



Convolution and Conditional

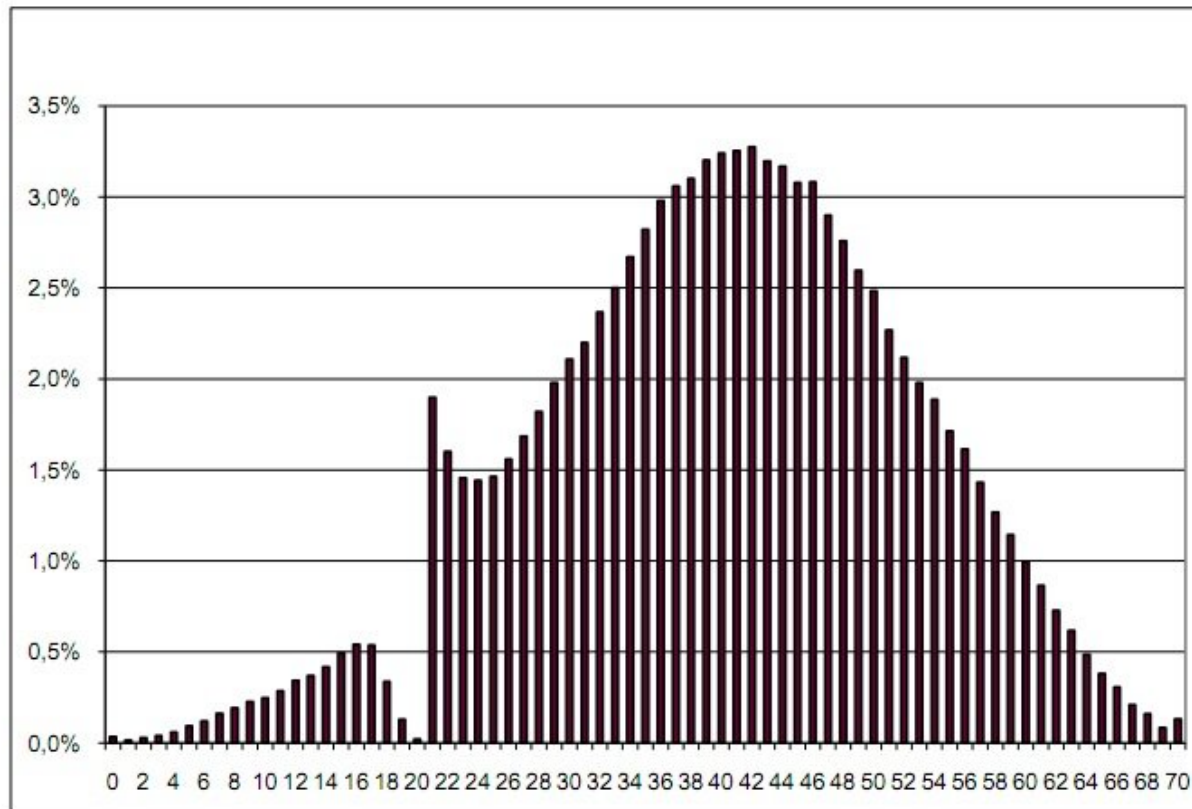
Chris Piech
CS109, Stanford University

Altruism?

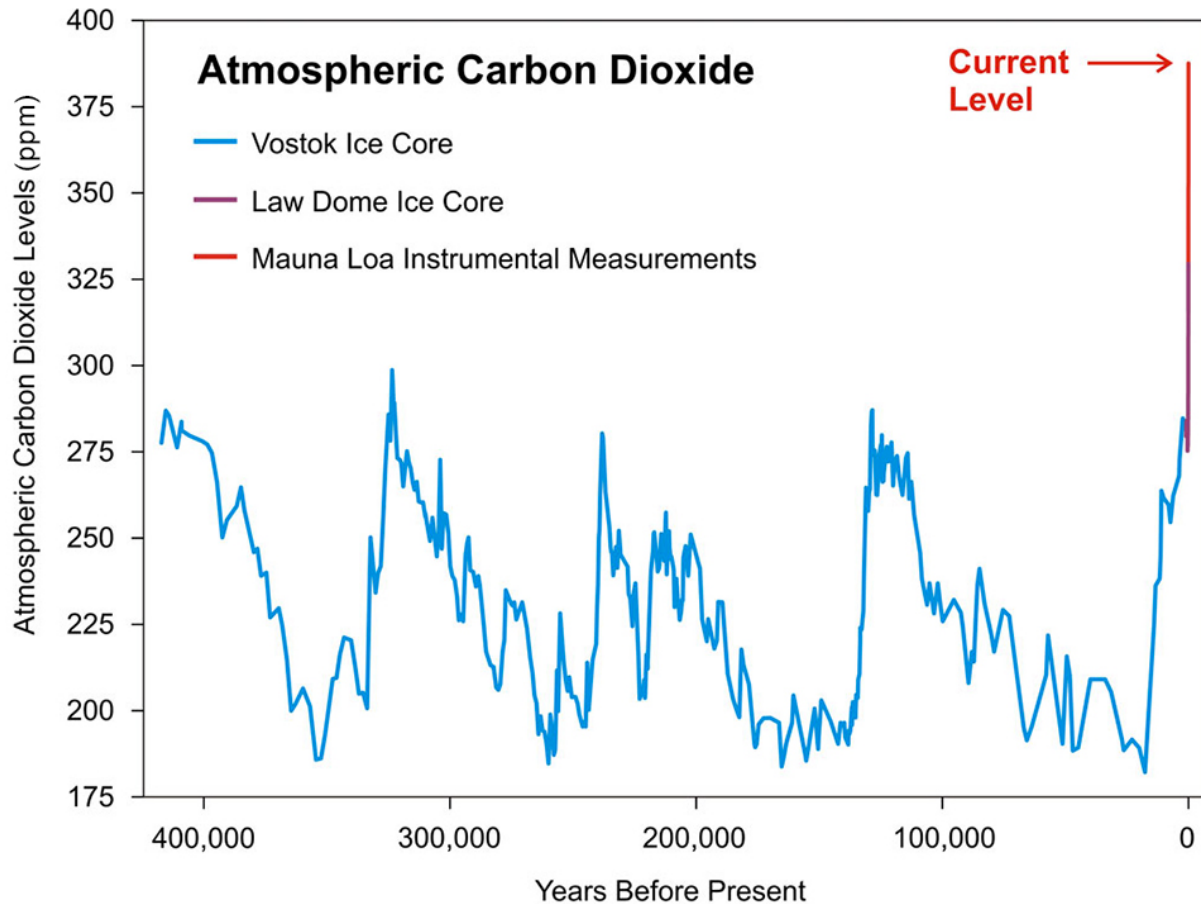
Scores for a standardized test that students in Poland are required to pass before moving on in school

See if you can guess the minimum score to pass the test.

