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2.2 A fair coin is flipped three times. What is the probability that the second flip is tails, given that there is at most one tails among the three flips? Let  $A := \{$  the second flip is tails  $\}$  and  $B := \{$  there is at most one tails among the three flips  $\}$ . We want to compute  $\mathbb{P}(A|B)$ . Therefore by the multiplication rule  $\mathbb{P}(A|B) = \frac{\mathbb{P}(AB)}{\mathbb{P}(B)}$ . Note that  $\mathbb{P}(B) = \frac{1}{2}$ , as there are four three digit binary sequences with at max a single 1. For  $\mathbb{P}(AB)$ , the probability would be  $\frac{1}{8}$  as  $A \subset B$ . Therefore  $\mathbb{P}(A|B) = \frac{1}{4}$ .