

Basic Probability

The HBO cable network took a survey of 500 subscribers to determine people's favourite show.

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Note: Sum of all joint probability values should be equal to one.

$$0.16 + 0.24 + 0.2 + .05 + .1 + .25 = 1$$

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Marginal Probability is also called as **Simple Probability**.

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i.e. The variable gender influences the West World show.

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$$P(\text{West World} \cap \text{Female}) = 0.05$$

$$P(\text{West World}) \times P(\text{Female}) = 0.25 \times 0.54 = 0.14$$

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