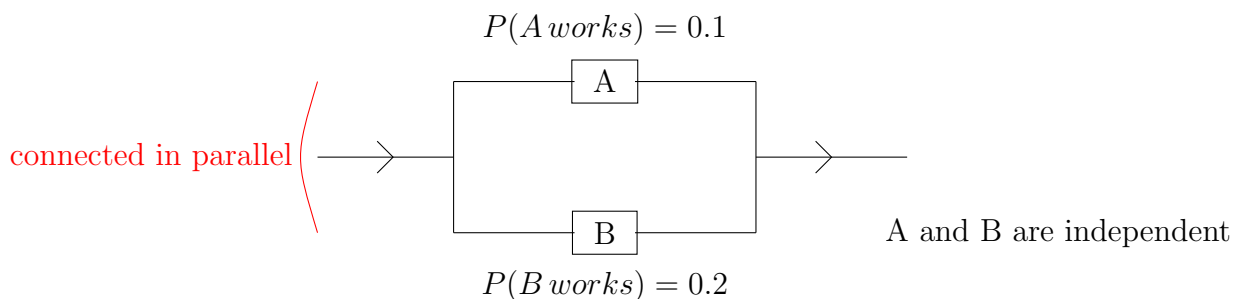


Last lecture, we calculated the reliability of the following system (recall that reliability of a system is the same as asking for the probability that the entire system works).



$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Reliability of system} &= P(\text{system works}) \\
 &= P(A \cup B) \\
 &= P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B) \\
 &= 0.1 + 0.2 - (0.1 \times 0.2) \quad [\text{since } A \text{ and } B \text{ are independent}] \\
 &= 0.28
 \end{aligned}$$

Another method

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(\text{system works}) &= 1 - P(\text{system does not work}) \\
 &= 1 - P(A^C \cap B^C) \\
 &= 1 - (0.9 \times 0.8) \quad [\text{since } A^C \text{ and } B^C \text{ are independent}] \\
 &= 0.28
 \end{aligned}$$

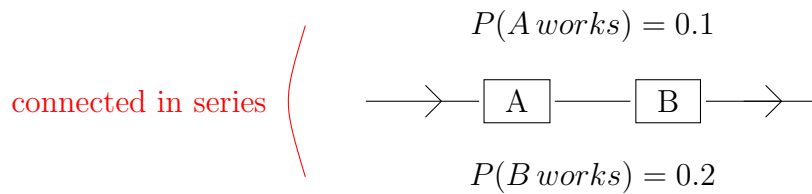
Yet another method

| | Component A | Component B | System works? | Probability |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| | 1 | 1 | ✓ | $0.1 \times 0.2 = 0.02$ |
| 1=works | 1 | 0 | ✓ | $0.1 \times 0.8 = 0.08$ |
| | 0 | 1 | ✓ | $0.9 \times 0.2 = 0.18$ |
| 0=does not work | 0 | 0 | × | $0.9 \times 0.8 = 0.72$ |
| | | | | 1 |

ans=0.02+0.08+0.18=0.28

add up to 1

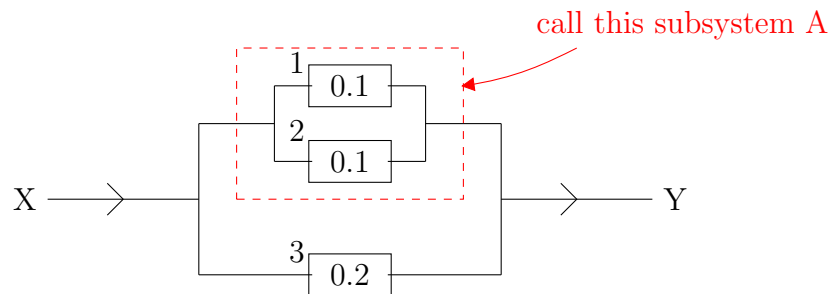
Another simple example



Note that A and B must both work for system to work.

$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{system works}) &= P(A \cap B) \\ &= 0.1 \times 0.2 \quad [\text{since } A \text{ and } B \text{ are independent}] \\ &= 0.02 \end{aligned}$$

Another example



Given components 1, 2, 3 operate independently.