2.1. Poziom podstawowy



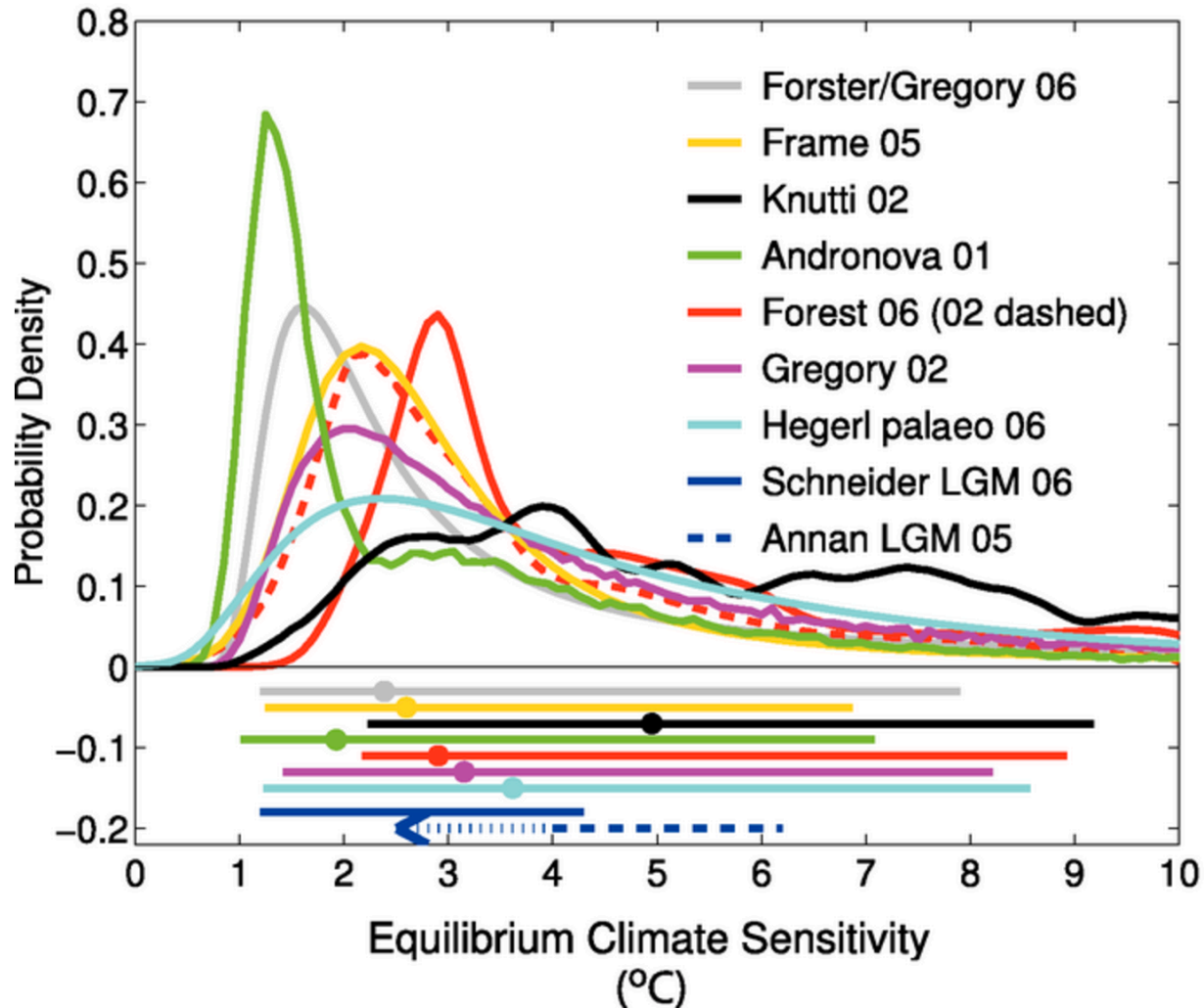
Wykres 1. Rozkład wyników na poziomie podstawowym



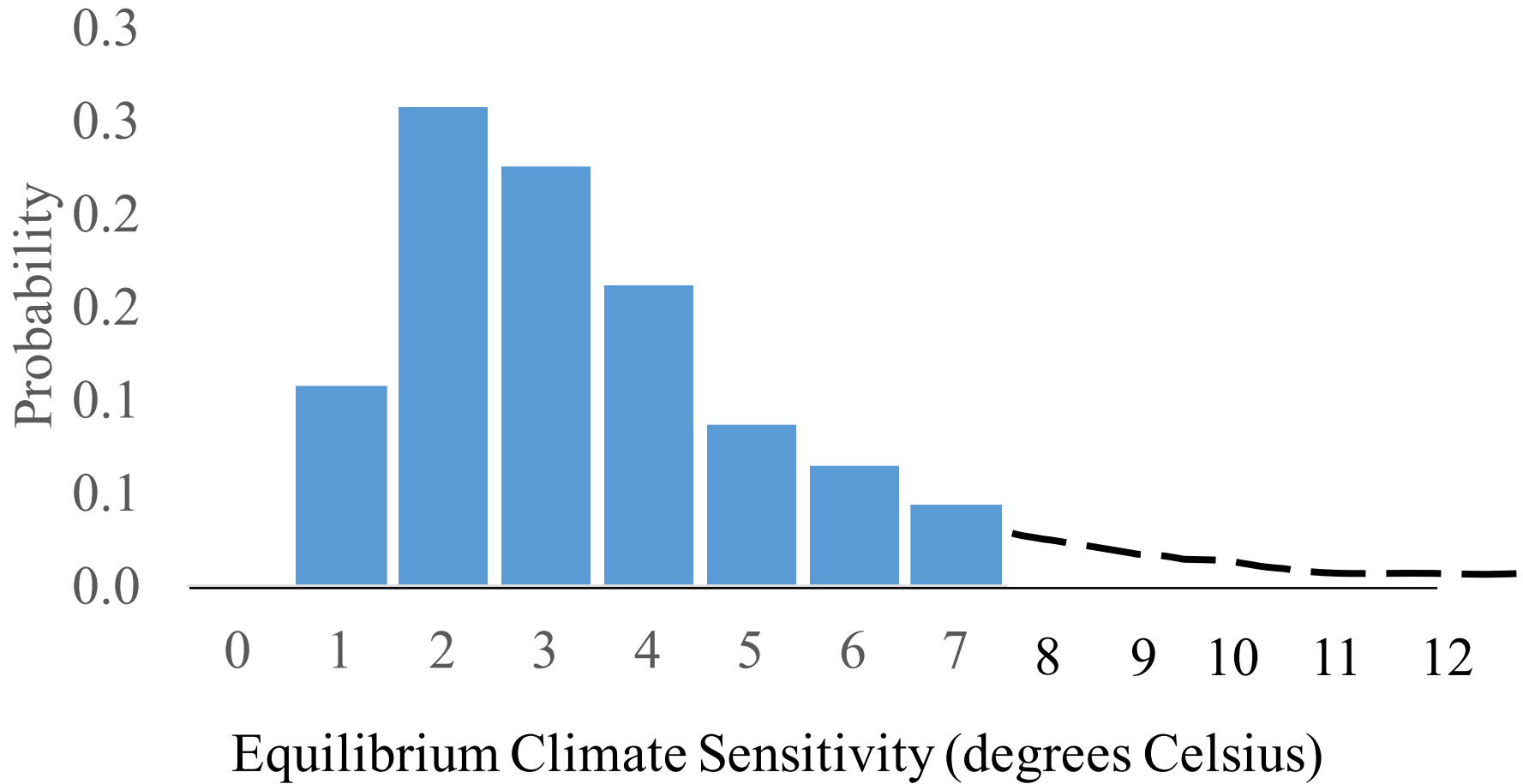
CO₂ Pre-Industrial: 275 parts per million (ppm)

CO₂ Today: 407 parts per million (ppm)

Climate Sensitivity



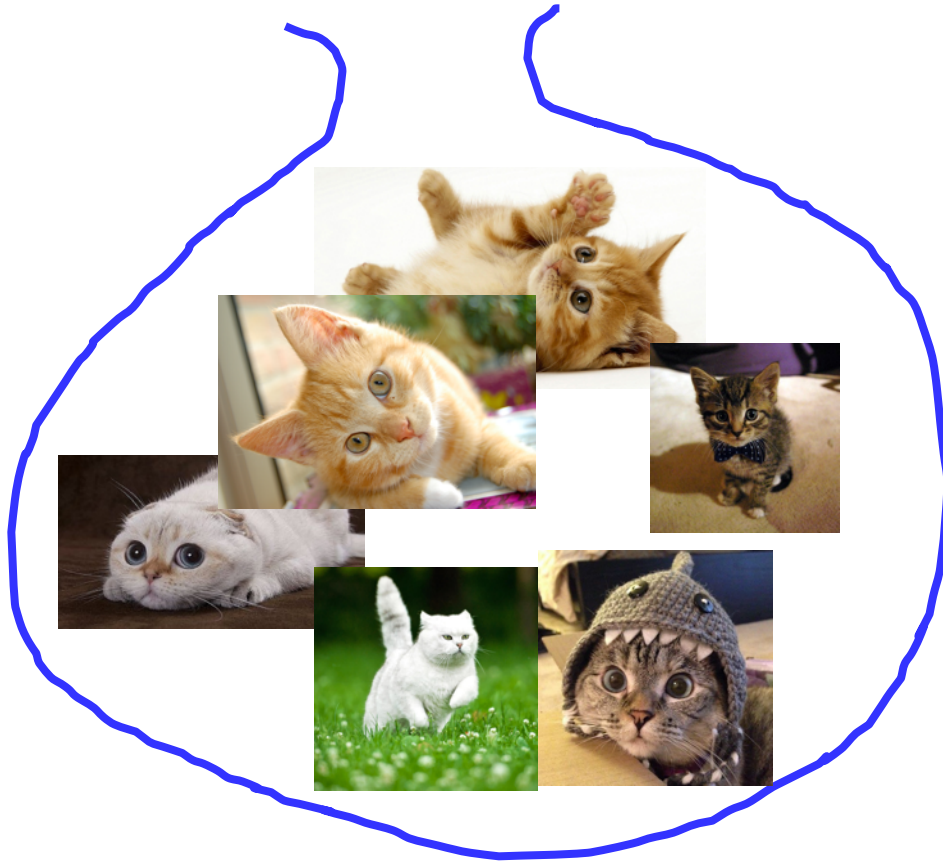
Climate Sensitivity



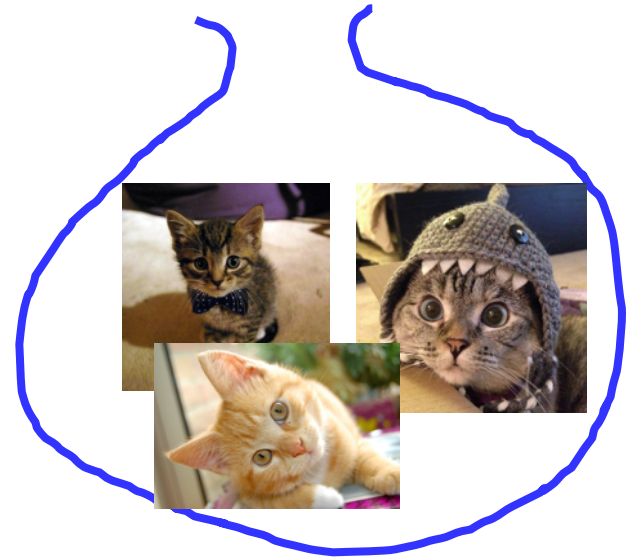
Algorithmic Practice

Choosing a Random Subset

Original Set (size n)



