

# CONDITIONAL PROBABILITY

DISCRETE STRUCTURES II

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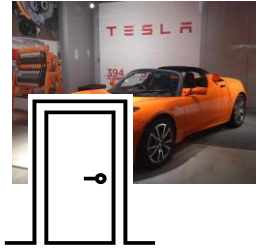
DISCRETE STRUCTURES FOR COMPUTER SCIENCE: COUNTING,  
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Two doors – Dogecoin



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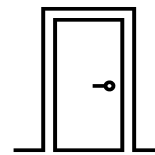


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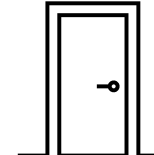
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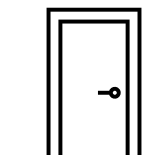
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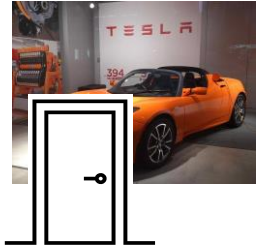


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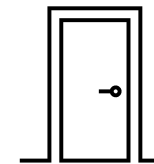
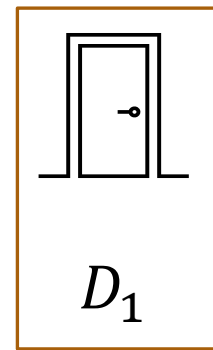


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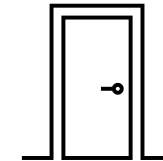
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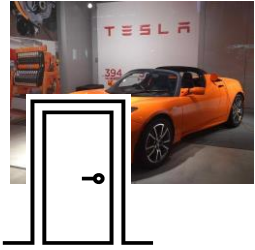
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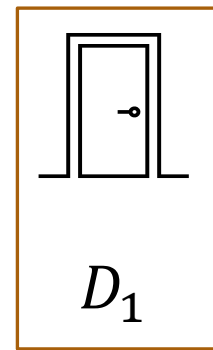
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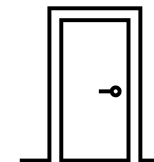
What do you do?

Is there a superior strategy?



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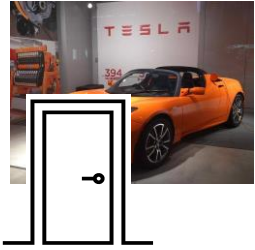
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What sort of strategy should we use?

One thought - Monty shows you the Doge, then probability of car being behind each remaining door is  $\frac{1}{2}$

This is wrong – why?

What do we know?

Monty Hall knows where the Tesla is.

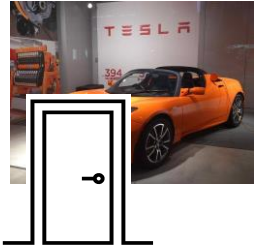
Monty Hall will never show you the door hiding the Tesla.

He will always show you a door hiding Doge.

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Monty is actually giving you information because his selection is not random.

Claim: After Monty reveals Dogecoin, it is always better to switch doors.

Let's work through this strategy.

The first door we pick has something random behind it.

What happens if we select a door with Dogecoin?

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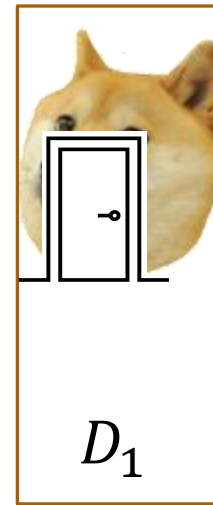
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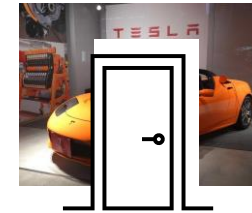
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Assume our first selection is Dogecoin.

