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## 9. Exercise: The multiplication rule

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Exercise: The multiplication rule

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Are the following statements true or false? (Assume that all conditioning events have positive probability.)

1. 
$$\mathbf{P}(A \cap B \cap C^c) = \mathbf{P}(A \cap B) \mathbf{P}(C^c \mid A \cap B)$$

2. 
$$\mathbf{P}(A \cap B \cap C^c) = \mathbf{P}(A) \mathbf{P}(C^c \mid A) \mathbf{P}(B \mid A \cap C^c)$$

3. 
$$\mathbf{P}\left(A\cap B\cap C^{c}
ight)=\mathbf{P}\left(A
ight)\,\mathbf{P}\left(C^{c}\cap A\mid A
ight)\,\mathbf{P}\left(B\mid A\cap C^{c}
ight)$$

4. 
$$P(A \cap B \mid C) = P(A \mid C) P(B \mid A \cap C)$$

## **Solution:**

- 1. True. This is the usual multipication rule applied to the two events  $A\cap B$  and  $C^c$ .
- 2. True. This is the usual multiplication rule.
- 3. True. This is because



$$\mathbf{P}\left(C^{c}\cap A\mid A
ight)=rac{\mathbf{P}\left(C^{c}\cap A\cap A
ight)}{\mathbf{P}\left(A
ight)}=rac{\mathbf{P}\left(C^{c}\cap A
ight)}{\mathbf{P}\left(A
ight)}=\mathbf{P}\left(C^{c}\mid A
ight).$$

So, this statement is equivalent to the one in part 2.

4. True. This is the usual multiplication rule  $\mathbf{P}(A \cap B) = \mathbf{P}(A)\mathbf{P}(B \mid A)$ , applied to a model/universe in which event C is known to have occurred.

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**1** Answers are displayed within the problem

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