Subset (size k)



Choosing a Random Subset

- From set of n elements, choose a subset of size k such that all $\binom{n}{k}$ possibilities are equally likely
 - Only have `random()`, which simulates $X \sim \text{Uni}(0, 1)$
- Brute force:
 - Generate (an ordering of) all subsets of size k
 - Randomly pick one (divide $(0, 1)$ into $\binom{n}{k}$ intervals)
 - Expensive with regard to time and space
 - Bad times!

(Happily) Choosing a Random Subset

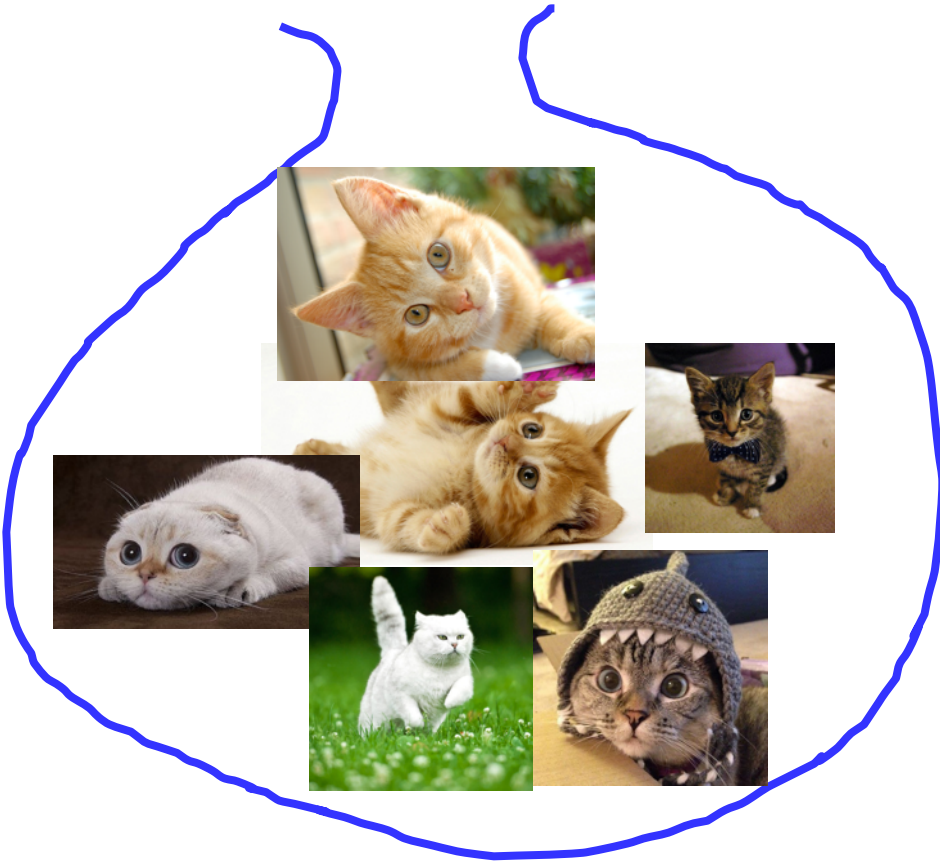
- Good times:

```
int indicator(double p) {  
    if (random() < p) return 1; else return 0;  
}  
  
subset rSubset(k, set of size n) {  
    subset_size = 0;  
    I[1] = indicator((double)k/n);  
    for(i = 1; i < n; i++) {  
        subset_size += I[i];  
        I[i+1] = indicator((k - subset_size)/(n - i));  
    }  
    return (subset containing element[i] iff I[i] == 1);  
}
```

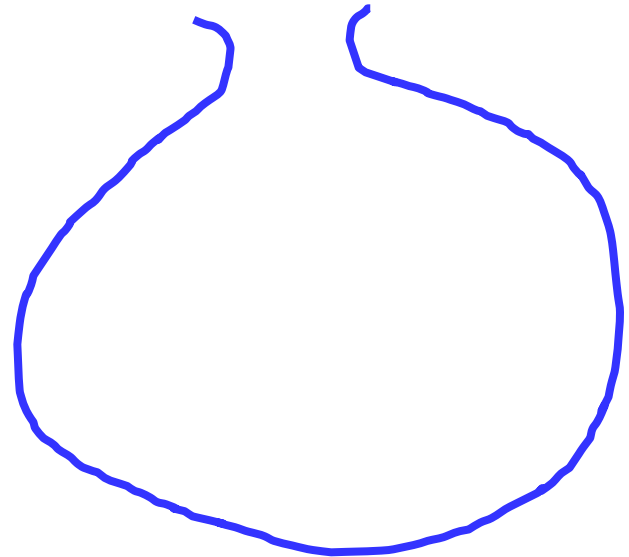
$$P(I[1] = 1) = \frac{k}{n} \text{ and } P(I[i+1] = 1 \mid I[1], \dots, I[i]) = \frac{k - \sum_{j=1}^i I[j]}{n-i} \text{ where } 1 < i < n$$

Choosing a Random Subset

Original Set (size n)



Subset (size k)

