Foundations of Machine Learning Al2000 and Al5000

FoML-02 Probability - Bayes Theorem and Independence

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So far in FoML

• What is ML?





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- What is ML?
- Learning Paradigms









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- Where does this 'Uncertainty' come from?





Uncertainty in ML

Measurement Noise





Uncertainty in ML

- Measurement Noise
- Finite size of the datasets





Frequentist Interpretation





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 - Fraction of times the event occurs





Bayesian Approach





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 - Modeling based approach
 - Plays a central role in this course





Random Variable

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Random Variable

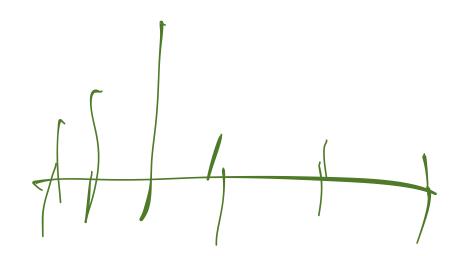
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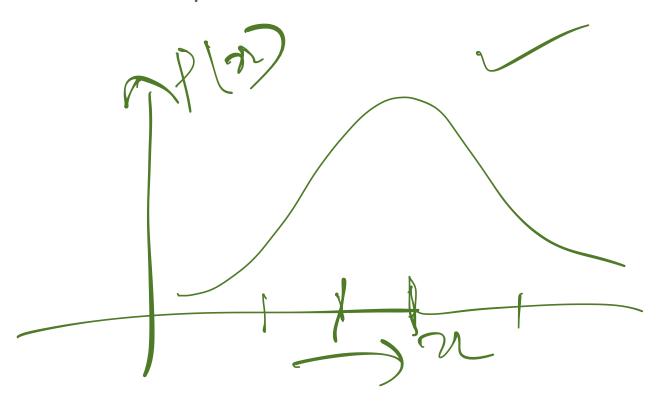




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- Probability distribution $\rho(X)$



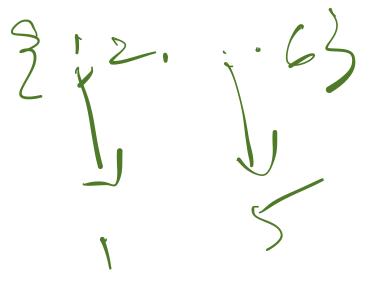






Random Variable - Example (discrete)

Throwing a dice





Random Variable - Example (discrete)

• Flipping a coin SH, 7 S





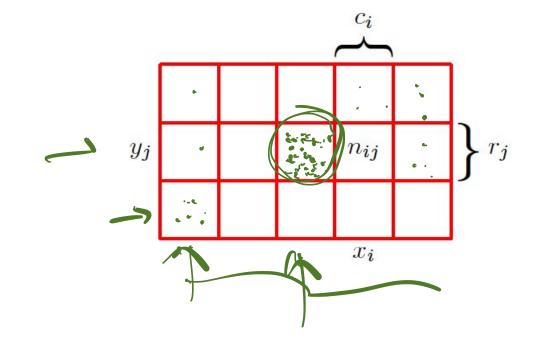
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- Y







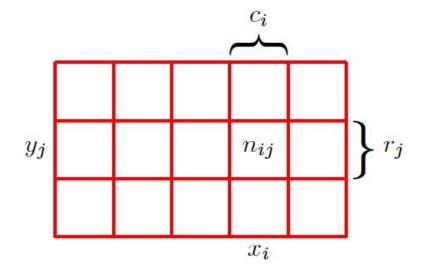
N trails: sample both







Joint probability

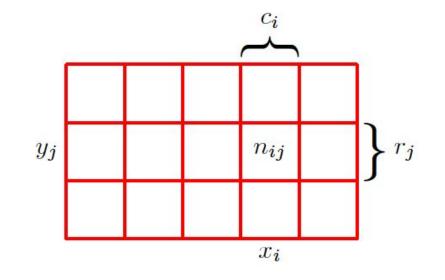






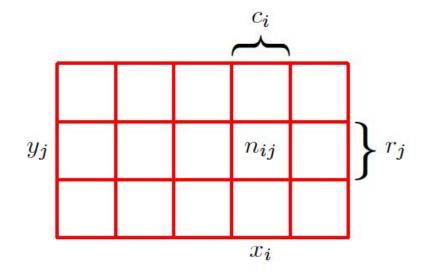
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$$p(X=x_i,Y=y_j)=$$





