

# Chapter 4

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## Definition

**Probability** is a measure or estimation of how likely it is that something will happen or that a statement is true. Probabilities are given a value between 0 (0% chance or will not happen) and 1 (100% chance or will happen).

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$P$	denotes a probability
$A, B, C, E_1, E_2$	notation for specific events
$P(A)$	notation for the probability of event $A$ occurring
$P(E_1)$	notation for the probability of event $E_1$ occurring

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# Events and Simple Events

## Definition

An **event** is an outcome of an experiment or procedure.

**Experiment:** Toss a single die and observe the number that appears on the upper face. Here are some possible events:

Event A Observe an even number

Event B Observe a number less than 3

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- Similarly, event B can be decomposed into the collection of simple events  $\{E_1, E_2\}$ .



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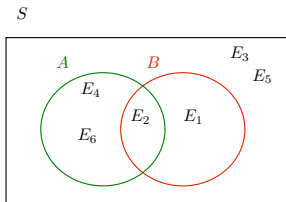
$$\sum_{i=1}^6 P(E_i) = \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6} = 1$$

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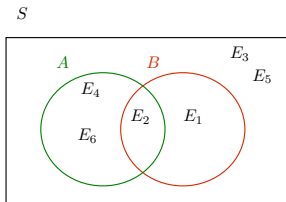
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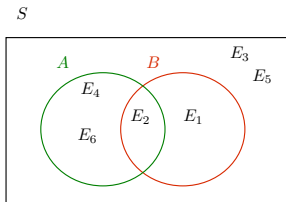
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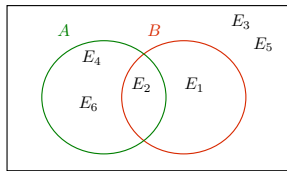
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$$\begin{aligned} P(A) &= P(E_2 \text{ or } E_4 \text{ or } E_6) \\ &= P(E_2) + P(E_4) + P(E_6) \\ &= \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6} \\ &= \frac{3}{6} = 0.5 \end{aligned}$$

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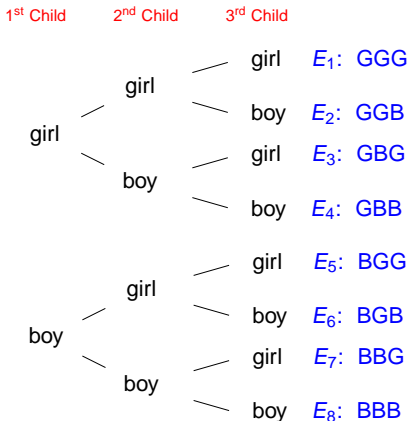
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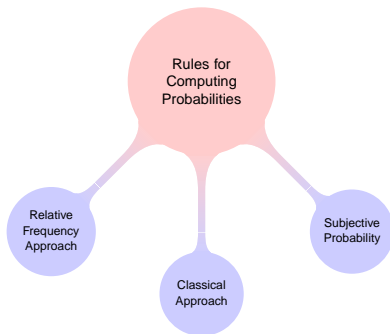
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### Definition (The Classical Approach)

Assume that a given procedure has  $n$  different simple events and that each of those simple events has an equal chance of occurring. If event  $A$  can occur in  $s$  of these  $n$  ways, then

$$P(A) = \frac{\text{\#of ways } A \text{ can occur}}{\text{\#of different simple events}} = \frac{s}{n}$$

**Example:** Toss a single die. Determine the following probabilities:

- 1  $P(E_1)$
- 2  $P(E_5)$
- 3  $P(A)$
- 4  $P(B)$



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## Theorem (Law of Large Numbers)

*As a procedure is repeated again and again, the relative frequency probability of an event tends to approach the actual probability.*



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**Experiment:** Roll a pair of dice. Record the sum of the two numbers that appear on the upper faces of the dice.

Roll		Probability
2		$\frac{1}{36}$
3		$\frac{2}{36}$
4		$\frac{3}{36}$
5		$\frac{4}{36}$
6		$\frac{5}{36}$
7		$\frac{6}{36}$
8		$\frac{5}{36}$
9		$\frac{4}{36}$
10		$\frac{3}{36}$
11		$\frac{2}{36}$
12		$\frac{1}{36}$

Determine the following probabilities:

- $P(\text{the sum is } 8)$
- $P(\text{rolling a double } 1)$

Find the probability that when a couple has three children, they will have exactly 2 girls. Assume that girls and boys are equally likely and that the gender of one child is not influenced by the gender of any other child. [?]

