

7-3 Conditional prob. + independence

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1.4 Conditional probability

What is conditional probability

old info. *new info.*

cond. i info.

$$P(A \text{ given } B) \rightarrow P(A | B)$$

S_1
 S_2



Good

Defective



		S_1	S_2	
G	99	96	195	
	1	4	5	
$N_{a\ new}$	100	100	200	N_a
$N_{s\ new}$				N_s

$$P(\text{Defective}) = ? \quad \frac{N_a}{N_s} = \frac{5}{200}$$

$$P(\text{Defective} | S_1) = ? \quad \frac{N_{a\ new}}{N_{s\ new}} = \frac{1}{100}$$

New info. $N_{s\ new}$

Example

A die is thrown once. If the appearing number is even, what is the probability it is greater than 3?

info./condn.

$$S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$$

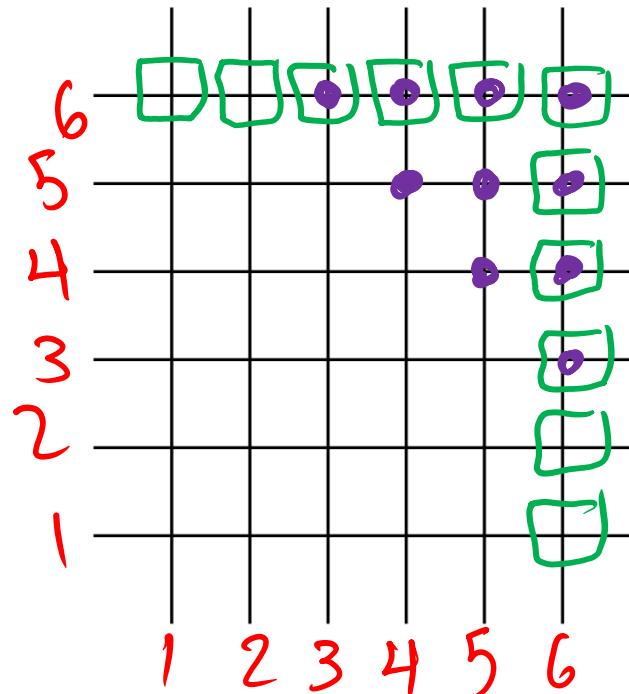
The new sample space

$$P(\# > 3 | \# \text{ even}) = \frac{2}{3}$$

Example

A die is thrown twice. If a six appears, what is the probability of getting a sum greater than 8?

□: The new sample space



info. / condn

B

question

A

$$P(A|B) = \frac{7/36}{11/36}$$

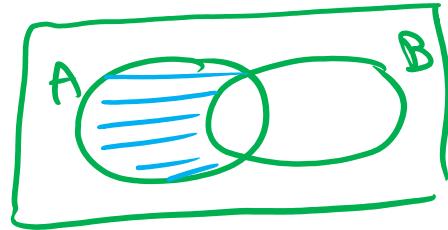
$$= \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$$

= intersection
Condition

Conditional probability definition

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

*intersection
Cond'n.*



Example

Given $P(A) = 0.3$, $P(B) = 0.6$, $P(A \cap B) = 0.1$

$$\begin{aligned} P(A|B) &= \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} \\ &= \frac{0.1}{0.6} \\ &= 1/6 \end{aligned}$$

Find $P(A | B)$,

$P(B | A)$,

$P(A | B^c)$

Cond'n.

$$\begin{aligned} P(B | A) &= \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(A)} \\ &= \frac{0.1}{0.3} \\ &= 1/3 \end{aligned}$$
$$\begin{aligned} P(A | B^c) &= \frac{P(A \cap B^c)}{P(B^c)} \\ &= \frac{P(A) - P(A \cap B)}{1 - P(B)} \\ &= \frac{0.3 - 0.1}{1 - 0.6} = \frac{0.2}{0.4} = \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Multiplication rule

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

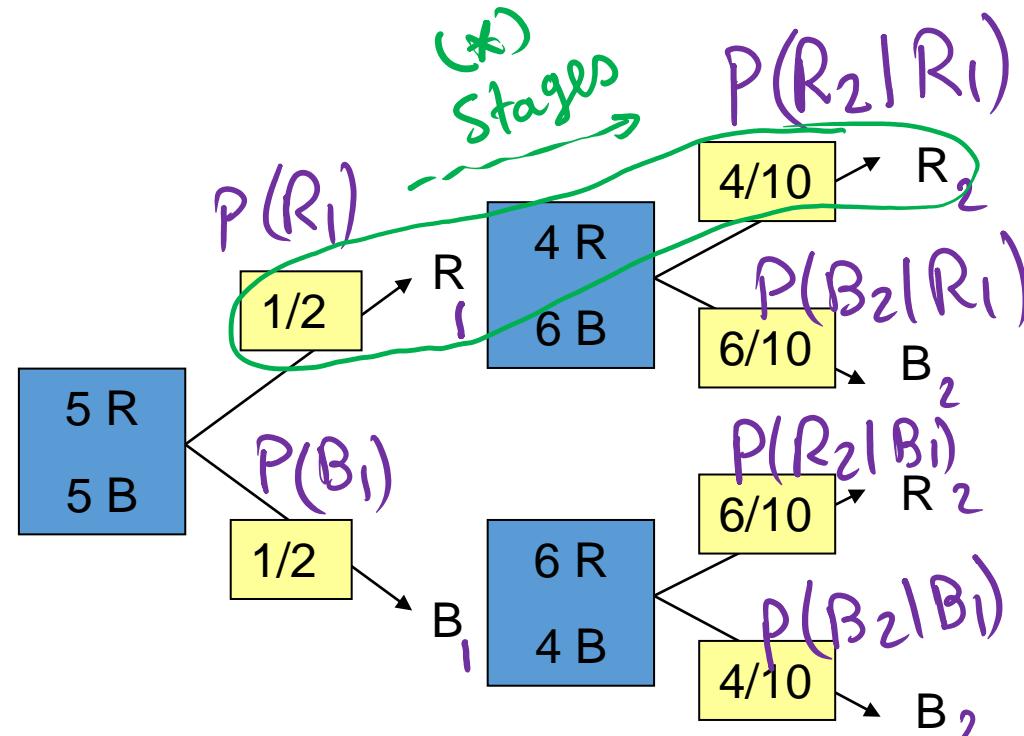
$$P(B | A) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(A)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(A \cap B) &= P(B) P(A | B) \\ &= P(A) P(B | A) \end{aligned}$$

if the balls are drawn without replacement
then the probability is $1/4$
because there are equally likely

A box contains 5 black balls and 5 red balls. A ball is selected at random and is replaced with a ball of the other color. Then a second ball is selected at random.

What is the probability that the two balls are red?

