# 16.548 Coding, Information Theory (and Advanced Modulation)

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# Notes Coverage

- Course Introduction
- Definition of Information and Entropy
- Review of Conditional Probability

# Class Coverage

- Fundamentals of Information Theory (4 weeks)
- Block Coding (3 weeks)
- Advanced Coding and modulation as a way of achieving the Shannon Capacity bound: Convolutional coding, trellis modulation, and turbo modulation, space time coding (7 weeks)

## Course Web Site

- <u>http://faculty.uml.edu/jweitzen/16.548</u>
  - Class notes, assignments, other materials on web site
  - Please check at least twice per week
  - Lectures will be streamed, see course website

# Prerequisites (What you need to know to thrive in this class)

- 16.363 or 16.584 (A Probability class)
- Some Programming (C, VB, Matlab)
- Digital Communication Theory

# Grading Policy

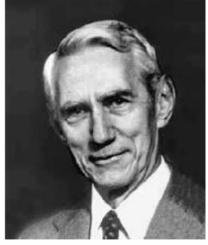
- 4 Mini-Projects (25% each project)
  - •Lempel ziv compressor
  - Cyclic Redundancy Check
  - Convolutional Coder/Decoder soft decision
  - Trellis Modulator/Demodulator

# Course Information and Text Books

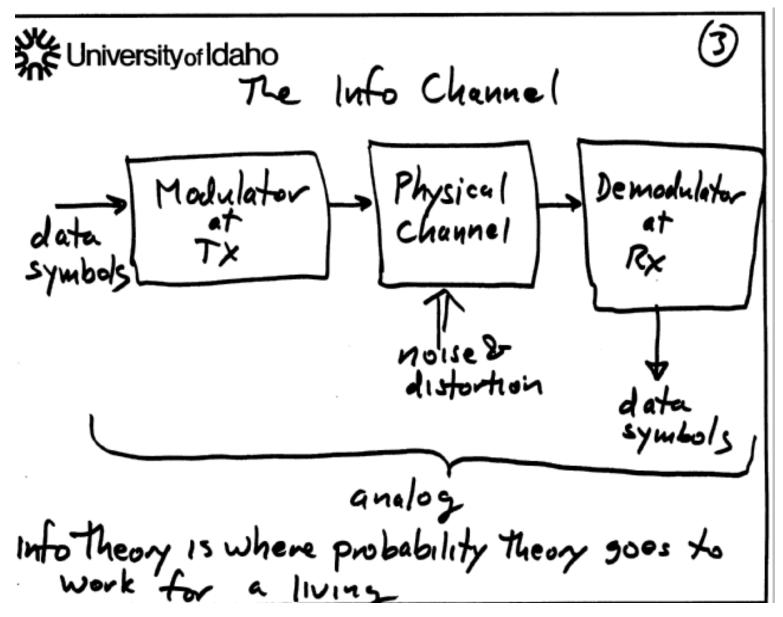
- Coding and Information Theory by Wells, plus his notes from University of Idaho
- Digital Communication by Sklar, or Proakis Book
- Shannon's original Paper (1948)
- Other material on Web site

# Claude Shannon Founds Science of Information theory in 1948

In his 1948 paper, ``<u>A Mathematical Theory of</u> <u>Communication</u>," Claude E. Shannon formulated the theory of data compression. Shannon established that there is a <u>fundamental limit</u> to <u>lossless</u> data compression. This limit, called the <u>entropy rate</u>, is denoted by *H*. The exact value of *H* depends on the information source ---- more specifically, the <u>statistical nature</u> of the source. It is possible to compress the source, in a lossless manner, with <u>compression rate</u> close to *H*. It is mathematically impossible to do better than *H*.



Claude E. Shannon



# Source Modeling

#### **II. Source Modeling**



Imagine that you go to the library. This library has a large selection of books --- say there are 100 million books in this library. Each book in this library is very thick --- say, for example, that each book has 100 million characters (or letters) in them. When you get to this library, you will, in some random manner, select a book to check out. This chosen book is the information source to be compressed. The compressed book is then stored on your zip disk to take home, or transmitted directly over the internet into your home, or whatever the case may be.