$C = \{\text{component 1 works}\}$, $D = \{\text{component 2 works}\}$.

Easier to break down problem into parts.

$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{subsystem A works}) &= P(C \cup D) \\ &= P(C) + P(D) - P(C \cap D) \\ &= 0.1 + 0.1 - 0.1^2 \quad (\text{since } C \text{ and } D \text{ are independent}) \\ &= 0.19 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{entire system works}) &= P(\text{subsystem A works} \cup \text{component 3 works}) \\ &= 0.19 + 0.2 - (0.19 \times 0.2) \quad [\text{since events subsystem A works and} \\ &= 0.352 \quad \text{component 3 works are independent}] \end{aligned}$$

Q: Given that the entire system works, what is the probability component 1 works?

This is a conditional probability problem.

$$P(\text{component 1 works} | \text{system works}) = \frac{P(\text{component 1 works} \cap \text{system works})}{P(\text{system works})}$$

How come? $\rightarrow \frac{0.1}{0.352} = 0.284$ \leftarrow 0.352 comes from prev part

If you cannot see why it is 0.1, think of it as

$$P(\text{component 1 works} \cap \text{system works})$$

$$= P(\text{system works} \cap \text{component 1 works})$$

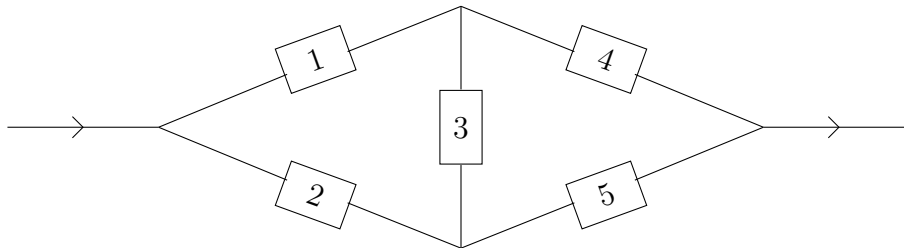
$$= P(\text{system works} | \text{component 1 works}) \times P(\text{component 1 works})$$

$$= 1 \times 0.1 = 0.1$$

\leftarrow 1 because guarantee to work if component 1 works

\leftarrow makes use of $P(A \cap B) = P(A|B)P(B)$

Harder question on reliability



Find the reliability of the system above. Assume the probability of each component failing is 0.1. Also assume the components operate independently.

Hint: This is easier to solve if component 3 is out of the way.

So,

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(\text{system works}) &= P(\overset{=A}{\text{system works}} \cap \overset{=B}{\text{component 3 works}}) \\
 &\quad + P(\text{system works} \cap \text{comp 3 does not work}) \\
 &= \frac{P(A|B) \cdot P(B)}{\text{given, } =0.9} + \frac{P(A|B^C) \cdot P(B^C)}{\text{given, } =0.1}
 \end{aligned}$$

draw a new circuit when component 3 is guaranteed to work and find $P(A|B)$

draw another new circuit when component 3 is guaranteed not to work and find $P(A|B^C)$

When you break it down this way, the question becomes quite manageable.

Here is the complete solution:

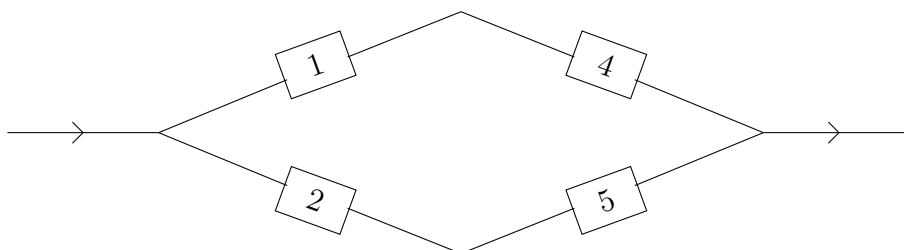
1. We condition on component 3 to simplify the problem.

