

The point of counting is:

If I have a S w/ equally likely outcomes;

then

$$P(E) = \frac{|E|}{|S|}$$

need to count

Q: ordering? w/ replacement?

The answer to this that all outcomes
must be equally likely.

Ex. Flip a coin twice.

What is the prob. of getting a H and T.

Option 1: Unordered sample space

$$S = \{HH, TT, HT\}$$

and $E = \{HT\}$

$$\text{So } P(E) = \frac{|E|}{|S|} = \frac{1}{3}.$$

Option 2:

$$\underbrace{H}_{\frac{1}{2}} \underbrace{T}_{\frac{1}{2}} \quad \text{or} \quad \underbrace{T}_{\frac{1}{2}} \underbrace{H}_{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{2}$$

basically we are counting w/ ordering

$$S = \{HH, TT, HT, TH\}$$

$$E = \{HT, TH\} \quad \text{and so } P(E) = \frac{|E|}{|S|} = \frac{2}{4} = \frac{1}{2}.$$

General rule:

If I build S through a seq. of independent actions then typically counting in an ordered way is correct.

Really only a big deal when
sampling w/ replacement.

Sample w/o replacement

$$P(E) = \frac{|E|r!}{|S|r!}$$

Ex. Survey W & M students and ask about political affil.

		A	B	
gender	men	501	238	739
	women	782	123	905
			361	1644

Q1: If I randomly select a student, what is the prob. they are a woman?

$$P(\text{women}) = \frac{905}{1644}$$

Q2: Given the student is in party B, what is the prob. they are a woman?

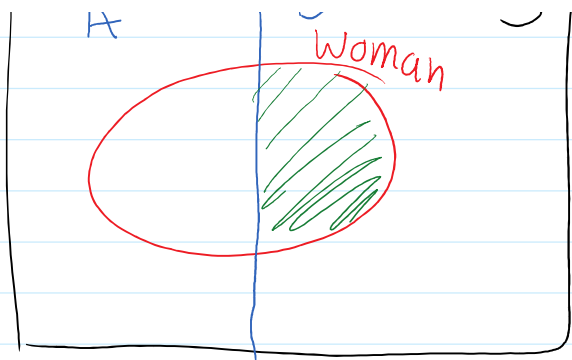
$$P(\text{Women given B}) = \frac{123}{361}$$

Venn Diagram

Q1: $P(\text{woman}) = \frac{\text{O}}{\text{□}}$



Q2: $P(\text{woman GIVEN B})$



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$$= \frac{\text{shaded area}}{[B]}$$

$$= \frac{\text{red oval} \cap [B]}{[B]}$$

Defn: Conditional Probability

If $A, B \subset S$ and $P(B) > 0$ then
the conditional prob. of A given B

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(AB)}{P(B)}$$

↑ "given"

Facts:

$$(1) \quad P(B|B) = 1$$

pf. $P(B|B) = \frac{P(BB)}{P(B)} = \frac{P(B)}{P(B)} = 1$

$P(B)$

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② If $AB = \emptyset$ then $P(A|B) = 0$

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(AB)}{P(B)} = \frac{P(\emptyset)}{P(B)} = \frac{0}{P(B)} = 0$$

Ex. Roll two dice.

Q: what is the prob. the first is a 2
GIVEN the sum of the two ≤ 5 .

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(AB)}{P(B)}$$

$$= \frac{|AB|/|S|}{|B|/|S|} = \frac{|AB|}{|B|} = \frac{3}{10}$$

roll 1

roll 2

AB

	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	○	⊗	○	○		
2	○	⊗	○			
3	○	⊗				
4	○	X				
5		X				
6		X				

Theorem: Compound Probability

Let $P(A), P(B) > 0$,

$$P(AB) = P(A|B)P(B) = P(B|A)P(A).$$

pf.

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(AB)}{P(B)}$$

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rearrange:

$$P(A|B)P(B) = P(AB)$$

Recall: partitioning theorem

(A_i) partition S then

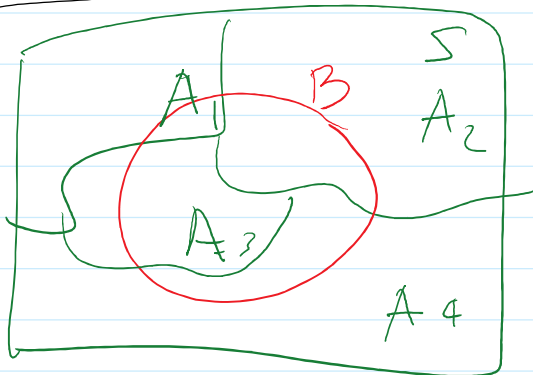
$$P(B) = \sum_i P(BA_i)$$

Theorem: Law of Total Probability

If (A_i) partition S and $P(A_i) > 0$ then

$B \subset S$

$$P(B) = \sum_i P(B|A_i)P(A_i)$$



pf.

$$P(B) = \sum_i P(BA_i)$$

$$P(B|A_i)P(A_i)$$

compound prob. theorem.

