

AP Statistics

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Conditional Probability is the probability that one event happens given that another event is already known to have happened

If we know A has occurred, then the P of B given that A has already happened is denoted as:

$$P(B|A)$$

The pipe can be read as "given that" or "under the condition that"

$$P(B|A) = P(A \cap B) / P(A)$$

Events are **independent** when they do not affect the likelihood of either.

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

and

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A **tree diagram** models chance behavior "splitting from the whole."

When traversing the tree to find probabilities of aggregates, multiply

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A) \cdot P(B|A)$$