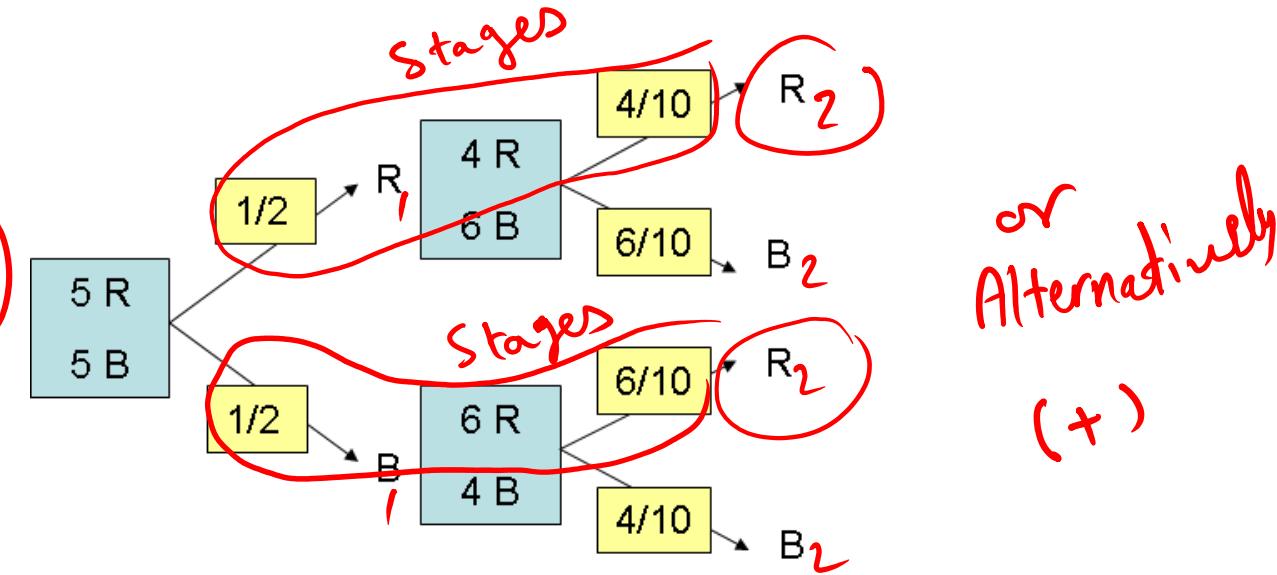


$$P(R_1 \cap R_2) = P(R_1) P(R_2 | R_1) = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{4}{10}$$

Example (cont'd)

(b) What is the probability that the second ball is red?

$$\begin{aligned} P(R_2) &= P(R_1)P(R_2|R_1) + P(B_1)P(R_2|B_1) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} * \frac{4}{10} + \frac{1}{2} * \frac{6}{10} = \checkmark \end{aligned}$$



"Total probability law"

Bayes' theorem

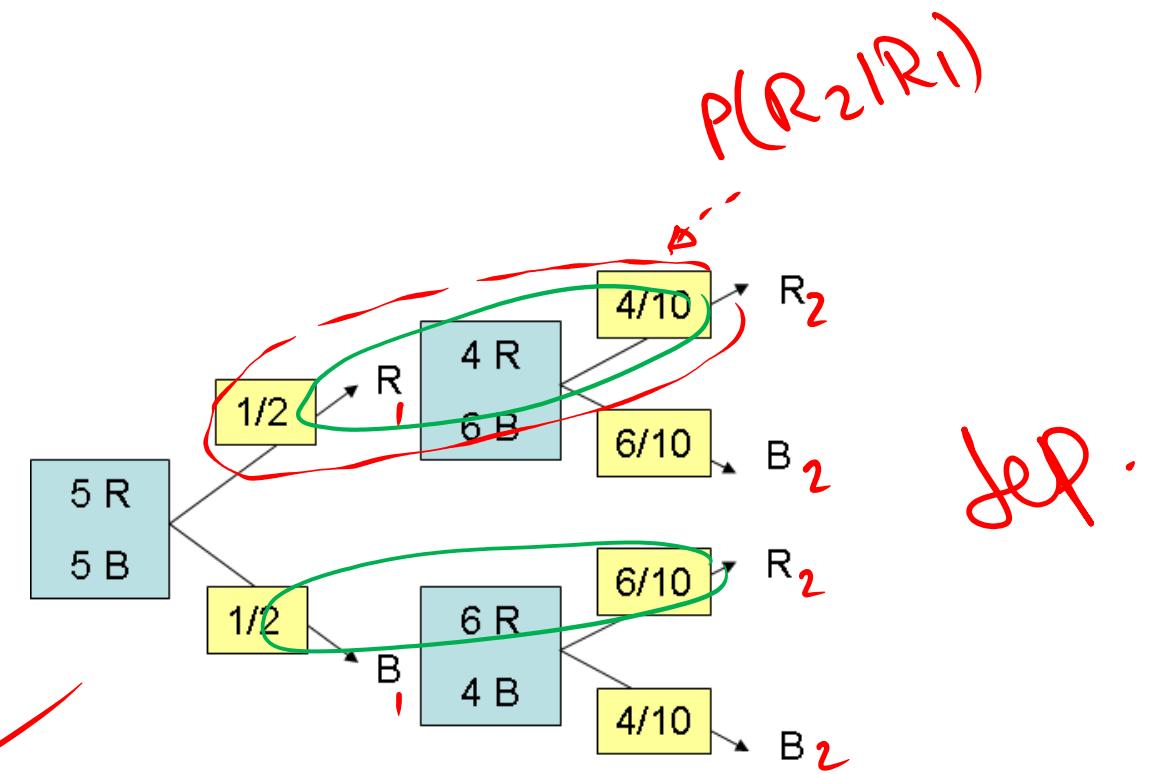
Example (cont'd)

condn./info.

