

Homework 3; Due 11.30 a.m. Wed October 21.

2.2.7 and 2.4.7:

$P(B) = P(B|A) = P(B \cap A)/P(A)$ So $P(A|B) = P(B \cap A)/P(B) = P(B)P(A)/P(B) = P(A)$.
 $A \subset B$, A, B indep: $P(A) = P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B)$ So $P(A) = 0$ or $P(B) = 1$.

2.2.13: $P(A \cap B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cup B) = 0.68 + 0.53 - 0.75 = 0.46$.

So $P(B | A) = P(A \cap B)/P(A) = 0.46/0.68 = 0.676$.

2.2.14: (a) $P(B_1 \cap W_2 \cap B_3) = (3/10) \cdot (7/11) \cdot (4/12) = 7/110$ (same as Ex. 2.2.12)

(b) $P(W_1 \cap B_2 \cap B_3) = (7/10) \cdot (3/11) \cdot (4/12) = 7/110$ again.

(c) $P(B_2) = P(B_1 \cap B_2) + P(W_1 \cap B_2) = (3/10) \cdot (4/11) + (7/10) \cdot (3/11) = 33/110 = 3/10 = P(B_1)$.

2.3.1: (a) Let G be thinks good job, D Democrat, R republican, I independent.

By law of total probability:

$$P(G) = P(G|D)P(D) + P(G|R)P(R) + P(G|I)P(I) = .8 \times .35 + .45 \times .4 + .55 \times .25 = .598$$

(b) By Bayes' formula: $P(D | G) = P(G|D)P(D)/P(G) = .8 \times .35/0.598 = 0.469$.

2.3.8: Let B_i be event i th ball is blue. $P(B_1) = 5/10 = 1/2$.

$$P(B_2) = P(B_2|B_1)P(B_1) + P(B_2 | B_1^c)P(B_1^c) = (6/11) \times (1/2) + (5/11) \times (1/2) = 1/2$$

From Bayes' formula: $P(B_1 | B_2) = P(B_2|B_1)P(B_1)/P(B_2) = 6/11 = P(B_2|B_1)$.

That is, the two conditionals **are** the same **in this case** because $P(B_1) = P(B_2)$.

2.4.1: $\Omega = \{HHH, HHT, HTH, HTT, THH, THT, TTH, TTT\}$ each prob $1/8$.

(a) $P(A) = P(\text{heads on 1 st}) = 1/2$, $P(B) = P(\text{even heads}) = 1/2$, $P(A \cap B) = P(HHT \cup HTH) = 1/4$.

So yes, A and B are independent.

(b) $P(A) = P(\text{no head in 1,2}) = 1/4$, $P(B) = P(\text{no head in 2,3}) = 1/4$, $P(A \cap B) = P(TTT) = 1/8$.

So A and B are not independent.

(c) $P(A) = P(\text{even in 1,2}) = P(HHH, HHT, TTH, TTT) = 1/2$,

$$P(B) = P(\text{even in 2,3}) = P(HHH, THH, HTT, TTT) = 1/2,$$

$$P(A \cap B) = P(HHH \cup TTT) = 1/4. \text{ So yes, } A \text{ and } B \text{ are independent.}$$