

Tableau 9, Part 1

Independence

A first look at independent events

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A basic principle of counting: Independent possibilities multiply!

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