



Figure 3.9: Venn diagram showing how selecting a red chip on the first draw (R_1) and selecting a white chip on the first draw (W_1) partition the sample space \mathcal{S} ; the event of selecting a red chip on the second draw (R_2) is overlaid in blue.

3.6 Exercises

♥ = answers are provided beginning on page 229.

- 3.1 ♥ Suppose a standard 6-sided die is rolled 4 times. How many outcomes are in the sample space \mathcal{S} ?
- 3.2 Suppose two cards are selected from a deck of cards *without* replacement (a deck has 52 cards). How many outcomes are in the sample space \mathcal{S} ?
- 3.3 ♥ Suppose a 6-sided die (with sides labeled 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6) is rolled 2 times.
- Write out the sample space \mathcal{S} . *Note that all outcomes are equally likely.*
 - Let A denote the event that a 1 is obtained on the first roll, and let B denote the event that an even is obtained on the second roll. Find $P(A \text{ and } B)$.
 - Find the probability that the second roll is exactly twice the first roll.
 - Find the probability that the second roll is greater than or equal to the first roll.
- 3.4 Repeat question (3.3) when rolling a 4-sided die.
- 3.5 ♥ Suppose you randomly select 2 chips *with* replacement from a bowl containing 3 red (R) and 5 white (W) chips. Let R_1 denote the event that a red chip is obtained on the first draw, let R_2 denote the event that a red chip is obtained on the second draw. Find $P(R_1 \text{ and } R_2)$.
- 3.6 Suppose a die is repeatedly rolled. Find the probability that a 1 is obtained for the first time on the 10th roll. *Hint: To get a 1 for the first time on the 10th roll, you must get a non-one on the 1st roll (1_1^c), a non-one on the second roll (1_2^c), ..., a non-one on the 9th roll (1_9^c), and a one on the 10th roll (1_{10}).*
- 3.7 Based on long-run relative frequencies, approximately 51% of all births in the U.S. are boys. Assume independence.

- (a) If a woman has 3 children, find the probability that she has all boys.
- (b) If a woman has 3 children, find the probability that she does not have all boys.
- (c) If a woman has 3 children, find the probability that the first child is a boy, while the last 2 children are girls.

3.8 In reference to question (3.7), answer the following.

- (a) If a woman has 3 children, find the probability that she has exactly 1 boy.
- (b) If a woman has 3 children, find the probability that she has 1 or more boys.

3.9 ♥ Suppose that 20% of UI students smoke (S), while 30% drink alcohol (A). In addition, 15% smoke *and* drink alcohol.

- (a) Given that a student drinks alcohol (A), determine the probability that he/she smokes (S), i.e. find $P(S|A)$.
- (b) Are alcohol use and smoking independent? Why?

3.10 It is known that 72% of adults suffer from vision problems. It is also known that 65% of adults suffer from vision problems *and* wear corrective lenses (i.e. eye glasses, contacts). Given that a randomly selected adult suffers from vision problems, find the probability that he/she wears corrective lenses.

3.11 ♥ Suppose a die is rolled one time. Let

$$A = \text{roll a 1} \quad B = \text{roll an even}$$

- (a) Are A and B mutually exclusive? Why?
- (b) Are A and B independent? Why?

3.12 ♥ Suppose that 80% of computers use an Intel processor.

- (a) Suppose 2 computers are randomly selected (*assume independence*). Find the probability that the first computer *or* second computer has an Intel processor, i.e. find $P(I_1 \text{ or } I_2)$.
- (b) Suppose 2 computers are randomly selected (*assume independence*). Find the probability that exactly 1 has an Intel processor.
- (c) Suppose computers are repeatedly selected at random (*assume independence*). Find the probability that the 10th computer is the first without an Intel processor.
- (d) Suppose 4 computers are randomly selected (*assume independence*). Find the probability that 1 or more contain an Intel processor.

3.13 Suppose that 4% of desktop computers run the Linux operating system (L). Suppose 2 computers are randomly selected (*assume independence*).

- (a) Find the probability that neither computer is running Linux.
- (b) Find the probability that the first computer runs Linux (L_1) *or* the second computer runs linux (L_2).
- (c) Find the probability that exactly one of the computers runs Linux.

