

Example: Stat 151 Winter 2020: Liking Hockey vs. Liking Soccer

Soccer

	Yes	No	Total	
Hockey	Yes	42	21	63
	No	30	59	89
	Total	72	80	152

Soccer

	Yes	No	Total	
Hockey	Yes	0.28	0.13	0.41
	No	0.19	0.40	0.59
	Total	0.47	0.53	1

b) disjoint

$\frac{30}{152} \approx 0.20$

a)

b) disjoint

d) 0.14 rounding

Suppose we randomly select a student in this class.

Event A : likes hockey

Event B : likes soccer

B^c = doesn't like soccer

Calculate:

a) $P(\text{Likes soccer}) = P(B) = \frac{72}{152} \approx 0.47$

b) $P(\text{Likes hockey}) = P(A) = \frac{63}{152} \approx 0.41$

c) $P(\text{Likes hockey and soccer}) = P(A \cap B) = \frac{42}{152} \approx 0.28$

d) $P(\text{Likes hockey, but not soccer}) = P(A \cap B^c) = \frac{21}{152} \approx 0.14$

d) $P(\text{Likes hockey or likes soccer})$

$$= P(A \cup B)$$

$$= P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B) \leftarrow \text{not disjoint}$$

$$= \frac{63}{152} + \frac{72}{152} - \frac{42}{152}$$

$$= \frac{93}{152} \approx 0.61$$

e) $P(\text{Likes hockey or doesn't like soccer})$

$$= P(A \cup B^c)$$

$$= P(A) + P(B^c) - P(A \cap B^c)$$

$$= \frac{63}{152} + \frac{80}{152} - \frac{21}{152}$$

\nwarrow not disjoint

$$= \frac{122}{152} \approx 0.8$$

f) $P(\text{Likes hockey} \mid \text{likes soccer})$

$$= P(A \mid B)$$

$$= \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} = \frac{\frac{42}{152}}{\frac{72}{152}} = \frac{42}{72} \approx 0.58$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{g) } P(\text{Likes hockey} \mid \text{does not like soccer}) &= P(A \mid B^c) \\ &= \frac{P(A \cap B^c)}{P(B^c)} = \frac{21}{80} \approx 0.26 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{h) } P(\text{Likes soccer} \mid \text{likes hockey}) &= P(B \mid A) = \frac{42}{63} \\ &\approx 0.67 \end{aligned}$$

Independence

Two events A and B are said to be **independent** if

$$P(A|B) = P(A)$$

or equivalently

$$P(B|A) = P(B)$$

not true

Otherwise, A and B are said to be **dependent**.

- A and B are independent if the occurrence of one has **no effect** on the occurrence of the other.

Example: An urn contains three yellow balls and 4 green balls. Two balls are randomly selected.

Event B : first ball is yellow

B^c = 1st ball is green

Event A : second ball is green

With replacement: ← independent

$$\bullet P(A|B) = \frac{4}{7} \approx 0.57 = P(A)$$

$$\bullet P(A|B^c) = \frac{4}{7} = P(A)$$

Without replacement: ← dependent

$$\bullet P(A|B) = \frac{4}{6} = \frac{2}{3} \approx 0.67 \neq P(A) = ?$$

$$\bullet P(A|B^c) = \frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2} = 0.5$$

Note: Let A and B be events. The following are equivalent:

a) A and B are independent

dependent

b) $P(A|B) = P(A)$

$P(A|B) \neq P(A)$

c) $P(B|A) = P(B)$

$P(B|A) \neq P(B)$

d) $P(A|B) = P(A|B^c)$

$P(A|B) \neq P(A|B^c)$

e) $P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B)$

$P(A \cap B) \neq P(A)P(B)$

Example: Liking hockey vs. liking soccer \rightarrow dependent

$P(\text{Likes hockey} | \text{likes soccer}) \neq P(\text{Likes hockey})$
 $0.58 \qquad 0.47$

$P(\text{Likes hockey} | \text{likes soccer}) \neq P(\text{Likes hockey} | \text{does not like soccer})$
 $0.58 \qquad 0.26$

Example: A dentist's office surveyed all patients under 18 years of age, 40% of whom were under 12, about their fear of visiting the dentist. They found that 25% of all patients under 18 were afraid of visiting the dentist and 15% of all patients under 18 were afraid and under 12.

randomly
Select
patient
< 18

	Fear	Do not fear	Total
Under 12	0.15	0.25	0.4
Between 12 and 17	0.1	0.5	0.6
Total	0.25	0.75	1

\leftarrow disjoint
 \leftarrow

\nwarrow disjoint

$P(\text{fear and } < 12) = 0.15$ ~~\neq~~

$P(\text{fear}) P(< 12) = (0.25)(0.4) = 0.1$

\Rightarrow fear, < 12 dependent

Multiplication Rules:

- **General Multiplication Rule:**

$$\begin{aligned} A \cap B &= B \cap A \\ P(A \cap B) &= P(B)P(A|B) \\ &= P(A)P(B|A) \end{aligned}$$

and ↗

- **Multiplication Rule for Independent Events:**

If A and B are independent events, then

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B)$$

Example: An urn contains three yellow balls and four green balls.

