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MP_3

90

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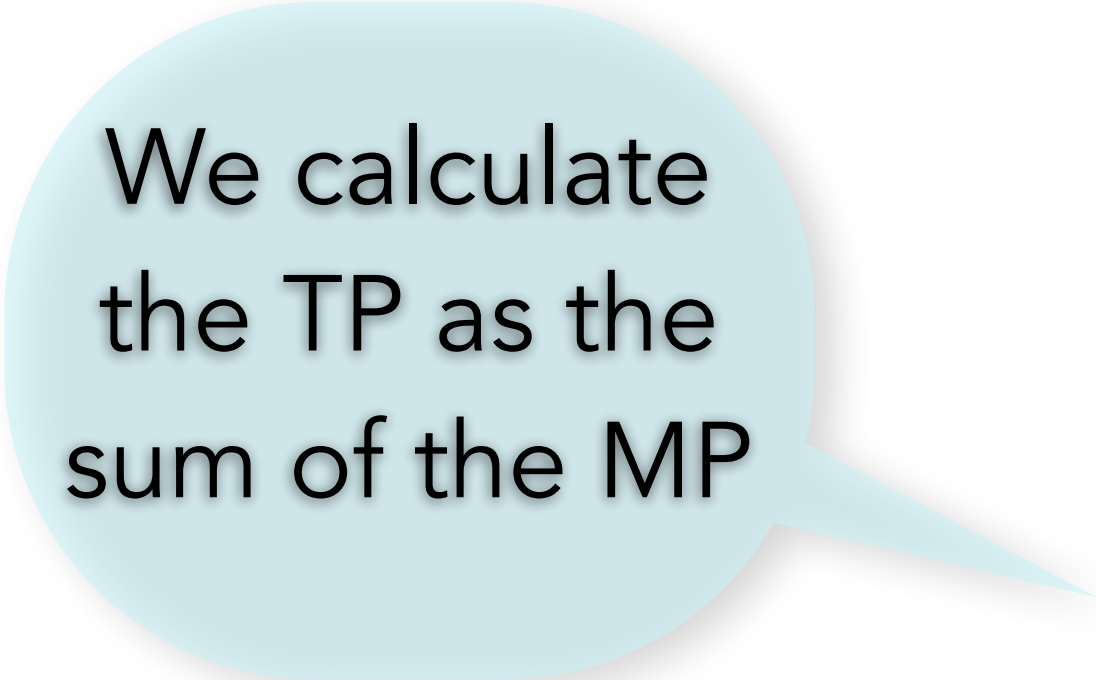
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The Average/Marginal Rule