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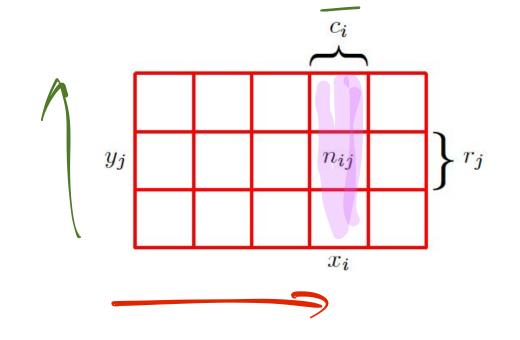


- If I am interested only on X
- Marginal probability of X

$$p(X = x_i) = \frac{\zeta_i}{3}$$

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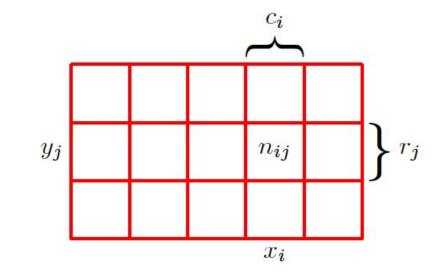
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Sum rule of Probability

$$p(X = x_i) = \sum_{j=1}^{3} p(X = x_i, Y = y_j)$$



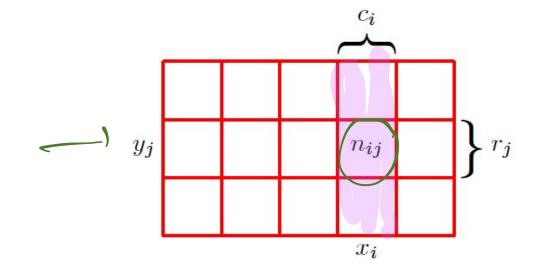




Conditional Probability

Conditional probability of Y given X

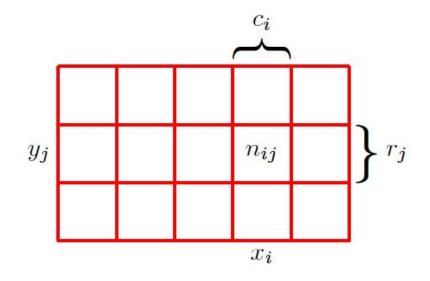
$$p(Y = y_j(X = x_i) = \frac{\gamma_{ij}}{c_i}$$





Product Rule of probability

$$p(Y = y_j/X = x_i) =$$

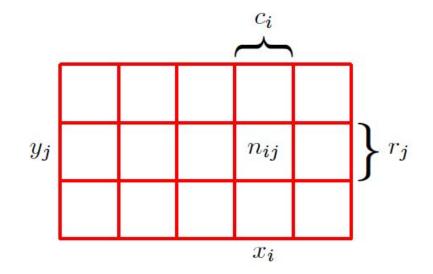






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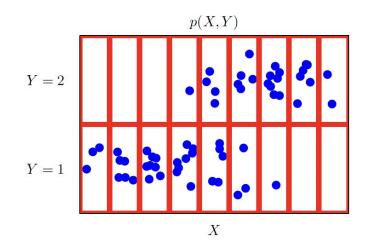
$$p(Y = y_j/X = x_i) =$$