- (d) Suppose computers are repeatedly selected (assume independence). Find the probability that the 4th selected computer is the first one running Linux.
- 3.14 A slot machine has 3 wheels. Each wheel has 10 symbols, and each symbol is equally likely when the wheel is spun (assume the wheels act independently of each other). The middle wheel has 1 bell among its 10 symbols, while the left and right wheels have 4 bells each.
- (a) You win the jackpot if the wheels show all bells. What is the probability of winning the jackpot on any given spin?
- (b) Find the probability of obtaining exactly 2 bells on any given spin.
- (c) What is the probability that you get a bell on the first wheel *or* third wheel?
- 3.15 Worldwide, approximately 70% of smart phones run the Android operating system (A) while 30% run a non-Android operating system (A^c). Suppose 2 smart phones are randomly selected (assume independence).
- (a) Determine the probability that the first runs Android (A_1) *or* the second runs Android (A_2).
- (b) Determine the probability that exactly 1 runs Android.
- 3.16 ♥ Suppose a bowl has 8 chips; 4 of the chips are black (B), the remaining 4 chips are red (R). One of the black chips is labeled 1, while the other black chips are labeled 2, 3, and 4 respectively. The red chips are labeled 2, 4, 5, and 7 respectively. Hence, the chips in the bowl could be labeled as

$$B1, B2, B3, B4, R2, R4, R5, R7$$

- (a) Suppose one chip is randomly selected. Let A be the event that an even is obtained, and B be the event that a black is obtained. Are A and B independent? Why?
- (b) Suppose two chips are randomly selected *without* replacement. Let A be the event that a 7 is obtained on the *first* draw, and B be the event that a red is obtained on the *second* draw. What is $P(B|A)$?
- (c) Suppose two chips are randomly selected *without* replacement. Let A be the event that a 7 is obtained on the *first* draw, and B be the event that a red is obtained on the *second* draw. Find $P(A \text{ and } B)$.
- (d) Suppose 1 chip is randomly selected from the bowl. Let A be the event that an even is obtained, and B be the event that a black is obtained. Are A and B mutually exclusive? Why? What is $P(A \text{ or } B)$?
- 3.17 Suppose a box contains 12 silver coins (S) and 3 gold coins (G).
- (a) If you randomly select 2 coins *without* replacement, determine the probability that the first coin is silver (S_1) *and* the second coin is gold (G_2).
- (b) Use the complement rule to find the probability that 1 or fewer gold coins are selected.

- 3.18 In reference to question (3.17), answer the following.

- (a) If you randomly select 2 coins *without* replacement, determine the probability that you obtain exactly 1 gold coin (G).
- (b) If you randomly select 3 coins *without* replacement, determine the probability that you obtain exactly 1 gold coin (G).

3.19 Suppose a die is rolled. Consider the following events:

$$A = 2, 4 \text{ or } 6 \text{ is rolled}$$

$$B = 1, 2 \text{ or } 5 \text{ is rolled}$$

$$C = 3 \text{ or } 5 \text{ is rolled}$$

- (a) Are A and B mutually exclusive? Why?
- (b) Are A and C mutually exclusive? Why?
- (c) Find $P(A|B)$
- (d) Find $P(B \text{ or } C)$.
- (e) Are A and B independent? Why?
- (f) Are B and C independent? Why?

3.20 Suppose A and B are independent where $P(A) = 0.3$ and $P(B|A) = 0.5$. Find $P(A \text{ or } B)$.

3.21 ♥ Let A and B be two independent events. Suppose $P(A \text{ or } B) = 0.6$ and $P(A|B) = 0.2$. What is $P(B)$?

3.22 Suppose $P(A) = 0.6$, $P(B|A) = 0.1$, and $P(B|A^c) = 0.3$. What is $P(B)$?

3.23 Suppose events A and B are mutually exclusive where $P(A) = 0.5$ and $P(B) = 0.2$. What is $P(A|B)$?

3.24 ♥ Let A and B be two events. Suppose $P(A) = 0.8$, $P(B|A) = 0.1$, and $P(A \text{ or } B) = 0.9$. What is $P(B)$?

3.25 Let A and B be two events. Suppose $P(A) = 0.5$, $P(B) = 0.8$, and $P(A \text{ or } B) = 0.9$. What is $P(B|A)$?

3.26 Suppose you roll a standard 6-sided die. If you roll a "1" (1), you randomly select one chip from a bowl containing 2 red (R) and 3 white (W) chips. If you don't roll a "1" (1^c), you randomly select 1 chip from a bowl containing 7 red (R) and 3 white (W) chips.

- (a) Find the probability that you roll a "1" *and* obtain a white chip (W).
- (b) Determine the probability you obtain a white chip, i.e. find $P(W)$.
- (c) Given that a white chip was obtained, determine the probability that a 1 was rolled on the die, i.e. find $P(1|W)$.
- (d) Determine the probability that a 1 is rolled on the die *or* a red chip is selected from the bowl, i.e. find $P(1 \text{ or } R)$.

3.27 A technician is assigned the task of examining transistors before they are installed into a radio. She has a box containing 12 transistors, 3 of which are defective.

- (a) Suppose 2 transistors are randomly selected *with* replacement. Find the probability that both are defective (i.e. find $P(D_1 \text{ and } D_2)$). Assume independence.