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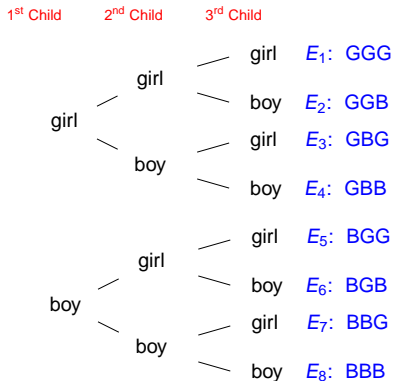
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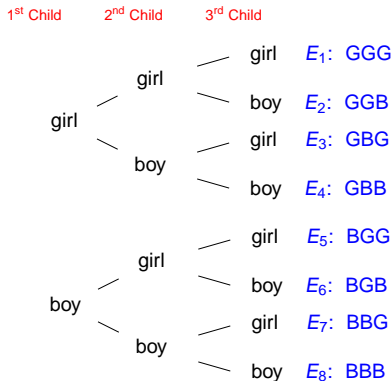
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### Classical Approach

$$P(2 \text{ boys in } 3 \text{ births}) = \frac{\# \text{ of ways A can occur}}{\# \text{ of different simple events}} = \frac{3}{8} = 0.375$$

**Experiment:** Pick a card at random from a shuffled deck of cards.

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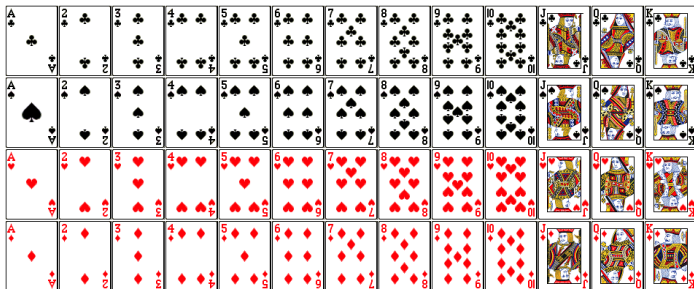
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Determine the following probabilities:

- $P(\text{the card is a four of hearts})$
- $P(\text{the card is a queen})$
- $P(\text{the card is not an ace})$

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**Example:** In the last 30 years, death sentence executions in the United States included 795 men and 10 women (based on data from the Associated Press). If an execution is randomly selected, find the probability that the person executed is a woman. Is it unusual for a woman to be executed?

We use the **relative frequency** approach here, since the likelihood that a woman or man is executed is not the same.

# Complementary Events

## Definition

**The complement of event  $A$** , denoted by  $\bar{A}$  or  $A^C$ , consists of all the simple events in the sample space which are not in  $A$ .

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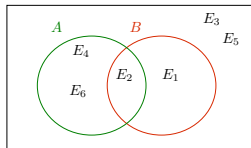
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**Experiment:** Toss a single die

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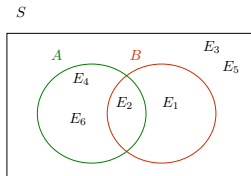
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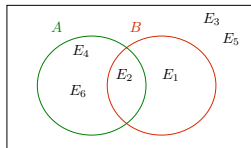
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A fundamental property of complementary events may now be apparent to you:

$$P(A) + P(\bar{A}) = 1$$

the sum of the probabilities of an event and its complement is always one (regardless of whether an event is simple or compound).

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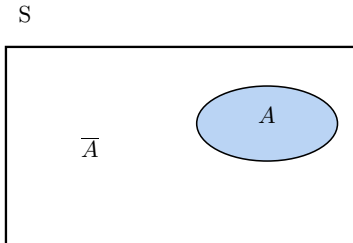
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**Yes they are!!!**

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**Example:** Women have a 0.25% rate of red/green color blindness. If a woman is randomly selected, what is the *probability* that she does *not* have red/green color blindness?

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## Theorem (**The Rare Event Rule**)

*If, under a given assumption, the probability of a particular observed event is extremely small, we conclude that the assumption is probably not correct.*

**Example:** Sally thinks there is no way she can get an A on Mr. Busken's first stats exam. Then she aces the exam. By the rare event rule, her assumption must have been incorrect.