$$p(Y = y_j, X = x_i) = p(Y = y_j/X = x_i) \cdot p(X = x_i)$$

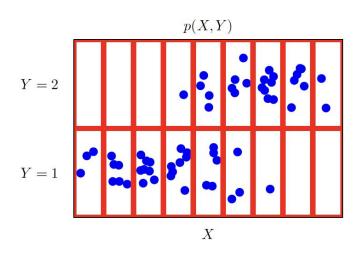






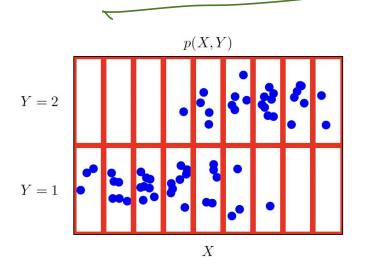






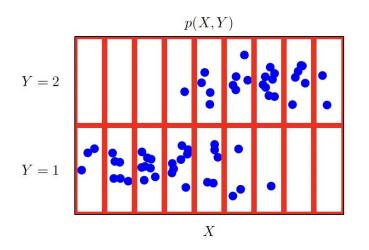
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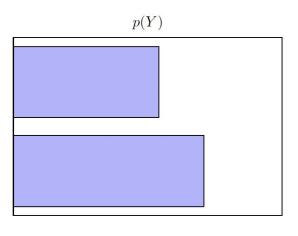




Marginal distribution ρ(Y)

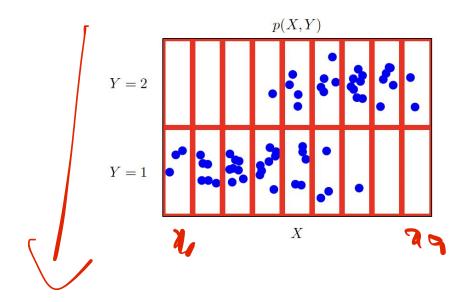




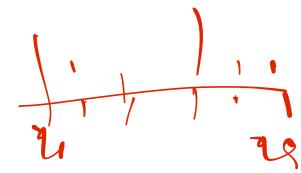






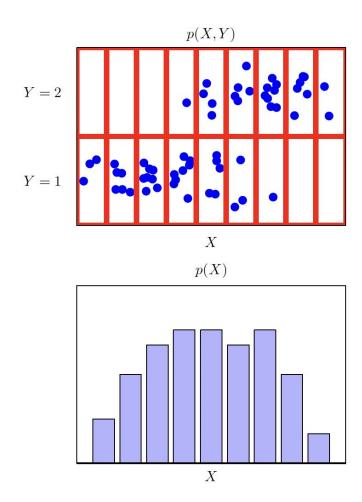


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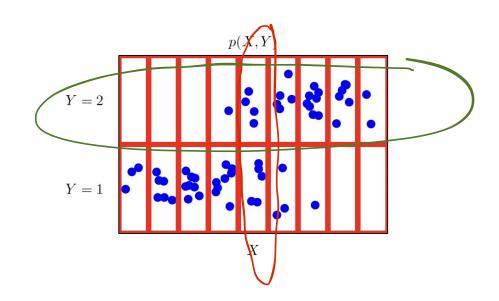