- (c) If the second ball is red, what is the probability that the first ball was also red?

$$P(R_1 | R_2) = \frac{P(R_1 \cap R_2)}{P(R_2)}$$

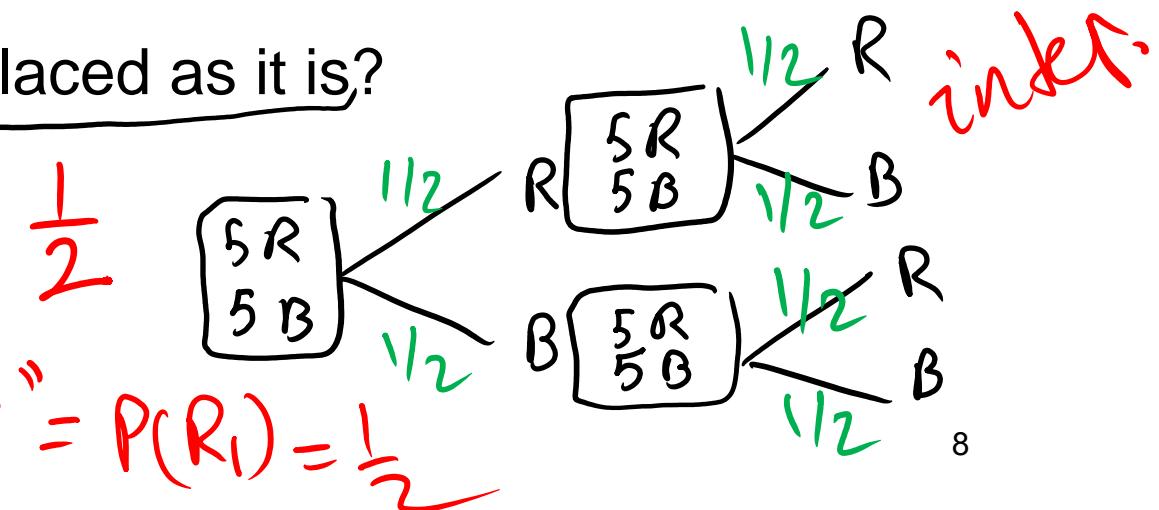
$$= \frac{\frac{1}{2} * \frac{4}{10}}{\frac{1}{2} * \frac{4}{10} + \frac{1}{2} * \frac{6}{10}} = \checkmark$$



- (d) Repeat (c) if the first ball is replaced as it is?

$$P(R_1 | R_2) = \frac{P(R_1 \cap R_2)}{P(R_2)} = \frac{\frac{1}{2} * \frac{1}{2}}{\frac{1}{2} * \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} * \frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{2}$$

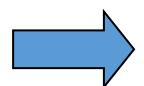
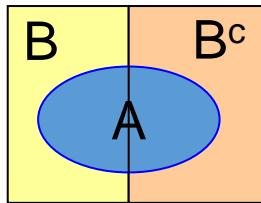
by logic
 → indep. trials "neglect the condn.":



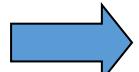
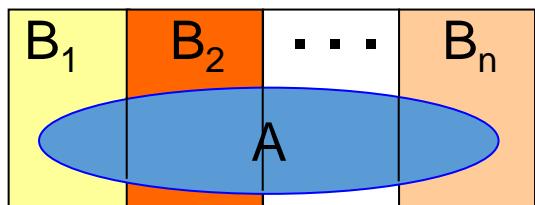
$$= P(R_1) = \frac{1}{2}$$

Law of total probability

$$P(R_2) = P(R_1)P(R_2|R_1) + P(B_1)P(R_2|B_1)$$



$$P(A) = P(B)P(A|B) + P(B^c)P(A|B^c)$$



$$P(A) = \sum_{i=1}^n P(B_i)P(A|B_i)$$

Example

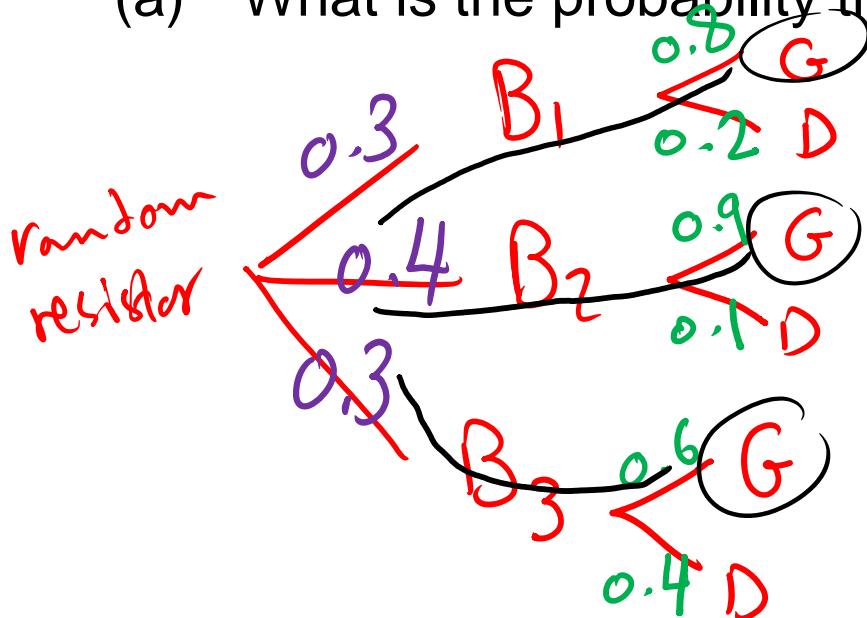
A company has three machines $\{B_1, B_2, B_3\}$ for making resistors.

80% of the resistors produced by B_1 are acceptable. The percentages for B_2, B_3 are 90% and 60% respectively.

Each hour, B_1 produces 3000 resistors, B_2 produces 4000 resistors and B_3 produces 3000 resistors.

$$P_{B_1} = \frac{3000}{3000+4000+3000} = 0.3$$

(a) What is the probability that a resistor selected at random is acceptable?



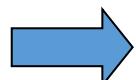
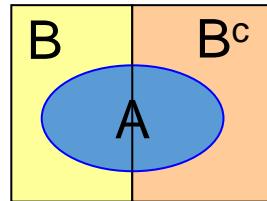
$$P(G) = 0.3 \times 0.8 + 0.4 \times 0.9 + 0.3 \times 0.6$$

= ✓

$$P(B_3 | G) = \frac{P(B_3 \cap G)}{P(G)}$$

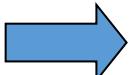
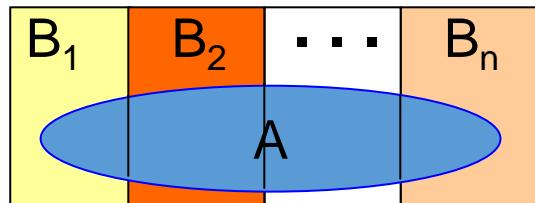
$$= \frac{0.3 \times 0.6}{4}$$

Bayes' theorem



$$\text{intersection cond.} = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(A)} - \text{multit. Rule}$$

$$P(B | A) = \frac{P(B) P(A | B)}{P(B) P(A | B) + P(B^c) P(A | B^c)}$$



$$P(B_j | A) = \frac{P(B_j) P(A | B_j)}{\sum_{i=1}^n P(B_i) P(A | B_i)}$$

Example (cont'd)

(b) If a resistor selected at random is acceptable, what is the probability it is produced by B3?

