

Axioms of Probability

Axiom 1: Non-negativity $P(A) \geq 0$

Axiom 2: Normalization $P(\Omega) = 1$

Axiom 3: $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B)$

if A and B are disjoint, or mutually exclusive
then $P(A \cap B) = 0$

Probability Rules:

1. Addition rule: $P(A \text{ or } B) = P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) + P(A \cap B)$

if A and B are mutually exclusive (if they don't occur at the same time) then
 $P(A \cap B) = 0$

example: Probability of getting Head or Tail on a single coin toss

Example: getting Head or tail on first trial

$$P(H \text{ or } T) = P(H \cup T) = p(H) + P(T) + P(H \cap T) \quad \text{but } p(H \cap T) = 0$$

$$1/2 + 1/2 = 1$$

2. multiplication rule (product rule) or Joint probability

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

if A is independent of B (if the outcome of A does not depend on B) then

$$P(A|B) = P(A)$$

3. Bayes theorem $P(A|B) = P(B|A) P(A) / P(B)$

Question:

Probability of getting 2 heads in 3 consecutive tosses

H	H	H
	T	T
T	H	H
	T	T
T	H	H
	T	T

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Probability of getting HT

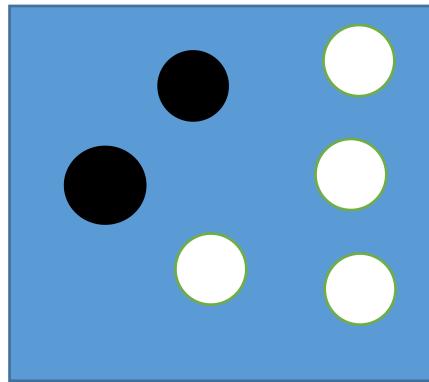
$$P(HH) = 1/2 \times 1/2$$

this is like joint probability(multiplication rule)

$P(A \cap B) = P(A|B) P(B)$ But since the outcome of the first does not depend on the second one

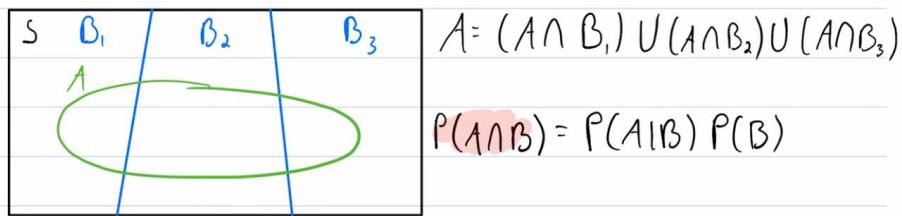
we can say $P(A \cap B) = P(A) P(B)$

1. If I have a box that contains 6 balls where 2 are black and 4 are white, what is the probability of getting a white ball on the second draw without replacement?



Black and White	$2/6 \times 4/5 = 8/30$	
or	+	$20/30 = 2/3$
white and black	$4/6 \times 3/5 = 12/30$	

Total Probability



$$P(A) = P(A \cap B_1) + P(A \cap B_2) + P(A \cap B_3)$$

suppose B_1 = Brazil, B_2 = Bolivia, and B_3 = Bangladesh are countries..
 F_b (the green one) = who can play football

supose

$$10\% \text{ of Brazil, } = p(fb | \text{brazil})$$

$$5\% \text{ percent of bolivia, } p(fb | \text{bolivia})$$

$$7\% \text{ Bangladesh. } p(fb | \text{bangladesh})$$

what is the probability that a randomly selected person from those 3 countries can play football. (Assuming a Country can be selected equally likely)

$$p(fb) = p(fb \cap \text{Brazil}) + p(fb \cap \text{bolivia}) + p(fb \cap \text{bangladesh})$$

but according to multiplication rule

$$p(fb \cap \text{Brazil}) = p(fb | \text{Brazil}) p(\text{Brazil})$$

$$\text{but } p(\text{Brazil}) = p(\text{bangladesh}) = p(\text{bangladesh}) = 1/3$$

