

Maximum Likelihood Estimation to the Rescue!

But those are just data.

How do we find $\text{prob}(\text{M AND E})$?

Maximum likelihood estimation!

$$\text{prob}(\text{M AND E}) = 9,652 / 100,000 = 0.09652$$

is the **most likely** to have generated 9,652 instances out of 100,000.

Similarly, we estimate

$$\text{prob}(\text{E}) = 21,137 / 100,000 = 0.21137$$