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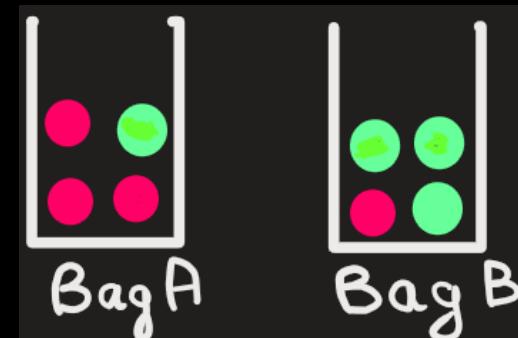
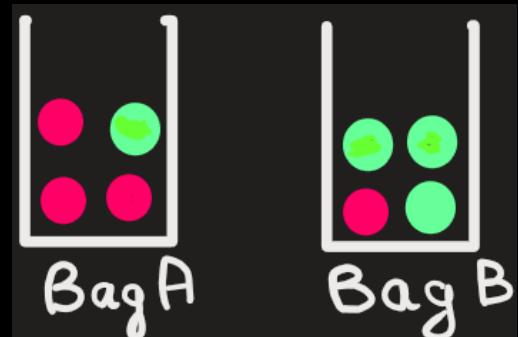
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Is it same as before or does it change ?

And why?



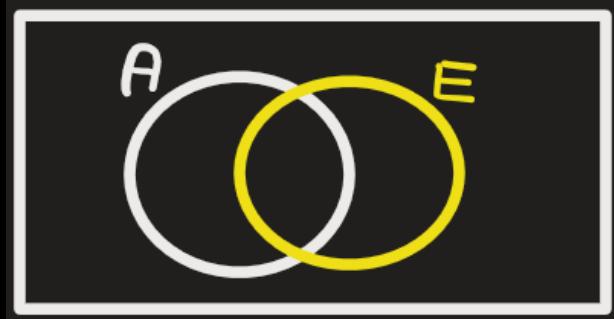
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Since  $P(A \cap E) = P(E \cap A)$ , we arrive at the Bayes Formula:

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This formula tells us how to **update** our probability of A when we **know E has happened**.

- E is also called as an **evidence**.
- $P(A)$  is also called the **prior probability of A**: **before** you saw the evidence
- $P(A|E)$  is also called the **posterior probability of A**: **after** you saw the evidence E. This is the new update of probability of A, given that evidence E is now known to you.

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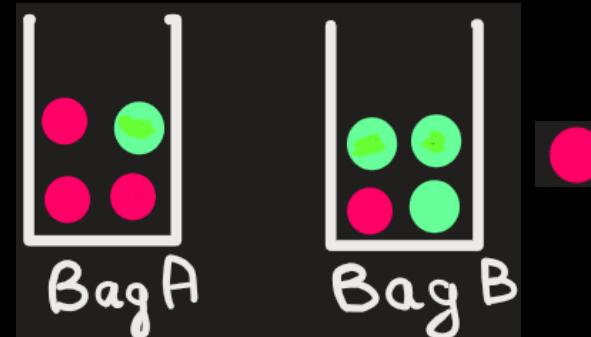
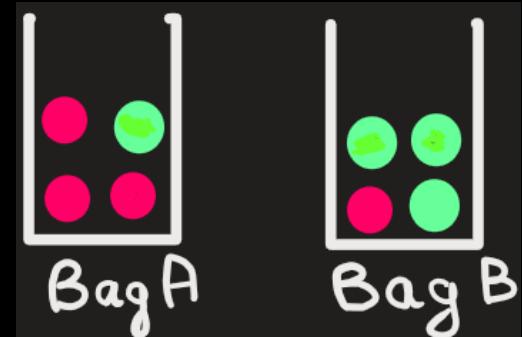
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1)  $P(A) = ?$