Two balls are randomly selected **without replacement**. What is the probability that the second ball is yellow? ↪ dependent

Let Y_1 = first is yellow, Y_2 = second is yellow, and G_1 = first is green.

$$\begin{aligned} P(Y_2) &= P(\overset{Y_1, Y_2}{\text{"}Y_1 \text{ and } Y_2\text{"}} \text{ or } \overset{G_1, Y_2}{\text{"}G_1 \text{ and } Y_2\text{"}}) \leftarrow \text{disjoint} \\ &= P(Y_1 \text{ and } Y_2) + P(G_1 \text{ and } Y_2) \\ &= P(Y_1)P(Y_2|Y_1) + P(G_1)P(Y_2|G_1) \\ &= \left(\frac{3}{7}\right)\left(\frac{2}{6}\right) + \left(\frac{4}{7}\right)\left(\frac{3}{6}\right) \approx 0.43 \end{aligned}$$

Three balls are randomly selected **without replacement**. Find the probability of each of the following: ↪ dependent

a) All three are green.

$$\begin{aligned} &P(\text{1}^{\text{st}} \text{ green and } \text{2}^{\text{nd}} \text{ green and } \text{3}^{\text{rd}} \text{ green}) \\ &= \frac{4}{7} \cdot \frac{3}{6} \cdot \frac{2}{5} \approx 0.11 \end{aligned}$$

↑ ↗
conditional probabilities

b) The third ball selected is the first green ball.

$$P(1^{st} \text{ not green and } 2^{nd} \text{ not green and } 3^{rd} \text{ green}) = \frac{3}{7} \cdot \frac{2}{6} \cdot \frac{4}{5} \approx 0.11$$

c) There is at least one green ball.

$$P(\text{at least one green}) = 1 - P(\text{no green}) = 1 - \frac{3}{7} \cdot \frac{2}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{5} \approx 0.97$$

Example: Suppose that the blood types of the citizens of a country occur with the following probabilities:

Blood Type	O	A	B	AB
Probability	0.47	0.42	0.08	0.03

$$P(\text{not Type A}) = 1 - P(\text{Type A}) = 1 - 0.42 = 0.58$$

$$P(\text{not A}) = P(O) + P(B) + P(AB) = 0.47 + 0.08 + 0.03 = 0.58$$

Assume that the blood types of two citizens that are married to each other are independent events. For a married couple, what is the probability that:

a) they are both Type A?

$$P(1^{st} \text{ Type A and } 2^{nd} \text{ Type A}) = P(1^{st} \text{ Type A}) P(2^{nd} \text{ Type A}) = (0.42)(0.42) = 0.1764$$

b) at least one is Type A?

$$P(\text{at least one Type A}) = 1 - P(\text{neither Type A}) = 1 - P(1^{st} \text{ not A}) P(2^{nd} \text{ not A}) = 1 - (0.58)(0.58) \approx 0.6636$$

c) one has Type AB and the other has Type O?

$$P(\text{one AB and one O}) = P("1^{st} \text{ AB and } 2^{nd} \text{ O" or "1^{st} O and } 2^{nd} \text{ AB}") = P(1^{st} \text{ AB and } 2^{nd} \text{ O}) + P(1^{st} \text{ O and } 2^{nd} \text{ AB}) = P(1^{st} \text{ AB}) P(2^{nd} \text{ O}) + P(1^{st} \text{ O}) P(2^{nd} \text{ AB}) = (0.03)(0.47) + (0.47)(0.03) = 0.0282$$

Warning: Do not assume events are independent (without reason to) and do not assume events are disjoint.

$$\rightarrow A \cap B = \emptyset$$

occurrence of one
no effect on
occurrence of other

Warning: Do not confuse **disjoint** events with **independent** events.

Example: Consider the blood type example.

- For one person, the event that the person is Type A and the event that the person is Type B are disjoint.
- For two people that are married to each other, the event that the first person has Type A and the event that the second person has Type B are independent.

Suppose that A and B are two events such that $P(A), P(B) \neq 0$.

If A and B are **disjoint**, then they are **dependent**.

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(\overset{=0}{A \cap B})}{P(B)} = 0 \neq P(A)$$

Equivalently, if A and B are independent, they are not disjoint.

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B) \neq 0$$

$\neq 0$ $\neq 0$

Two dependent events may or may not be disjoint.