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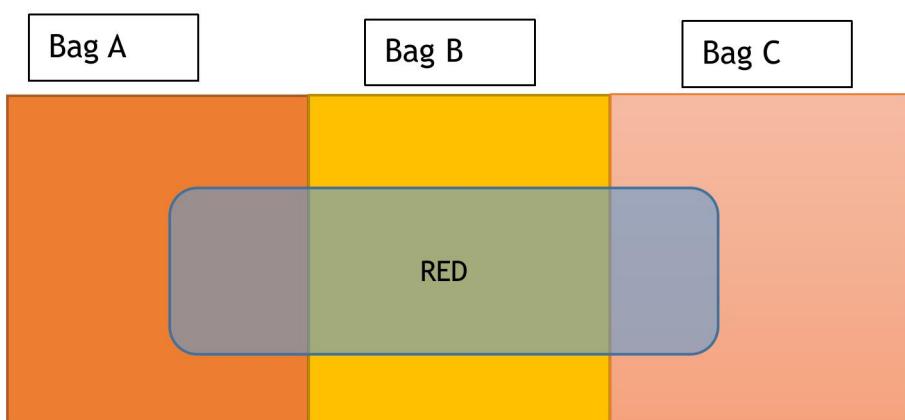
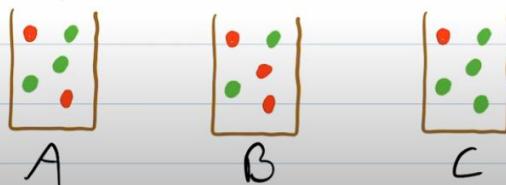
1. the Law of total probability

Bag A has 2 red balls and 3 green balls.

Bag B has 3 red balls and 2 green balls.

Bag C has 1 red ball and 4 green balls.

A ball is randomly selected from a random bag;
what is the probability that the ball is red?



$$P(\text{red}) = P(\text{Bag A} \cap \text{Red}) + P(\text{Bag B} \cap \text{Red}) + P(\text{Bag C} \cap \text{Red})$$

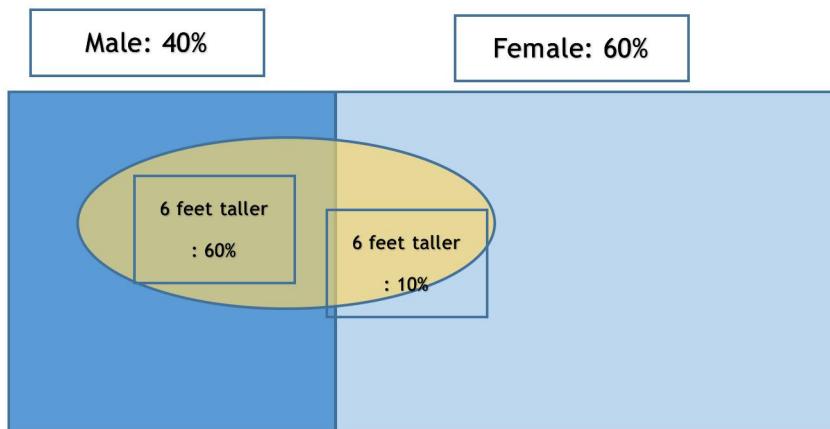
$$= P(\text{Bag A}).P(\text{RED} | \text{Bag A}) + P(\text{Bag B}).P(\text{RED} | \text{Bag B}) + P(\text{Bag C}).P(\text{RED} | \text{Bag C})$$

$$= (1/3 \times 2/5) + (1/3 \times 3/5) + (1/3 \times 1/5)$$

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2. The law of total probability

In a class, 40% of students are male and 60% are female. Sixty percent of the males are taller than 6 feet, and 10% of the females are taller than 6 feet. What percent of the class is shorter than 6 feet?