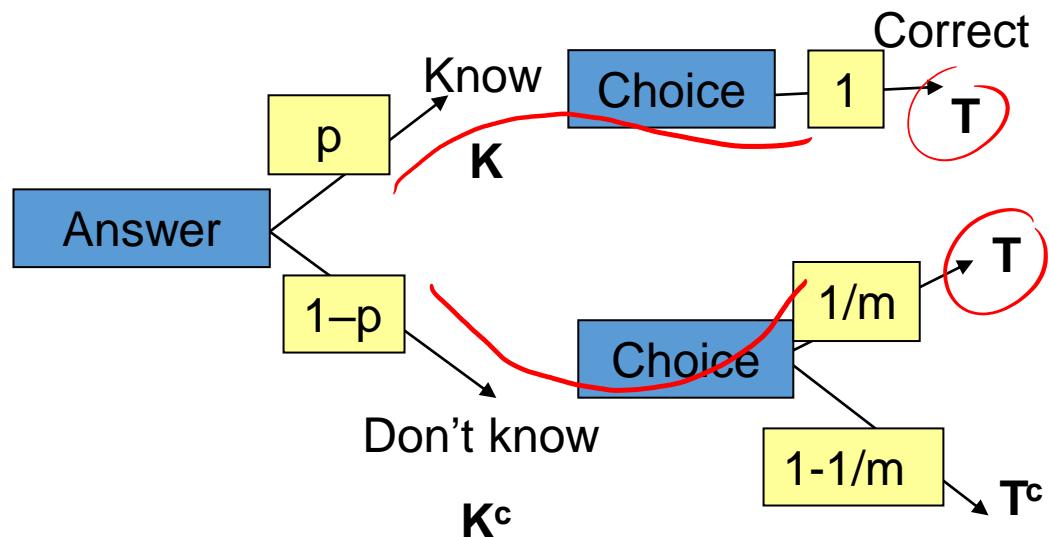
$$P(B_3 | G)$$

Example

In a multiple-choice test, the student either knows the answer (with probability p) or guesses (with probability $1 - p$).

The number of choices for each question is m .

- (a) What is the probability that a student answers a question correctly?
- (b) If a student answered a question correctly, what is the probability he knew the answer?



$$\textcircled{a} \quad P(T) = P \cdot 1 + (1-P) \cdot \frac{1}{m}$$

as $m \uparrow \uparrow \quad P(T) = P$

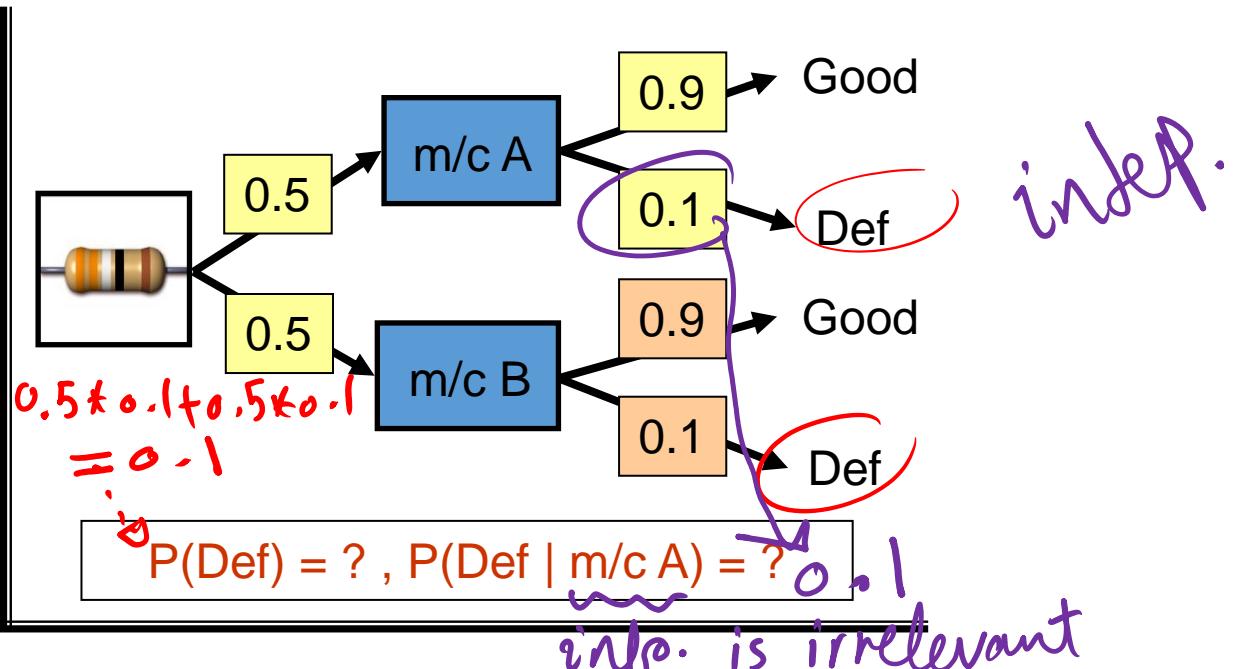
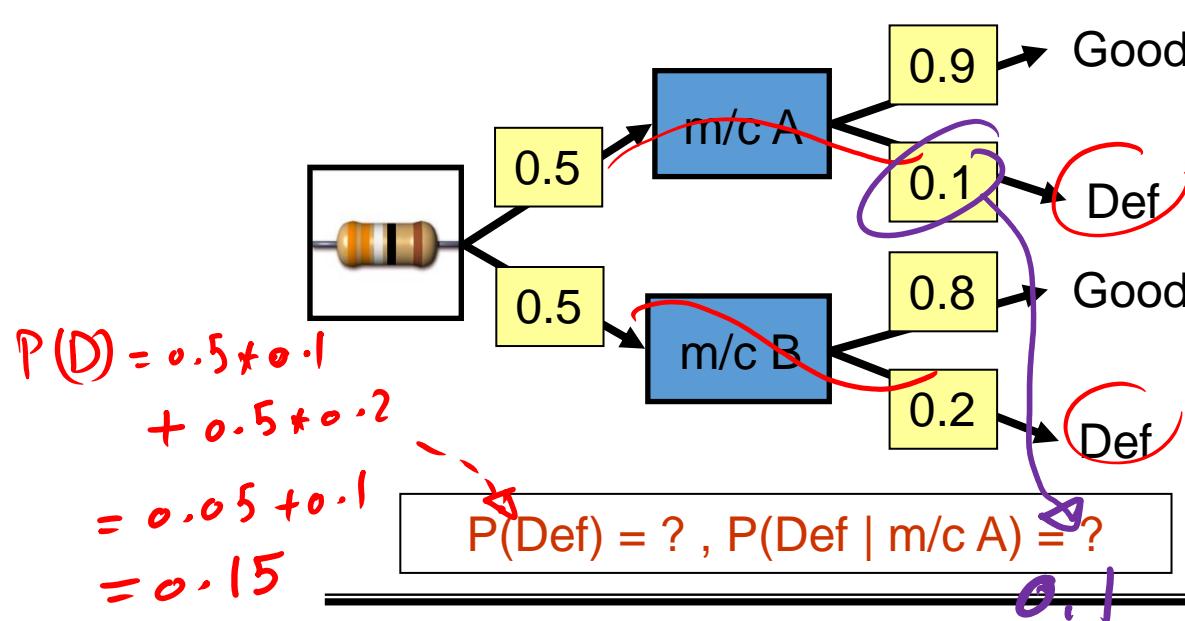
$$\textcircled{b} \quad P(K|T)$$