See example 12, p146 in the text for another example.

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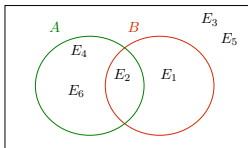
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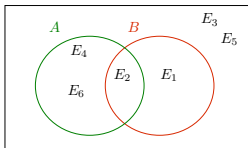
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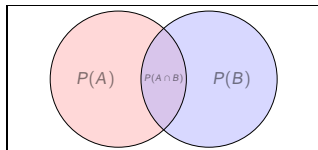


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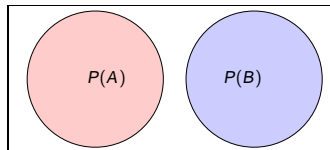
Definition (**The Addition Rule**)

$$P(A \text{ or } B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \text{ and } B)$$

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



Venn Diagram for Events that  
are not mutually exclusive



Venn Diagram for mutually  
exclusive events

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

**Problem #12:** Determine  $P(A \text{ or } B)$ 

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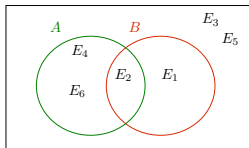
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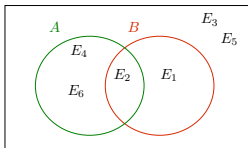
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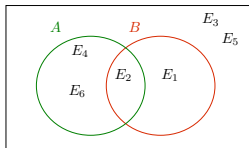
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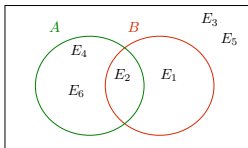
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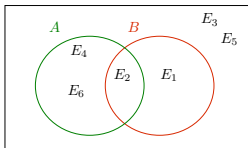
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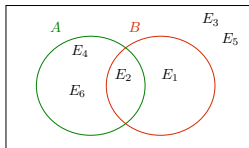
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Alternatively,  $A \cup B \equiv \{E_1, E_2, E_4, E_6\}$ , so  $P(A \cup B) = \frac{4}{6} \doteq 0.67$  using the classical approach.

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$$= \frac{8}{36} \doteq 0.22$$



