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From which we can reason that:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{P}(S_1 \cap S_2) &= \frac{13}{52} \cdot \frac{12}{51} \\ &\approx 0.0588.\end{aligned}$$

This is actually how many of you were trying to do probabilities in the first week!

Suppose that 5% of the population have a certain disease, and that the test administered for detecting the disease is reasonably accurate. Specifically, suppose that a subject who has the disease will test positive with probability .98. As is the case with most diagnostic procedures, however, there is a chance that some people without the disease will also test positive. Let's assume that the probability of a false positive in this instance is .1. When a randomly chosen subject is tested, the full testing procedure may be represented as the two events: “ $D$ ” stands for disease and “+” stands for a positive test result.

What is the probability that you have the disease given that you tested positive for it?

The multiplication rule gives us the answer:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{P}(D|+) &= \frac{\mathbb{P}(D \cap +)}{\mathbb{P}(+)} \\ &= \frac{0.05 * 0.98}{0.05 * 0.98 + 0.95 * 0.10} \approx 0.340.\end{aligned}$$

Which you might find surprisingly low.

Consider flipping three fair, independent coins. Let  $A$  be the event that exactly one of the first two flips is heads and let  $B$  be the event that exactly one of the final two flips is heads. Are  $A$  and  $B$  independent events?



You may have a knee-jerk reaction that these are not independent, but let's apply the definition. There are 8 possible outcomes, all equally likely: HHH, HHT, HTH, THH, HTT, THT, TTH, TTT. Given this, the following probabilities are the result of simple counting:

$$\mathbb{P}(A \cap B) = \frac{2}{8} = \frac{1}{4}$$

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We then see that:

$$\mathbb{P}(A \cap B) = \mathbb{P}(A) \cdot \mathbb{P}(B)$$

And therefore these events are independent.

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