Bayes

$$= \frac{P(K \cap T)}{P(T)} = \frac{P \cdot 1}{P + \frac{1-P}{m}}$$

as $m \uparrow \uparrow \quad P(K|T) = 1$

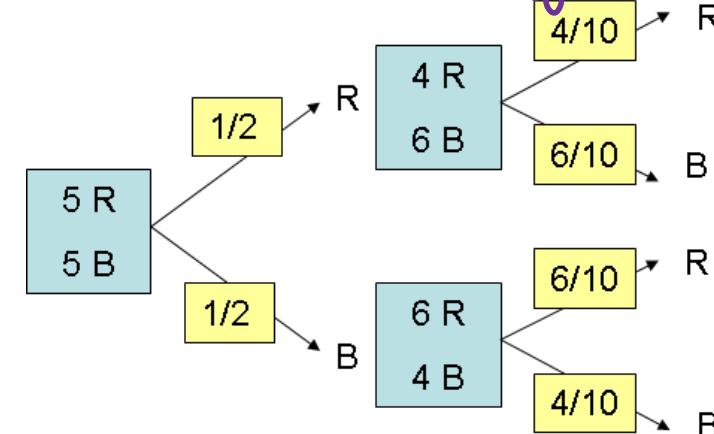
Introduction to independence



Are R_1 and R_2 independent? **No**

When are they independent?

Replace the ball as it is



Replacement with other color
"Dependent"

Independent events

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

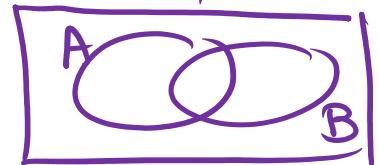
A and B independent if
 $P(A|B) = P(A)$

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

indep.

A and B independent if
 $P(A \cap B) = P(A) P(B)$

Note
 intersection exist $\neq 0$



Example

Given that A and B are independent with

$$P(A) = 1/2, P(A \cup B) = 2/3.$$

A & b

Compute

$$(a) P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} \xleftarrow{\text{indep.}} = \frac{P(A) P(B)}{P(B)} = P(A)$$

$$(b) P(B) \text{ irrelevant}$$

$$(c) P(A|B^c)$$

$$P(A|B^c) = \frac{P(A \cap B^c)}{P(B^c)} = \frac{P_A - P_{AB}}{1 - P_B} = \frac{P_A(1 - P_B)}{1 - P_B} = P_A$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B) \\ 2/3 = 1/2 + P_B - 1/2 P_B \\ \frac{1}{2} P_B = \frac{1}{6} \rightarrow P_B = \frac{2}{6} = \frac{1}{3} \end{array} \right.$$

Independent events vs Mutually exclusive events

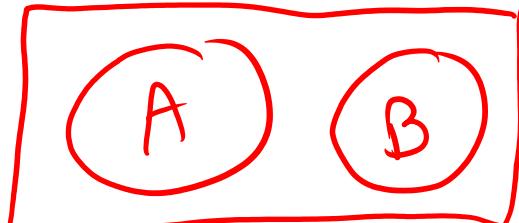
Mutually exclusive events

$$P(A \cap B) = 0$$

$$P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B)$$

$$\frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} = P(A | B) = 0$$

$$P(B | A) = 0$$



Independent events

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A) P(B)$$

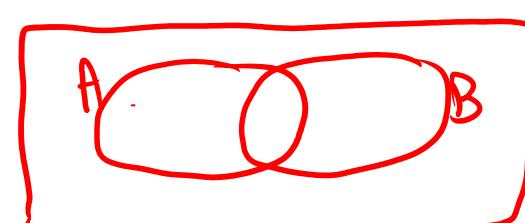
$$P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A)P(B)$$

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

irrelevant

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

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



Some reliability problems

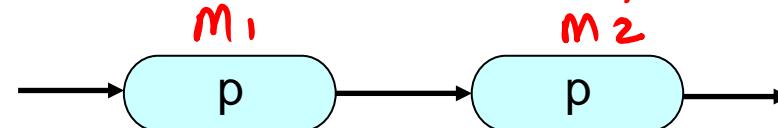
Example

What is the probability that a **series** operation succeeds?

[$p : P(\text{Work})$,
Elements behave independently]

$$\frac{\text{operating}}{m_{1w} \cap m_{2w}}$$

$$\frac{\text{Failure}}{m_{1F} \cap m_{2w}} \\ m_{1w} \cap m_{2F} \\ m_{1F} \cap m_{2F}$$

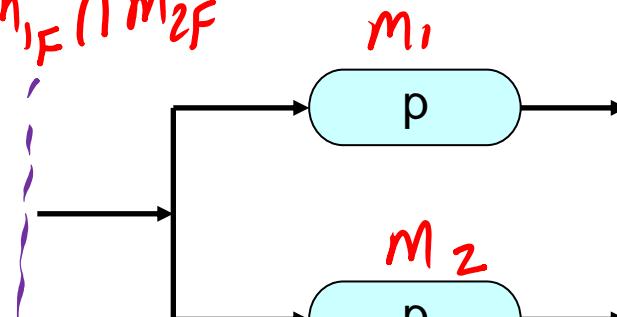


$$P(m_{1w} \cap m_{2w}) = P(m_{1w}) P(m_{2w}) \\ \text{indep.} = P \times P = P^2$$

Example

Failure **Parallel** operation succeeds?

$$\frac{\text{operating}}{m_{1w} \cap m_{2w}} \\ m_{1w} \cap m_{2F} \\ m_{1F} \cap m_{2w}$$

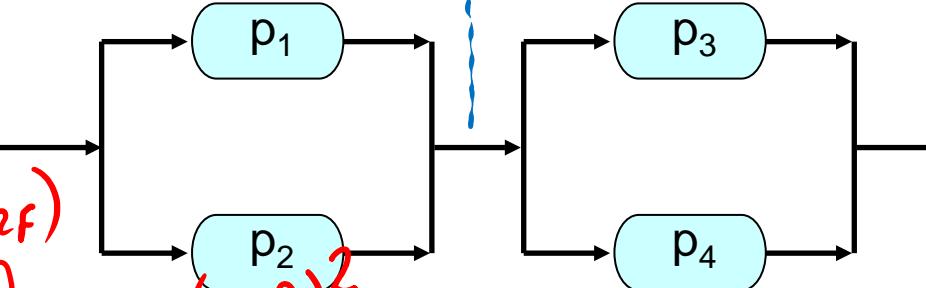


$$P(m_{1F} \cap m_{2F}) \\ \rightarrow \text{get Complement} = 1 - [\text{failure}] = 1 - (1-P)^2$$

Example

Series-parallel operation succeeds?

$$\left[1 - (1-P_1)(1-P_2) \right] \xleftarrow{*} \left[1 - (1-P_3)(1-P_4) \right]$$



More examples

dropped
many
altern.