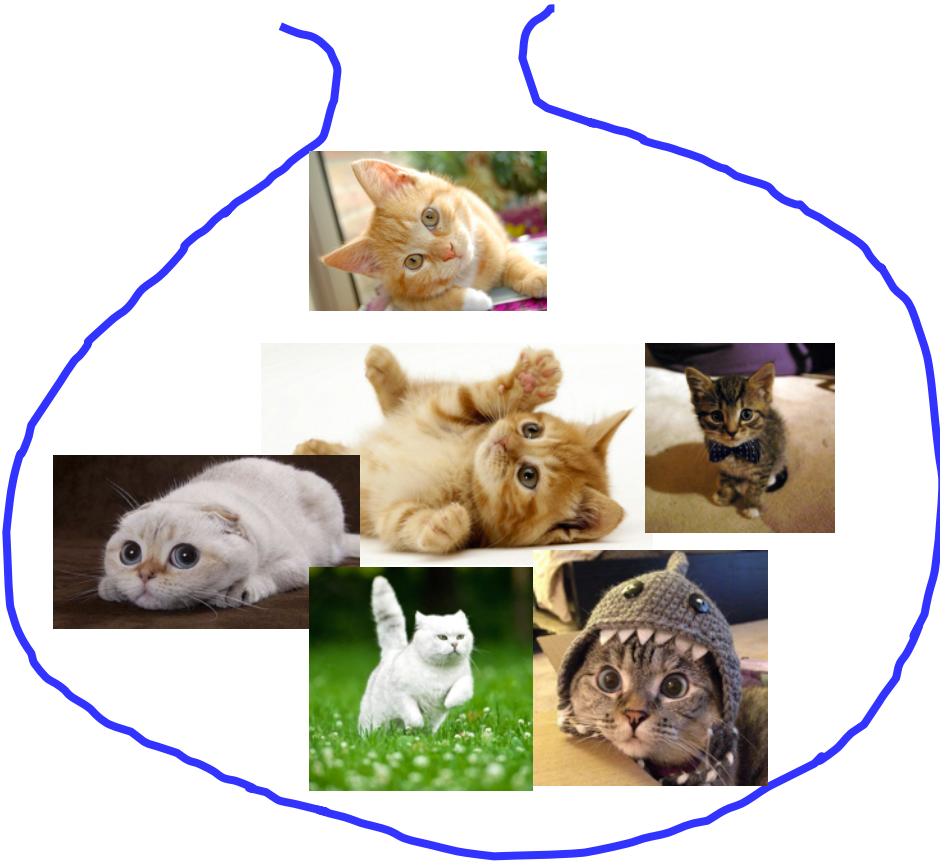


Random Subsets the Happy Way

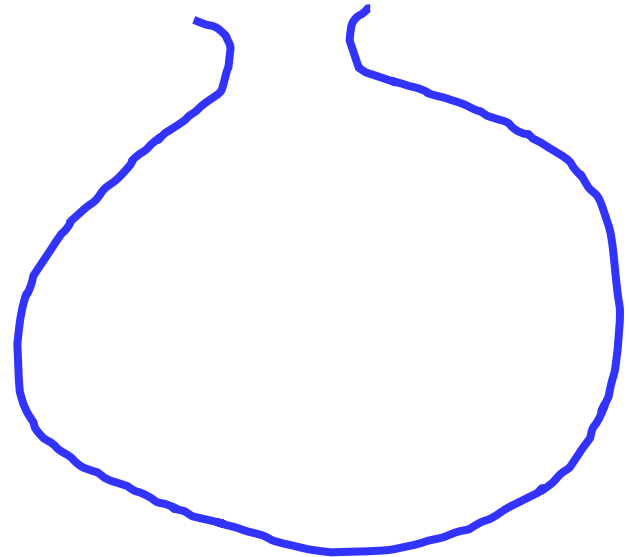
- Proof (Induction on $(k + n)$): (i.e., why this algorithm works)
 - Base Case: $k = 1, n = 1$, Set $S = \{a\}$, `rsSubset` returns $\{a\}$ with $p = 1 / \binom{1}{1}$
 - Inductive Hypoth. (IH): for $k + x \leq c$, Given set S , $|S| = x$ and $k \leq x$, `rsSubset` returns any subset S' of S , where $|S'| = k$, with $p = 1 / \binom{x}{k}$
 - Inductive Case 1: (where $k + n \leq c + 1$) $|S| = n (= x + 1)$, $I[1] = 1$
 - Elem 1 in subset, choose $k - 1$ elems from remaining $n - 1$
 - By IH: `rsSubset` returns subset S' of size $k - 1$ with $p = 1 / \binom{n-1}{k-1}$
 - $P(I[1] = 1, \text{subset } S') = \frac{k}{n} \cdot 1 / \binom{n-1}{k-1} = 1 / \binom{n}{k}$
 - Inductive Case 2: (where $k + n \leq c + 1$) $|S| = n (= x + 1)$, $I[1] = 0$
 - Elem 1 not in subset, choose k elems from remaining $n - 1$
 - By IH: `rsSubset` returns subset S' of size k with $p = 1 / \binom{n-1}{k}$
 - $P(I[1] = 0, \text{subset } S') = \left(1 - \frac{k}{n}\right) \cdot 1 / \binom{n-1}{k} = \left(\frac{n-k}{n}\right) \cdot 1 / \binom{n-1}{k} = 1 / \binom{n}{k}$

Induction Cases

Original Set (size n)



Subset (size k)



Case 1

Original Set (size n)

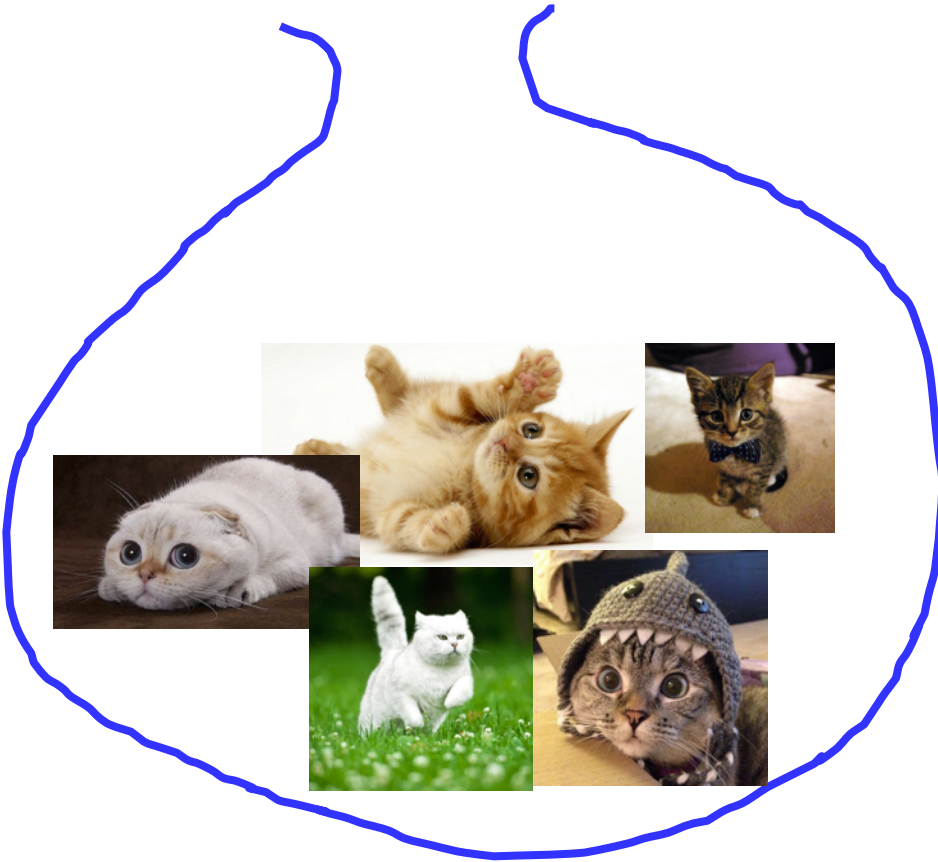


Subset (size k)



Case 1

Original Set (size $n-1$)



Subset (size $k-1$)

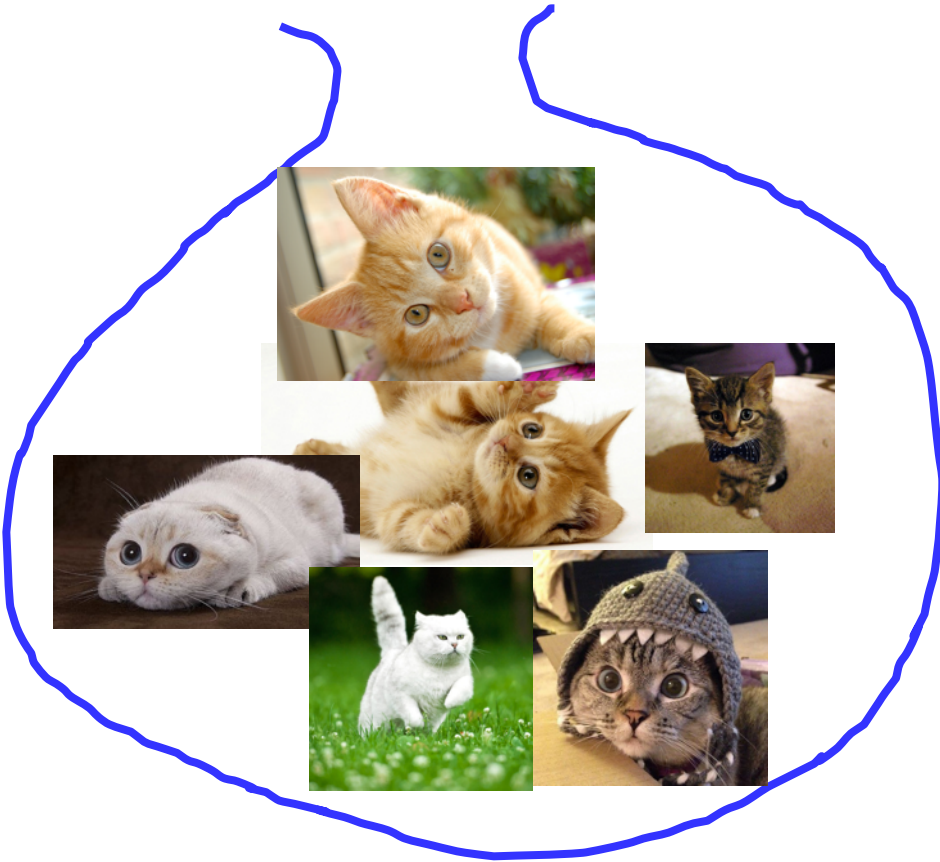


By induction we know that all subsamples of size $k-1$ from $n-1$ items are equally likely

