

Among 30 faculty members in a department, 5 are females and 25 are males. 3 females and 12 males have a PhD

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$P[F] = \frac{5}{30}$

$P[M] = \frac{25}{30}$

$P[F \cap \text{phd}] = \frac{3}{30}$

$P[M \cap \text{phd}] = \frac{12}{30}$

$P[\text{phd}] = \frac{15}{30}$

Among those who have done PhD, what fraction are female?

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$P[F | \text{phd}] = \frac{3}{15} = \frac{3}{3 + 12}$

$P[F | \text{phd}] = \frac{P[\text{phd} | F] P[F]}{P[\text{phd}]}$

$= \frac{\text{blue}}{\text{blue} + \text{yellow}}$

$\text{blue} \longrightarrow P[\text{phd} | F] P[F] \longrightarrow P[F \cap \text{phd}]$

$\text{yellow} \longrightarrow P[\text{phd} | M] P[M] \longrightarrow P[M \cap \text{phd}]$

$P[\text{phd}] = P[\text{phd} | F] P[F] + P[\text{phd} | M] P[M]$

$\frac{3}{5} \frac{5}{30} + \frac{12}{25} \frac{25}{30} = \frac{3}{30} + \frac{12}{30} = \frac{15}{30}$

$P[\text{phd}] = P[F \cap \text{phd}] + P[M \cap \text{phd}]$

$P[B] = P[B | A] P[A] + P[B | A^c] P[A^c]$

$P[B] = P[B \cap A] + P[B \cap A^c]$

Law of Total probability

