

Review *conditional probability*, where $\Pr[A|B]$ is the probability of event A *given* event B :

- $\Pr[A|B] = \Pr[A \cap B] / \Pr[B]$ and $\Pr[A \cap B] = \Pr[A|B] \Pr[B] = \Pr[B|A] \Pr[A]$
- (Bayes' Rule) $\Pr[A|B] = \Pr[B|A] \Pr[A] / \Pr[B]$
- (Law of Total Probability) $\Pr[A] = \Pr[A|B] \Pr[B] + \Pr[A|\bar{B}] \Pr[\bar{B}]$

A, B are *independent* if and only if (all three are equivalent):

- $\Pr[A|B] = \Pr[A]$
- $\Pr[B|A] = \Pr[B]$
- $\Pr[A \cap B] = \Pr[A] \cdot \Pr[B]$

The *expected value* $E[X]$ of a *discrete random variable* X is defined as $\sum_{x \in X} x \cdot \Pr[X = x]$, where " $x \in X$ " is (an abuse of notation) read as "for every x in the *codomain* of X ." The *linearity of expectation* states that for any random variables X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n , we have $E[\sum_i X_i] = \sum_i E[X_i]$.

1. Jeff makes two independent flips of a fair coin.

- The first flip came up heads. What is the probability that the second flip came up heads?
- The second flip came up heads. What is the probability that the first flip came up tails?
- One of the flips came up heads. What is the probability that the other flip came up heads?

2. Suppose we toss two fair dice. Let E_1 denote the event that the sum of the dice is six, E_2 denote the event that the sum of the dice is seven, and F denote the event that the first die equals four.

- Is E_1 independent of F ? Prove or disprove.
- Is E_2 independent of F ? Prove or disprove.

3. Prove or disprove: If events A , B , and C are such that $\Pr(A) \Pr(B) \Pr(C) = \Pr(A \cap B \cap C)$, then the events are pairwise independent.
4. Suppose there are two bowls of candy. The first bowl has 10 Skittles and 30 M&Ms, and the second bowl has 20 of each. Steve picks a bowl uniformly at random, then takes a random candy from that bowl, which turns out to be an M&M. What is the probability that Steve picked the first bowl?
5. Suppose we have a deck of 10 cards composed of the 2 through 6 in both spades and diamonds which is perfectly shuffled (any permutation is equally probable). Consider drawing a hand of four cards from the shuffled deck. What is the *expected* number of (distinct) pairs in the hand? Answer this question multiple ways using different random variables:
- (a) For each $i \in \{2, \dots, 6\}$, let X_i be the random variable where $X_i = 1$ if the pair of i 's is drawn and $X_i = 0$ otherwise. Then let X be the random variable that is the total number of pairs drawn; $X = X_2 + X_3 + X_4 + X_5 + X_6$. What is $E[X]$? Show your work.
 - (b) For any i, j with $1 \leq i < j \leq 4$, let Y_{ij} be the random variable such that $Y_{ij} = 1$ if the i -th card drawn and the j -th card drawn are a pair and $Y_{ij} = 0$ otherwise. Then let Y be the random variable that is the total number of pairs drawn;

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(a) A: first flip (H), B: second flip (H)

Since A, B independent, $\Pr(B|A) = \Pr(B) = \frac{1}{2}$

(b) B: second flip (H), C: first flip (T)

Since B, C independent, $\Pr(C|B) = \Pr(C) = \frac{1}{2}$

(c) D: both flips (H), E: at least one flip (H)

$$\Rightarrow \Pr(D|E) = \frac{\Pr(D \cap E)}{\Pr(E)}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{1}{4}}{\frac{3}{4}} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\begin{array}{cccc} HH, TH, HT, TT \\ \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} \\ \underbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}} & & & \\ \frac{3}{4} & & & \end{array}$$

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Counter-example.

① $A: H, \quad B: T, \quad C = A \cap B$

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(A) \Pr(B) \Pr(C) &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot 0 = 0 \\ \Pr(A \cap B \cap C) &= \Pr(C \cap C) = \Pr(C) = 0 \\ \Rightarrow \Pr(A) \Pr(B) \Pr(C) &= \Pr(A \cap B \cap C) \end{aligned}$$

But $\Pr(A) \cdot \Pr(B) = \frac{1}{4} \neq 0 = \Pr(A \cap B)$

② Roll 2 distinct dice

A : first 1-3

B : first 3-5

C : sum 9 $\{(3,6), (4,5), (5,4), (6,3)\} \Rightarrow \frac{4}{36} = \frac{1}{9}$

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$$\Pr(A \cap B \cap C) = \Pr(3, 6) = \frac{1}{6} \times \frac{1}{6} = \frac{1}{36}$$

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(a) $X_i = 1$ if both copies (spade & diamond) of $i \in \{2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$ appear in the 4 cards, $X_i = 0$ o/w.

$$\begin{aligned} E[X] &= E[X_2 + X_3 + \dots + X_6] \\ &= E[X_2] + \dots + E[X_6] \\ &= \sum_{i=2}^6 E[X_i] \\ &= \sum_{i=2}^6 \Pr(\text{both cards of } i \text{ appear}) \quad \swarrow X_i = 1 \\ &= 5 \times \frac{\binom{8}{2}}{\binom{10}{4}} = 5 \times \frac{28}{210} = 5 \times \frac{2}{15} = \frac{2}{3} \end{aligned}$$

(b) $Y_{ij} = 1$ if i -th, j -th cards form a pair,
 $Y_{ij} = 0$ o/w

$$E[Y] = E\left[\sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq 4} Y_{ij}\right]$$

$$= \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq 4} E[Y_{ij}]$$

$$= \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq 4} \Pr(Y_{ij} = 1)$$

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

$$= 6 \times \frac{1}{9}$$

$$= \frac{2}{3}$$

1 2
 1 3
 1 4
 2 3
 2 4
 3 4