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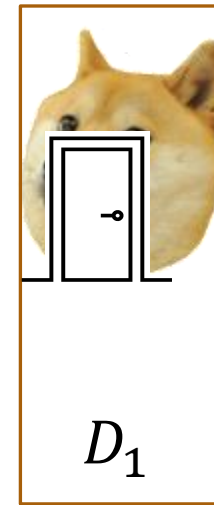
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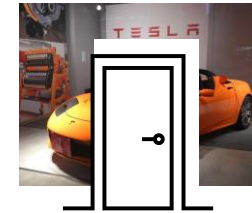
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Now we switch:

We always win the Tesla if we first select Dogecoin



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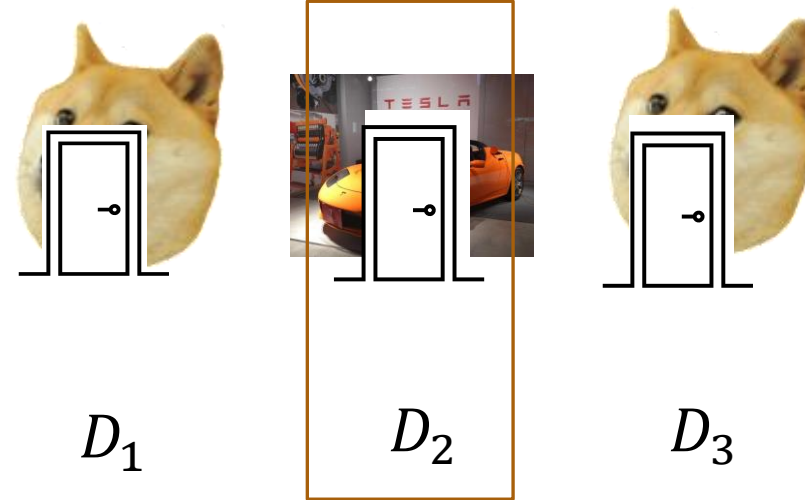
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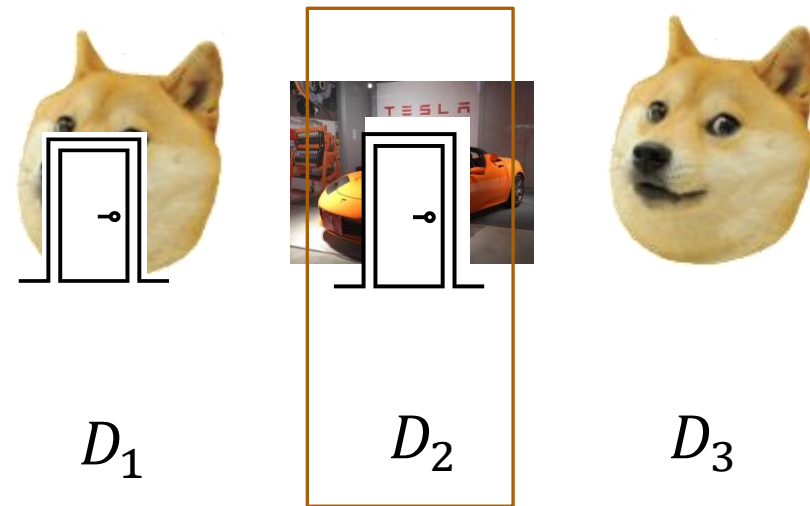
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We switch.

We always find Dogecoin.



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If we always switch doors:

Win Tesla  $\leftrightarrow$  door chosen in step 1 has Dogecoin.

$$\Pr(\text{first door has Doge}) = \frac{2}{3}$$

Win Dogecoin  $\leftrightarrow$  door chosen in step 1 has Tesla.

$$\Pr(\text{first door has Tesla}) = \frac{1}{3}$$

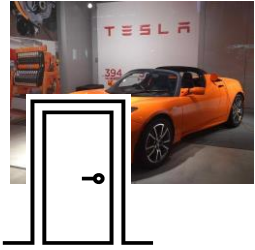
What is behind the door selected in step 1 is random. So what are the probabilities?

