

## POSTERIOR EVENT PROBABILITIES

## Result

**Proposition 1.** Suppose P is finite probability measure on a set of outcomes  $\Omega$ . For any two events A, B with P(A), P(B) > 0, we have

$$\mathbf{P}(A \mid B) = \frac{\mathbf{P}(B \mid A)\mathbf{P}(A)}{\mathbf{P}(B)}.$$

*Proof.* By definition, we have

$$\mathbf{P}(A \mid B) = \frac{\mathbf{P}(A \cap B)}{\mathbf{P}(B)},$$

so 
$$\mathbf{P}(A \mid B)\mathbf{P}(B) = \mathbf{P}(A \cap B) = \mathbf{P}(B \mid A)\mathbf{P}(A)$$
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