

**Announcements:**

- If you haven't taken the survey yet, I encourage you to do it by Sunday!
- Chapter 7 practice problems on website.
- Discussion this week and next *for* credit.

**Homework** (due Mon, Feb 11<sup>th</sup>):

Chapter 7:  
#44, 64 (counts double)

**Review: Independent and Dependent Events**

- Two events are **independent** of each other if knowing that one will occur (or has occurred) *does not change* the probability that the other occurs.
- Two events are **dependent** if knowing that one will occur (or has occurred) *changes* the probability that the other occurs.

The definitions can apply *either ...*  
to events *within the same random circumstance* or  
to events *from two separate random circumstances*.

**HOW TO DETERMINE IF TWO EVENTS ARE INDEPENDENT**

1. Physical assumption  
*Example:* Lottery draws on different days don't affect each other.
2. See if  $P(B|A) = P(B)$ . If so, A and B are independent events, otherwise they are not.  
*Example:* Suppose data showed that smokers and non-smokers are equally likely to get the flu.  
 $P(\text{flu} | \text{smoker}) = P(\text{flu})$  so they are independent.
3. Events A and B are independent if and only if  $P(A \text{ and } B) = P(A)P(B)$ . If you know these probabilities, you can check to see if this holds.

**Testing independence of myopia and lighting**

TABLE 2.3 ■ Nighttime Lighting in Infancy and Eyesight

| Slept with: | No Myopia | Myopia    | High Myopia | Total |
|-------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-------|
| Darkness    | 155 (90%) | 15 (9%)   | 2 (1%)      | 172   |
| Nightlight  | 153 (86%) | 72 (31%)  | 7 (3%)      | 232   |
| Full Light  | 38 (45%)  | 36 (48%)  | 5 (7%)      | 75    |
| Total       | 342 (71%) | 123 (26%) | 14 (3%)     | 479   |

A = child slept in darkness as infant

$P(A) = 172/479 = .36$

B = child did not develop myopia

$P(B) = 342/479 = .71$

Does  $P(A \text{ and } B) = P(A)P(B) = (.36)(.71) = .2556$ ?

$P(A \text{ and } B) = P(\text{darkness and no myopia}) = 155/479 = .3236$

NO,  $P(A \text{ and } B) \neq P(A)P(B)$ , so A and B are *not* independent.

Infant sleeptime lighting and myopia are not independent.

**7.4 Basic Rules for Finding Probabilities**

**Probability an Event Does Not Occur**

**Rule 1 (for "not the event"):**  $P(A^C) = 1 - P(A)$

**Example:** In the US, blood type percents\* are:  
O: 46%, A: 39%, B: 11%, AB: 4%  
Suppose we randomly select someone.  
 $P(\text{Blood type O}) = 0.46$   
so  $P(\text{Blood type A, B, or AB}) = 1 - 0.46 = 0.54$ .

\*Source: www.bloodbook.com

**Probability That Either One or Both of Two Events Happen**

**Rule 2 (addition rule for "either/or/both"):**

**Rule 2a (general):**

$P(A \text{ or } B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \text{ and } B)$

**Rule 2b (for mutually exclusive events):**

If A and B are *mutually exclusive* events,  
 $P(A \text{ or } B) = P(A) + P(B)$

*Illustrate with Venn diagram in class.*

### Example 7.14 Roommate Compatibility

Brett will be assigned a roommate from 1000 other males. Will he get one who snores? Parties? Both?

|                 |     | Snores? |     | Total |
|-----------------|-----|---------|-----|-------|
|                 |     | Yes     | No  |       |
| Likes to Party? | Yes | 150     | 100 | 250   |
|                 | No  | 200     | 550 | 750   |
|                 |     | 350     | 650 | 1000  |

A = likes to party  $P(A) = 250/1000 = 0.25$

B = snores  $P(B) = 350/1000 = 0.35$

$P(A \text{ and } B) = 150/1000 = .15$

Probability that Brett will be assigned a roommate who either likes to party *or* snores, *or* both is:  $P(A \text{ or } B)$

$= P(A) + P(B) - P(A \text{ and } B) = 0.25 + 0.35 - 0.15 = 0.45$

So probability that his roommate is acceptable is  $1 - 0.45 = 0.55$

### Probability That Two or More Events Occur Together

**Rule 3 (multiplication rule for "and"):**

**Rule 3a (general):**

$$P(A \text{ and } B) = P(A)P(B|A)$$

**Rule 3b (for independent events):**

If A and B are independent events,

$$P(A \text{ and } B) = P(A)P(B)$$

**Extension of Rule 3b (> 2 independent events):**

For several independent events,

$$P(A_1 \text{ and } A_2 \text{ and } \dots \text{ and } A_n) = P(A_1)P(A_2)\dots P(A_n)$$

### Example with independent events (Rule 3b)

The probability of a birth being a boy is .512.

Suppose a woman has 2 children (not twins).