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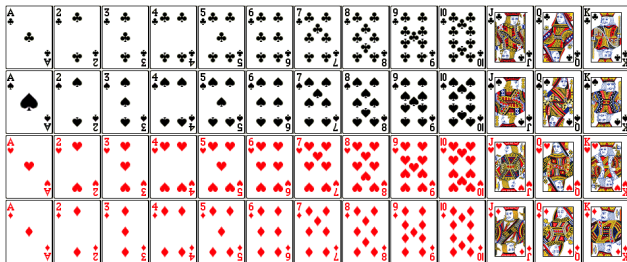
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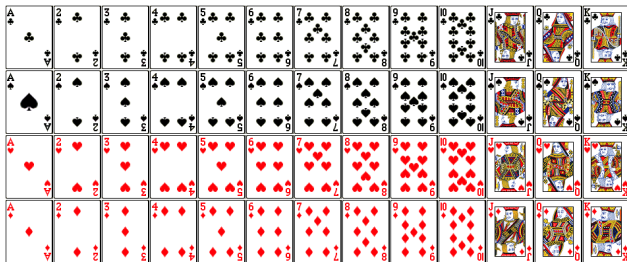
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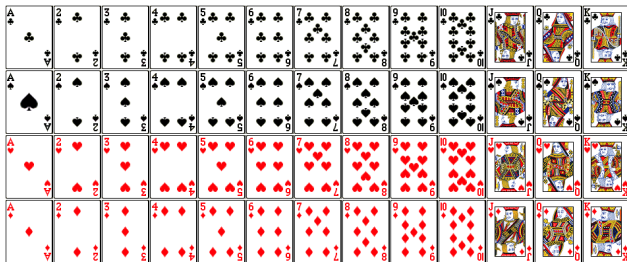
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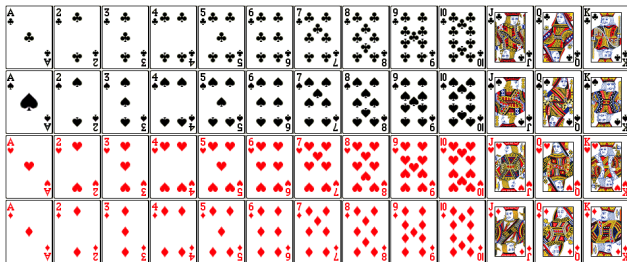
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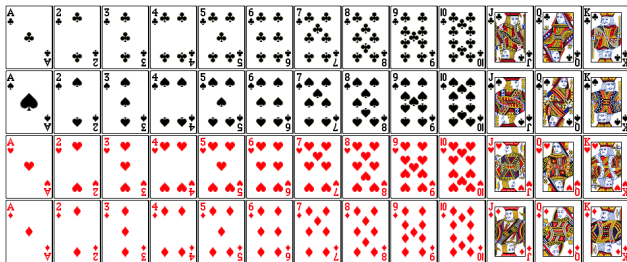
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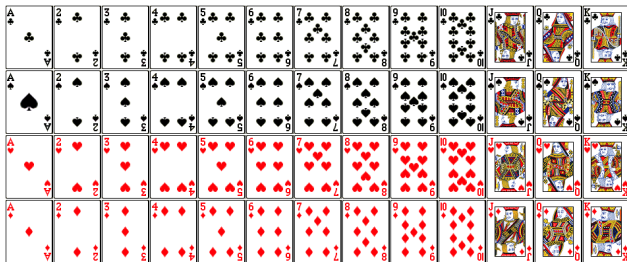
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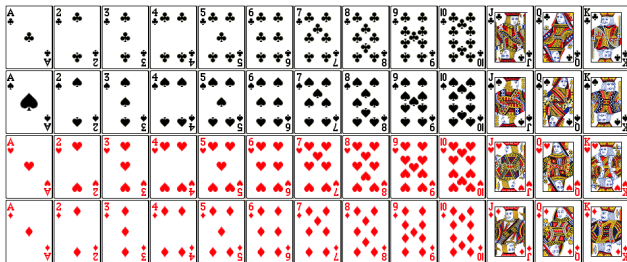
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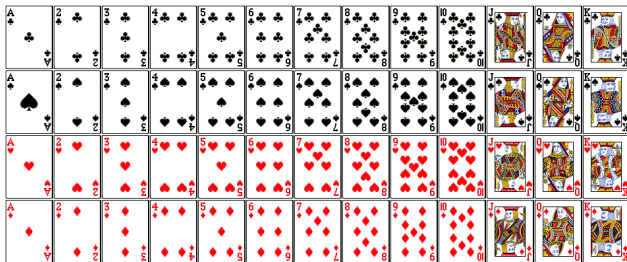
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## Notation

$P(B|A)$  represents the probability of event B occurring after it is assumed that event A has already occurred (read  $B|A$  as "B given A").

## Definition

Two events A and B are **independent** if the occurrence of one does not affect the probability of the occurrence of the other. If A and B are not independent, they are said to be **dependent**.

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Two events A and B are said to be **independent** if and only if either

$$P(B|A) = P(B) \quad \text{or} \quad P(A|B) = P(A)$$

## Theorem (The Multiplication Rule)

$$P(A \text{ and } B) = P(A) \cdot P(B) \quad (\text{if } A \text{ and } B \text{ are independent})$$

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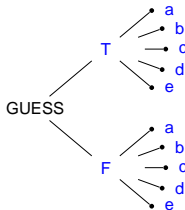


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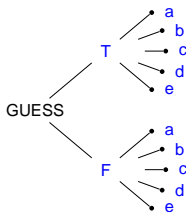
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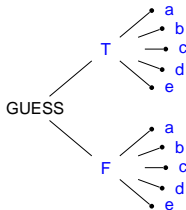
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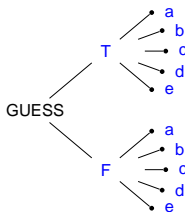
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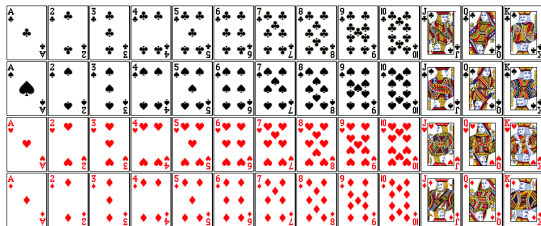
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Suppose the correct answers are T and c. We can also obtain the correct probability by multiplying the individual probabilities:

$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{both correct}) &= P(T \text{ and } c) \\ &= P(T) \cdot P(c) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{5} = \frac{1}{10} = 0.1 \end{aligned}$$

**Experiment:** Now pick two cards at random from a shuffled deck of playing cards.



**Example:** Two cards are randomly selected *without replacement*. Find the probability the first card is an ace and the second card is a ten.