Mathematically, the book you select is denoted by

 $\mathcal{X} = (X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4, \dots).$ 

where  ${\cal X}$  represents the whole book,  $X_1$  represents the first character in the book,  $X_2$  represents the second character, and so on. Even though in reality

Available at Amazon.com the length of the book is finite, mathematically we assume that it has infinite length. The reasoning is that the book is so long we can just imagine that it goes on forever. Furthermore, the mathematics turn out to be surprisingly simpler if we assume an infinite length book. To simplify things a little, let us assume that all the characters in all the books are either a lower-case letter ('a' through 'z') or a SPACE (e. e. cummings style of writing shall we say). The source

alphabet,  $\mathcal A$  , is defined to be the set of all 27 possible values of the characters:

 $\mathcal{A} = \{a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z, SPACE\}.$ 

Now put yourself in the shoes of the engineer who designs the compression algorithm. She does not know in advance which book you will select. All she knows is that you will be selecting a book from this library. From her perspective, the characters in the book  $(X_i, i = 1, 2, ...)$  are <u>random variables</u> which take values on the alphabet  $\mathcal{A}$ . The whole

book,  $\mathcal{X}$  is just an infinite sequence of random variables -- that is  $\mathcal{X}$  is a <u>random process</u>. There are several ways in which this engineer can model the statistical properties of the book.

### Zero order models

A. Zero-Order Model: Each character is statistically independent of all other characters and the 27 possible values in the alphabet  $\mathcal{A}$  are equally likely to occur. If this model is accurate, then a typical opening of a book would look like this (all of these examples came directly from <u>Shannon's 1948 paper</u>):

xfoml rxkhrjffjuj zlpwcfwkcyj ffjeyvkcqsghyd qpaamkbzaacibzlhjqd

This does not look like the writing of an intelligent being. In fact, it resembles the writing of a "monkey sitting at a typewriter."



It has been said, that if you get enough monkeys, and sit them down at enough typewriters, eventually they will complete the works of Shakespeare

### First Order Model

B. First-Order Model: We know that in the English language some letters occur more frequently than others. For example, the letters `a' and `e' are more common than `q' and `z'. Thus, in this model, the character are still independent of one another, but the probability distribution of the characters are according to the <u>first-order statistical</u> <u>distribution of English text</u>. A typical text for this model looks like this:

ocroh hli rgwr nmielwis eu ll nbnesebya th eei alhenhttpa oobttva nah brl

## Higher Order Models

C. Second-Order Model: The previous two models assumed statistical independence from one character to the next. This does not accurately reflect the nature of the English language. For exa#ple, some letters in thi# sent#nce are missi#g. However, we are still able to figure out what those letters should have been by looking at the context. This implies that there are some dependency between the characters. Naturally, characters which are in close proximity are more dependent than those that are far from each other. In this model, the present character X<sub>i</sub> depends on the previous character X<sub>i-1</sub> but it is conditionally independent of all previous characters (X<sub>1</sub>, X<sub>2</sub>, ..., X<sub>i-2</sub>).

According to this model, the probability distribution of the character  $X_i$  varies according to what the previous character  $X_{i-1}$  is. For example, the letter 'u' rarely occurs

(probability=0.022). However, given that the previous character is `q', the probability of a `u' in the present character is much higher (probability=0.995). For a complete description, see the <u>second-order statistical distribution of English text</u>. A typical text for this model would look like this:

on ie antsoutinys are t inctore st be s deamy achin d ilonasive tucoowe at teasonare fuso tizin andy tobe seace ctisbe

D. Third-Order Model: This is an extension of the previous model. Here, the present character  $X_i$  depends on the previous two characters  $(X_{i-2}, X_{i-1})$  but it is conditionally independent of all previous characters before those:  $(X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_{i-3})$ . In this model, the distribution of  $X_i$  varies according to what  $(X_{i-2}, X_{i-1})$  are. See the <u>third-order statistical distribution of English text</u>. A typical text for this model would look like this:

in no ist lat whey cratict froure birs grocid pondenome of demonstures of the reptagin is regoactiona of cre-

The resemblance to ordinary English text increases quite noticeably at each of the above steps.

