

MATH 425

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Example: If I have <sup>exactly</sup> two children, one is a boy who was born on a wednesday, what is the probability I have two boys.

Solution:  $S = \{b,g\} \times \underbrace{\{1, 2, \dots, 7\}}_{|S| = 49 \cdot 4} \times \underbrace{\{b,g\} \times \{1, \dots, 7\}}_{\text{child 2}}$

$C = \text{one of the children is a boy born on a wednesday}$

$$|C| = \left| \begin{array}{l} \text{child 1 is a boy} \\ \text{born on Wednesday} \end{array} \right| + \left| \begin{array}{l} \text{child 2 is a} \\ \text{boy born on Wed.} \end{array} \right|$$

$$- \left| \begin{array}{l} \text{child 1 \& 2 are boys} \\ \text{born on Wed.} \end{array} \right| = (4 + 4 - 1) = 7$$

$E$  = both children are boys

$$|E \cap C| = \left| \begin{array}{l} \text{both boys,} \\ \text{child 1 on Wed} \end{array} \right| + \left| \begin{array}{l} \text{both boys} \\ \text{child 2 on Wed} \end{array} \right|$$

$$- \left| \begin{array}{l} \text{both boys} \\ \text{child 1 \& 2 on Wed} \end{array} \right| = 7 + 7 - 1 = 13$$

Answer:

$$\boxed{\frac{13}{27}}$$

Odds: The odds of an event is

$$\frac{P(A)}{P(A^c)} = \frac{P(A)}{1 - P(A)} \in [0, \infty]$$

$\frac{x}{1-x}$  is a bijective map from  $[0, 1]$   
to  $[0, \infty]$

$$\boxed{\frac{x}{1-x} = z}$$

$$x = z(1-x)$$

$$x = z - zx$$

$$x + z x = z$$

$$x(1+z) = z$$

$$x = \frac{z}{1+z}$$

Example: If the odds are 3:2 that

Michigan will beat Ohio State, what  
is the probability Michigan will win that  
game.

Solution:  $P = \frac{z}{1+z} = \frac{\frac{3}{2}}{1 + \frac{3}{2}} = \frac{\frac{3}{2}}{\frac{5}{2}} = \frac{3}{5}$

Example: 5 strands of DNA left by the  
perpetrator

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An innocent person has the  
probability  $10^{-5}$  of matching

$10^6$  residents Assume a resident committed the crime.

$10^4$  ex-convicts probability  $\alpha$  of having  
committed the crime

non-ex-convict have probability  $\beta$ .

$$10^6 - 10^4 \uparrow$$

$$\alpha = c\beta$$

A.J. Jones is an ex-convict, has DNA matches.

What is the probability,  $\lambda$ ,  
the  $\alpha, \beta$  numbers are  
assumed to be  
correct that A.J. Jones is guilty?

Solution:  $\lambda = 10^4 \alpha + (10^6 - 10^4) \beta$

$$\beta = \frac{1 - 10^4 \alpha}{10^6 - 10^4}.$$

G = A.J. Jones is guilty

M = A.J. Jones was the only ex-con. whose DNA  
matched.

$$P(G|M) = \frac{P(G \cap M)}{P(M)} = \frac{P(G) P(M|G)}{P(M|G) P(G) + P(M|G^c) P(G^c)}$$

If zones in guilty

$$P(M|G) = (1 - 10^{-5})^{9999}$$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad P(\text{all others ex-cons} | G^c) = \frac{P(\text{all ex-cons. innocent})}{P(G^c)} =$$

$$= \frac{1 - 10^4 \alpha}{1 - \alpha}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad P\left(\begin{array}{l} \text{no other} \\ \text{ex-cons matched} \end{array} \middle| \begin{array}{l} \text{all other} \\ \text{ex-cons} \\ \text{are innocent} \end{array}\right) = (1 - 10^{-5})^{9999}$$

$$P(n | G^c) = 10^{-5} \cdot \textcircled{1} \cdot \textcircled{2} = 10^{-5} \left( \frac{1 - 10^4 \alpha}{1 - \alpha} \right) (1 - 10^{-5})^{9999}$$

↑  
Jones matched

$$P(G) = \alpha$$

$$P(a | n) = \frac{P(G) P(n | G)}{P(M | G) P(G) + P(n | G^c) P(G^c)}$$

$$= \frac{x \cdot (1 - 10^{-5})^{9999}}{[(1 - 10^{-5})^{9999}x + 10^{-5} \left( \frac{1 - 10^4 x}{1 - x} \right) (1 - 10^{-5})^{9999}]} \quad (1 - x)$$

$$\frac{x}{x + 10^{-5} (1 - 10^4 x)}$$

$\approx$

sides colored

Example 3L: Card 1 : Red Red } E<sub>1</sub>

1.73 Card 2 : Black Black } E<sub>2</sub>

Card 3 : Red Black } E<sub>3</sub>

Cards are mixed up, one card selected and  
put on the table. If the side facing up

is red, what is the probability the other side  
is black?

Solution:  $R$  = the upward face of the chosen  
card is red.

$$P(E_3 | R) = \frac{P(E_3 \cap R)}{P(R)} = \frac{P(R | E_3) P(E_3)}{P(R | E_1) P(E_1) + P(R | E_2) P(E_2)} + P(R | E_3) P(E_3)$$

$$= \frac{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{3}}{1 \cdot \frac{1}{3} + 0 \cdot \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{3}} = \frac{\frac{1}{6}}{\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{6}} =$$

$$= \frac{\frac{1}{6}}{\frac{3}{6}} = \frac{1}{3}.$$