

Cornell Note

Conditional Probability Interpretation

Today's Standard

HSS.CP.B6 - Find the conditional probability of A given B as the fraction of B's outcomes that also belong to A, and interpret the answer in terms of the model.

Notes
Conditional probability is the probability of event A occurring given that event B has occurred.
P(A B) is found by dividing the number of outcomes in B that also belong
to A by the total number of outcomes in B.
P(A B) and P(B A) are different because they are conditional on different
events.
Common misconceptions include thinking P(A B) is the same as P(B A) and that conditional probability is always lower than individual event
probabilities.
Using real-world examples like weather prediction and medical testing can help make the concept of conditional probability more relatable and understandable.

Summary

Conditional probability is the likelihood of an event occurring given another event has occurred. It is crucial for making informed decisions and predictions. Understanding the difference between P(A|B) and P(B|A) and recognizing common misconceptions are key to mastering this concept.