Always switching gives us probability  $\frac{2}{3}$  of winning

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By knowing that Monty always reveals Doge, we arrived at different probabilities than we would suspect.

$$\Pr(\text{first door has Doge}) = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\Pr(\text{first door has Tesla}) = \frac{1}{3}$$

This is conditional probability, which we will formalize (after the next example).

# Anil's Kids

Anil Maheshwari has 2 kids.

We are told that at least 1 of his kids is a boy.

When each child was born:

$$\Pr(\text{child is a boy}) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Pr(\text{child is a girl}) = \frac{1}{2}$$

Given that at least 1 kid is a boy, what is the  $\Pr(\text{both are boys}) = ?$



We know 1 is a boy, so guess might be that the probability other is a boy is  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

But again, we are given some (incomplete) information, and we should account for it.

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We know one is a boy, but we don't know which one.

Let's look at the sample space  $S$ : Anil has 2 kids.

All the possible combinations of 2 kids is

$$S = \{bb, bg, gb, gg\}$$

The first character represents the older child.

The second character represents the younger child.

Each of these outcomes has equal probability.

Our extra information – at least 1 is a boy – shrinks the sample space

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If we said the *oldest* is a boy, then  $S = \{bb, bg\}$

$\Pr(\text{both are boys}) = \frac{1}{2}.$

$$S = \{bb, bg, gb, gg\}$$

We know that the outcome cannot be  $gg$ .

What are the outcomes of  $S$  that have at least 1 boy?

$$S' = \{bb, bg, gb\}$$

Now we have a sample space  $S'$  and an event  $BB = \{bb\}$ . What is the probability of  $BB$ ?

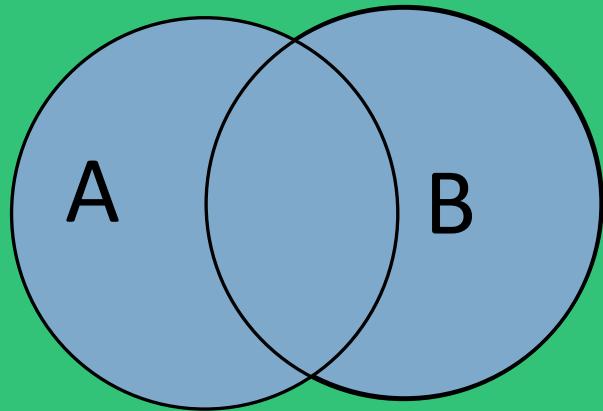
$$\begin{aligned}\Pr(BB) &= \frac{|BB|}{|S'|} \\ &= \frac{1}{3}\end{aligned}$$

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$\Pr(A|B)$  = probability of  $A$  given  $B$

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



One way to think of it is since we are told  $B$  is true, the set  $B$  becomes the new sample space.

Then  $\Pr(A|B)$  is the probability of selecting an element of  $A$  from the sample space  $B$ .

Note that if we have uniform probability, then this is the probability of event  $A \cap B$  occurring in the sample space  $B$ .

$$\Pr(A|B) = \frac{\Pr(A \cap B)}{\Pr(B)} = \frac{|A \cap B|/|S|}{|B|/|S|} = \frac{|A \cap B|}{|B|}$$

This does NOT generalize (but can be useful).

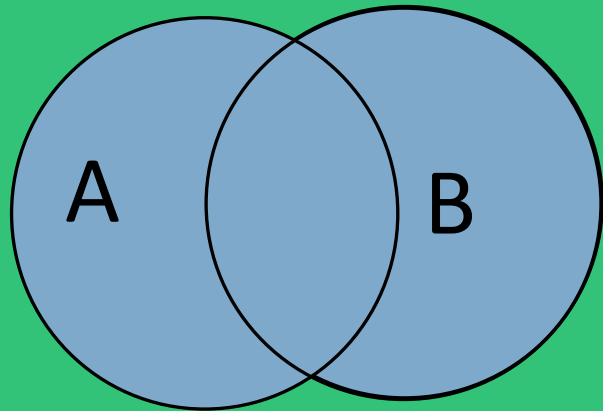


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Anil's kids:

Sample space  $S$  = two kids =  $\{gg, gb, bg, bb\}$

Event  $B$  = at least one boy =  $\{gb, bg, bb\}$

Event  $A$  = both are boys =  $\{bb\}$

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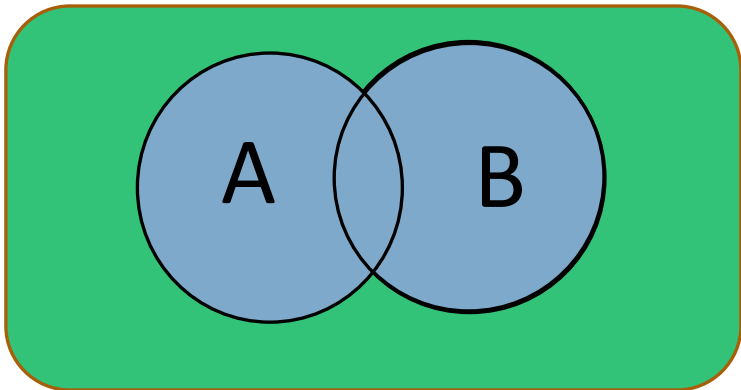
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In general  $\Pr(A|B) \neq \Pr(B|A)$

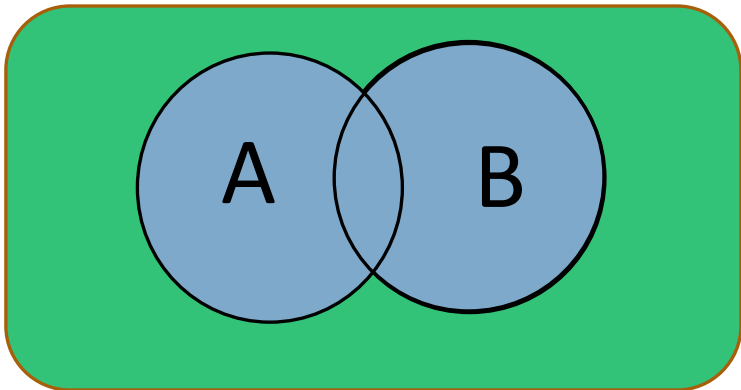
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$$\Pr(C|\bar{B}) + \Pr(C|B) = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{2}{3} = 1$$

Is this always true?

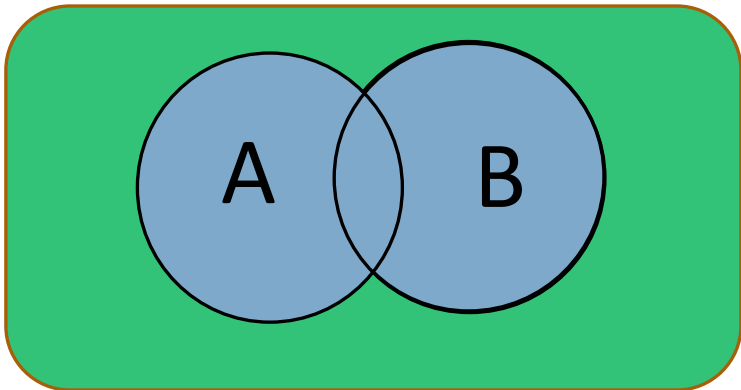
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Not true in general.

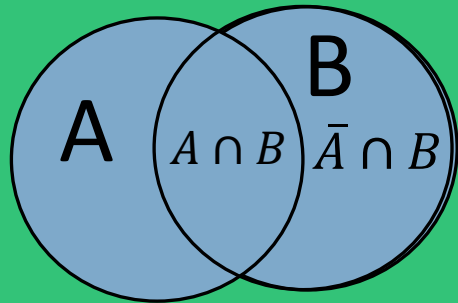
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$$= \frac{\Pr(A \cap B)}{\Pr(B)} + \frac{\Pr(\bar{A} \cap B)}{\Pr(B)}$$

$$= \frac{1/6}{3/6} + \frac{2/6}{3/6}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} + \frac{2}{3} = 1 \text{ always}$$

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Anil has 2 kids.