A = first child is a boy

B = second child is a boy

We assume these are independent events.

$$P(A \text{ and } B) = P(A)P(B) = (.512)(.512) = .2621$$

$$\text{Probability of 2 girls is } (.488)(.488) = .2381$$

From **Rule 2b**, probability of same sex = .5002

From **Rule 1**, probability of different sex = .4998

### Example with dependent events (Rule 3a)

Randomly select a student who takes Stat 7 with me. (Similar to Exercise 7.95 and homework.)

A = student comes to class regularly;  $P(A) = 0.7$

$A^C$  = student doesn't come regularly;  $P(A^C) = 0.3$

B = student gets *at least* a B in the course

$$P(B|A) = 0.8 \quad P(B|A^C) = 0.4$$

What is the probability that the student comes to class regularly *and* gets at least a B?

$$P(A \text{ and } B) = P(A)P(B|A) = (.7)(.8) = .56$$

### Extension of Rule 3b: Blood Types Again

A blood bank needs Type O blood. What is the probability that the next 3 donors (not related) all have Type O blood? We can assume independent.

**Event A** = 1<sup>st</sup> donor has Type O blood,  $P(A) = .46$

**Event B** = 2<sup>nd</sup> donor has Type O blood,  $P(B) = .46$

**Event C** = 3<sup>rd</sup> donor has Type O blood,  $P(C) = .46$

$P(\text{Next 3 donors all have Type O blood})$

$$= P(A \text{ and } B \text{ and } C)$$

$$= (.46)(.46)(.46) = (.46)^3 = .097336$$

### Determining a Conditional Probability

**Rule 4 (conditional probability):**

$$P(B|A) = \frac{P(A \text{ and } B)}{P(A)}$$

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EXAMPLE OF CONDITIONAL PROBABILITY - Revisited

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$$P(B|A) = P(\text{no myopia} | \text{slept in dark}) = 155/172 = .90$$

But this is

$$\frac{P(A \text{ and } B)}{P(A)} = \frac{155/479}{172/479} = \frac{155}{172}$$

Mutually exclusive versus Independent

Students sometimes confuse the definitions of **independent** and **mutually exclusive** events.

- When two events are *mutually exclusive* and one happens, it *turns the probability of the other one to 0*.
- When two events are *independent* and one happens, it *leaves the probability of the other one alone*.

In Summary (see page 236) ...

| When Events Are:   | P(A or B) is:                       | P(A and B) Is: | P(A B) Is:                         |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|
| Mutually exclusive | $P(A) + P(B)$                       | 0              | 0                                  |
| Independent        | $P(A) + P(B) - P(A)P(B)$            | $P(A)P(B)$     | $P(A)$                             |
| Any                | $P(A) + P(B) - P(A \text{ and } B)$ | $P(A)P(B A)$   | $\frac{P(A \text{ and } B)}{P(B)}$ |

The most important parts to remember, because they are based on the definitions:

**Mutually exclusive:**  $P(A|B) = 0$

**Independent:**  $P(A|B) = P(A)$

7.5 Finding Complicated Probabilities: There are multiple ways to solve a problem

**Example 7.21** *Winning the Daily 3 Lottery*  
Event A = winning number is 956. **What is P(A)?**

**Method 1:** With physical assumption that all 1000 possibilities are equally likely,  $P(A) = 1/1000$ .

**Method 2:** Define three events,  
 $B_1 = 1^{\text{st}}$  digit is 9,  $B_2 = 2^{\text{nd}}$  digit is 5,  $B_3 = 3^{\text{rd}}$  digit is 6  
Event A occurs if and only if all 3 of these events occur.  
Note:  $P(B_1) = P(B_2) = P(B_3) = 1/10$ . Since these events are all *independent*, we have  $P(A) = (1/10)^3 = 1/1000$ .

Some Hints for Finding Probabilities

- **P(A and B):** Sometimes you can define the event in physical terms and know the probability or find it from a two-way table.

Example: I could classify the class into male, female and also year in school. Then, for example, probability that a randomly selected student in the class is Male *and* sophomore is the proportion of the class in that cell of the table. Don't need separate P(A) and P(B).

- Check if probability of the **complement** is easier to find, then subtract it from 1 (applying Rule 1).

Example: Probability of **at least 1** boy in family of 3 kids =  
 $1 - \text{Probability of all girls} = 1 - (.488)^3 = 1 - .116 = .884$

Finding Conditional Probability in Opposite Direction: Bayes Rule

**Know P(B|A) but want P(A|B):** Use Rule 3a to find  $P(B) = P(A \text{ and } B) + P(A^c \text{ and } B)$ , then use Rule 4.

$$P(A | B) = \frac{P(A \text{ and } B)}{P(B | A)P(A) + P(B | A^c)P(A^c)}$$

Two useful tools that are much easier than using this formula!