- (b) Suppose 2 transistors are randomly selected *with* replacement. Find the probability that the first is defective *or* the second is defective, i.e. find $P(D_1 \text{ or } D_2)$.
- (c) Suppose 2 transistors are randomly selected *without* replacement. Given that the first transistor is defective, determine the probability that the second transistor is defective (i.e. find $P(D_2|D_1)$).
- (d) Suppose 2 transistors are randomly selected *without* replacement. Find the probability that both are defective (i.e. find $P(D_1 \text{ and } D_2)$).
- (e) Suppose 2 transistors are randomly selected *without* replacement. Find the probability that the first is defective *or* the second is defective, i.e. find $P(D_1 \text{ or } D_2)$.
Hint: Use the law of total probability to find $P(D_2)$.
- 3.28 There are 52 cards in a deck of cards, 13 of which are hearts. Suppose you randomly select 2 cards *without* replacement. Let H_1 denote the event that a heart is obtained on the first draw, and let H_2 denote the event that a heart is obtained on the second draw.
- (a) Use the law of total probability to find the probability you obtain a heart on the second draw, i.e. find $P(H_2)$.
- (b) Find the probability both cards are hearts, i.e. find $P(H_1 \text{ and } H_2)$.
- (c) Find the probability that a heart is obtained on the first draw *or* second draw, i.e. find $P(H_1 \text{ or } H_2)$.
- (d) What is the probability that a heart was obtained on the first draw given that a heart is obtained on the second draw? In other words, find $P(H_1|H_2)$.
- 3.29 ♥ It is known that 8% of people in the U.S. use illegal drugs (i.e. $P(D) = 0.08$). Given that a person is using illegal drugs, a drug test will (correctly) return a positive result with probability 0.97 (i.e. $P(+|D) = 0.97$). The specificity of the drug test is 0.99.
- (a) Find the probability that a randomly selected person will test positive for illegal drugs (i.e. find $P(+)$).
- (b) Given that a randomly selected person tested *positive*, what is the probability that he/she uses illegal drugs?
- (c) Determine the probability of a false negative test result.
- (d) Find the probability that a randomly chosen person takes illegal drugs *or* tests positive (i.e. find $P(D \text{ or } +)$).
- 3.30 The probability that a passenger will attempt to board an airplane with illegal drugs is 0.005 (i.e. $P(D) = 0.005$). Given that a passenger has illegal drugs, the probability that the alarm will sound is 0.97 (i.e. $P(A|D) = 0.97$). If a passenger does not have illegal drugs, the probability that the alarm will not sound is 0.95 (i.e. $P(A^c|D^c) = 0.95$).
- (a) What is the sensitivity of the drug detection machine?
- (b) What is the specificity of the drug detection machine?
- (c) Find the probability that the alarm does not sound given that the passenger is carrying drugs (i.e. find $P(A^c|D)$).
- (d) Suppose a passenger is randomly selected. Find the probability that the alarm sounds when he/she enters security (i.e. find $P(A)$).

- (e) Given that the alarm sounds, find the probability that the passenger actually has illegal drugs. (i.e. find $P(D|A)$). This quantity is known as the “predictive value of a positive test”.
- (f) Find the “predictive value of a negative test” (i.e. find $P(D^c|A^c)$). In words, what does this quantity mean?
- 3.31 A farm has two types of trees: 30% are orange trees (O) and 70% are apple trees (A). Frost (F) has damaged 40% of the orange trees (i.e. $P(F|O) = 0.40$) and 10% of the apple trees.
- (a) Find the probability that a randomly selected tree was damaged by frost *and* is an apple tree.
- (b) Find the probability that a randomly selected tree has been damaged by frost.
- (c) Given that a randomly selected tree has been damaged by frost, determine the probability that it is an apple tree.
- 3.32 ♥ An egg manufacturer produces 3 sizes of eggs: 40% are classified as *small*, 50% are *large*, and 10% are *extra-large*. It is known that 8% of the small, 10% of the large, and 14% of the extra-large eggs are cracked.
- (a) If an egg is randomly chosen, find the probability that it is cracked.
- (b) Given that a randomly chosen egg is cracked, find the probability that it is an *extra-large* egg.
- (c) If you randomly select 3 eggs, determine the probability that exactly 1 is cracked.
- 3.33 A chest has 3 drawers: the first drawer (D_1) has 2 silver coins (S), the second drawer (D_2) has 1 silver (S) and 1 gold (G) coin, and the third drawer (D_3) has 2 gold (G) coins. A drawer is randomly selected and a coin is randomly selected from the chosen drawer. Let's refer to the selected coin as coin 1, and the other coin in the drawer is coin 2.
- (a) Use the law of total probability to determine the probability that the first coin selected from the drawer is gold, i.e. find $P(G_1)$.
- (b) Find the probability that both coins in the selected drawer are gold, i.e. find $P(G_1 \text{ and } G_2)$. *This one is easy. Both coins are gold only if we are selecting from D_3 , hence $P(G_1 \text{ and } G_2) = P(D_3)$.*
- (c) Given that the selected coin is gold, determine the probability that other coin in the drawer is also gold, i.e. find $P(G_2|G_1)$. Briefly interpret your result.