Each bag has a one out of two chance. So, the answer is  $P(A) = 0.5 = 50\%$

2)  $P(A|R) = ?$

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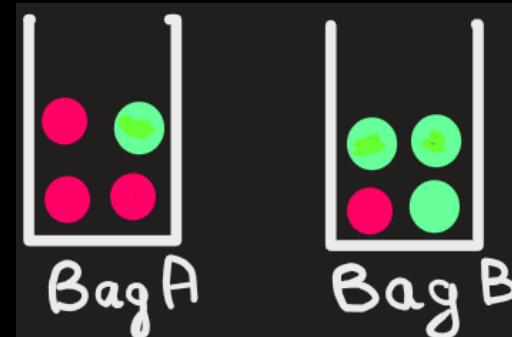
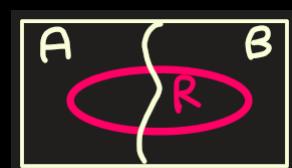
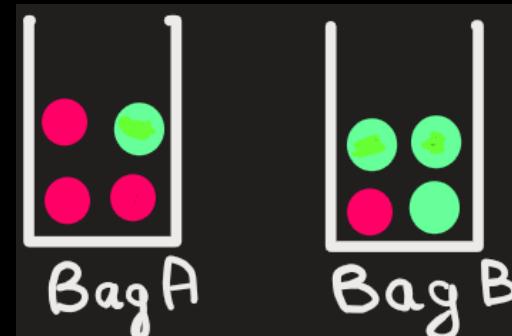
$P(R) = P(A) \times P(R|A) + P(B) \times P(R|B)$  (Total probability Law)

$$= \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{2} = 0.5$$

$P(R|A)$  = probability of ball selected is red, given that it came from bag A =  $\frac{3}{4} = 0.75$

Substituting in the formula:  $P(A|R) = \frac{0.5 \times 0.75}{0.5} = 0.75 = 75\%$

Conclusion: Initially, there was 50% chance that ball came from bag A, but after seeing the evidence, the probability changed to 75%



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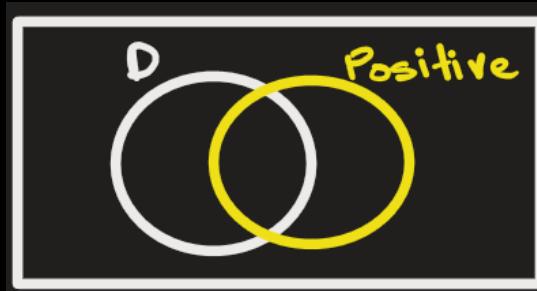
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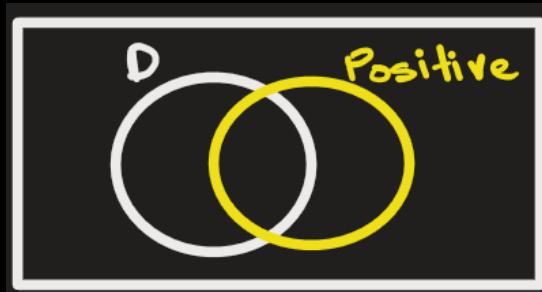
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2) Here the evidence is the that the test is *Positive*. I have to determine  $P(D | \text{Positive})$ :

$$P(D|\text{Positive}) = \frac{P(D) \times P(\text{Positive}|D)}{P(\text{Positive})}$$



Using Law of Total Probability,

$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{Positive}) &= P(D) \times P(\text{Positive} | D) + P(D^C) \times P(\text{Positive} | D^C) \\ &= 0.01 \times 0.99 + 0.99 \times 0.02 = 0.0297 \end{aligned}$$

Substituting the values in above formula:  $P(D|\text{Positive}) = \frac{0.01 \times 0.99}{0.0297} = 0.333$

Conclusion: Initially the person had 1% of chance of having disease; after the new evidence in the form of positive test, the probability of person having disease went up to 33.3%

