the value of information

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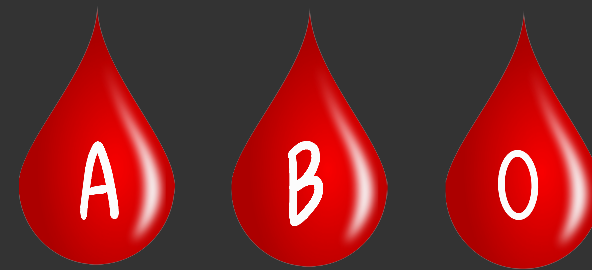
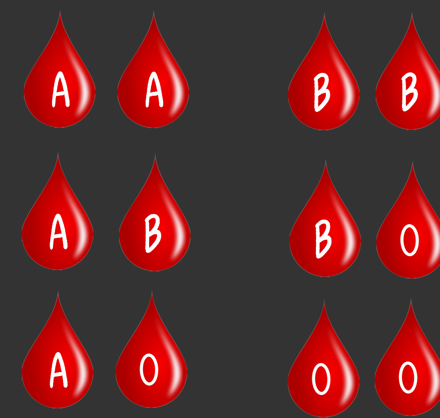
you are a vampire with a taste for type AB blood

you have an unscrupulous contact at the local hospital who provides you patient information... for a price

there are 3
blood type
genes

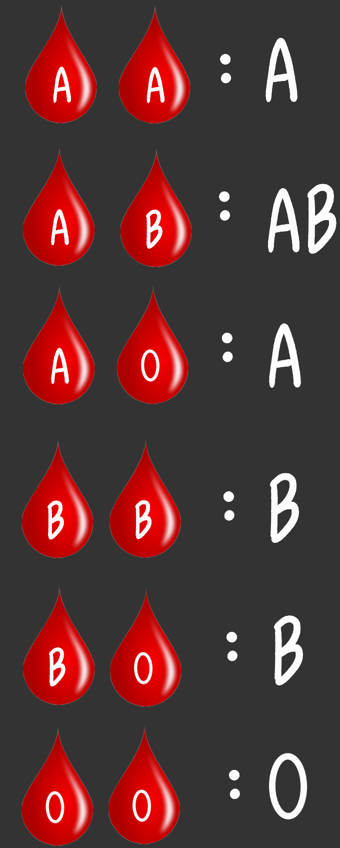


a person inherits one gene from each parent, resulting in 6 possible
genotypes



each genotype produces one of four possible

blood types



you are starting to get the sense that your neighbor Yves has "AB energy"

unfortunately Yves has never had his blood drawn at the local hospital, so your hospital contact cannot provide you his blood type

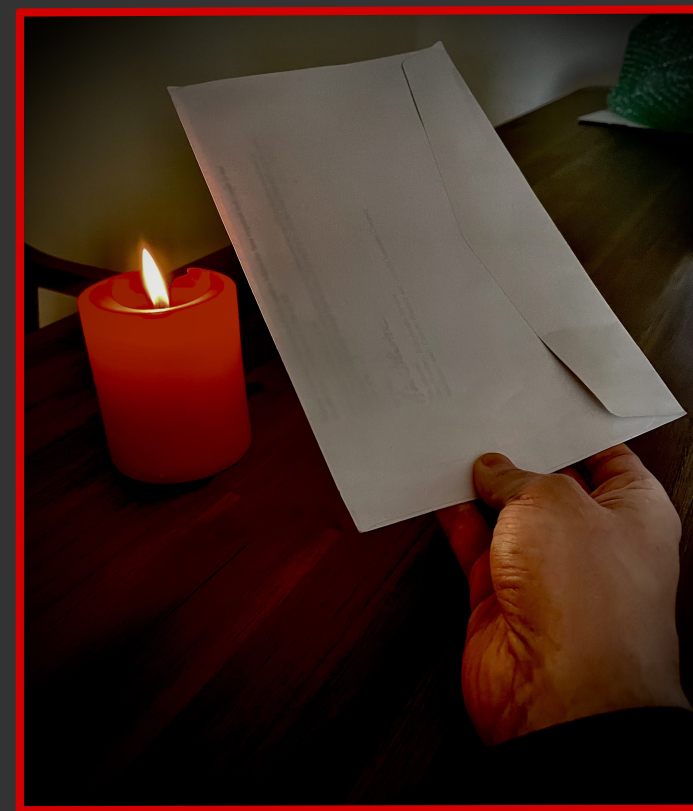
Xena

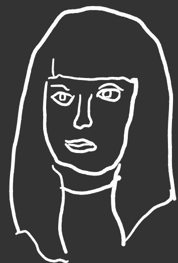
Yves

but your contact can offer you the blood type of Yves` wife Xena

should you purchase it?

