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From Last Time (See previous lecture notes for a full description).

- What is the probability of getting a "1" on the first roll ~~and~~ or a "four" on the 2nd roll.

These are composite events, and they are not ME. But we can further divide the outcomes to make a situation in which the possible events are ME.

- Such as,
- A Getting a "1" on the 1st roll (No 4 on 2nd)
 - B Getting a "4" on the 2nd roll (No 1 on 1st)
 - C Getting both a 1 and a 4 on the first and second roll, respectively.

$$P_{\text{success}} = P_A + P_B + P_C$$

$$P_B = \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)\left(\frac{1}{6}\right) = \frac{5}{36}$$

$$P_A = \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)\left(\frac{5}{6}\right) = \frac{5}{36}$$

$$P_C = \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)\left(\frac{1}{6}\right) = \frac{1}{36}$$

$$P_{\text{success}} = \frac{11}{36}$$

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Correlated Events (CE) - Events are correlated if the outcome of one event depends on the outcome of another event.

Example | Three balls are in a barrell. (R)(G)(G)

$$P_{G, 1st} = \frac{2}{3}$$

If a green is removed, then (R)(G)

$$P_{G, 2nd} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Conditional Probability

What is the probability of getting snow given that snow only occurs when dark clouds are seen.

A \equiv Dark Sky \leftarrow correlated
B \equiv Snow \leftarrow Events

$P(B|A)$ Probability of observing B given that A has occurred.

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Joint Probability - $P(A \cap B)$
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Probability that both A and B occur.

General Multiplication Rule (Bayes Rule)

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

If A and B are not correlated, then

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

This would mean that (in the case of the snow) the probability of getting snow does not depend on the observation of dark clouds.

$P(B|A)$ "a posteriori" probability

$P(B)$ "a priori" probability.

$$P(G_1) = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$P(G_2|G_1) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{2}{3}\right) = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$P(G_2|G_1) P(G_1)$$

Probability of getting G on 1st and G on 2nd

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P of Red on 3rd, given that G was drawn on 2nd and 1st.

$$\begin{aligned} P(R_3 \text{ with } G_2 \text{ on 2nd and } G_1 \text{ on 1st}) &\Rightarrow P(G_1, G_2, R_3) \\ &= P(R_3 | G_2, G_1) P(G_2 | G_1) P(G_1) \\ &= (1) \quad \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \quad \left(\frac{2}{3}\right) = \frac{1}{3} \end{aligned}$$

General Addition Rule

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

U - Union with

∩ - Intersection of

When events/outcomes are ME, they can never occur at the same time and thus can never intersect (∩).

$$P(A \cap B) = 0 \quad \text{when } A, B \text{ are ME.}$$

Thus, the above would reduce to the old Addition Rule when these events are ME.

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If events are Independent (IE)

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

Degree of Correlation

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

If $g > 1$ positive correlation

$g < 1$ negative correlation

$g = 0$ ~~zero correlation~~ A occurs, B cannot occur.
(Mutually Exclusive Events)

$g = 1$ there is no correlation.

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Correlations where position matters:

① P_{HTHH} in 4 coin flips.

$$P_{HTHH} = P_H^{n_H} \cdot P_T^{(N-n_H)}$$

$$\text{If } n_H = 3$$

$$N - n_H = n_T$$

$$N = n_H + n_T$$