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this time: probability

* HW 2 due by

AMS 7

11:59 pm on

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next time: inference

Fri 4 May 18

The Meaning of Probability

Pascal/Fermot
(1660)

• frequentist approach (relative frequency): attention is restricted to phenomena that are repeatable under identical conditions w/ independent trials

$P(A)$: long-run relative frequency

Thomas Bayes
(~1700 → ~1760)

• Bayesian approach: A can be any (true/false) proposition

$P(A)$: numerical measure of the weight of evidence in favor of the statement that A is true

Equally Likely Model (ELM)

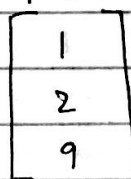
if all outcomes are equally likely,

$$P(A) = \frac{\text{number of outcomes favorable to A}}{\text{total number of possible outcomes}}$$

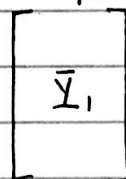
population

sample

ELM?



at
random →



$n=1$

Yes, because sampling was at random

$$P(\bar{Y}_1 \text{ is odd}) = ?$$

(PF)

$$P(\bar{Y}_1 \text{ is odd}) = \frac{2}{3}$$

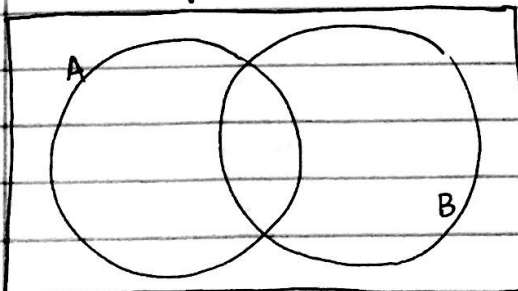
ELM? Yes, so $P(\text{any one of their child is T-S}) = \frac{1}{4} = 25\%$

$P(A)$, $P(\text{not } A)$?

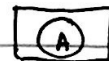
$P(A \text{ or } B)$?

$P(A \text{ and } B)$?

Venn Diagram



$$P(A) = \frac{\text{A}}{\text{1}}$$

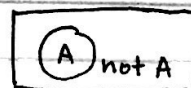


* easy rule: ① for any T/F statement A,

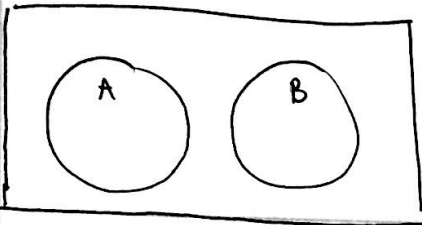
$$0\% = 0 \leq P(A) \leq 1 = 100\%$$

$$\textcircled{2} P(A) + P(\text{not } A) = 1 = 100\%$$

$$P(A) = 1 - P(\text{not } A)$$

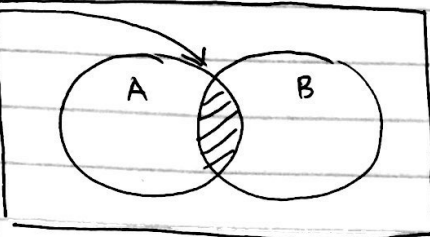


$P(A \text{ or } B)$



for this diagram:
 $P(A \text{ or } B) = P(A) + P(B)$
 addition rule for $\textcircled{\text{or}}$ with mutually exclusive A, B

overlap (A & B)



for this diagram:
 $P(A \text{ or } B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \text{ and } B)$
 general addition rule for $\textcircled{\text{or}}$

$P(A \text{ and } B)$

population

- 1
- 2
- 9

at random

sample

- \bar{Y}_1
- \bar{Y}_2

$n=2$

$P(\bar{Y}_1 = 2 \text{ and } \bar{Y}_2 = 2) = ?$

population

- 1
- 2
- 9

at random with replacement

sample

- \bar{Y}_1
- \bar{Y}_2

$n=2$

IID sampling
 ↳ independent
 identically distributed

$P(\bar{Y}_1 = 2 \text{ and } \bar{Y}_2 = 2) = ?$

	1	2	9
\bar{Y}_1	(1,1)	(1,2)	(1,9)
2	(2,1)	(2,2)	(2,9)
9	(9,1)	(9,2)	(9,9)

ELM? Yes

$P(\bar{Y}_1 = 2 \text{ and } \bar{Y}_2 = 2) = \frac{1}{9} = \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{9}$

$P(\bar{Y}_1 = 2) = \frac{3}{9} = \frac{1}{3}$

$P(\bar{Y}_2 = 2) = \frac{3}{9} = \frac{1}{3}$

$P(1 \text{ or more T-s})$

# T-s babies	IF
0	ELM
1	$P(1 \text{ or more}) = \frac{5}{6}$
2	
3	
4	
5	

not equally likely

conjecture:

$P(A \text{ and } B) = P(A) \cdot P(B)$

pop

- 1
- 2
- 9

at random without replacement

sample

- \bar{Y}_1
- \bar{Y}_2

simple random sampling (SRS)

$P(\bar{Y}_1 = 2 \text{ and } \bar{Y}_2 = 2) = 0 \leftarrow \text{common sense}$

$P(\bar{Y}_1 = 2) = \frac{1}{3}; P(\bar{Y}_2 = 2) = \frac{1}{3}$

SRS

	1	2	9
\bar{Y}_1	X	(1,2)	
2		X	
9		(9,2)	X

ELM? Yes

$P(\bar{Y}_2 = 2) = \frac{2}{6} = \frac{1}{3}$

here $P(\bar{Y}_1 = 2 \text{ and } \bar{Y}_2 = 2) = 0$

but $P(\bar{Y}_1 = 2) \cdot P(\bar{Y}_2 = 2) = \frac{1}{9} \neq 0$

next time:
 Conditional Probability