Special Case: A, A^c always partition S

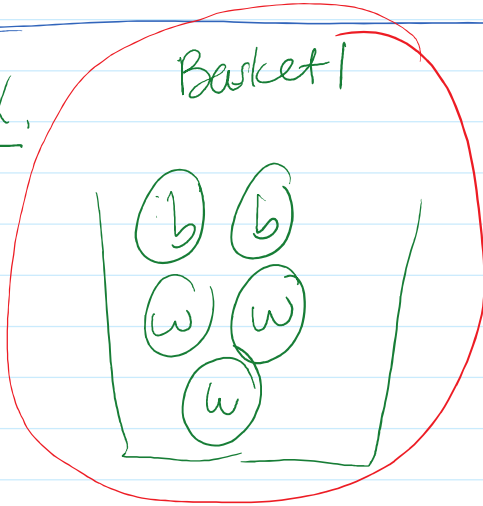
special case: always partition

this theorem says

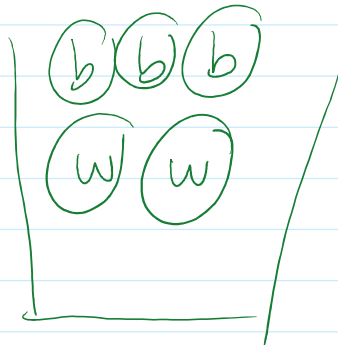
$$P(B) = P(B|A)P(A) + P(B|A^c)P(A^c)$$

Ex.

Basket 1



Basket 2



Game:

① randomly select ball from basket 1 and put in basket 2

② randomly select ball from basket 2

Q: what is the prob I select a black ball on step 2?

W = choose (w) on step 1

W^c = " (b) "

B = choose (b) on step 2

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B^c = " (w) " "

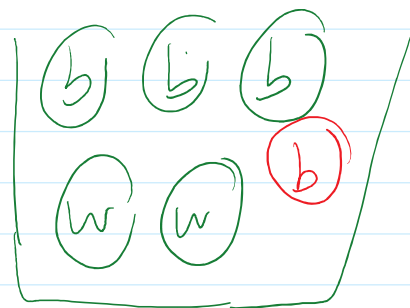
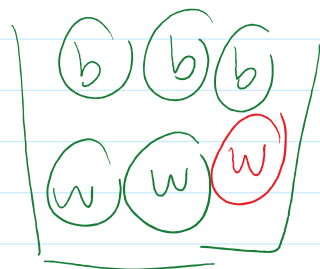
Want: $P(B)$. Solve by partitioning/conditioning on w, w^c .

Law of total probs says

$$P(B) = P(B|w)P(w) + P(B|w^c)P(w^c)$$
$$(\frac{1}{2})(\frac{3}{5}) + (\frac{2}{3})(\frac{2}{5}) = \frac{17}{30}$$

$$P(\underline{B}|w) = \frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$P(B|w^c) = \frac{4}{6} = \frac{2}{3}$$



Theorem: Bayes' Theorem

How to calculate $P(A|B)$ from $P(B|A)$.

If $A, B \subset S$, $P(A), P(B) > 0$ then

$$P(A|B) = P(B|A) \frac{P(A)}{P(B)}$$

pf.

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(AB)}{P(B)} = \frac{P(B|A)P(A)}{P(B)}$$

\uparrow defn \uparrow compound prob.

Ex. Continue prev.

Given I choose a black ball on second step, what is the prob. I choose a white on the first.

$$P(w|B) = \frac{P(B|w)P(w)}{P(B)}$$

$$= \frac{(1/2)(3/5)}{(17/30)} \leftarrow$$

Theorem: Law of Tot. Prob + Bayes'

If (A_i) partition S and $P(A_i) > 0$, $P(B) > 0$
then

$$P(A_i|B) = \frac{P(B|A_i)P(A_i)}{P(B)}$$

← Bayes' theorem

$$P(A_i|B) = \frac{P(B|A_i)P(A_i)}{\sum_j P(B|A_j)P(A_j)}$$

pf. Bayes'

$$P(A_i|B) = \frac{P(B|A_i)P(A_i)}{P(B)} \leftarrow \text{expand w/ Law of tot. prob.}$$

$$= \frac{P(B|A_i)P(A_i)}{\sum_j P(B|A_j)P(A_j)}$$

Note: A, A^c partition S so

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(B|A)P(A)}{P(B|A)P(A) + P(B|A^c)P(A^c)}$$

Ex, COVID has a prevalence rate of 1%.

D = have COVID

$$P(D) = .01$$

D^c = no COVID

$$P(D^c) = .99$$

We test for COVID and get a + or -.

→ The test accurately reports a + 95%
(sensitivity) $P(+|D) = .95$

$$P(-|D) = .05$$

→ The test acc. reports a - 99%

(specificity) $P(-|D^c) = .99$

$$P(+|D^c) = .01$$

Q: I got a + test.

What is the prob. I have COVID.

$$P(D|+) = \frac{P(+|D)P(D)}{P(+|D)P(D) + P(+|D^c)P(D^c)}$$

$$= \frac{(.95)(.01)}{(.95)(.01) + (.01)(.99)}$$

$$\approx .49$$