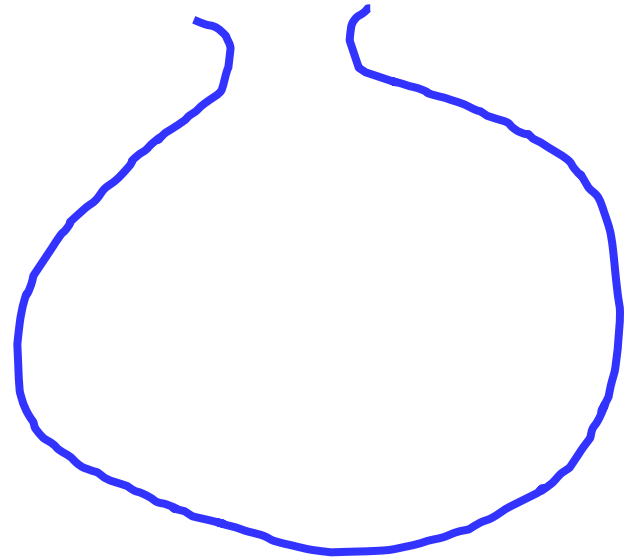
$$P(\text{subset}) = \frac{k}{n} \cdot \frac{1}{\binom{n-1}{k-1}} = \frac{1}{\binom{n}{k}}$$

Choosing a Random Subset

Original Set (size n)



Subset (size k)

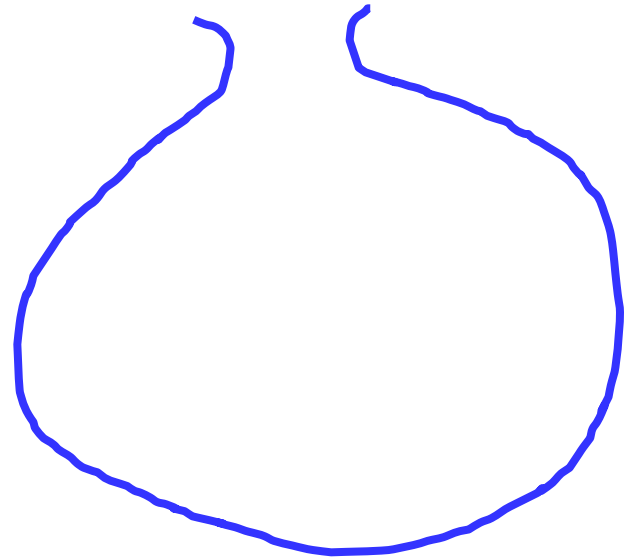


Case 2

Original Set (size $n-1$)



Subset (size k)

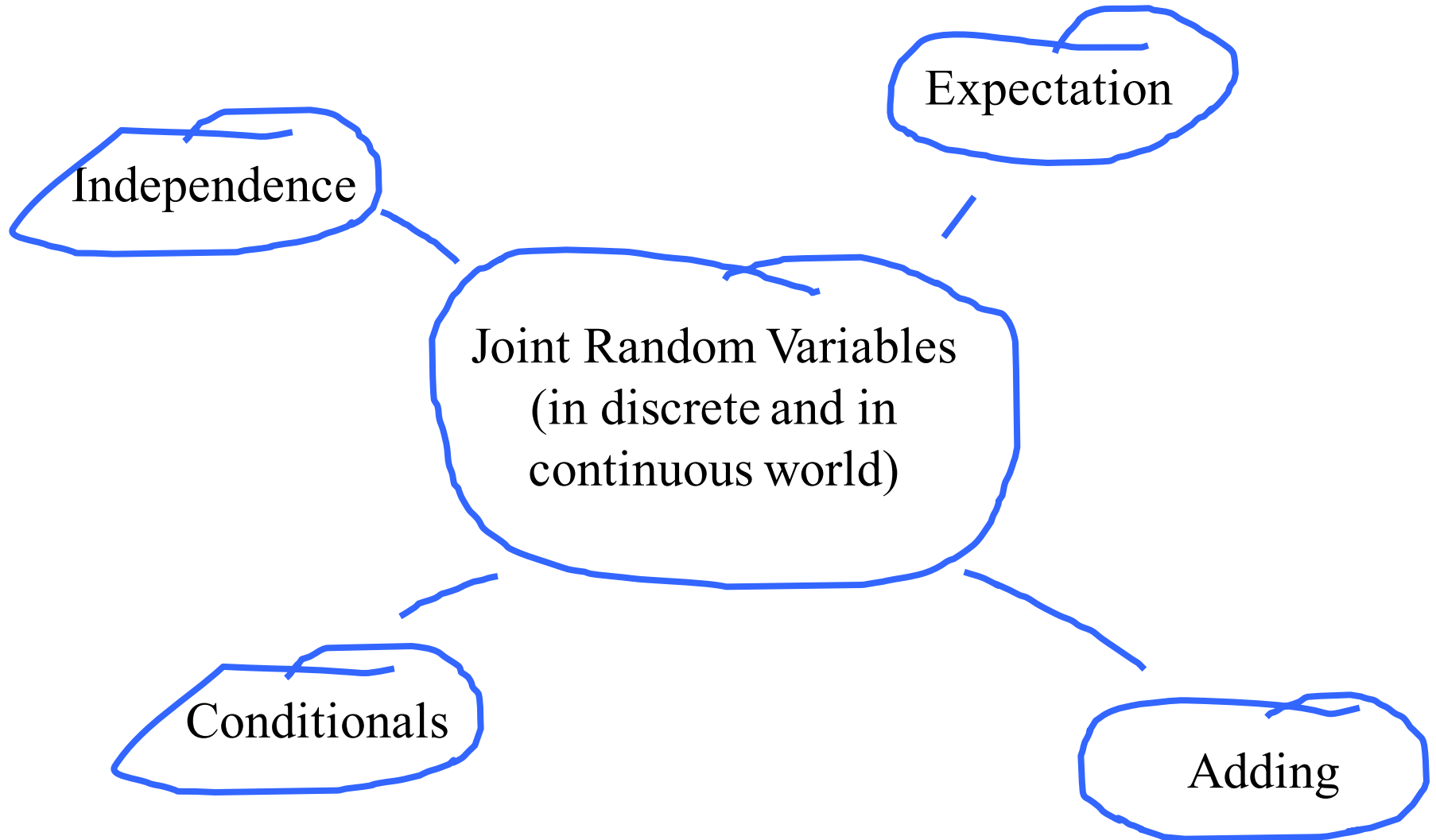


By induction we know that all subsamples of size k from $n-1$ are equally likely

$$P(\text{subset}) = \left(1 - \frac{k}{n}\right) \cdot \frac{1}{\binom{n-1}{k}} = \left(\frac{n-k}{n}\right) \cdot \frac{1}{\binom{n-1}{k}} = \frac{1}{\binom{n}{k}}$$

All combinations are in either case.
Each combination in the cases are
equally likely

The Story so Far

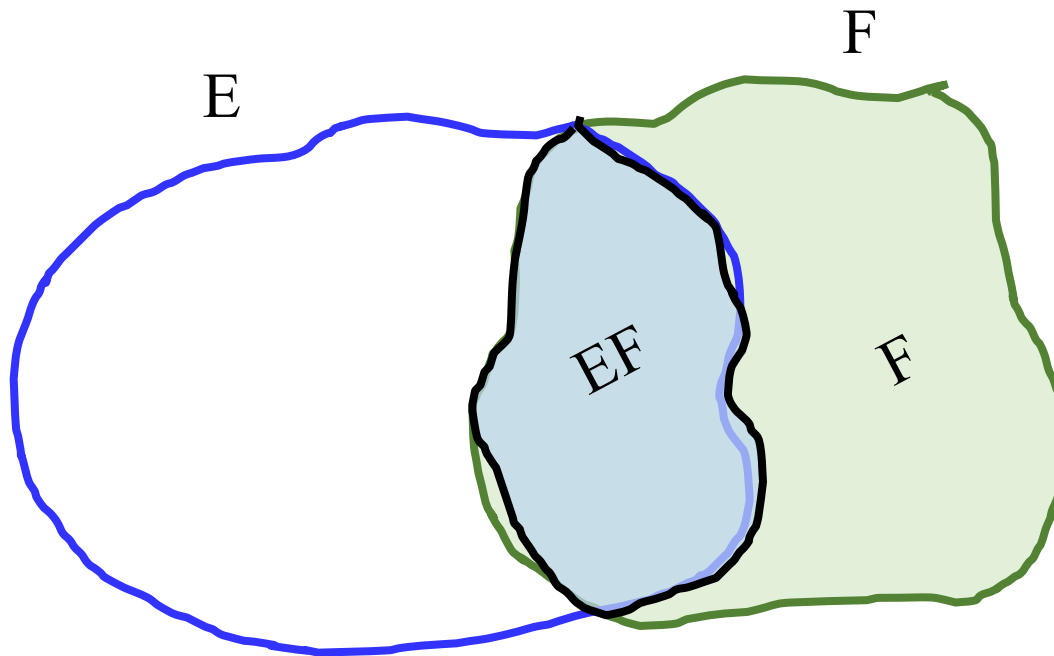


Conditionals with multiple variables

Discrete Conditional Distribution

- Recall that for *events* E and F:

$$P(E | F) = \frac{P(EF)}{P(F)} \quad \text{where } P(F) > 0$$



Discrete Conditional Distributions

- Recall that for events E and F :

$$P(E | F) = \frac{P(EF)}{P(F)} \quad \text{where } P(F) > 0$$

- Now, have X and Y as discrete random variables

- Conditional PMF of X given Y (where $p_Y(y) > 0$):

$$P_{X|Y}(x | y) = P(X = x | Y = y) = \frac{P(X = x, Y = y)}{P(Y = y)} = \frac{p_{X,Y}(x, y)}{p_Y(y)}$$