E. General Model: In this model, the book  $\mathcal{X}$  is an arbitrary <u>stationary</u> random process. The statistical properties of this model are too complex to be deemed practical. This model is interesting only from a theoretical point of view.

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Let 
$$P_A = \{P_0, P_1, ..., P_{M-1}\}$$
  
where  $P_i = Pr[a_i]$   
 $A \longrightarrow - - [a_i]$   
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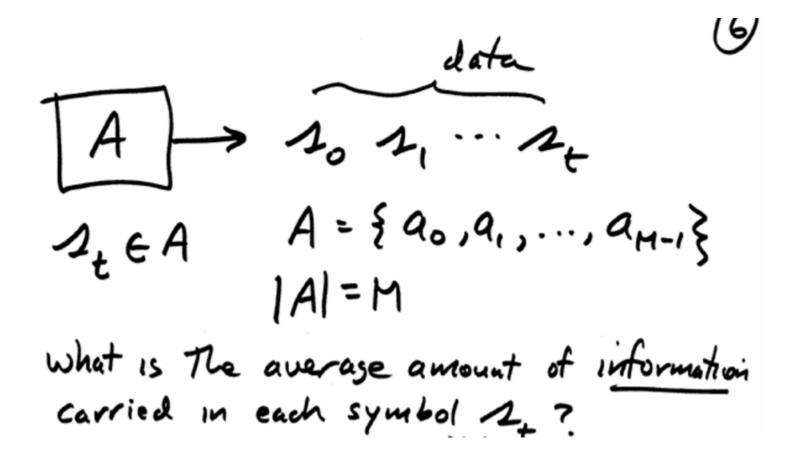
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Convenient notation  

$$\mathcal{P}_{i} \iff Q_{i}$$
  
 $\stackrel{H-1}{\sum} \mathcal{P}_{i} \equiv \sum \mathcal{P}_{i} = 1$   
 $\chi = 0 \qquad \forall Q_{i} \in A$   
 $\forall = "all"$   
notation: siven  $A = \{a_{0}, a_{1}, \dots, a_{M-i}\}$   
"cardinality of  $A" \triangleq |A| = M$ 

Suppose  

$$P_{i,j} = P_i \cdot P_j$$
 for every  
Pair  $i,j$   
 $\therefore \forall a_{i,a_j} \in A$   
further suppose this is true for all time  
indexes t stationary  
Then A is called an discrete memoryless  
source (DMS) Zero'th Order Model



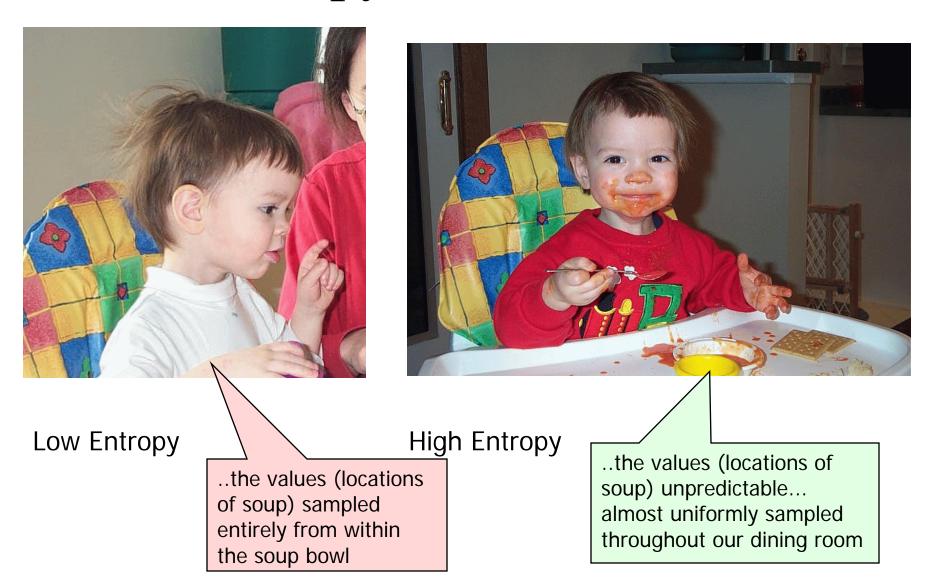
### Definition of Entropy

Shannon used the ideas of randomness and entropy from the study of thermodynamics to estimate the randomness (e.g. information content or entropy) of a process