$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{taller than 6ft}) &= P(6\text{ft_taller} \cap \text{male}) + P(6\text{ft_taller} \cap \text{female}) \\ &= 0.4 \times 0.6 + 0.6 \times 0.1 \\ &= 0.7 \\ p(\text{shorter than 6 feet}) &= 1 - p(\text{taller than 6ft}) \\ &= 1 - 0.7 = 0.3 = 30\% \end{aligned}$$

3. Bayes theorem

[REDACTED]

Bayes' rule: example

- 1% of the population has cancer
 - cancer test
 - False positive 10%
 - False negative 5%
 - chance of **having cancer** given a **positive test** result?
- posterior** **likelihood prior**
 $P(A | B) = \frac{P(B|A)P(A)}{P(B)}$

$$P(D) = 1\% = 0.01$$

$$P(+|D_c) = 10\% = 0.1$$

$$P(-|D) = 5\% = 0.05$$

$$P(D|+) = ?$$

$$P(D|+) = P(+|D)P(D) / P(+)$$

$$\text{BUT } P(+|D) = 100\% - 5\% = 95\%$$

$$P(+) = P(+ \cap D) + P(+ \cap D_c)$$

$$= P(+|D)P(D) + P(+|D_c)P(D_c)$$

$$= 0.95 \times 0.01 + 0.1 \times (1 - 0.01)$$

$$= 0.0095 + 0.099$$

$$= 0.1085$$

$$P(D|+) = 0.0095 / 0.1085$$

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4. Bays theorem Question:

A screening test has been developed for a very rare form of cancer.

Given the following information:

1. The prevalence of the cancer in the general population is **0.1%**.
2. The test is **99% accurate** at detecting the cancer when it is present. (I.e., the probability of a positive test result given a person has the disease is 0.99).
3. The probability of a false positive is **1%**. (I.e., the probability of a positive test result given a person does *not* have the disease is 0.01).

Question:

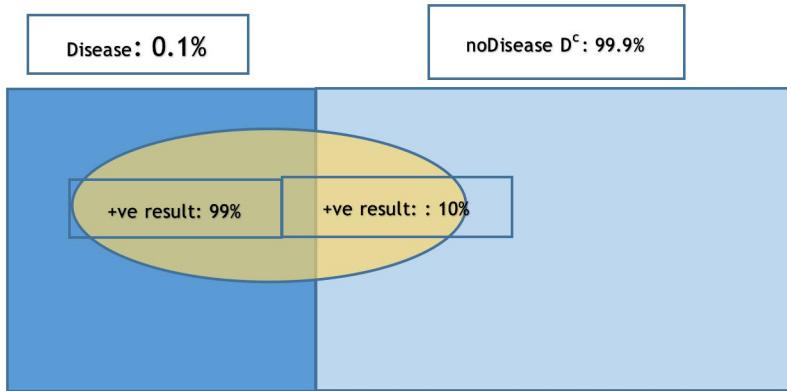
A person is randomly selected from the population and receives a positive test result. What is the probability that this person **actually has the cancer**?

Event / Definition	Probability (Prior / Likelihood)	Value
D - Has the Disease (Cancer)	P(D)	0.001 (0.1%)
D ^c - Does Not Have the Disease	P(D ^c)	0.999 (99.9%)
+ - Positive Test Result (given disease)	P(+) D)	0.99 (99%)
+ - Positive Test Result (given no disease)	P(+) D ^c)	0.01 (1%)
Goal: Probability of Disease given Positive Test	P(D +)	?