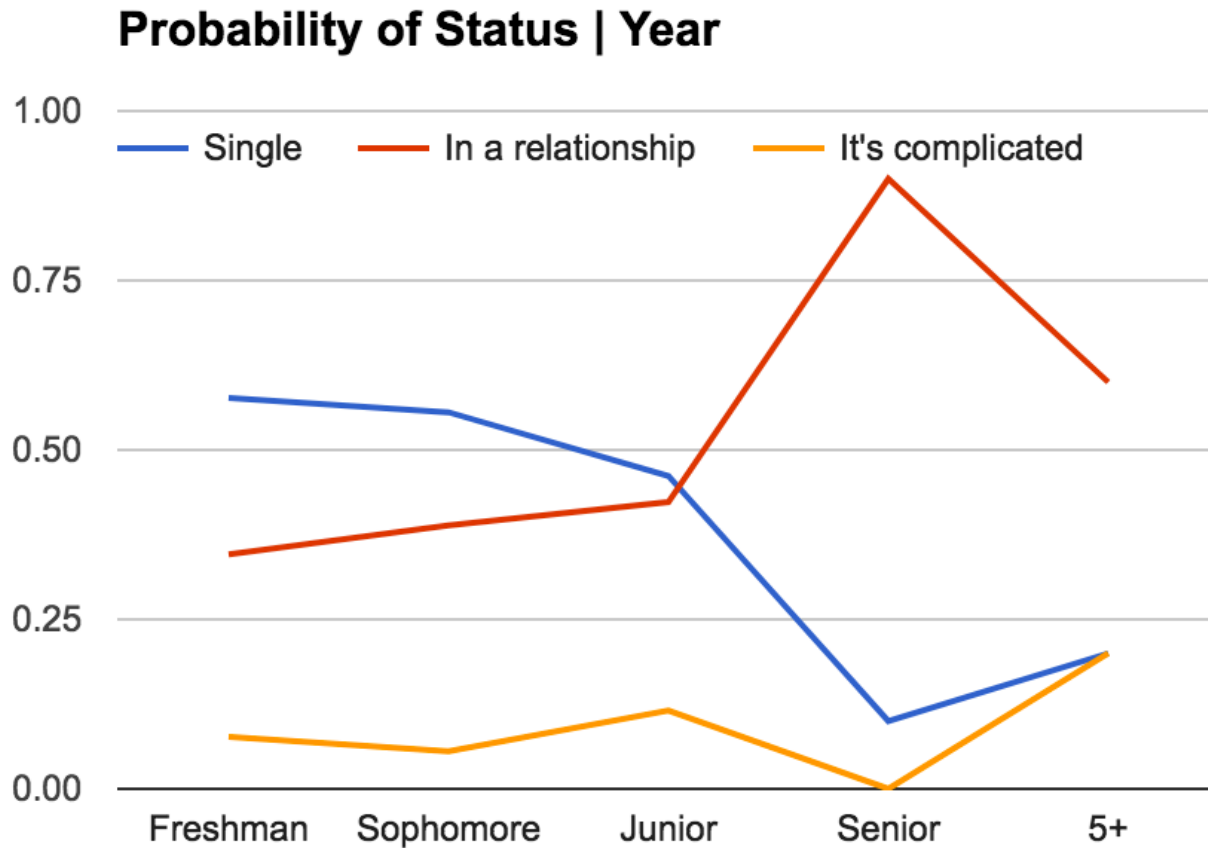
- Conditional CDF of X given Y (where $p_Y(y) > 0$):

$$\begin{aligned} F_{X|Y}(a | y) &= P(X \leq a | Y = y) = \frac{P(X \leq a, Y = y)}{P(Y = y)} \\ &= \frac{\sum_{x \leq a} p_{X,Y}(x, y)}{p_Y(y)} = \sum_{x \leq a} p_{X|Y}(x | y) \end{aligned}$$

Conditional Probability?

Joint Probability Table				
	Single	In a relationship	It's complicated	Marginal Year
Freshman	0.06	0.04	0.03	0.13
Sophomore	0.21	0.16	0.02	0.39
Junior	0.13	0.06	0.02	0.21
Senior	0.04	0.07	0.01	0.12
5+	0.04	0.09	0.03	0.15
Marginal Status	0.47	0.43	0.10	1.00

Relationship Status



Operating System Loyalty

- Consider person buying 2 computers (over time)
 - X = 1st computer bought is a PC (1 if it is, 0 if it is not)
 - Y = 2nd computer bought is a PC (1 if it is, 0 if it is not)
 - Joint probability mass function (PMF):

- What is $P(Y = 0 \mid X = 0)$?

$$P(Y = 0 \mid X = 0) = \frac{p_{X,Y}(0,0)}{p_X(0)} = \frac{0.2}{0.3} = \frac{2}{3}$$

- What is $P(Y = 1 \mid X = 0)$?

$$P(Y = 1 \mid X = 0) = \frac{p_{X,Y}(0,1)}{p_X(0)} = \frac{0.1}{0.3} = \frac{1}{3}$$

- What is $P(X = 0 \mid Y = 1)$?

$$P(X = 0 \mid Y = 1) = \frac{p_{X,Y}(0,1)}{p_Y(1)} = \frac{0.1}{0.5} = \frac{1}{5}$$

Y \ X	X		$p_Y(y)$
	0	1	
0	0.2	0.3	0.5
1	0.1	0.4	0.5
$p_X(x)$	0.3	0.7	1.0

And It Applies to Books Too



Hello. Sign in to get [personalized recommendations](#). New customer? [Start here.](#)

FREE 2-Day Shipping, No Minimum Purchase

Your Amazon.com

Today's Deals

Gifts & Wish Lists

Gift Cards

Your Account | Help

Shop All Departments

Search Books

GO

Cart

Your Lists

Books

Advanced Search

Browse Subjects

Hot New Releases

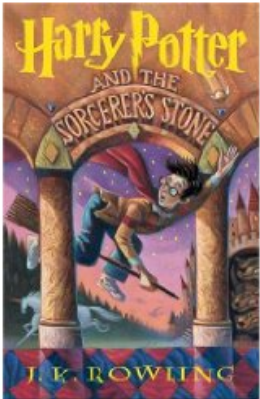
Bestsellers

The New York Times® Best Sellers

Libros En Español

Bargain Books

Textbooks



Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone (Book 1) (Hardcover)

by [J.K. Rowling](#) (Author), [Mary GrandPré](#) (Illustrator)

★★★★★ (5,471 customer reviews)

List Price: ~~\$24.99~~

Price: **\$15.92** & eligible for **FREE Super Saver Shipping** on orders over \$25.

[Details](#)

You Save: **\$9.07 (36%)**

In Stock.

Ships from and sold by **Amazon.com**. Gift-wrap available.