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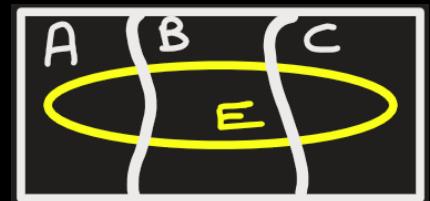
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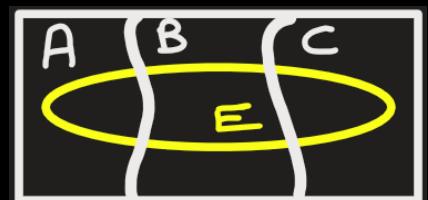
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$$\begin{aligned} \text{Using Law of Total Probability, } P(E) &= P(A) \times P(E|A) + P(B) \times P(E|B) + P(C) \times P(E|C) \\ &= 0.25 \times 0.05 + 0.35 \times 0.03 + 0.4 \times 0.01 = 0.027 \end{aligned}$$

Substituting the values in above formula:

$$P(C|E) = \frac{0.4 \times 0.01}{0.027} = 0.148 \text{ After seeing the evidence, the prob. went down from 40\% to 14.8\%}$$



# EXTRA

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Extra problems

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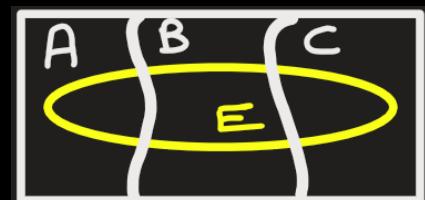
