

(4) **Box with coins**

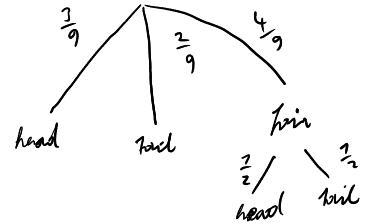
A box contains three coins with a head on each side, two coins with a tail on each side, and four fair coins.

- One of these nine coins is selected at random and tossed once. What is the probability of getting a tail?
- If we get a tail, what is the probability that the selected coin has a tail on both side? If we get a tail, what is the probability that it is a fair coin?
- If the first toss is tail, and another coin is selected at random from the remaining eight coins and tossed once, what is the probability of getting a tail again?

$$a) P(\text{tail}) = \frac{2}{9} + \frac{4}{9} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{4}{9}$$

$$b) P(\text{tail on both sides} | \text{tail}) = \frac{P(\text{tail on both sides} \cap \text{tail})}{P(\text{tail})}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{2}{9}}{\frac{4}{9}} = \frac{1}{2}$$



$$c) P(\text{second is tail} | \text{first was tail}) = \frac{P(\text{first \& second tail})}{P(\text{first tail})}$$

$$= \frac{P(\text{first only tail})P(\text{second tail} | \text{first only tail}) + P(\text{first fair \& tail})P(\text{second tail} | \text{first fair \& tail})}{P(\text{first tail})}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{2}{9} \left( \frac{1}{8} + \frac{4}{8} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \right) + \frac{4}{9} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{2}{8} + \frac{3}{8} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \right)}{\frac{2}{9} + \frac{4}{9} \cdot \frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{2}{9} \cdot \frac{3}{8} + \frac{2}{9} \cdot \frac{7}{16}}{\frac{4}{9}} = \frac{\frac{2}{9}}{\frac{4}{9}} \left( \frac{6}{16} + \frac{7}{16} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{13}{16} = \frac{13}{32}$$