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# EXERCISE: THE MULTIPLICATION RULE (4/4 points)

Are the following statements true or false? (Assume that all conditioning events have positive probability.)

1. 
$$P(A \cap B \cap C^c) = P(A \cap B) P(C^c \mid A \cap B)$$

True ▼ ✓ Answer: True

2. 
$$\operatorname{P}(A \cap B \cap C^c) = \operatorname{P}(A)\operatorname{P}(C^c \mid A)\operatorname{P}(B \mid A \cap C^c)$$

True ▼ ✓ Answer: True

3. 
$$\operatorname{P}(A \cap B \cap C^c) = \operatorname{P}(A) \operatorname{P}(C^c \cap A \mid A) \operatorname{P}(B \mid A \cap C^c)$$

True 

Answer: True

$$4. P(A \cap B \mid C) = P(A \mid C) P(B \mid A \cap C)$$

✓ Answer: True True ▼

#### Answer:

- 1. True. This is the usual multiplication rule applied to the two events  $A \cap B$  and  $C^c$ .
- 2. True. This is the usual multiplication rule.
- 3. True. This is because

$$\operatorname{P}(C^c \cap A \mid A) = rac{\operatorname{P}(C^c \cap A \cap A)}{\operatorname{P}(A)} = rac{\operatorname{P}(C^c \cap A)}{\operatorname{P}(A)} = \operatorname{P}(C^c \mid A).$$

So, this statement is equivalent to the one in part 2.

4. True. This is the usual multiplication rule  $P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B \mid A)$ , applied to a model/universe in which event C is known to have occurred.

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