1 kid is a boy who was born on Sunday.

What is the probability that Anil has 2 boys?

The first thing we should do is determine the sample space.

The sample space is all combinations of 2 children. But now the children have 2 “stats”.

Each child has a gender and they were born on some day of the week.

We can count  $S$  using the Product Rule, by building each individual element.

$$S = \{(g_1, d_1, g_2, d_2) |$$

for  $i \in \{1, 2\}$ ,  $g_i$  = gender of child  $i$   
 $d_i$  = day of the week child  $i$  was born on

where

$$g_i \in \{\text{girl, boy}\}$$

$$d_i \in \{\text{Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat, Sun}\}$$

Thus  $(\text{girl, Fri}) \in S$ ,  $(\text{boy, Sun}) \in S$ , etc.

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2 ways to choose  $g_1$

7 ways to choose  $d_1$

2 ways to choose  $g_2$

7 ways to choose  $d_2$

Thus there are  $2 \cdot 7 \cdot 2 \cdot 7 = 196$  elements in  $S$ , or  $|S| = 196$ .

Let  $A$  be the event that Anil has 2 boys.

Let  $B$  be the event that Anil has  $\geq 1$  boy born on Sunday.

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

$$\Pr(B) = \frac{|B|}{|S|}$$

$B = B_1 \cup B_2$  where

$B_1 =$  1st kid is a boy born on Sunday

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$B_1$  = 1<sup>st</sup> kid is a boy born on Sunday

$$B_1 = \{( \text{boy, Sun, } g_2, d_2) | \\ g_2 \in \{\text{girl, boy}\}, \\ d_2 \in \{\text{Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat, Sun}\} \}$$

How many elements in  $B_1$ ?

1 way to choose  $g_1$

1 way to choose  $d_1$

2 ways to choose  $g_2$

7 ways to choose  $d_2$

$$|B_1| = 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 7 = 14$$



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$B_2$  = 2<sup>nd</sup> kid is a boy born on Sunday

$$B_2 = \{(g_1, d_1, \text{boy, Sun}) | \\ g_1 \in \{\text{girl, boy}\}, \\ d_1 \in \{\text{Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat, Sun}\}\}$$

How many elements in  $B_2$ ?

2 ways to choose  $g_1$

7 ways to choose  $d_1$

1 ways to choose  $g_2$

1 ways to choose  $d_2$

$$|B_2| = 2 \cdot 7 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 = 14$$

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How many elements in  $B_1 \cap B_2$ ?

# Conditional Probability

Anil has 2 kids. 1 kid is a boy who was born on Sunday.

What is the probability that Anil has 2 boys?

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$$B_1 = \text{1st kid is a boy born on Sunday} \\ B_2 = \text{2nd kid is a boy born on Sunday}$$

How many elements in  $B_1 \cap B_2$ ?

$$B_1 \cap B_2 = \{(\text{boy, Sun, boy, Sun})\}$$

$$|B_1 \cap B_2| = 1$$

$$B = B_1 \cup B_2$$

$$\begin{aligned} |B| &= |B_1| + |B_2| - |B_1 \cap B_2| \\ &= 14 + 14 - 1 \\ &= 27 \end{aligned}$$

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$A \cap B$  = has 2 boys and  $\geq 1$  boy was born on Sunday

$$A \cap B = AB_1 \cup AB_2$$

Where:

$AB_1$  = 2 boys, first born Sun

$AB_2$  = 2 boys, second born Sun

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$$AB_1 = \{ (\text{boy, Sun, boy, } d_2) | d_2 \in \{\text{Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat, Sun}\} \}$$

How many elements in  $AB_1$ ?