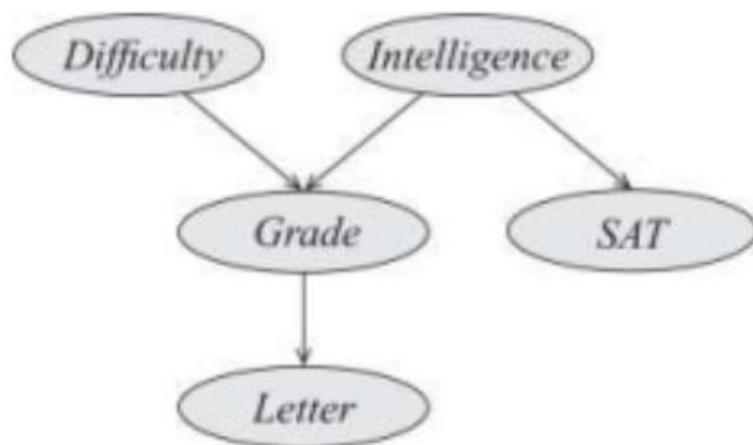
$$P(D | +) = \frac{P(+) | D) P(D)}{P(+)}$$

but P(+) is not given so we have to compute P(+) using total probability

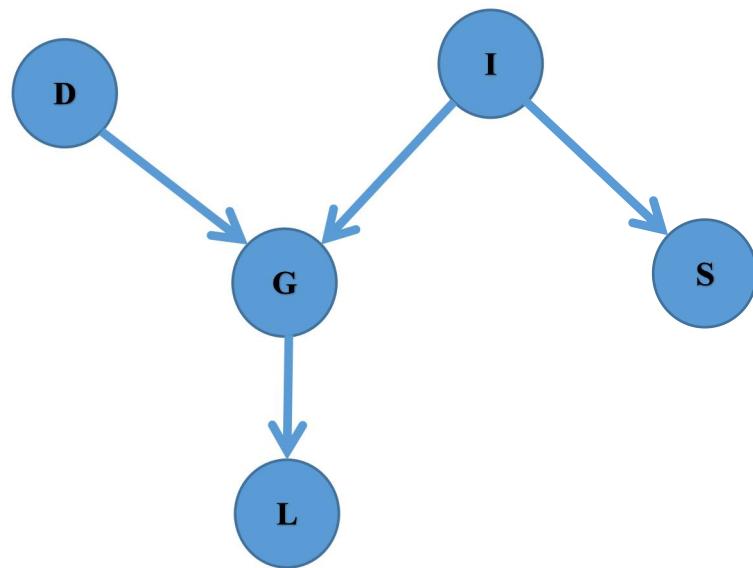
$$P(+)=P(+|D)P(D)+P(+|D^c)P(D^c)$$



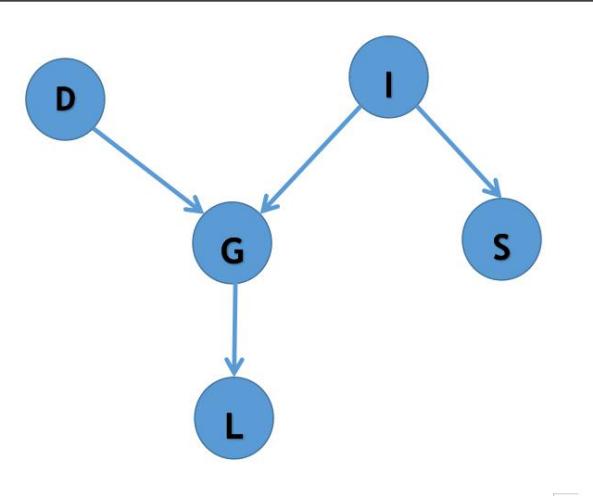
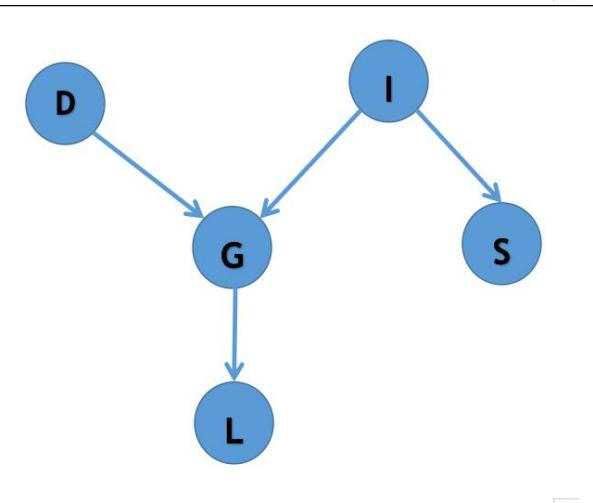
Factorize this Bayesian Network