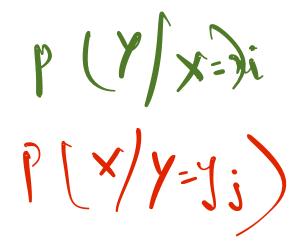






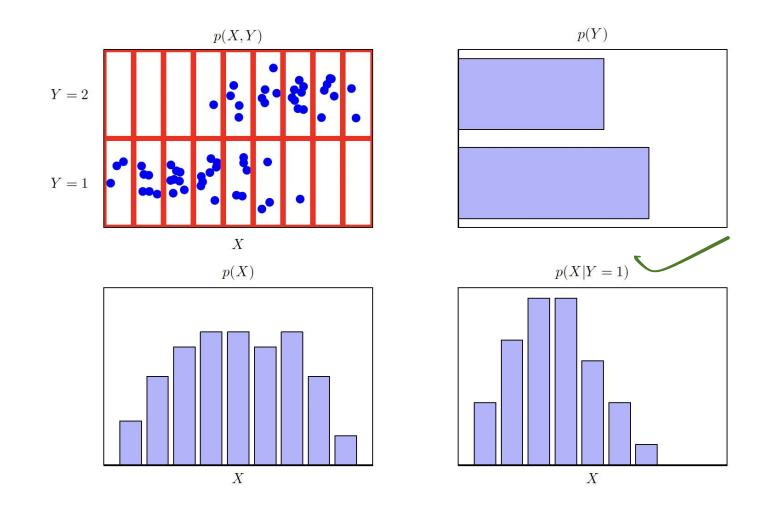


Conditional distribution of X





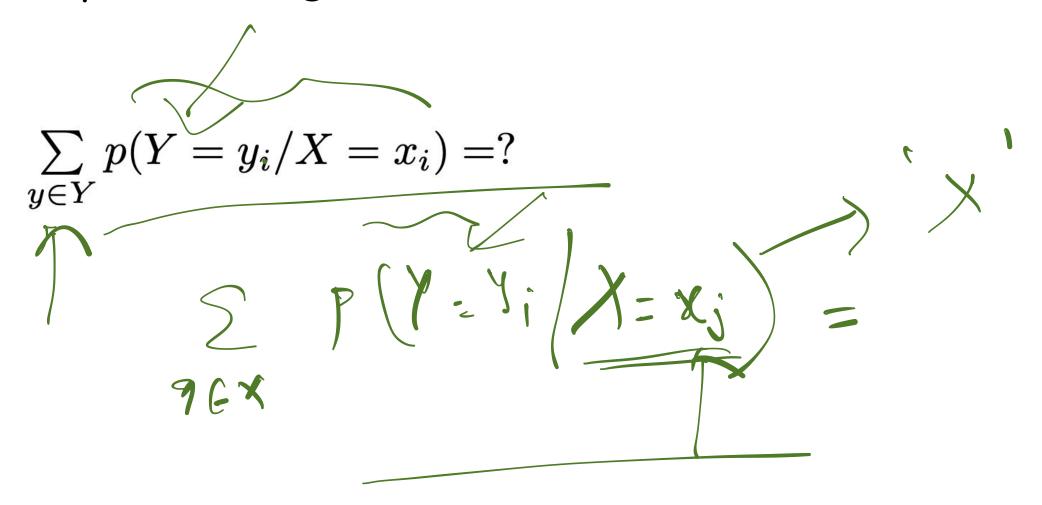
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ρ(X): Probability density over X

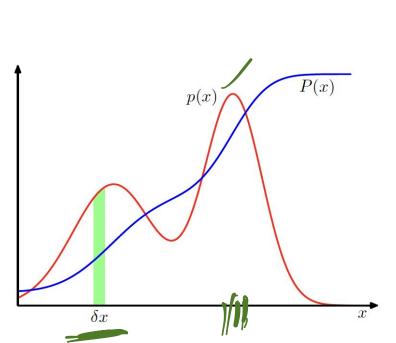




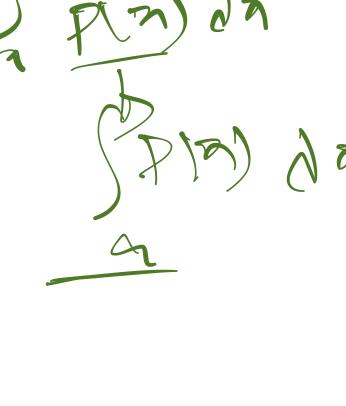
ρ(X): Probability density over X

Probability of x falling in (x, x+dx)

Probability over a finite interval (a, b)



P(n)





DiL

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- Non-negativity
- Normalization





Change of variables





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- $\bullet \quad \times = O(\lambda)$







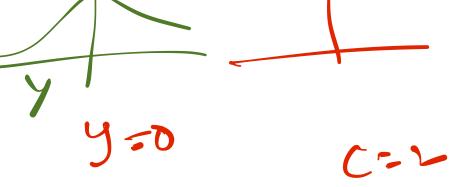
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P(y) dy = P(x) dx P(x) - P(y) dy