1 way to choose  $g_1$

1 way to choose  $d_1$

1 way to choose  $g_2$

7 ways to choose  $d_2$

$$|AB_1| = 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 7 = 7$$

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$$AB_2 = 2 \text{ boys, second born Sun}$$

$$AB_2 = \{ (\text{boy}, d_1, \text{boy}, \text{Sun}) | \\ d_1 \in \{\text{Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat, Sun}\} \}$$

How many elements in  $AB_2$ ?

1 way to choose  $g_1$

7 ways to choose  $d_1$

1 way to choose  $g_2$

1 way to choose  $d_2$

$$|AB_2| = 1 \cdot 7 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 = 7$$

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$$|AB_1 \cap AB_2| = 1$$

$$A \cup B = AB_1 \cup AB_2$$

$$\begin{aligned} |AB_1 \cup AB_2| &= |AB_1| + |AB_2| - |AB_1 \cap AB_2| \\ &= 7 + 7 - 1 \\ &= 13 \end{aligned}$$

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$$= \frac{|A \cap B|/|S|}{|B|/|S|}$$

$$= \frac{13/196}{27/196}$$

$$= \frac{13}{27} \approx 0.48$$



# Flip and Flip or Roll

Given fair red coin and fair blue coin and fair die. Perform the experiment:

flip red coin

if heads:

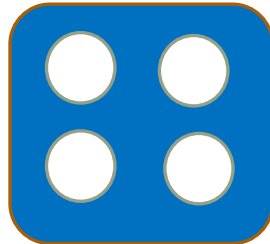
flip blue coin

return (H, blue coin)

else:

roll die

return (T, die roll)



What is the probability that a 5 is rolled?

$$S = \{(H, H), (H, T), (T, 1), (T, 2), (T, 3), (T, 4), (T, 5), (T, 6)\}.$$

Then the event  $A$  = “a 5 is rolled” is

$$A = \{(T, 5)\}.$$

We want  $\Pr(A)$ .

Is  $S$  a uniform probability space?

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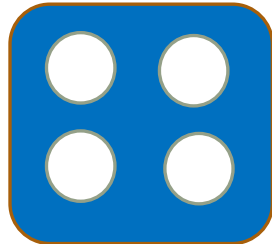
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$$A = \{(T, 5)\}.$$

Let  $R$  = “the red coin is tails”

$$R = \{(T, 1), (T, 2), (T, 3), (T, 4), (T, 5), (T, 6)\}$$

We can cheat a bit, because we know

$$\Pr(R) = \frac{1}{2}.$$

Also,  $A = A \cap R$ , thus  $\Pr(A) = \Pr(A \cap R)$ .

Now we can use the definition of conditional probability.

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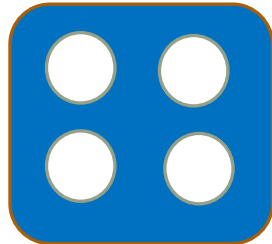
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$$R = \{(T, 1), (T, 2), (T, 3), (T, 4), (T, 5), (T, 6)\}$$

$$\Pr(A|R) = \frac{\Pr(A \cap R)}{\Pr(R)}$$

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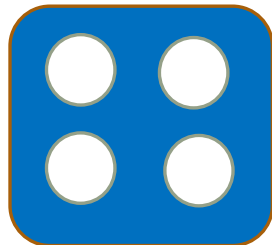
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$$A = \{(T, 5)\}.$$

$$R = \{(T, 1), (T, 2), (T, 3), (T, 4), (T, 5), (T, 6)\}$$

$$\Pr(A) = \Pr(A|R) \cdot \Pr(R)$$

$$\Pr(A) = \Pr(A|R) \cdot \frac{1}{2}$$

What is  $\Pr(A|R)$ ? It is the probability that we roll a 5 given that we flipped heads on the red coin.

$$\Pr(A|R) = \frac{1}{6}, \Pr(A) = \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{12}$$