Let A=system works, B=component 3 works

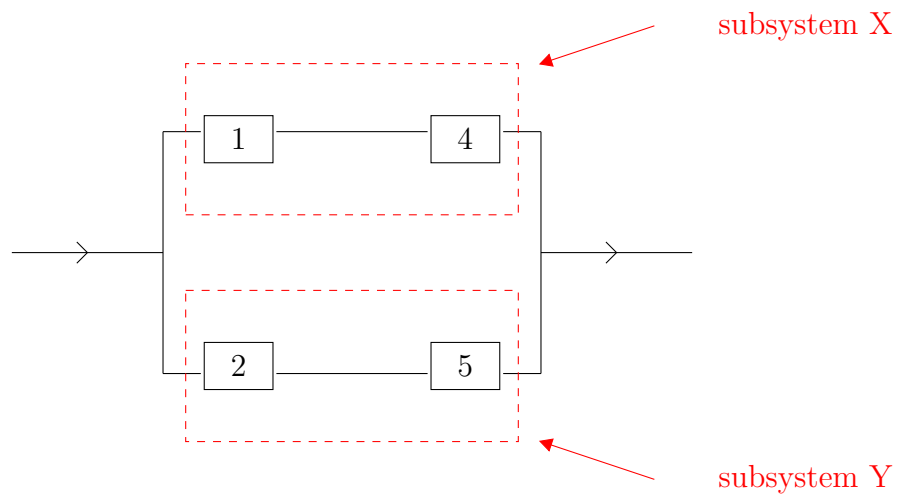
$$\Rightarrow P(B) = 0.9, P(B^C) = 0.1$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(\text{system works}) &= P(A \cap B) + P(A \cap B^C) \\
 &= P(A|B) \cdot \frac{P(B)}{0.9} + P(A|B^C) \cdot \frac{P(B^C)}{0.1} \dots (1)
 \end{aligned}$$

To calculate $P(A | B^C)$, we note that given event B^C , the diagram reduces to:



which is the same as



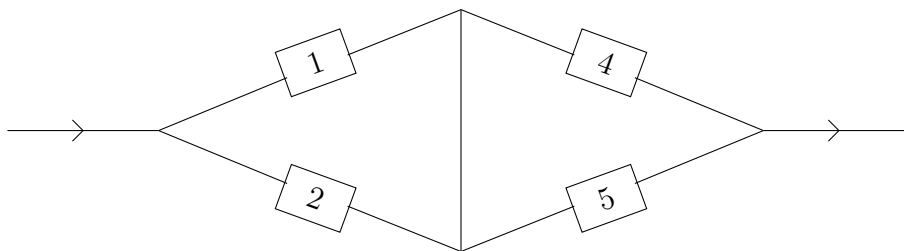
Let C = subsystem X works, D = subsystem Y works

$$P(C) = 0.9 \times 0.9 \quad (\text{since components 1 \& 4 are independent})$$

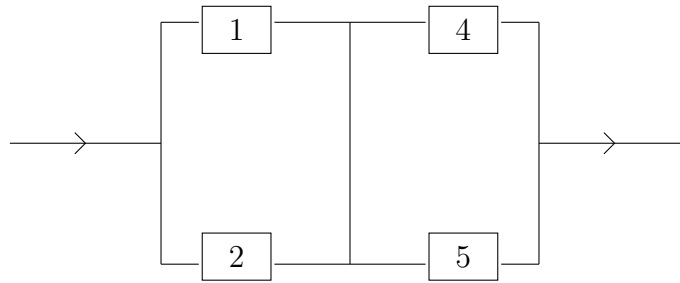
$$P(D) = 0.9 \times 0.9 \quad (\text{since components 2 \& 5 are independent})$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(A|B^C) &= P(C \cup D) \\ &= P(C) + P(D) - P(C \cap D) \\ &= 0.9^2 + 0.9^2 - (0.9^2)(0.9^2) \\ &= 0.9639 \end{aligned}$$