$$P(D, I, G, S, L) = P(D)P(I)P(G | D, I)P(S | I)P(L | G)$$



Structure	When BLOCKED?	Example
CHAIN	Condition on middle	$X \rightarrow A \rightarrow Y + A = \text{BLOCKED}$
FORK	Condition on middle	$X \leftarrow A \rightarrow Y + A = \text{BLOCKED}$
COLLIDER	DON'T condition on middle	$X \rightarrow A \leftarrow Y + \text{no } A = \text{BLOCKED}$

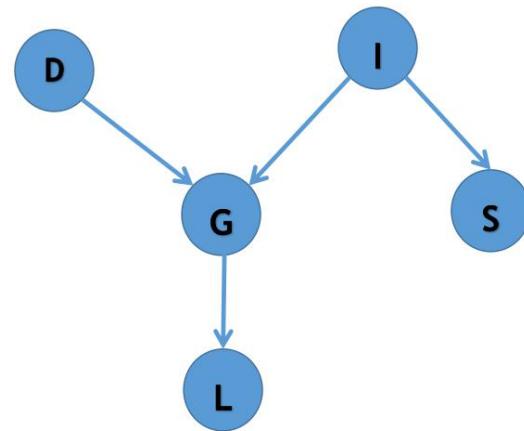
$P(D \perp I, S) = \text{True}$ because $D \rightarrow G \rightarrow I$ is a collider	
$P(D \perp I, S \mid G) = \text{False}$	

special case

$$P(D \perp I | L)$$

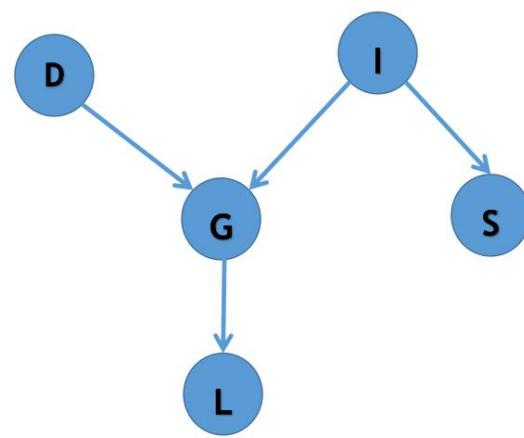
False (Special case)

collider G will be open
up because of L

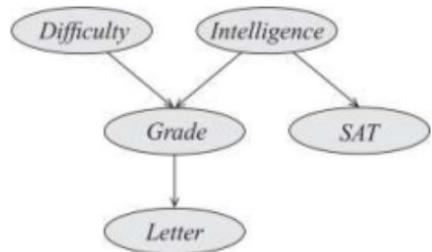


$$P(D \perp I) = \text{True}$$

$$P(D \perp I | G) = \text{False}$$



- $G \perp S | \emptyset?$ ✖
- $D \perp L | G?$ ✓
- $D \perp I, S | \emptyset?$ ✓
- $D, L \perp S | I, G?$ ✓



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Query: $R \perp\!\!\! \perp B T$ <pre> graph LR R((R)) --> X((X)) X --> T((T)) T --> B((B)) </pre>	True
<p>do these DAGs have the same set of CIs?</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> $X \perp Z W$ </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> </div> </div>	no!