Entropy of 
$$A: H(A) \triangleq \sum_{m=0}^{M-1} \mathcal{P}_m \cdot \log_2(\frac{1}{\mathcal{P}_m})$$
  
unit of H is a "bit"

Entropy is a measure of predictability or randomness

### Entropy in a nut-shell



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back to entropy:  

$$H(A) = \sum p_m \cdot \log_2(f_m) \quad bit_3$$

$$\forall a \in A$$

$$example:$$

$$A = \{a\} \quad P_r[a] = 1$$

$$H(A) = P_r[a] \cdot \log_2[r_{r-[a]}]$$

$$= 1 \cdot \log_2(1) = 0$$

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$$E \times ample$$

$$A = \{0, 1\} \quad P_0 = \frac{1}{2} \quad P_1 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$|H(A) = \frac{1}{2} \log_2(\frac{1}{1/2}) + \frac{1}{2} \log_2(\frac{1}{1/2})$$

$$= 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \log_2(2) = 1 \quad b_{i+1}$$

$$I \circ g_i(2) = 1$$
Randomness has high information content

### Quick Review: Working with Logarithms

$$unit conversions 
log_{2}(x) = \frac{ln(x)}{ln(z)} = \frac{log_{10}(x)}{log_{10}(z)} 
log(x \cdot y) = log(x) + log(y) 
log(x^{y}) = y \cdot log(x) 
log(x) = 0 
log(0) = -\infty$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{(3)} \\ \text{example} \\ A = \{ \text{start}, 0, 1, \text{stop} \} \\ |A| = 4 \\ \text{Ut} \ P_A = \{ 0.05, 0.45, 0.45, 0.05 \} \\ H(A) = 0.05 \log_2(\frac{1}{.05}) + .45 \log_2(\frac{1}{.45}) \\ + 0.45 \log_2(\frac{1}{.45}) + .05 \log_2(\frac{1}{.05}) \\ = 1.468995 \end{array}$$

## Entropy of English Alphabet

B. First-Order Model: The characters are statistically independent. Let m be the size of the alphabet and let  $p_i$  be the probability of the *i*-th letter in the alphabet. The entropy rate is

$$H = -\sum_{i=1}^{m} p_i \log_2 p_i$$
 bits/character

Using the first-order distribution, the entropy rate of English text would have been 4.07 bits/character had this been the correct model.

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What 
$$P_A$$
 Maximizes  $H(A)$ ?  
Maximizing  $H(A)$  implies:  
 $\frac{\partial H(A)}{\partial P_i} = 0$ ;  $\frac{\partial^2 H(A)}{\partial P_i^2} < 0$   
subject to a constraint  
 $\sum_{\substack{a, \in A}} P_a = 1$ 