Net dropped

Example

In a path of m nodes, what is the probability that a packet is dropped?

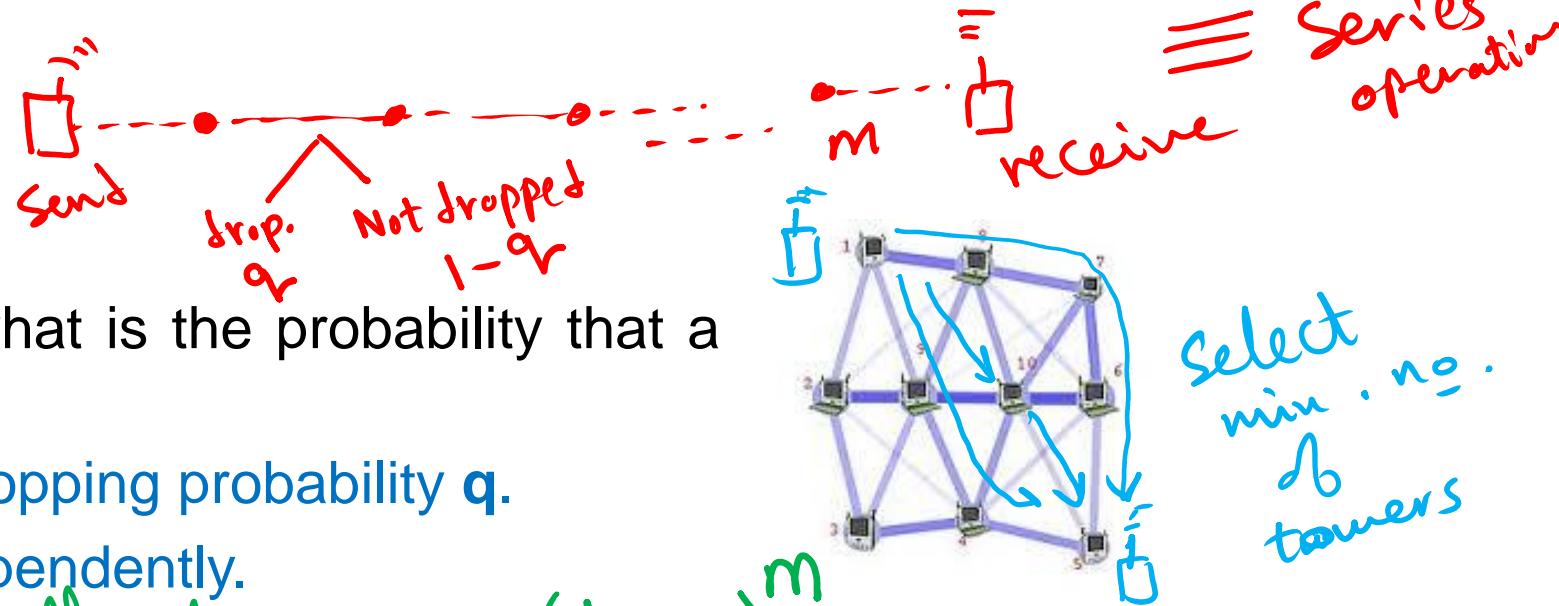
one possibility

Each node has a dropping probability q .

Nodes behave independently.

Not dropped at all nodes

$$P = \underbrace{1 - q}_{\text{drop}} \underbrace{(1-q)^m}_{\text{not dropped at all nodes}}$$

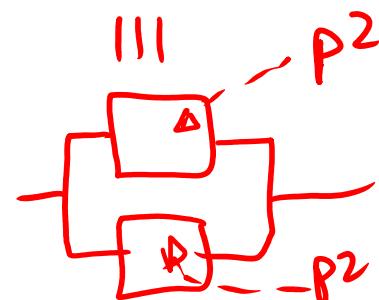
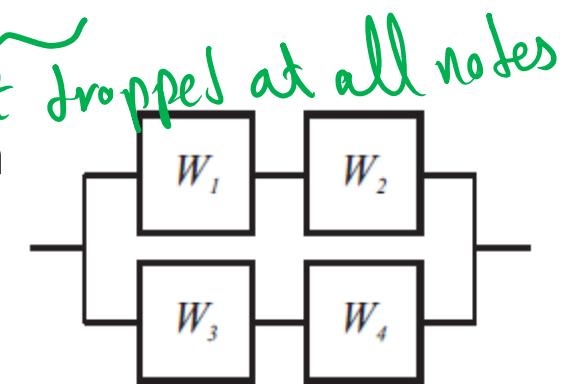


Example

What is the probability that the shown operation succeeds?

- Each component succeeds with probability p .
- All components behave independently.