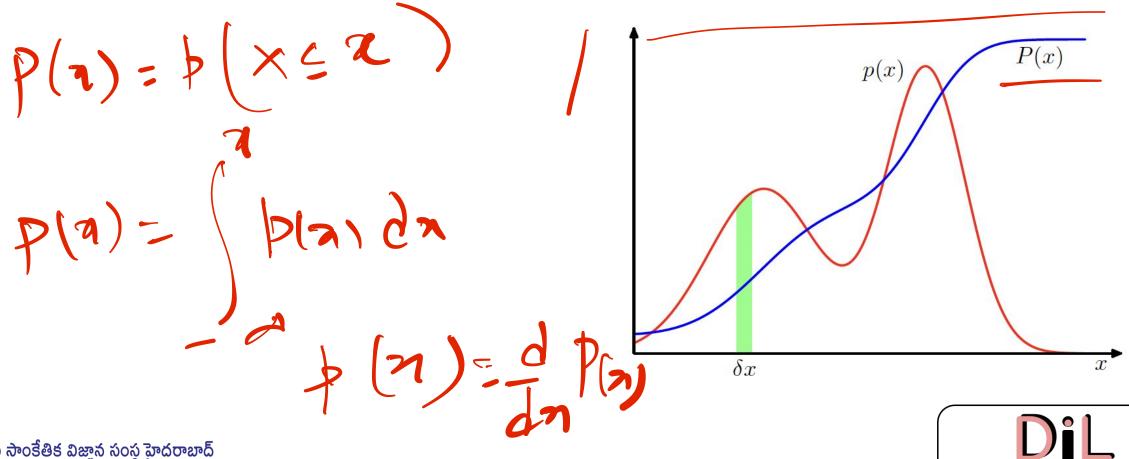


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Cumulative distribution function



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Rules of Probability Theory

	Discrete	Continuous
Additivity	$p(X \in A) = \sum_{x \in A} p(x)$	pla) dr
Positivity	$p(x) \ge 0$	$p(x) \geq 0$
Normalization	2 (n)=/	$\int_{\mathcal{X}} p(x) dx = 1$
Sum Rule	$p(x) = \sum_{y \in Y} p(x, y)$	h(m)= [n(my) dy
Product Rule	$p(x,y) = p(x/y) \cdot p(y)$	$p(x,y) = p(x/y) \cdot p(y)$





Bayes theorem





Bayes Theorem

Product rule

$$p(x,y) = p(x/y) \cdot p(y)$$







Bayes Theorem

- Product rule
- Symmetry property
- Bayes rule
- Denominator

$$p(x,y) = p(x/y) \cdot p(y)$$

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$$p(y/x) = \frac{p(x/y) \cdot p(y)}{p(x)}$$

- Prior probability
- Posterior probability of Y
- Likelihood of X = x given Y = y
- Evidence for X = x



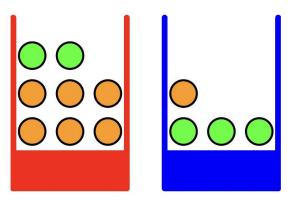


Example



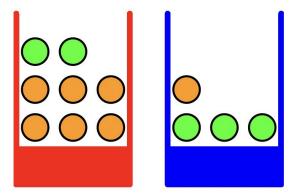


Random variables





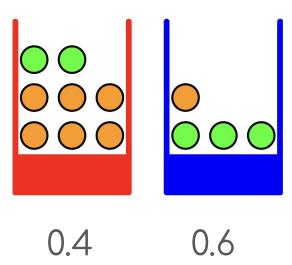
- Random variables
 - o Box B
 - o Fruit F







Prior Box distribution



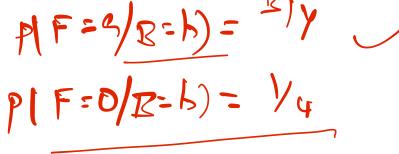












Marginal of F

$$P(F=\alpha) = \sum_{B} P(BF) = \sum_{B} P(BF)$$

$$P(F=0) = \sum_{B} P(BF)$$

0.4



0.6

- Marginals $\rho(F=a) = 11/20 \& \rho(F=0) = 9/20$
- Posterior probability of Box given observed fruit

$$p(B = r/F = 0) =$$

$$F=0|_{B=v}$$
). $P(B=v)$

$$= \frac{3/\sqrt{10}}{70}$$

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Independence





Independent Random variable

 Two random variables X and Y are independent iff measuring X gives no information about Y (and vice versa)

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Next Expectation, Variance, and Gaussian Distribution