your answer here





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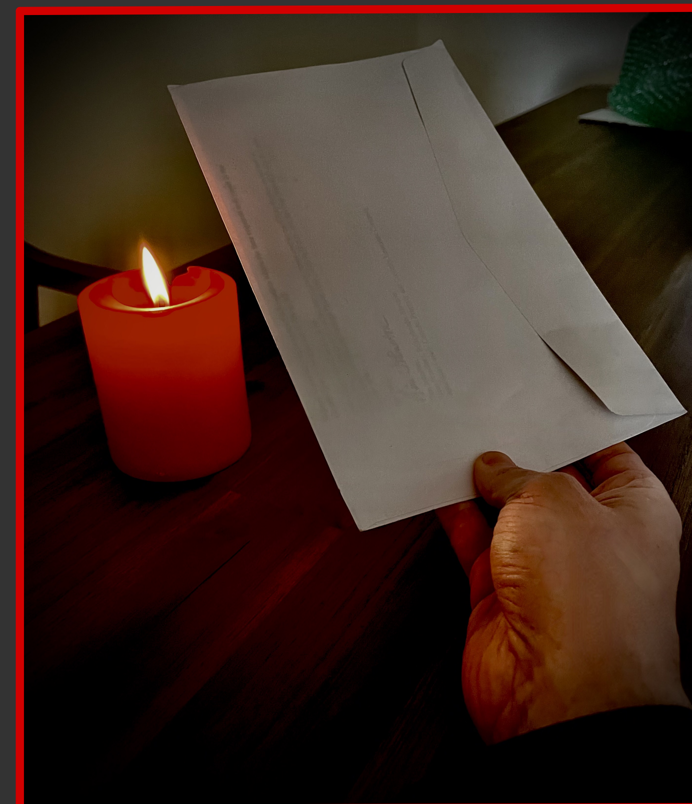

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should you purchase it?

yes, because it might us information about Yves` bloodtype

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should you purchase it now?

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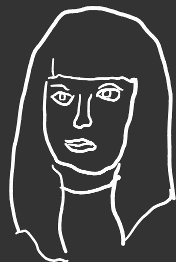

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type A

Zelda

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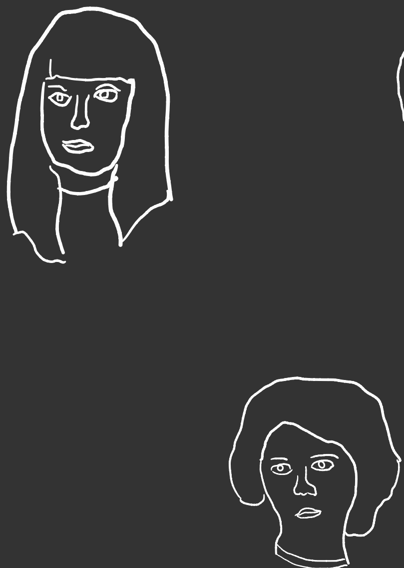
given that Zelda is type A



the value of information is

conditional

without Zelda's bloodtype, Xena's bloodtype gives us no information about Yves'

knowing Zelda's bloodtype, Xena's bloodtype can give us information about Yves'

 let X be Xena's blood type.

 let Y be Yves's blood type.

 let Z be Zelda's blood type.

Xena's bloodtype gives us no information about Yves' bloodtype

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if Zelda is type O, Yves cannot be type AB

$$P(y \mid z) \neq P(y) \quad \text{for some } y \in D(Y),\ z \in D(Z)$$

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marginal independence is commutative:

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conditional independence is commutative:

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