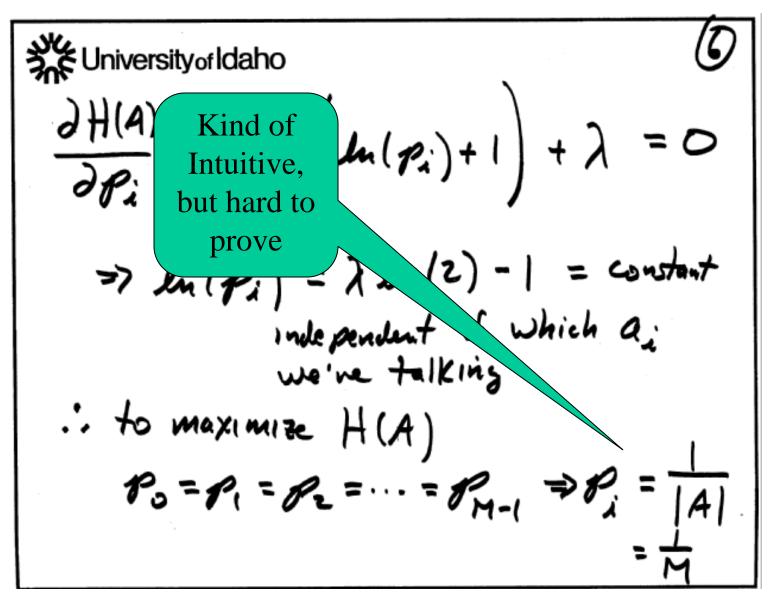
$$\frac{3}{2} \frac{1}{2} \frac{1$$

$$H(A) = \frac{-1}{m(2)} \sum_{\substack{Q_i \in A}} \mathcal{P}_i \, lm(\mathcal{P}_i)$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{P}_i}{\partial \mathcal{P}_i} = 0 \quad \frac{\partial \mathcal{P}_i}{\partial \mathcal{P}_i} = 1$$

$$\frac{\partial H(A)}{\partial \mathcal{P}_i} = \frac{-1}{m(2)} \left[ lm(\mathcal{P}_i) + 1 \right]$$

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What about constraint 
$$\sum_{\substack{q, \in A}} p_i = 1?$$
  
 $q_i \in A$   
Handy trick  
 $H(A) + 0 = H(A)$   
 $Let \lambda$  be any constant  
Then  $\lambda \left(\sum_{\substack{q, \in A}} p_i - 1\right) \equiv 0$   
 $Lasrange multipliers$   
 $H(A) = \frac{-1}{J_{u}(2)} \sum_{\substack{q, \in A}} p_i J(p_i) + \lambda \left(\sum_{\substack{q, \in A}} p_i - 1\right)$   
 $q_i \in A$ 



## Bounds on Entropy

The entropy rate of a source is a number which depends only on the statistical nature of the source. If the source has a simple model, then this number can be easily calculated. Here, we consider an arbitrary source:

$$\mathcal{X}=(X_1,X_2,X_3,X_4,\ldots),$$

while paying special attention to the case where  $oldsymbol{\mathcal{X}}$  is English text.

A. Zero-Order Model: The characters are statistically independent of each other and every letter of the alphabet, A , are equally likely to occur.

Let m be the size of the alphabet. In this case, the entropy rate is given by

 $H = \log_2 m$  bits/character

For English text, the alphabet size is m=27. Thus, if this had been an accurate model for English text, then the entropy rate would have been  $H=\log_2 27=4.75$  bits/character.

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### Math 495 Micro-Teaching

# Quick Review: JOINT DENSITY OF RANDOM VARIABLES

David Sherman Bedrock, USA



In this presentation, we'll discuss the *joint density* of two random variables. This is a mathematical tool for representing the interdependence of two events.

First, we need some random variables.



Lots of those in Bedrock.

Let X be the number of days Fred Flintstone is late to work in a given week. Then X is a random variable; here is its density function:



Amazingly, another resident of Bedrock is late with exactly the same distribution. It's...

Fred's boss, Mr. Slate!

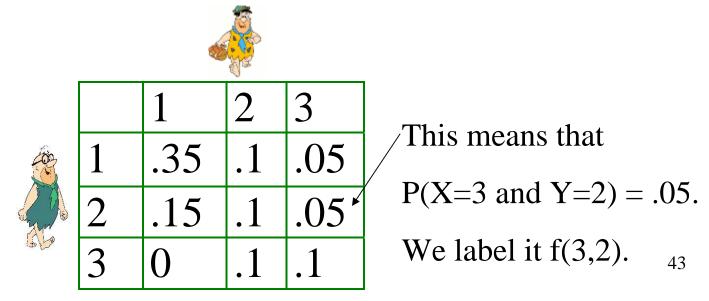


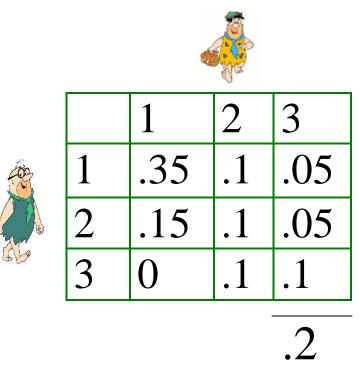
N
 1
 2
 3
 Remember this means that

 
$$F(N)$$
 .5
 .3
 .2
  $P(X=3) = .2.$ 

Let Y be the number of days when Slate is late. Suppose we want to record BOTH X and Y for a given week. How likely are different pairs?