[86 new](#) from \$8.96 [263 used](#) from \$0.71 [97 collectible](#) from \$19.45

Quantity: 1

Add to Shopping Cart

or

[Sign in](#) to turn on 1-Click ordering.

or

Add to Cart with FREE Two-Day Shipping

Amazon Prime Free Trial required. Sign up when you check out. [Learn More](#)

Customers Who Bought This Item Also Bought



[Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban \(Book 3\)](#) by J.K. Rowling
★★★★★ (2,599) **\$16.49**



[Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire \(Book 4\)](#) by J.K. Rowling
★★★★★ (5,186) **\$19.79**



[Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix \(Book 5\)](#) by J. K. Rowling
★★★★★ (5,876) **\$10.18**



[Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince \(Book 6\)](#) by J.K. Rowling
★★★★★ (3,597) **\$10.18**



[The Tales of Beedle the Bard, Collector's Ed...](#) by J. K. Rowling
★★★★★ (176)

Page 1 of 20

P(Buy Book Y | Bought Book X)

Continuous Conditional Distributions

- Let X and Y be continuous random variables
 - Conditional PDF of X given Y (where $f_Y(y) > 0$):

$$f_{X|Y}(x | y) = \frac{f_{X,Y}(x, y)}{f_Y(y)}$$

$$f_{X|Y}(x | y) dx = \frac{f_{X,Y}(x, y) dx dy}{f_Y(y) dy}$$

$$\approx \frac{P(x \leq X \leq x + dx, y \leq Y \leq y + dy)}{P(y \leq Y \leq y + dy)} = P(x \leq X \leq x + dx | y \leq Y \leq y + dy)$$

- Conditional CDF of X given Y (where $f_Y(y) > 0$):

$$F_{X|Y}(a | y) = P(X \leq a | Y = y) = \int_{-\infty}^a f_{X|Y}(x | y) dx$$

- Note: Even though $P(Y = a) = 0$, can condition on $Y = a$

- Really considering: $P(a - \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \leq Y \leq a + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}) = \int_{a-\varepsilon/2}^{a+\varepsilon/2} f_Y(y) dy \approx \varepsilon f(a)$

Let's Do an Example

- X and Y are continuous RVs with PDF:

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{12}{5} x(2 - x - y) & \text{where } 0 < x, y < 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- Compute conditional density: $f_{X|Y}(x | y)$

$$\begin{aligned} f_{X|Y}(x | y) &= \frac{f_{X,Y}(x, y)}{f_Y(y)} = \frac{f_{X,Y}(x, y)}{\int_0^1 f_{X,Y}(x, y) dx} \\ &= \frac{\frac{12}{5} x(2 - x - y)}{\int_0^1 \frac{12}{5} x(2 - x - y) dx} = \frac{x(2 - x - y)}{\int_0^1 x(2 - x - y) dx} = \frac{x(2 - x - y)}{\left[x^2 - \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^2 y}{2} \right]_0^1} \\ &= \frac{x(2 - x - y)}{\frac{2}{3} - \frac{y}{2}} = \frac{6x(2 - x - y)}{4 - 3y} \end{aligned}$$

What happens when you add random variables?

Sum of Independent Binomials

- Let X and Y be independent random variables
 - $X \sim \text{Bin}(n_1, p)$ and $Y \sim \text{Bin}(n_2, p)$
 - $X + Y \sim \text{Bin}(n_1 + n_2, p)$
- Intuition:
 - X has n_1 trials and Y has n_2 trials
 - Each trial has same “success” probability p
 - Define Z to be $n_1 + n_2$ trials, each with success prob. p
 - $Z \sim \text{Bin}(n_1 + n_2, p)$, and also $Z = X + Y$
- More generally: $X_i \sim \text{Bin}(n_i, p)$ for $1 \leq i \leq N$

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^N X_i \right) \sim \text{Bin} \left(\sum_{i=1}^N n_i, p \right)$$

Sum of Independent Poissons

- Let X and Y be independent random variables
 - $X \sim \text{Poi}(\lambda_1)$ and $Y \sim \text{Poi}(\lambda_2)$
 - $X + Y \sim \text{Poi}(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)$
- Proof: (just for reference)
 - Rewrite $(X + Y = n)$ as $(X = k, Y = n - k)$ where $0 \leq k \leq n$

$$\begin{aligned} P(X + Y = n) &= \sum_{k=0}^n P(X = k, Y = n - k) = \sum_{k=0}^n P(X = k)P(Y = n - k) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^n e^{-\lambda_1} \frac{\lambda_1^k}{k!} e^{-\lambda_2} \frac{\lambda_2^{n-k}}{(n-k)!} = e^{-(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)} \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{\lambda_1^k \lambda_2^{n-k}}{k!(n-k)!} = \frac{e^{-(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)}}{n!} \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} \lambda_1^k \lambda_2^{n-k} \end{aligned}$$

- Noting Binomial theorem: $(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} \lambda_1^k \lambda_2^{n-k}$
- $P(X + Y = n) = \frac{e^{-(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)}}{n!} (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)^n$ so, $X + Y = n \sim \text{Poi}(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)$

Reference: Sum of Independent RVs

- Let X and Y be independent Binomial RVs
 - $X \sim \text{Bin}(n_1, p)$ and $Y \sim \text{Bin}(n_2, p)$
 - $X + Y \sim \text{Bin}(n_1 + n_2, p)$
 - More generally, let $X_i \sim \text{Bin}(n_i, p)$ for $1 \leq i \leq N$, then

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^N X_i \right) \sim \text{Bin} \left(\sum_{i=1}^N n_i, p \right)$$

- Let X and Y be independent Poisson RVs
 - $X \sim \text{Poi}(\lambda_1)$ and $Y \sim \text{Poi}(\lambda_2)$
 - $X + Y \sim \text{Poi}(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)$
 - More generally, let $X_i \sim \text{Poi}(\lambda_i)$ for $1 \leq i \leq N$, then

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^N X_i \right) \sim \text{Poi} \left(\sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i \right)$$

If only it were always that simple

Convolution of Probability Distributions



We talked about sum of Binomial and Poisson...who's missing from this party?

Uniform.

Summation: not just for the 1%

Dance, Dance Convolution

- Let X and Y be independent random variables

- Cumulative Distribution Function (CDF) of $X + Y$:

$$F_{X+Y}(a) = P(X + Y \leq a)$$

$$= \iint_{x+y \leq a} f_X(x) f_Y(y) dx dy = \int_{y=-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{x=-\infty}^{a-y} f_X(x) dx f_Y(y) dy$$

CDF of X

$$= \int_{y=-\infty}^{\infty} F_X(a - y) f_Y(y) dy$$

PDF of Y

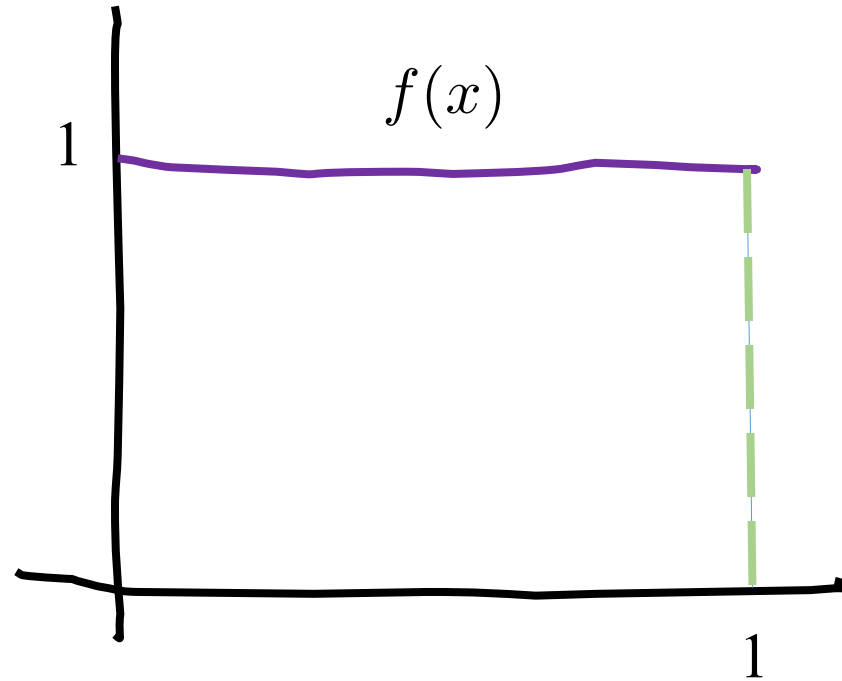
- F_{X+Y} is called **convolution** of F_X and F_Y
 - Probability Density Function (PDF) of $X + Y$, analogous:

$$f_{X+Y}(a) = \int_{y=-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(a - y) f_Y(y) dy$$

- In discrete case, replace $\int_{y=-\infty}^{\infty}$ with $\sum_y$, and $f(y)$ with $p(y)$

Sum of Independent Uniforms

- Let X and Y be independent random variables
 - $X \sim \text{Uni}(0, 1)$ and $Y \sim \text{Uni}(0, 1) \rightarrow f(x) = 1$ for $0 \leq x \leq 1$



For both X and Y

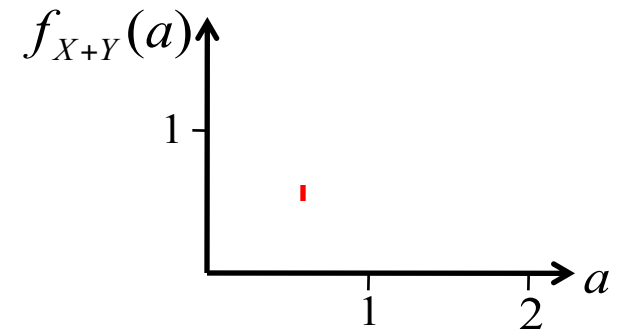
Sum of Independent Uniforms

- Let X and Y be independent random variables
 - $X \sim \text{Uni}(0, 1)$ and $Y \sim \text{Uni}(0, 1) \rightarrow f(x) = 1$ for $0 \leq x \leq 1$
 - What is PDF of $X + Y$?