1. Hypothetical hundred thousand table
2. Tree diagram

## Solve these probability questions

### Example 1:

#### Medical testing for a rare disease

D = person has the disease, suppose:

$$P(D) = 1/1000 = .001, P(D^c) = .999$$

T = test for the disease is positive, suppose:

$$P(T | D) = .95, \text{ so } P(T^c | D) = .05$$

$$P(T | D^c) = .05, \text{ so } P(T^c | D^c) = .95$$

So the test is **95% accurate** whether person has the disease or not

Find  $P(D | T)$

= Probability of disease, *given* the test is positive

### Example 2: Probability of getting a B or better

Return to example of Statistics 7 grades

A = student comes to class regularly;  $P(A) = 0.7$

B = student gets at least a B in the course

$$P(B|A) = 0.8 \quad P(B|A^c) = 0.4$$

**Question:**

What is the overall probability of getting at least a B?

### Useful Tool 1: Hypothetical Hundred Thousand Table

Table of hypothetical 100,000 people who get tested  
1/1000 of them have disease = 100 people

Of those, 95% = 95 people test positive, so 5 test negative

999/1000 of them don't have the disease = 99,900 people

Of those, 95% = 94,905 people test *negative*, so 4995 positive

|            | Test positive | Test negative | Total   |
|------------|---------------|---------------|---------|
| Disease    | 95            | 5             | 100     |
| No disease | 4995          | 94,905        | 99,900  |
| Total      | 5090          | 94,910        | 100,000 |

Read from Table:  $P(\text{Disease} | \text{Test positive}) = 95/5090 = .019$

### Some definitions from Section 7.7 Probability of accurate medical test

Define the events:

D = person has the disease

$D^c$  = person does not have the disease

T = test is positive

$T^c$  = test is negative

**Sensitivity** of a test =  $P(T | D)$ , i.e., correct outcome if person *has* the disease.

**Specificity** of a test =  $P(T^c | D^c)$ , i.e. correct outcome if person *does not have* the disease.

### Useful Tool 2: Tree Diagrams Show disease example in class

**Step 1:** Determine first random circumstance in time sequence, and create first set of branches for possible outcomes. Create one branch for each outcome, write probability on branch.

EX:  $P(D) = .001, P(\text{no } D) = .999$

**Step 2:** Determine next random circumstance and append branches for possible outcomes to each branch in step 1. Write associated *conditional probabilities* on branches.

EX:  $P(T | D) = .95, P(T | \text{no } D) = .05$

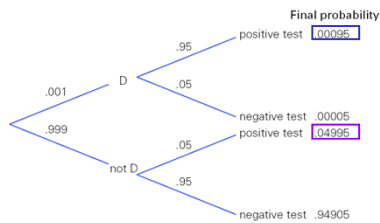
### Tree Diagrams, continued

**Step 3:** Continue this process for as many steps as necessary. (Not needed in this 2-step example)

**Step 4:** To determine the probability of following any particular sequence of branches, multiply the probabilities on those branches. This is an application of Rule 3a.

**Step 5:** To determine the probability of any collection of sequences of branches, add the individual probabilities for those sequences, as found in step 4. This is an application of Rule 2b.

## Disease probability



Sensitivity = specificity = 0.95  
 $P(D \text{ and positive test}) = (.001)(.95) = .00095$   
 $P(\text{test is positive}) = .00095 + .04995 = .0509$   
 $P(D | \text{positive test}) = .00095 / .0509 = .019$

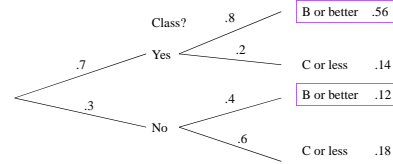
## Example 2: Return to example of Stat 7 grades

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Question: What is the overall probability of getting at least a B?



So, probability of B or better =  $.56 + .12 = .68$  overall

More examples in class, if time. Otherwise, try on your own.

- You drive on a certain freeway daily. Speed limit is 65. You drive over 65 all the time, but over 75 about 30% of the time.  
 $P(\text{ticket} | \text{over } 75) = 1/50 = .02$   
 $P(\text{ticket} | 65 \text{ to } 75) = 1/200 = .005$   
 What is the probability you get a ticket on a randomly selected day?
- Suppose there is no relationship between two variables, e.g. listening to Mozart and increased IQ. Suppose 3 independent experiments are done, each using the 0.05 criterion for statistical significance.  
 What is the probability that *at least one* finds statistical significance just by chance?

## Problem 1

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## Problem 2

Suppose there is no relationship between two variables, e.g. listening to Mozart and increased IQ. Suppose 3 independent experiments are done, each using the 0.05 criterion for statistical significance.

What is the probability that *at least one* experiment results in a statistically significant relationship just by chance?

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## Problem 2 Solution

Suppose there is no relationship between two variables, e.g. listening to Mozart and increased IQ. Suppose 3 independent experiments are done, each using the 0.05 criterion for statistical significance. What is the probability that *at least one* experiment results in a statistically significant relationship just by chance?

$1 - P(\text{no significant relationships}) =$

$1 - (.95)(.95)(.95) = 1 - .857 = .143$

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