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Independent and Dependent Events

Two events are **independent** if the occurrence of one has no effect on the occurrence of the other.

If A and B are independent events, then the probability that both A and B occur is:

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

This also works with 3 or more events:

$$P(A \text{ and } B \text{ and } C) = P(A) \cdot P(B) \cdot P(C)$$

A game machine claims that 1 in every 15 people win. What is the probability that you win ~~twice~~ ^{twice} in a row?

$$\frac{1}{15} \cdot \frac{1}{15} \cdot \frac{1}{15}$$

You flip 3 coins: a quarter, a dime, and a nickel.

Find the probability that they are all "heads".

$$\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{8}$$

You flip 3 coins: a quarter, a dime, and a nickel.
Find the probability of 1 "heads" and 2 "tails".

$$\frac{3}{8}$$

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In a survey, 9 out of 11 men and 4 out of 7 women said they were satisfied with a product.

If the next three customers are two women and one man, what is the probability that they will all be satisfied?

$$\frac{4}{7} \cdot \frac{4}{7} \cdot \frac{9}{11}$$

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$$P = \frac{144}{539}$$

$$P \approx 0.267$$

In a survey, 9 out of 11 men and 4 out of 7 women said they were satisfied with a product.

If 4 men are the next customers, what is the probability that they are all satisfied?

$$\frac{9}{11} \cdot \frac{9}{11} \cdot \frac{9}{11} \cdot \frac{9}{11}$$

$$\frac{9 \cdot 9 \cdot 9 \cdot 9}{11 \cdot 11 \cdot 11 \cdot 11}$$

$$P = \frac{6561}{14641}$$

$$P \approx 0.448$$

In a survey, 9 out of 11 men and 4 out of 7 women said they were satisfied with a product.

If 4 men are the next customers, what is the probability that none are satisfied?

$$\frac{2}{11} \cdot \frac{2}{11} \cdot \frac{2}{11} \cdot \frac{2}{11}$$

$$\frac{2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2}{11 \cdot 11 \cdot 11 \cdot 11}$$

$$P = \frac{16}{14641}$$

$$P \approx 0.00109$$

In a survey, 9 out of 11 men and 4 out of 7 women said they were satisfied with a product.

If 4 men are the next customers, what is the probability that at least one of them is satisfied?

$$1 - \left(\frac{2}{11}\right)^4$$

$$\geq 1$$

$$< 1$$

In a survey, 9 out of 11 men and 4 out of 7 women said they were satisfied with a product.

If 4 men are the next customers what is the probability that exactly 3 of them will be satisfied?

$${}^4C_3 \cdot \frac{9}{11} \cdot \frac{9}{11} \cdot \frac{9}{11} \cdot \frac{2}{11}$$

In a survey, 9 out of 11 men and 4 out of 7 women said they were satisfied with a product.

If 4 men are the next customers, what is the probability that at least one of them is not satisfied?

$$1 - \frac{9}{11} \cdot \frac{9}{11} \cdot \frac{9}{11} \cdot \frac{9}{11}$$

You roll two 6-sided dice and find the sum. Find the probability of.....

a) rolling a prime #

b) rolling twelve twice in a row

$$\frac{15}{36}$$

1	2	3	4	5	6
2	2	3	4	5	6
3	3	4	5	6	7
4	4	5	6	7	8
5	5	6	7	8	9
6	6	7	8	9	10

$$\frac{1}{36} \cdot \frac{1}{36}$$

Two events A and B are **dependent events** if the occurrence of one affects the occurrence of the other.

The probability that B will occur given that A has occurred is called the **conditional probability** of B given A and is written $P(B/A)$.

If A and B are dependent events, then the probability that both A and B occur is:

$$P(A \text{ and } B) = P(A) \cdot P(B/A)$$

You randomly select 2 cards from a standard 52-card deck. What is the probability that both cards are face cards (king, queen, or jack)?

a) you **replace** the first card before selecting the 2nd (**with replacement**)

$$\frac{12}{52} \cdot \frac{12}{52}$$

INDEPENDENT

b) you do not replace the first card (**without replacement**)

$$\frac{12}{52} \cdot \frac{11}{51} = \frac{11}{(13)(17)}$$

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You randomly select 3 cards from a standard 52-card deck. What is the probability that the first card is a diamond, the second card is a heart, and the third card is a diamond.....

a) with replacement

$$\frac{13}{52} \cdot \frac{13}{52} \cdot \frac{13}{52}$$

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b) without replacement

$$\frac{13}{52} \cdot \frac{13}{51} \cdot \frac{12}{50}$$

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a bag contain 3 red marbles, 7 white marbles, and 5 blue marbles.

15 total

a) You draw 3 marbles, **replacing** each one before drawing the next. What is the probability of drawing a red, then a blue, and then another blue?

$$\frac{3}{15} \cdot \frac{5}{15} \cdot \frac{5}{15} = \frac{1}{45}$$

a bag contain 3 red marbles, 7 white marbles, and 5 blue marbles.

b) You draw 3 marbles, **without** replacing each one before drawing the next. What is the probability of drawing 3 white marbles?

$$\frac{7}{15} \cdot \frac{6}{14} \cdot \frac{5}{13}$$

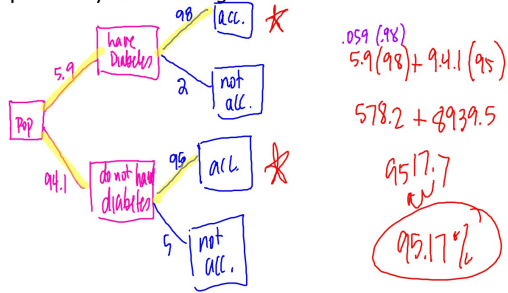
a bag contain 3 red marbles, 7 white marbles, and 5 blue marbles.

c) You draw 3 marbles, **without** replacing each one before drawing the next. What is the probability of drawing a red, then a blue, and then another blue?

$$\frac{3}{15} \cdot \frac{5}{14} \cdot \frac{4}{13}$$

5.9% of Americans have diabetes. A lab has developed a test that 98% accurate for people who have diabetes and 95% accurate for people who don't have it.

If a lab gives the test to a randomly selected person, what is the probability that the diagnosis is correct?



In one town, 95% of the students graduate from HS. Suppose a study showed that at age 25, 81% of the HS graduates held full time jobs while only 63% of those who did not graduate held full time jobs.

What is the probability that a randomly selected student from the town will have a full time job at age 25?