$$f_{X+Y}(a) = \int_{y=0}^1 f_X(a-y) f_Y(y) dy = \int_{y=0}^1 f_X(a-y) dy$$

When $a = 0.5$:

$$\begin{aligned} f_{X+Y}(0.5) &= \int_{y=?}^{y=?} f_X(0.5 - y) dy \\ &= \int_0^{0.5} f_X(0.5 - y) dy \\ &= \int_0^{0.5} 1 dy \\ &= 0.5 \end{aligned}$$



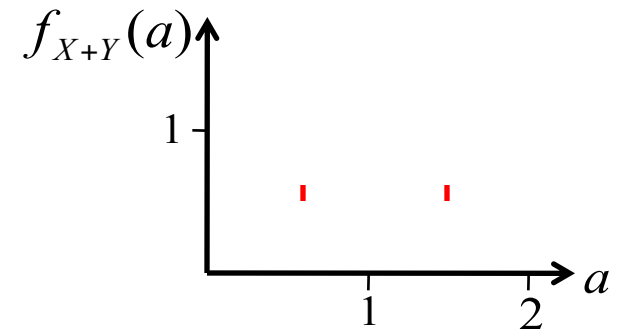
Sum of Independent Uniforms

- Let X and Y be independent random variables
 - $X \sim \text{Uni}(0, 1)$ and $Y \sim \text{Uni}(0, 1) \rightarrow f(x) = 1$ for $0 \leq x \leq 1$
 - What is PDF of $X + Y$?

$$f_{X+Y}(a) = \int_{y=0}^1 f_X(a-y) f_Y(y) dy = \int_{y=0}^1 f_X(a-y) dy$$

When $a = 1.5$:

$$\begin{aligned} f_{X+Y}(1.5) &= \int_{y=?}^{y=?} f_X(1.5-y) dy \\ &= \int_{0.5}^1 f_X(1.5-y) dy \\ &= \int_{0.5}^1 1 dy \\ &= 0.5 \end{aligned}$$



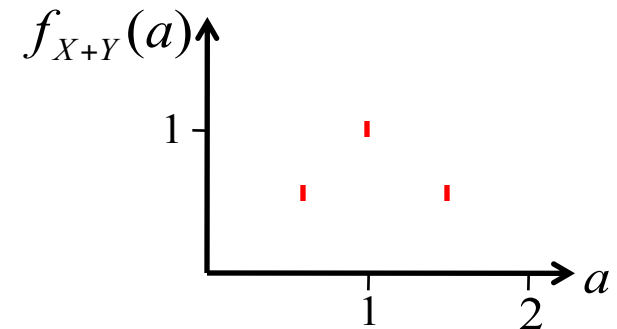
Sum of Independent Uniforms

- Let X and Y be independent random variables
 - $X \sim \text{Uni}(0, 1)$ and $Y \sim \text{Uni}(0, 1) \rightarrow f(x) = 1$ for $0 \leq x \leq 1$
 - What is PDF of $X + Y$?

$$f_{X+Y}(a) = \int_{y=0}^1 f_X(a-y) f_Y(y) dy = \int_{y=0}^1 f_X(a-y) dy$$

When $a = 1$:

$$\begin{aligned} f_{X+Y}(1) &= \int_{y=?}^{y=?} f_X(1-y) dy \\ &= \int_0^1 f_X(1-y) dy \\ &= \int_0^1 1 dy \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$



Sum of Independent Uniforms

- Let X and Y be independent random variables
 - $X \sim \text{Uni}(0, 1)$ and $Y \sim \text{Uni}(0, 1) \rightarrow f(x) = 1$ for $0 \leq x \leq 1$
 - What is PDF of $X + Y$?

$$f_{X+Y}(a) = \int_{y=0}^1 f_X(a-y) f_Y(y) dy = \int_{y=0}^1 f_X(a-y) dy$$

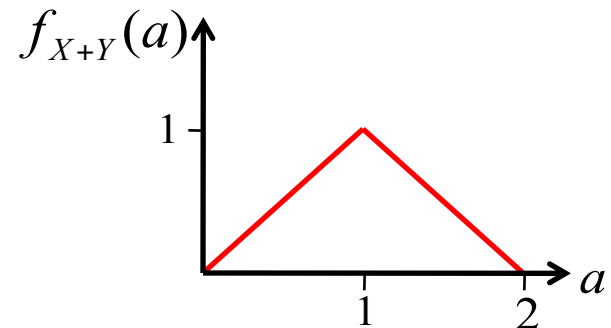
- When $0 \leq a \leq 1$ and $0 \leq y \leq a$, $0 \leq a-y \leq 1 \rightarrow f_X(a-y) = 1$

$$f_{X+Y}(a) = \int_{y=0}^a dy = a$$

- When $1 \leq a \leq 2$ and $a-1 \leq y \leq 1$, $0 \leq a-y \leq 1 \rightarrow f_X(a-y) = 1$

$$f_{X+Y}(a) = \int_{y=a-1}^1 dy = 2 - a$$

- Combining: $f_{X+Y}(a) = \begin{cases} a & 0 \leq a \leq 1 \\ 2 - a & 1 < a \leq 2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$



Sum of Independent Normals

- Let X and Y be independent random variables
 - $X \sim N(\mu_1, \sigma_1^2)$ and $Y \sim N(\mu_2, \sigma_2^2)$
 - $X + Y \sim N(\mu_1 + \mu_2, \sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2)$
- Generally, have n independent random variables $X_i \sim N(\mu_i, \sigma_i^2)$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$:

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i \right) \sim N \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i, \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^2 \right)$$

Virus Infections

- Say you are working with the WHO to plan a response to a the initial conditions of a virus:
 - Two exposed groups
 - P1: 50 people, each independently infected with $p = 0.1$
 - P2: 100 people, each independently infected with $p = 0.4$
 - Question: Probability of more than 40 infections?

Sanity check: Should we use the Binomial Sum-of-RVs shortcut?

A. YES!

B. NO!

C. Other/none/more

Virus Infections

- Say you are working with the WHO to plan a response to a the initial conditions of a virus:
 - Two exposed groups
 - P1: 50 people, each independently infected with $p = 0.1$
 - P2: 100 people, each independently infected with $p = 0.4$
 - $A = \#$ infected in P1 $A \sim \text{Bin}(50, 0.1) \approx X \sim N(5, 4.5)$
 - $B = \#$ infected in P2 $B \sim \text{Bin}(100, 0.4) \approx Y \sim N(40, 24)$
 - What is $P(\geq 40 \text{ people infected})$?
 - $P(A + B \geq 40) \approx P(X + Y \geq 39.5)$
 - $X + Y = W \sim N(5 + 40 = 45, 4.5 + 24 = 28.5)$

$$P(W \geq 39.5) = P\left(\frac{W - 45}{\sqrt{28.5}} > \frac{39.5 - 45}{\sqrt{28.5}}\right) = 1 - \Phi(-1.03) \approx 0.8485$$

End sum of independent vars

Web Server Requests Redux

- Requests received at web server in a day
 - $X = \#$ requests from humans/day $X \sim \text{Poi}(\lambda_1)$
 - $Y = \#$ requests from bots/day $Y \sim \text{Poi}(\lambda_2)$
 - X and Y are independent $\rightarrow X + Y \sim \text{Poi}(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)$
 - What is $P(X = k \mid X + Y = n)$?

$$\begin{aligned} P(X = k \mid X + Y = n) &= \frac{P(X = k, Y = n - k)}{P(X + Y = n)} = \frac{P(X = k)P(Y = n - k)}{P(X + Y = n)} \\ &= \frac{e^{-\lambda_1} \lambda_1^k}{k!} \cdot \frac{e^{-\lambda_2} \lambda_2^{n-k}}{(n-k)!} \cdot \frac{n!}{e^{-(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)} (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)^n} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} \cdot \frac{\lambda_1^k \lambda_2^{n-k}}{(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)^n} \\ &= \binom{n}{k} \left(\frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2} \right)^k \left(\frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2} \right)^{n-k} \end{aligned}$$

$$(X \mid X + Y = n) \sim \text{Bin} \left(n, \frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2} \right)$$

Course Mean

$E[\text{CS109}]$

*This is actual midpoint of course
(Just wanted you to know)*