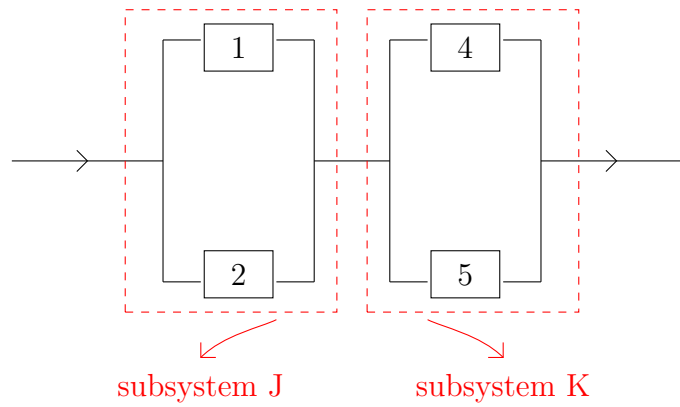
To calculate $P(A|B)$, we note that given event B, the diagram reduces to



which is the same as



which is the same as



Let E =subsystem J works, F =subsystem K works

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(E) &= P(\text{component 1 works} \cup \text{component 2 works}) \\
 &= P(\text{comp 1 works}) + P(\text{comp 2 works}) - P(\text{comp 1} \cap \text{comp 2}) \\
 &= 0.9 + 0.9 - 0.9^2 \quad (\text{since comp 1 and 2 independent}) \\
 &= 0.99
 \end{aligned}$$

By symmetry, $P(F)=P(E)=0.99$

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(A|B) &= P(E) \times P(F) \quad (\text{connected in series}) \\
 &= 0.99 \times 0.99 \\
 &= 0.9801
 \end{aligned}$$

substitute $P(A|B^C) = 0.9639$ and $P(A|B) = 0.9801$ into (1), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(\text{system works}) &= (0.9801 \times 0.9) + (0.9639 \times 0.1) \\
 &= 0.97848
 \end{aligned}$$

[Note: other ways to arrive at 0.97848 possible]

1=component works; 0=component does not work

circuit will flow from left to right

| combination | comp 1 | comp 2 | comp 3 | comp 4 | comp 5 | probability | will the circuit flow? |
|-------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|------------------|------------------------|
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | $(0.9)^5$ | ✓ |
| 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | $(0.9)^4(0.1)$ | ✓ |
| 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | $(0.9)^4(0.1)$ | ✓ |
| 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | $(0.9)^3(0.1)^2$ | × |
| 5 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | $(0.9)^4(0.1)$ | ✓ |
| 6 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | $(0.9)^3(0.1)^2$ | ✓ |
| 7 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | $(0.9)^3(0.1)^2$ | ✓ |
| 8 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $(0.9)^2(0.1)^3$ | × |
| 9 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | $(0.9)^4(0.1)$ | ✓ |
| 10 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | $(0.9)^3(0.1)^2$ | ✓ |
| 11 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | $(0.9)^3(0.1)^2$ | ✓ |
| 12 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | $(0.9)^2(0.1)^3$ | × |
| 13 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | $(0.9)^3(0.1)^2$ | ✓ |
| 14 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | $(0.9)^2(0.1)^3$ | ✓ |
| 15 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | $(0.9)^2(0.1)^3$ | × |
| 16 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $(0.9)(0.1)^4$ | × |
| 17 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | $(0.9)^4(0.1)$ | ✓ |
| 18 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | $(0.9)^3(0.1)^2$ | ✓ |
| 19 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | $(0.9)^3(0.1)^2$ | ✓ |
| 20 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | $(0.9)^2(0.1)^3$ | × |
| 21 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | $(0.9)^3(0.1)^2$ | ✓ |
| 22 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | $(0.9)^2(0.1)^3$ | × |
| 23 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | $(0.9)^2(0.1)^3$ | ✓ |
| 24 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $(0.9)(0.1)^4$ | × |
| 25 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | $(0.9)^3(0.1)^2$ | × |
| 26 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | $(0.9)^2(0.1)^3$ | × |
| 27 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | $(0.9)^2(0.1)^3$ | × |
| 28 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | $(0.9)(0.1)^4$ | × |
| 29 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | $(0.9)^2(0.1)^3$ | × |
| 30 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | $(0.9)(0.1)^4$ | × |
| 31 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | $(0.9)(0.1)^4$ | × |
| 32 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $(0.1)^5$ | × |

total of all add up to 1 as expected

add up all probabilities with ✓, and the answer is 0.97848

$$0.59049 + (0.00081 \times 2) + (0.06561 \times 5) + (0.00729 \times 8) = 0.97848$$