

# Introduction to Computational Cognitive Science

## AS.050.202 (Fall 2019)

Lab 4  
(09/20/19)

# Plan

- Go over HW1
- GCM notation review + other questions
- Bayesian Inference

Note: Najoung will not be having office hours today. Email her if you wanted to meet her.

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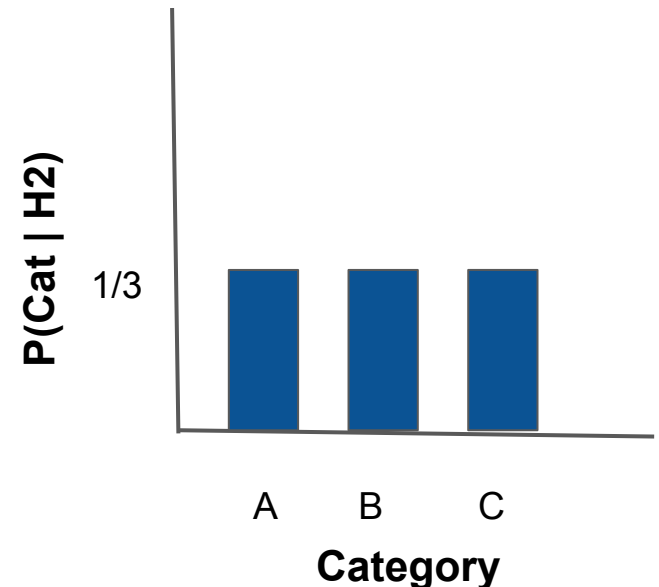
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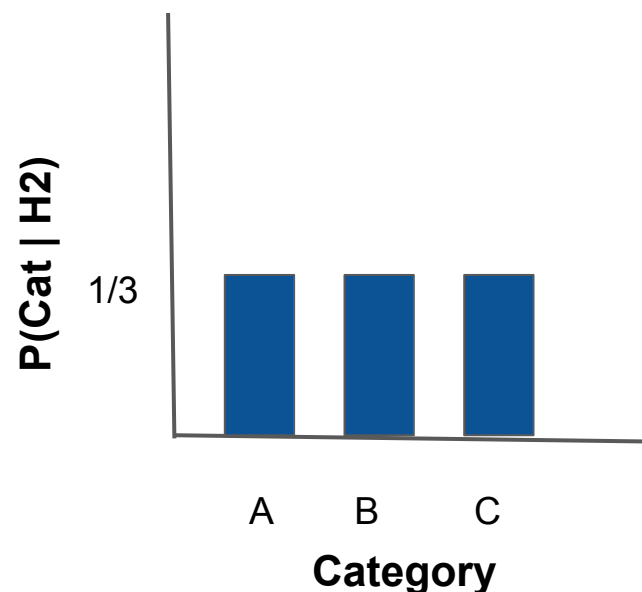
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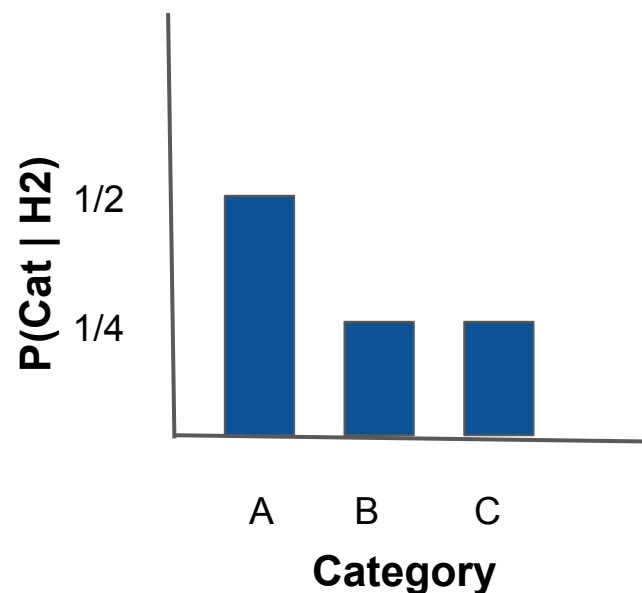
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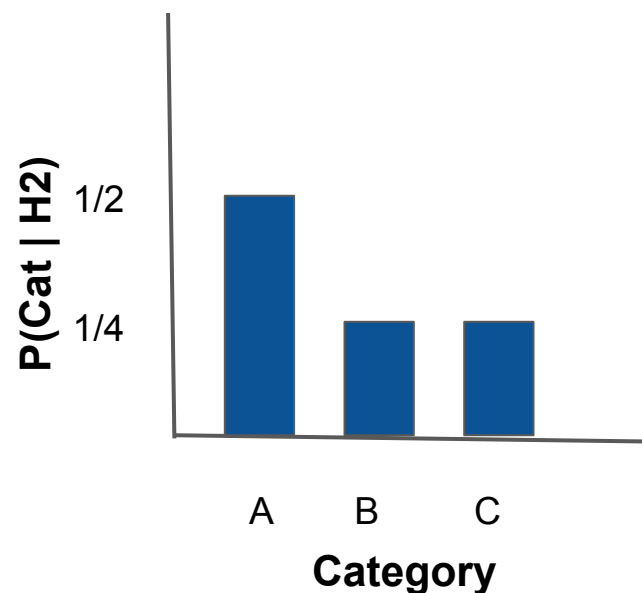
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$$P(B) = P(C) = X$$