We're talking about the *joint density* of X and Y, and we record this information as a function of two variables, like this:





The first observation to make is that this joint probability function contains all the information from the density functions for X and Y (which are the same here).

For example, to recover P(X=3), we can add f(3,1)+f(3,2)+f(3,3).

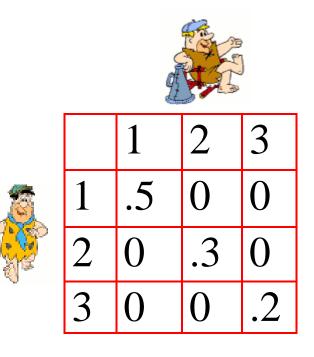
<sup>-</sup> The individual probability functions recovered in this way are called *marginal*.

Another observation here is that Slate is never late three days in a week when Fred is only late once.

3 2 .2 5 .3



Since he rides to work with Fred (at least until the directing career works out), Barney Rubble is late to work with the same probability function too. What do you think the joint probability function for Fred and Barney looks like?



#### It's diagonal!

This should make sense, since in any week Fred and Barney are late the same number of days.

This is, in some sense, a maximum amount of interaction: if you know one, you know the other. P(Barney late |Fred late)= 1 45

2 3 .2 .3

A little-known fact: there is actually <u>another</u> famous person who is late to work like this.

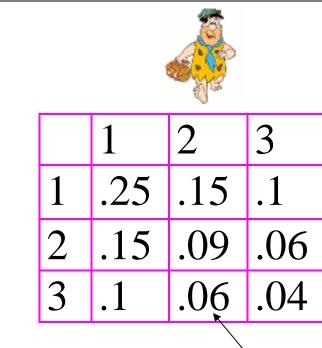


(Pretty embarrassing for a Vulcan.)

Before you try to guess what the joint density function for Fred and Spock is, remember that Spock lives millions of miles (and years) from Fred, so we wouldn't expect these variables to influence each other at all.

In fact, they're <u>independent</u>....





Since we know the variables X and Z (for Spock) are independent, we can calculate each of the joint probabilities by <u>multiplying</u>.

For example, f(2,3) = P(X=2 and Z=3)

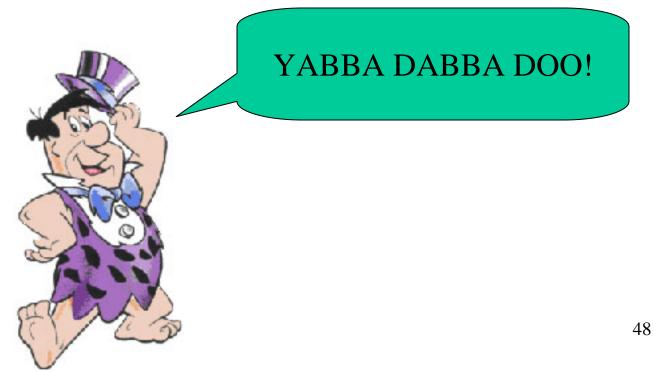
= P(X=2)P(Z=3) = (.3)(.2) = .06.

This represents a minimal amount of interaction. P(spock|fred)=P(spock)<sup>47</sup>

Dependence of two events means that knowledge of one gives information about the other.

Now we've seen that the joint density of two variables is able to reveal that two events are independent ( $\checkmark$  and  $\uparrow$ ), completely dependent ( $\checkmark$  and  $\checkmark$ ), or somewhere in the middle ( $\checkmark$  and  $\checkmark$ ).

Later in the course we will learn ways to quantify dependence. Stay tuned....



