

• Conditional Probability of A

(probability of A as B already occurred)

← already occurred

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

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

multiplication block

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$$P(A \cap B) = \underbrace{P(A|B)}_{\text{Conditional Probability}} \cdot \underbrace{P(B)}_{\text{Unconditional Probability}} = \underbrace{P(B|A)}_{\text{Conditional Probability}} \cdot \underbrace{P(A)}_{\text{Unconditional Probability}} \Rightarrow \text{Simple multiplication law}$$

Multiplication Law:

Assuming that all of the conditioning events have positive probability, we have

$$P\left(\bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i\right) = P(A_1 \cap A_2 \cap A_3 \cap \dots \cap A_n)$$

$$= P(A_1) P(A_2|A_1) P(A_3|A_1 \cap A_2) P(A_4|A_1 \cap A_2 \cap A_3) \dots P(A_n|\bigcap_{i=1}^{n-1} A_i)$$

Problem #2: A family has 2 children. What is the conditional probability that both of them are boys, given that at least one of them is a boy.

Uncondition ←      condition →

Solution:  $S = \{(b, b), (b, g), (g, b), (g, g)\}$

$$A = \{(b, b)\}$$

$$B = \{(b, b), (b, g), (g, b)\} \Rightarrow \text{condition}$$

$$n(S) = 4 \quad A \cap B = \{(b, b)\}$$

$$n(A) = 1$$

$$n(B) = 3$$

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} = \frac{1}{3} \left[ \frac{\frac{n(A \cap B)}{n(S)}}{\frac{n(B)}{n(S)}} \right]$$

Problem #3: The probability that a married man

watches a certain TV show is 0.4 and

that of his wife is 0.5. The probability

that a man watches the show given

that his wife does is 0.7. Now, find

the following probabilities:



- (a) The probability that the married couple watches the TV show.
- (b) The probability that his wife watches the show given that her husband does.
- (c) The probability that at least one of them watches the show. → union

Soln:

H:  
W:

$$P(H) = 0.4$$

$$P(W) = 0.5$$

$$P(H|W) = 0.7$$

H = event husband watches the show

W = event wife watches the show.

$$(a) P(W \cap H) = P(H \cap W) = P(W) \cdot P(H|W) = 0.5 \times 0.7 = 0.35 \text{ (Ans)}$$

$$(b) P(W|H) = \frac{P(W \cap H)}{P(H)} = \frac{0.35}{0.4} = 0.875$$

$$(c) P(H \cup W) = P(H) + P(W) - P(H \cap W) = 0.4 + 0.5 - 0.35 = 0.55 \text{ (Ans)}$$

Problem #4: A box contains 7 red balls and 3 black balls. The balls are drawn from the box one after another. Find the probability that the first two balls are red and the third one is black if

- (a) The balls are replaced before the next draw. [place the picked ball into the box again] [Balls constant]
- (b) The balls are not replaced. [Balls not constant]

$R_1 R_2 B_3$  } sequence

Solution: (a)  $P(R_1 \cap R_2 \cap B_3)$

$$= P(R_1) \cdot P(R_2) \cdot P(B_3)$$

$$= \left(\frac{7}{10}\right) \left(\frac{7}{10}\right) \left(\frac{3}{10}\right) = \frac{147}{1000}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} n(R) = 7 \\ n(B) = 3 \\ \hline 10 \end{array}$$

(b)  $P(R_1 \cap R_2 \cap B_3) = P(R_1) \cdot P(R_2 | R_1) \cdot P(B_3 | R_1 \cap R_2)$

$$= \left(\frac{7}{10}\right) \left(\frac{6}{9}\right) \left(\frac{3}{8}\right)$$

$$= \frac{126}{720}$$

$$= \frac{7}{40}$$



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Problem #5: A coin is tossed until a head appeared or it has been ~~toss~~ tossed three times. Given that the head does not appear on the first toss, what is the probability that the coin is tossed 3 times?

$S = \{H, TH, TTH, TTT\}$

	HH	HT	TH	TT
H	HH	HT	HTH	HTT
T	TH	THT	THTH	TTT

breaks homogeneity here e.g. 1, 2, 3, 3  
So we need to find individual events.  
Here, Total number of points does not remain same.

If unbiased or fair coin,  
 $P(H) = P(T) = 1/2$

$P(TH) = 1/4$

$P(TTH) = 1/8$

$P(TTT) = 1/8$

A: The event that the coin is tossed three times

B: No head appeared on the first toss!