$$P_{\text{success}} = 1 - (1 - p^2)^2$$

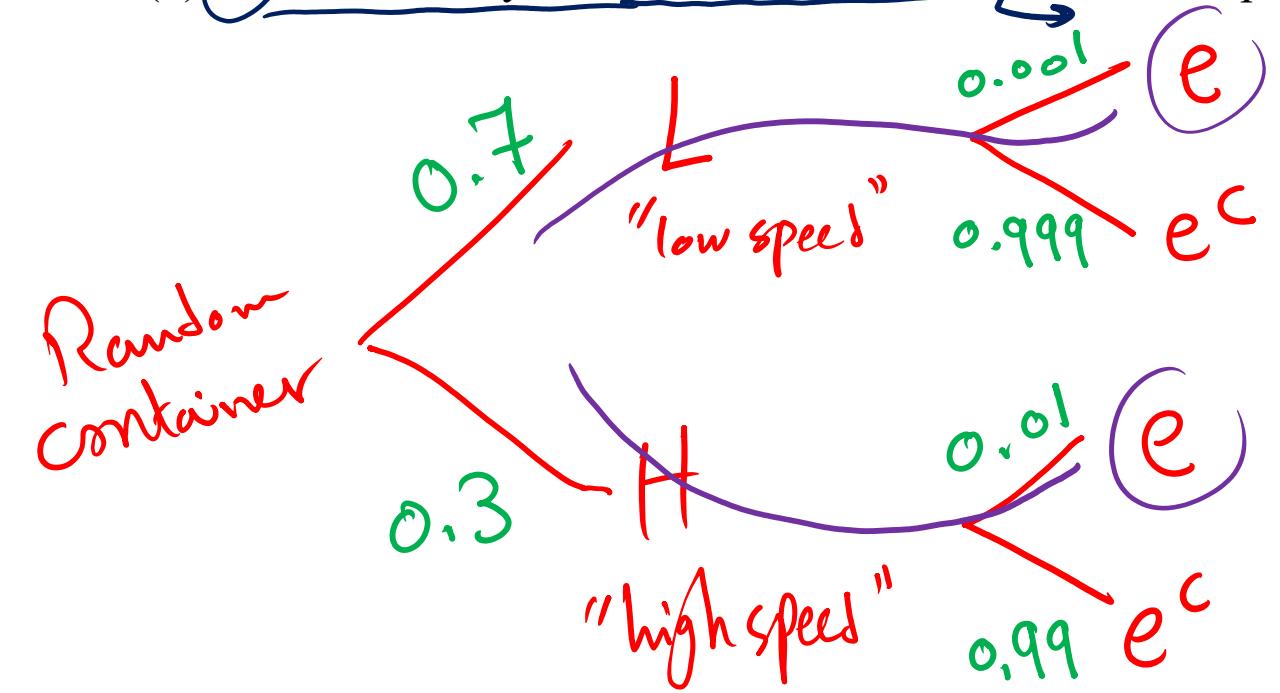


More problems

Ex: In an automated filling operation, the probability of an incorrect fill when the process is operated at low speed is 0.001. When the process is operated at high speed, the probability of an incorrect fill is 0.01. Assume that 30% of the containers are filled when the process is operated at high speed and the remainder are filled when the process is operated at low speed.

(a) What is the probability of an incorrectly filled container?

(b) If an incorrectly filled container is found, what is the probability that it was filled during the high-speed operation?



$$\textcircled{a} \quad P(e) = 0.7 \times 0.001 + 0.3 \times 0.01$$

= ✓

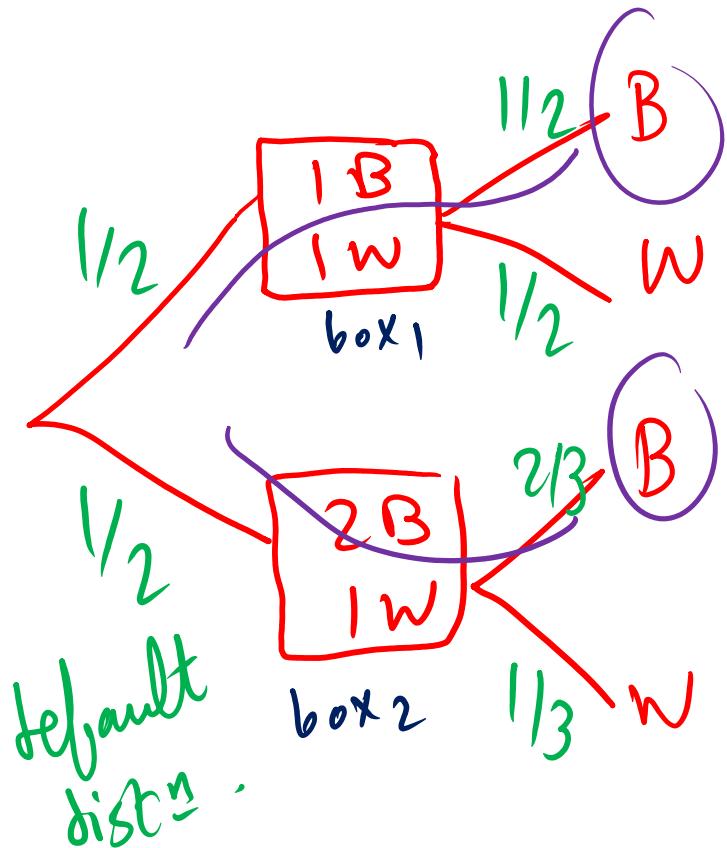
$$\textcircled{b} \quad P(H|e) = \frac{P(H \cap e)}{P(e)} = \frac{0.3 \times 0.01}{\underline{0.3 \times 0.01}}$$

Ex: Consider two boxes, one containing 1 black and 1 white marble, the other 2 black and 1 white marble / A box is selected at random, and a marble is drawn from it at random.

a. What is the probability that the marble is black?

b. What is the probability that the first box was the one selected given that the marble is white?

- Cond^s.



$$(a) P(B) = \frac{1}{2} * \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} * \frac{2}{3}$$

$$(b) P(\text{box}_1 | W) = \frac{P(\text{box}_1 \cap W)}{P(W)}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{1}{2} * \frac{1}{2}}{\frac{1}{2} * \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} * \frac{1}{3}} = \checkmark$$

~~Ex~~(a) Suppose that $P(A|B) = 0.4$ and ~~$P(B) = 0.5$~~ . Determine $P(A \cap B)$, $P(A^c \cap B)$.

wrong

~~Ex~~(b) If $P(A|B) = 1$, does this imply that $A = B$? Draw a Venn diagram to explain your answer.

Ⓐ $P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} \rightarrow 0.4 = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{0.5} \rightarrow P(A \cap B) = 0.2$

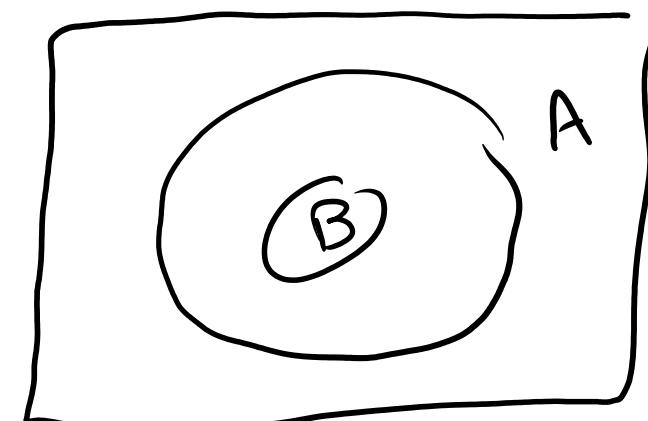
$$P(A^c \cap B) = P(B) - P(A \cap B) = 0.5 - 0.2 = 0.3$$

Ⓑ $P(A|B) = 1 = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$

$$P(A \cap B) = P(B)$$

$$B \subseteq A$$

Subset or equal to



Ex: Suppose A and B are mutually exclusive events.