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Chiversity of Idaho algebra - speak Marginal Density Functions  $\sum Pr[a_i, b_j] = Pr[a_i]$ b,eb  $\sum P_r[a_i, b_j] = P_r[b_j]$ Q;EA

## **Conditional Probability**

- In many cases, we have only partial knowledge of the outcome of an event
- Conditional probability is the situation in which the probability of one event is influenced by that of another event
- It is written as

P[A/B] = "probability of event A given event B"

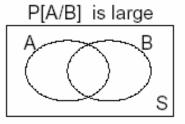
<u>Definition</u>: The conditional probability of an event A with respect to event B is given by

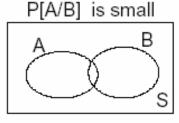
$$P(A \mid B) = \frac{P(A, B)}{P(B)}$$

# Conditional Probability (cont'd)

- The conditional probability of B given A is
   P(B|A)
- <u>Note</u>: P[A] is often called the <u>a priori</u> probability

P[A/B] is often called the a posteriori probability





The idea of conditional probability can often be drawn out in the form of a tree diagram (probability tree)
 P[C] C P[A/C] AC
 P[C] C P[B/C] BC
 P[D] D P[D] AD
 P[D] D P[B/D] BD

## Definition of conditional probability

• If P(B) is not equal to zero, then the conditional probability of A relative to B, namely, the probability of A given B, is

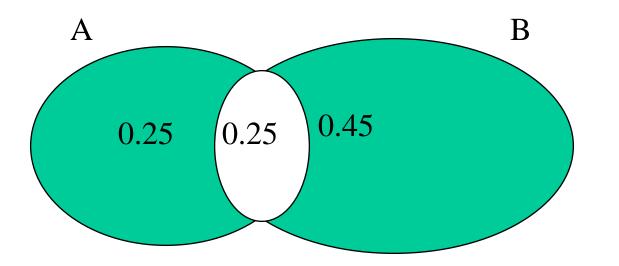
$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$$

 $P(A \cap B) = P(B) \bullet P(A|B)$ 

or

 $P(A \cap B) = P(A) \bullet P(B|A)$ 

## **Conditional Probability**



P(A) = 0.25 + 0.25 = 0.50 P(B) = 0.45 + 0.25 = 0.70 P(A') = 1 - 0.50 = 0.50P(B') = 1 - 0.70 = 0.30

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} = \frac{0.25}{0.70} = 0.357$$
$$P(B|A) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(A)} = \frac{0.25}{0.50} = 0.5$$

## Some Observations:

- In previous Slides P(Fred late and Spock late) were independent
  - Therefore P(Fred|Spock)=P(Fred)P(spock)/P(spock)=P(Fred)
- P(Fred late and Barney late) are totally dependent
  - P(Fred|Barney)=1

#### Law of Total Probability

If  $B_1$ ,  $B_2$ ,...., and  $B_k$  are mutually exclusive events of which one must occur, then for any event A

 $P(A) = P(B_1) \cdot P(A|B_1) + P(B_2) \cdot P(A|B_2) + \dots + P(B_k) \cdot P(A|B_k)$ 

**Special case of rule of Total Probability** 

 $P(A) = P(B) \cdot P(A|B) + P(B') \cdot P(A|B')$ 

#### Bayes Theorem

Useful Probability Relationships

$$P(A+B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(AB)$$
$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(AB)}{P(B)}$$

 This is known as Conditional Probability. It simply gives us the probability that event A occurs <u>GIVEN</u> that B occurred. Likewise, we have

$$P(B|A) = \frac{P(AB)}{P(A)} \left( = \frac{P(A|B)P(B)}{P(A)} \right)$$

- · This is known as "Bayes Rule".
- Finally, A and B are <u>statistically independent</u> iff

P(AB) = P(A)P(B)

#### **Useful Properties**

• Chain Rule for Probabilities:

 $P(A_{1} \cap A_{2} \dots \cap A_{n}) = P(A_{1} | A_{2} \dots A_{n}) P(A_{2} | A_{3} \dots A_{n}) \dots P(A_{n-1} | A_{n}) P(A_{n})$ 

• Also if an event  $B = \bigcup_{j=1}^{m} A_j$  with  $A_j$  being disjoint (I.e., the events  $A_j$  form a **partition** of B). Then

$$P(B) = \sum_{j=1}^{m} P(B \cap A_j) = \sum_{j=1}^{m} P(B \mid A_j) P(A_j)$$
  
Law of total Probability

## Generalized Bayes' theorem

If  $B_1$ ,  $B_2$ ,....and  $B_k$  are mutually exclusive events of which one must occur, then

