

## Homework 1: Probability and Bayes' Rule

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**Instructions:** Your answers are due **at 11:50pm** submitted on canvas. You **must turn in a pdf through** canvas. I recommend using latex (<http://www.cs.utah.edu/~jeffp/teaching/latex/>, see also <http://overleaf.com>) for producing the assignment answers. If the answers are too hard to read you will lose points, entire questions may be given a 0 (e.g. **sloppy pictures with your phone's camera are not ok, but very careful ones are**)

Please make sure your name appears at the top of the page.

You may discuss the concepts with your classmates, but write up the answers entirely on your own. **Be sure to show all the work involved in deriving your answers! If you just give a final answer without explanation, you may not receive credit for that question.**

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- [20 points] Using the probability table below for the random variables  $X$  and  $Y$ , derive the following values
  - $\Pr(X \neq 1)$
  - $\Pr(X = 0 \cap Y = 0)$
  - $\Pr(X = 0 \mid Y = 1)$
  - Are  $X$  and  $Y$  independent? and explain why.

	$X = 0$	$X = 1$
$Y = 0$	3/30	7/30
$Y = 1$	6/30	14/30

- [25 points] An “adventurous” track athlete has the following running routine every morning: He takes a bus to a random stop, then hitches a ride, and then runs all the way home. The bus, described by a random variable  $B$ , has four stops where the stops are at a distance of 2, 3, 4, and 10 miles from his house – the first three stops have probability  $1/5$  of occurring. The 10 mile stop has probability  $2/5$  of occurring. Then the random hitchhiking takes him further from his house a uniformly distributed number of miles on the distances  $-2$  to  $8$ ; that is it is represented as a random variable  $H$  with pdf described

$$f(H = x) = \begin{cases} 1/10 & \text{if } x \in [-2, 8] \\ 0 & \text{if } x \notin [-2, 8] \end{cases}$$

**Note that a negative distance means that the runner is taken closer to his house. For example, if  $H = -1$ , then the runner is taken 1 mile *closer* to his home.**

What is the expected distance he jogs each morning?

- [30 points] Consider a data set  $D$  with three data points  $\{-1, 2, 10\}$ . We want to find a model for  $M$  from a restricted sample space  $\Omega = \{1, 3, 6\}$ . Assume the data has Laplacian

noise defined, so from a model  $M$  a data point's probability distribution is described  $f_M(x) = \frac{1}{2} \exp(-|M - x|)$ . Also assume we have a prior knowledge assumption on the model that  $\Pr(M = 1) = 0.2$ ,  $\Pr(M = 3) = 0.5$ , and  $\Pr(M = 6) = 0.3$ . Assuming all data points in  $D$  are independent, which model is most likely?

4. [25 points] The Rayleigh Distribution, indexed by scale parameter  $\sigma$ , has probability density function given by  $f(x) = \frac{x}{\sigma^2} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}}$  for  $x \geq 0$  where  $\sigma > 0$ . Plot the pdf and cdf of a Rayleigh Random Variable with  $\sigma = 3.5$  for values of  $x$  is range  $[0, 11]$ . The function `scipy.stats.rayleigh` may be useful.