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

$A = \{TTH, TTT\}$

$B = \{TH, TTH, TTT\}$

$(A \cap B) = \{TTH, TTT\}$

$$= \left[ \frac{\frac{n(A \cap B)}{n(S)}}{\frac{n(B)}{n(S)}} \right]$$

$= \frac{1/4}{1/2} = \frac{1}{4} \times 2 = \frac{1}{2}$

$= \frac{2/4}{2/2} = 2/3$  ] Not correct

→ cannot use it as samples is not 8 all the time as head appeared

$$P(\bar{B}) = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{8} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$P(A \cap \bar{B}) = \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{8} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$P(A|\bar{B}) = \frac{\frac{1}{4}}{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{4} \times 2 = \frac{1}{2}$$

# Need to do individual events to calculate.

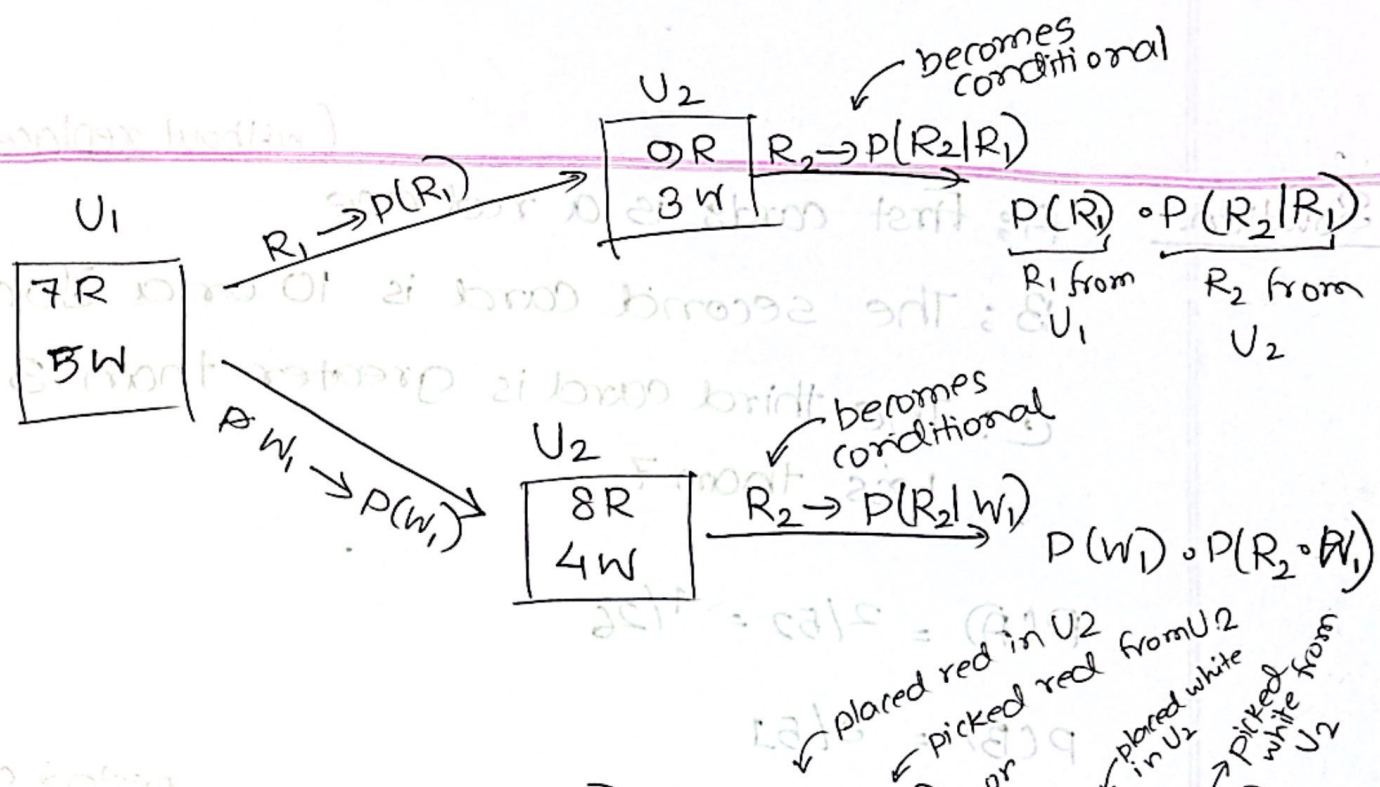
one's appearance won't hamper another's occurrence

Problem #6: Suppose we have 2 Urns,  $U_1$  and  $U_2$ .

The first urn contains 5 white balls and 7 red balls, while the second urn contains 3 white balls and 8 red balls. One ball is transferred from the first urn to the second urn unseen and then a ball is drawn from the second urn.

What is the probability that the picked ball is red?





$$P(\text{Red Ball from Urn 2}) = P(R_1 \cap R_2) + P(W_1 \cap R_2)$$

$$= P(R_1) \cdot P(R_2|R_1) + P(W_1) \cdot P(R_2|W_1)$$

$$= \left(\frac{7}{12}\right) \times \left(\frac{9}{12}\right) + \left(\frac{5}{12}\right) \times \left(\frac{8}{12}\right)$$

$$= \frac{103}{144}$$

Problem #7: Three cards are drawn in succession without replacement from an ordinary deck of playing cards. Find the probability that the first card is a red ace, the second card is a 10 or a Jack and the third card is greater than 3 but less than 7.

(without replacement)

Solution:

A: First card is a red ace

B: The second card is 10 or a Jack

C: The third card is greater than 3 but less than 7.

$$P(A) = 2/52 = 1/26$$

$$P(B) = 8/51$$

$$P(C) = 12/50 = 6/25$$

$$P(A \cap B \cap C) = P(A) \cdot P(B|A) \cdot \overbrace{P(C|B \cap A)}^{\text{nested conditional loop}} \cdot (A \cap B)$$
$$= \left(\frac{1}{26}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{8}{51}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{6}{25}\right)$$