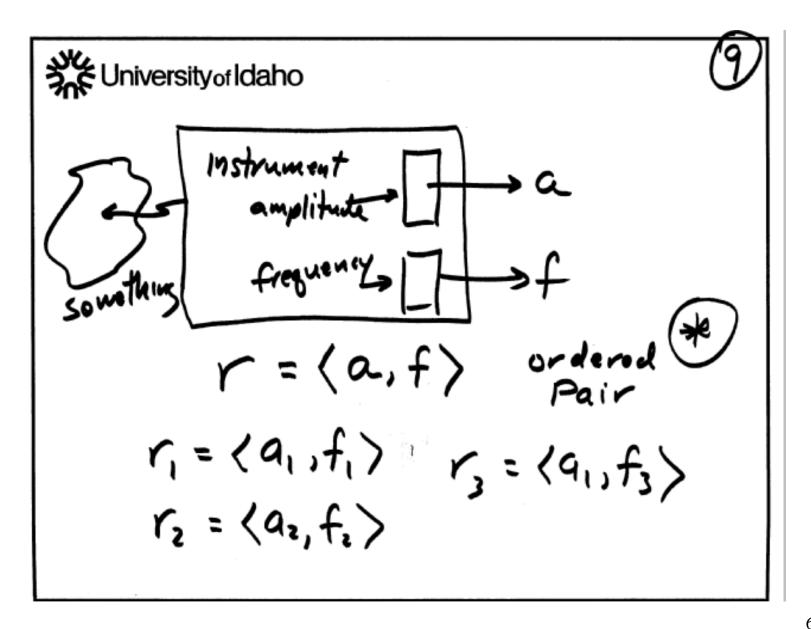
$$P(B_{i} / A) = \frac{P(B_{i}) \cdot P(A / B_{i})}{P(B_{1}) \cdot P(A / B_{1}) + P(B_{2}) \cdot P(A / B_{2}) + \dots + P(B_{k}) \cdot P(A / B_{k})}$$
  
for i = 1, 2,....,k.

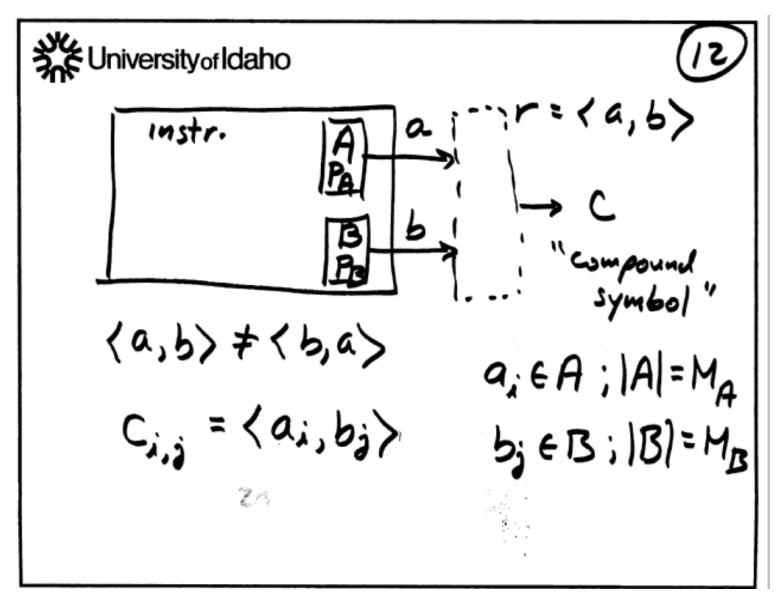
## Urn Problems

- Applications of Bayes Theorem
- Begin to think about concepts of Maximum likelihood and MAP detections, which we will use throughout codind theory

Handy Thing to know: Bayes rule  

$$Pr[a,b] = Pr[b|a] \cdot Pr[a]$$
  
 $= Pr[a|b] \cdot Pr[b]$   
 $\sum Pr[a_{i,b}] = \sum Pr[b|a_{i}] \cdot Pr[a_{i}]$   
 $beB$   
 $= Pr[a_{i}] \Rightarrow \sum Pr[b|a] = 1$ 





## End of Notes 1