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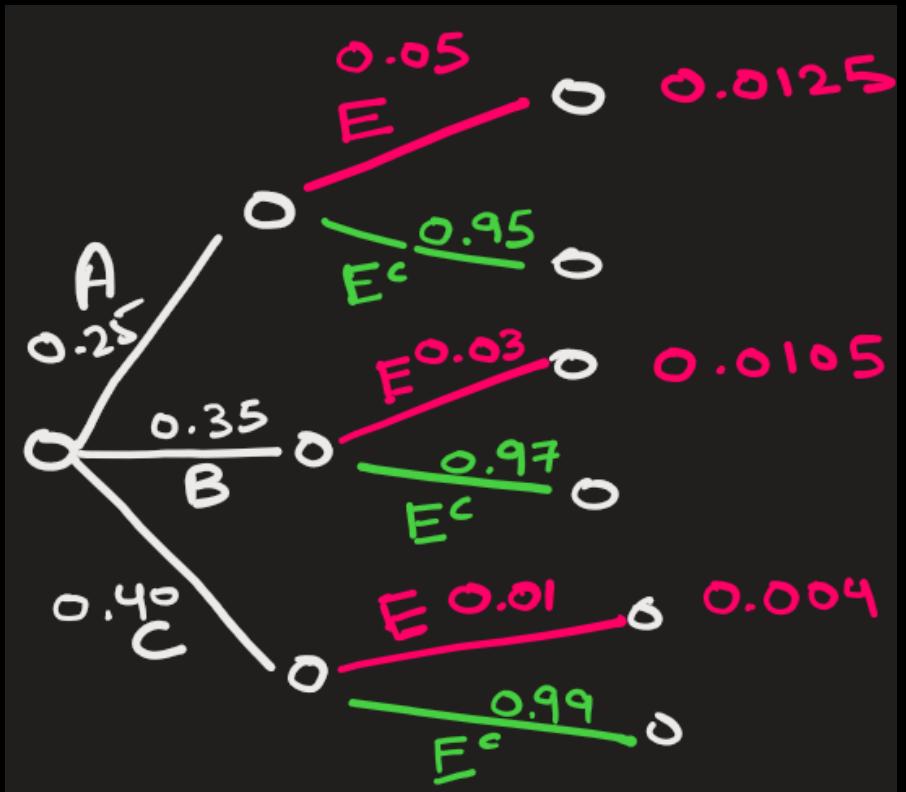
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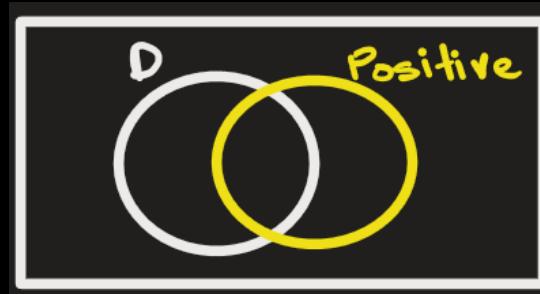
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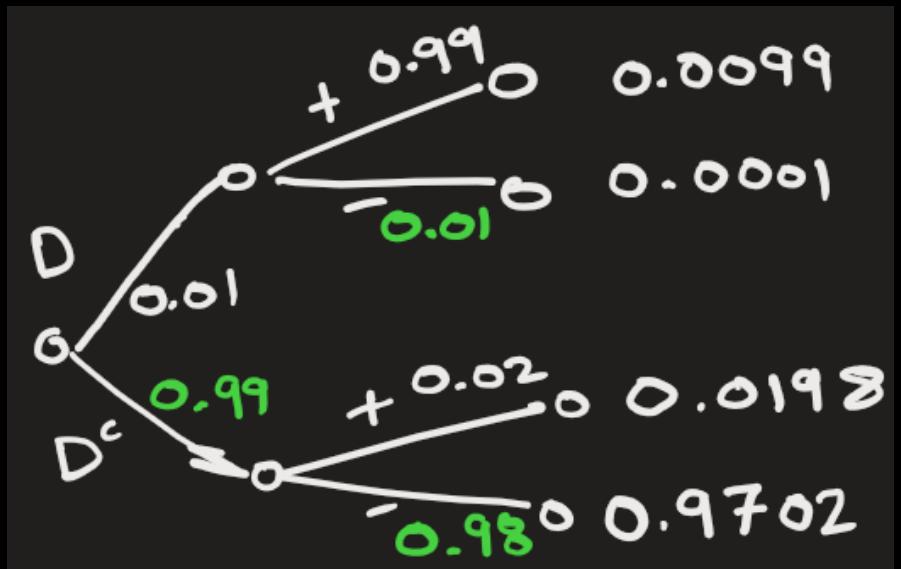
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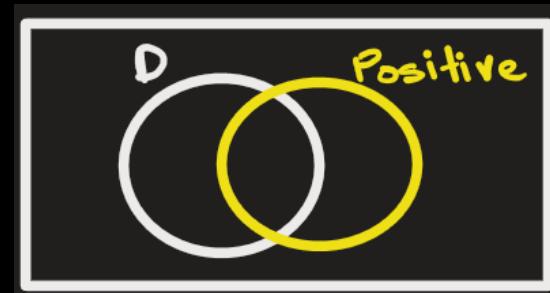
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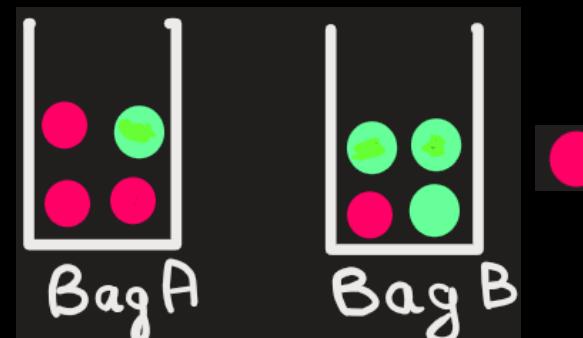
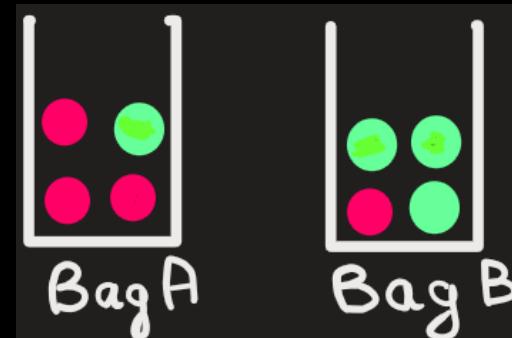
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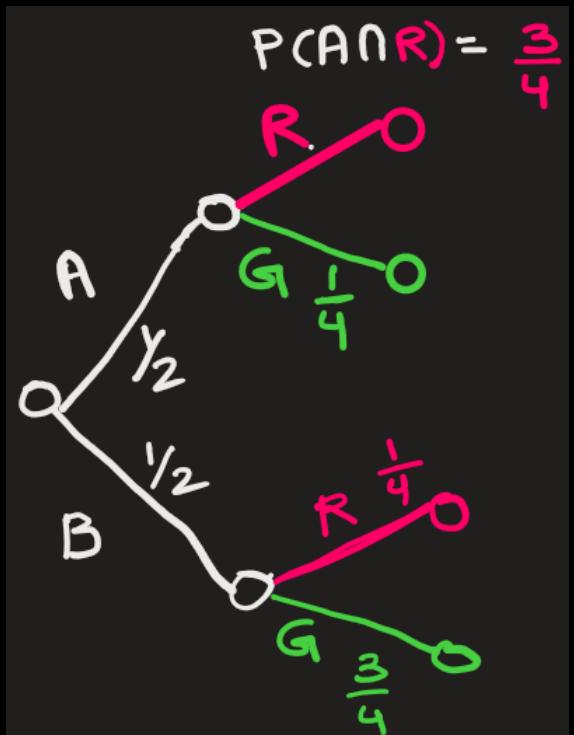
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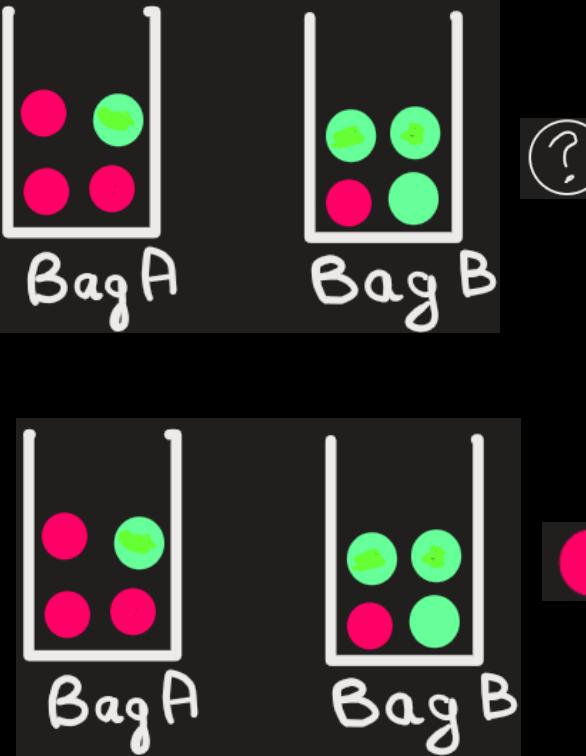
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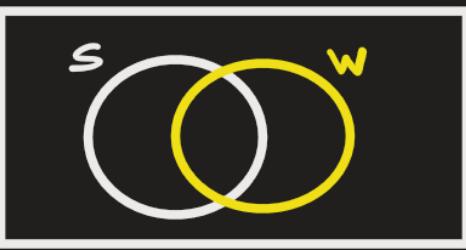
Problem: Suppose

$P(S) = 0.3 \rightarrow 30\% \text{ of emails are spam}$

$P(W | S) = 0.8 \rightarrow 80\% \text{ of spam emails contain the word "win"}$

$P(W | S^C) = 0.1 \rightarrow 10\% \text{ of non-spam emails contain the word "win"}$

Find  $P(S | W)$  :Probability that an email is spam given that it contains “win”.



Ans: Here the evidence is that email contains ‘win’. I have to determine  $P(S | W)$ . The formula is

$$P(S|W) = \frac{P(S) \times P(W|S)}{P(W)}$$

Using Law of Total Probability,

$$\begin{aligned} P(W) &= P(S) \times P(W | S) + P(S^C) \times P(W | S^C) \\ &= 0.3 \times 0.8 + 0.7 \times 0.1 \\ &= 0.31 \end{aligned}$$

Substituting the values in above formula:

$$P(S|W) = \frac{0.3 \times 0.8}{0.31} = 0.774$$

Conclusion: Initially the email had 30% of chance of being spam; after the new evidence that it contains word “win”, the probability of email being spam went up to 77.4%