

1. (Conditional probabilities) Consider a standard deck of 52 cards. Shuffle the deck and draw two cards from it.

- What is the probability of having two Queens?
- What is the probability of having two Queens, given that the first card is a queen?
- What is the probability of having two Queens, given that the second card is a queen?
- What is the probability of having two Queens, given that the two cards have the same number/alphabet?
- What is the probability of having two Queens, given that the first card has an alphabet on it (one of A, J, Q, K)?

(a)  $\frac{4}{52} \times \frac{3}{51}$ .

(b)  $\frac{3}{51}$ .

(c)

$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{both Q}|\text{second Q}) &= \frac{P(\text{both Q} \cap \text{second Q})}{P(\text{second Q})} \\ &= \frac{P(\text{both Q})}{P(\text{second Q})} \\ &= \frac{P(\text{both Q})}{P(\text{first Q} \cap \text{second Q}) + P(\text{first not Q} \cap \text{second Q})} \\ &= \frac{\frac{4}{52} \times \frac{3}{51}}{\frac{4}{52} \times \frac{3}{51} + \frac{48}{52} \times \frac{4}{51}} = \frac{3}{51}. \end{aligned}$$

(d)  $\frac{\binom{4}{2}}{\binom{13}{1}\binom{4}{2}} = \frac{1}{13}$ .

(e)

$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{both Q}|\text{first alphabet}) &= \frac{P(\text{both Q} \cap \text{first alphabet})}{P(\text{first alphabet})} \\ &= \frac{P(\text{both Q})}{P(\text{first alphabet})} \\ &= \frac{\frac{4}{52} \times \frac{3}{51}}{\frac{16}{52}} = \frac{3}{204}. \end{aligned}$$

2. (Bayes rule) Suppose that 4% of the patients tested in a clinic are infected with avian influenza. Furthermore, suppose that when a blood test for avian influenza is given, 97% of the patients infected with avian influenza test positive and that 2% of the patients not infected with avian influenza test positive. What is the probability that
- (a) a patient testing positive for avian influenza with this test is infected with it?
  - (b) a patient testing positive for avian influenza with this test is not infected with it?
  - (c) a patient testing negative for avian influenza with this test is infected with it?
  - (d) a patient testing negative for avian influenza with this test is not infected with it?
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- (a)  $\frac{0.97 \times 0.04}{0.97 \times 0.04 + 0.02 \times 0.96}$ .
- (b)  $\frac{0.02 \times 0.96}{0.97 \times 0.04 + 0.02 \times 0.96}$ .
- (c)  $\frac{0.03 \times 0.04}{0.98 \times 0.96 + 0.03 \times 0.04}$ .
- (d)  $\frac{0.98 \times 0.96}{0.98 \times 0.96 + 0.03 \times 0.04}$ .

3. (Bayesian learning) You have a coin, possibly unfair. It lands with head with probability  $0 < p < 1$ , and our goal is to estimate the probability from 100 flips.
- Assume that we get 65 heads among 100 flips. What is a likelihood, as a function in  $p$ ?
  - If you need to guess  $p$ , what would be your choice?
  - Let  $f(p)$  be the function in (a). Find the derivative  $f'(p)$  (Hint: you may remember keywords from 10A like product rule, logarithmic derivative, ...).
  - Find  $p$  with  $f'(p) = 0$ , which maximizes  $f(p)$ .
  - Compare the answer for (d) with with your guess in (b).
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- $\binom{100}{65} p^{65} (1-p)^{35}$ .
- "Natural" guess would be 65/100.
- $f'(p) = \binom{100}{65} (65p^{64}(1-p)^{35} - 35p^{65}(1-p)^{34}) = \binom{100}{65} p^{64} (1-p)^{34} (65(1-p) - 35p)$
- $65(1-p) - 35p = 65 - 100p = 0 \Rightarrow p = 65/100$ . You can check that this maximizes  $f(p)$ , by using the second derivative test.
- We got the same answer.

This exercise is the most simplest case of so-called *Bayesian learning* with *maximum likelihood (ML) hypothesis*. In general, for a given data distribution  $D$  and a set of candidate hypotheses  $H$ , you seek for the "best" hypothesis  $h = h_{\text{ML}} \in H$  maximizing  $P(D|H = h)$ . In our case,  $D$  is the outcome of coin tosses, and  $H$  is the set of  $p$ 's.