Construct a Venn diagram that contains the three events A, B, and C such that $P(A|C)=1$ and $P(B|C)=0$.

$$P(A|C) = 1$$

$$\frac{P(A \cap C)}{P(C)} = 1$$

$$P(A \cap C) = P(C)$$

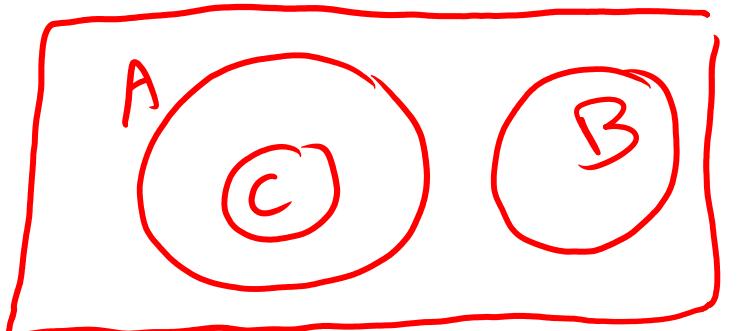
$$C \subseteq A$$

$$P(B|C) = 0$$

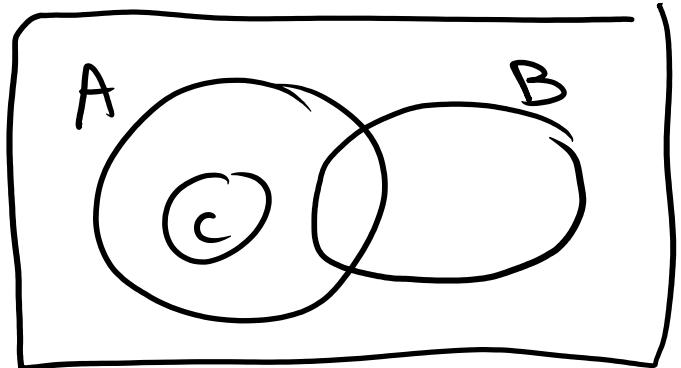
$$\frac{P(B \cap C)}{P(C)} = 0$$

$$P(B \cap C) = 0$$

B & C are
mutually exclusive



if it is not stated
that A & B are
mutually exclusive



Ex: A Web ad can be designed from 4 different colors, 3 font types, 5 font sizes, 3 images, and 5 text phrases. A specific design is randomly generated by the Web server when you visit the site.

→ (a) Determine the probability that the ad color is red and the font size is not the smallest one.

(b) Let A denote the event that the design color is red and let B denote the event that the font size is not the smallest one. Are A and B independent events? Explain why or why not.

4 Colors
3 F.type
5 F.sizes
3 images
5 text

$$N_s = \underset{\text{color}}{4} \times \underset{\text{f.size}}{3} \times 5 \times 3 \times 5$$

$$\textcircled{a} \quad P_a = 1 \times 3 \times \underset{\text{color}}{4} \times 3 \times 5 = (A \cap B)$$

$$P(A \cap B) = \frac{1 \times 3 \times \underset{\text{color}}{4} \times 3 \times 5}{4 \times 3 \times 5 \times 3 \times 5} = \frac{1}{5}$$

↓ Stages

⑥ By logic \rightarrow indep.

$$P_A P_B = \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{4}{5} = \frac{1}{5}$$

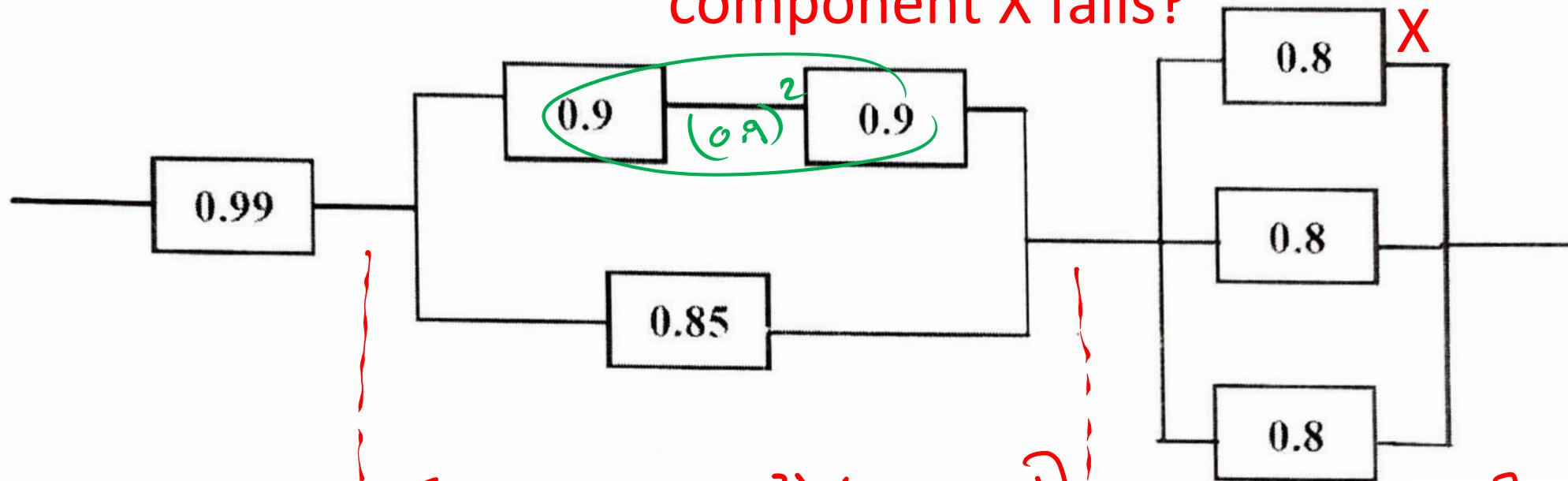
$$P(A) = \frac{1 \times 3 \times 5 \times 3 \times 5}{4 \times 3 \times 5 \times 3 \times 5} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$P(B) = \frac{4 \times 3 \times \underset{\text{color}}{4} \times 3 \times 5}{4 \times 3 \times 5 \times 3 \times 5} = \frac{4}{5}$$

\therefore indep.

The following circuit operates if and only if there is a path of functional devices from left to right. Assume that devices fail independently and the probability that each device operates is as shown. What is the probability that the circuit operates? **What if**

What if component X fails?



$$P_{\text{success}} = 0.99 \times [1 - ((1 - 0.9^2)(1 - 0.85))] \times [1 - ((1 - 0.8)^3)]$$

$$= N \times N \times [1 - (1 - 0.8)^2] = \checkmark < !$$