}}{\frac{99}{100}} = \frac{1}{10000}$$

$$\frac{P(T \mid V) \cdot P(V) + P(T \mid \bar{V}) \cdot P(\bar{V})}{\frac{99}{100} + \frac{1}{10000} \cdot (1 - \frac{1}{10000})} = \frac{\frac{99}{100} \cdot \frac{1}{10000} + \frac{1}{10000} \cdot \left(1 - \frac{1}{10000}\right)}{\frac{99}{100} + \frac{1}{10000} \cdot \left(1 - \frac{1}{10000}\right)}$$

cabs 60% white 40% yellow

accident; witness says "cab was yellow"

witness tells truth 80%; lies 20% indep of cab color

Q: What prob(cab = yellow) = ?

R.V. cab color: Y vs  $\bar{Y}$

Second RV: A. GOOD  
witness says cab = yellow

$\bar{A}$ : match says cab = white  $\rightarrow$  cab is yellow

$$P(Y | A) = \frac{P(A|Y) \cdot P(Y)}{P(A)}$$

$$80\% \cdot 40\%$$

$$0.8 \times 0.4$$

= lies

$$\text{marginal } P(A|Y) + P(\bar{A}|\bar{Y}) = \frac{P(A|Y) \cdot P(Y) + P(\bar{A}|\bar{Y}) \cdot P(\bar{Y})}{P(Y) + P(\bar{Y})}$$

Second RV - NO GOOD  
witness tells Truth w/ lies  $\frac{w}{w}$

$$= \frac{0.8 \times 0.4}{0.8 \times 0.4 + 0.2 \times 0.6} \rightarrow \text{cab is white}$$

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

Out of "Y possib" (restricted)  
 $P(A|Y)$  = the ones with A

Cond = Joint  
Marginal

Alien Planet 3 Parties Red Blue Purple  
 4 states E W N S

## Exercise

each region elects 2 senators

at random (from that region)

	Red	Blue	Purple	
E	12	20	8	
W	16	14	18	
N	9	18	14	
S	22	10	12	

Hints  $X = \text{Region} \setminus \{N, S, W, E\}$

$Y = \text{party} \setminus \{R, B, P\}$

$G = \text{elected (senator)} \setminus \{\text{N, F}\}$

Task: if we meet a purple elected senator,  
 what is chance its from  
 S region?

$$P(X=S | Y=P, G=T)$$

$$P(S | P, G) =$$

$$= \frac{\text{Prob}(P, G | S) \cdot P(S)}{P(P, G)}$$

Birthday paradox       $n = 244$  people  
 probab different bdays?  
 "no collisions"

probab no collisions      product rule

$$1 \times \frac{364}{365} \times \frac{363}{365} \times \dots \times \frac{366-n}{365}$$

preview

$$1+x \approx e^x \quad x \text{ close to 0}$$

$$\times \frac{366-n}{366}$$

$$= \left(1 - \frac{0}{365}\right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{365}\right) \dots \left(1 - \frac{n-1}{365}\right)$$

$$\approx e^{-0} \cdot e^{-1/365} \cdot e^{-1/365} \cdots e^{-(n-1)/365}$$

$$= e^{-(0+1+2+\dots+(n-1))/365}$$

$$= e^{-\frac{n(n-1)}{2}/365}$$

$$\approx 0.5 \quad (n=244)$$