$$P(A) = X/2$$

$$P(A) + P(B) + P(C) = 1$$

$$2X + X/2 = 1$$

$$X = 2/5 = P(B) = P(C)$$

$$P(A) = 1/5$$

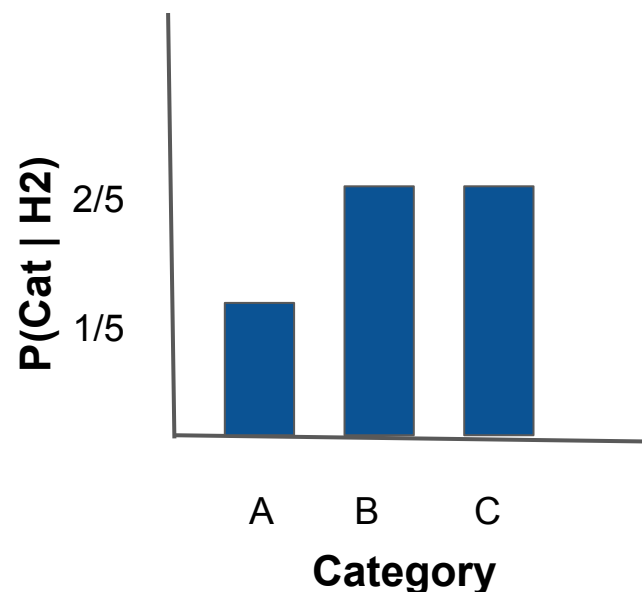
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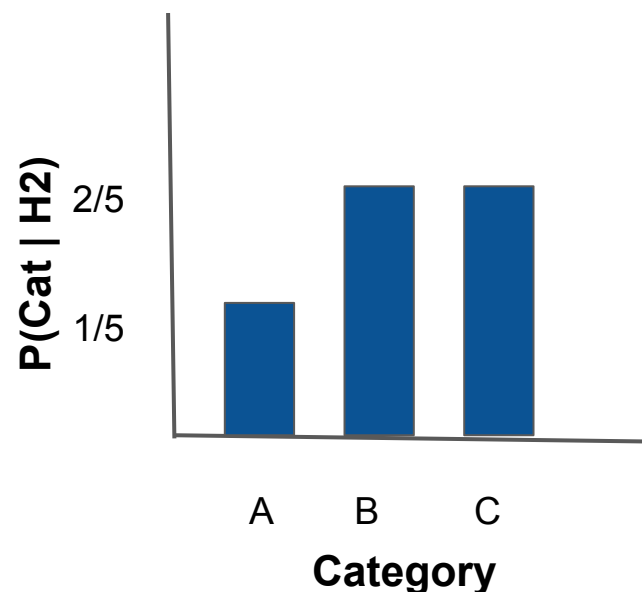
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The likelihood of observing the data if hypothesis is true, is affected by our assumptions about:

- The distribution of data in the world under Hypothesis<sub>X</sub>
- The sampling process under Hypothesis<sub>X</sub>

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- Based on frequency — i.e. how often in the past were each of the hypotheses true?
- Based on world knowledge (e.g., you know that the sampling process is random because you wrote the code for it)
- Based on innate knowledge/ preferences

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**Why do we usually ignore the evidence term?**

# Bayesian word learning

[https://tommccoy1.github.io/techviz/bayes/birds\\_intro.html](https://tommccoy1.github.io/techviz/bayes/birds_intro.html)

## Questions to think about:

- How is the prior probability calculated?
- How is the likelihood calculated?
- When do certain hypotheses get discarded?
- What happens if the learner assumes that the sampling procedure is unbiased, but you give them a biased sample?

# The dress

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## Bayesian belief update

$$\textit{Posterior probability} = \frac{\textit{Likelihood} * \textit{Prior}}{\textit{Evidence}}$$

$$\textit{Posterior}_i = \frac{\textit{Likelihood} * \textit{Posterior}_{i-1}}{\textit{Evidence}} \rightarrow \textit{Posterior}_{i+1} = \frac{\textit{Likelihood} * \textit{Posterior}_i}{\textit{Evidence}}$$

We update our beliefs based on what we see in the environment