

$P(A|B)$ : probability that A occurs if B has already occurred

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

"conditional probability" of event A

## Product Rules

$$P(AB) = P(A) \cdot P(B|A) = P(B) \cdot P(A|B)$$

$$P(A) \cdot \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(A)} \quad P(B) \cdot \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$$

$$P(ABC) = P(A) \cdot P(B|A) \cdot P(C|AB)$$

$$P(ABCD) = \underbrace{P(A)}_{\text{prob. of A}} \cdot \underbrace{P(B|A)}_{\text{prob that B occurs, given A}} \cdot \underbrace{P(C|AB)}_{\text{prob that C occurs, given A and B}} \cdot \dots$$

## Law of Total Probability

Assume S is partitioned into events  $A_1, \dots, A_k$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } P(B) &= \sum_{i=1}^k P(B|A_i) \quad \text{probability that } A_i \text{ occurs, then given } A_i, B \text{ occurs} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^k P(A_i) P(B|A_i) \end{aligned}$$

The probability of B occurring is equal to the summed probability of (first) each  $A_i$  occurring, and then, given each  $A_i$ , that B occurs

## Bayes' Theorem

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A) \cdot P(B|A)}{P(A) \cdot P(B|A) + P(\bar{A}) \cdot P(B|\bar{A})}$$

Proof:

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

## Independence

If we need to reassess the probability of an event B after an event A has occurred, they are **dependent**

A and B are independent if and only if

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B)$$

$$\Rightarrow P(A|B)P(B) = P(A)P(B)$$

$$\Rightarrow P(A|B) = P(A)$$

"given B": doesn't matter