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**Example:** Two cards are randomly selected. Find the probability that the draw includes an ace and a ten.

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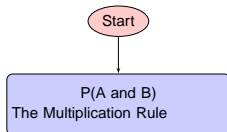


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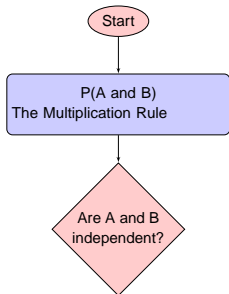


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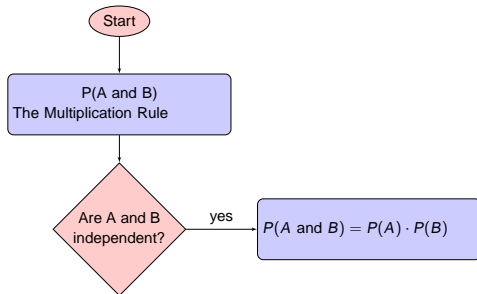
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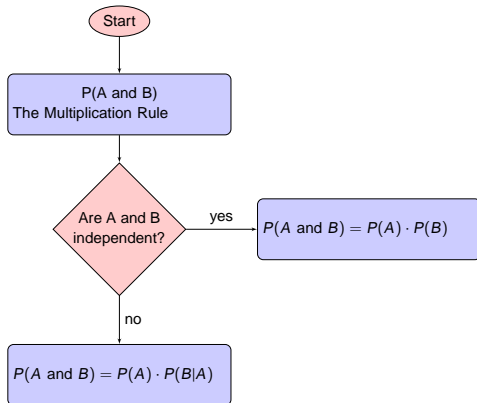
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**Homework #17:** Use the data in the following table, which summarizes blood type and Rh types for 100 subjects.

		Blood Type			
		O	A	B	AB
Rh Type	$Rh^+$	39	35	8	4
	$Rh^-$	5	6	2	1

If 2 out of the 100 subjects are randomly selected, find the probability that they are both blood group O and Rh type  $Rh^+$ .

- 1 Assume that the selections are made with replacement.
- 2 Assume that the selections are made without replacement.

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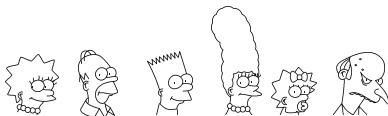
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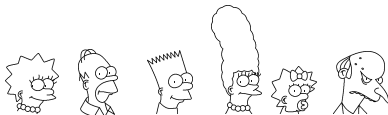
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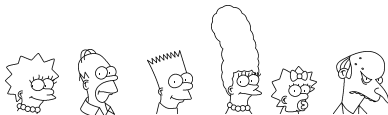
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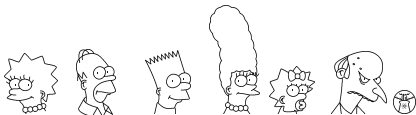
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✿ “at least one” is equivalent to “one or more.”

📦 The **complement** of getting at least one item of a particular type is that you get **no** items of that type.





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☞ **Example:** A study conducted at a certain college shows that 59% of the school's graduates find a job in their chosen field within a year after graduation. Find the probability that among 6 randomly selected graduates, at least one finds a job in his or her chosen field within a year of graduating.

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## Definition

A **conditional probability** of an event is a probability obtained with the additional information that some other event has already occurred.  $P(B|A)$  denotes the conditional probability of event B occurring, given that event A has already occurred, and it can be found by dividing the probability of events A and B both occurring by the probability of event A:

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

**Table 4 - 1** Results from Experiments with Polygraph Instruments

	No (Did Not Lie)	Yes (Lied)
<b>Positive Test Result</b> (The polygraph test indicated that the subject <i>lied</i> .)	15 (false positive)	42 (true positive)
<b>Negative Test Result</b> (The polygraph test indicated that the subject did not <i>lie</i> .)	32 (true negative)	9 (false negative)

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Consider the following events:

**Event N:** The person selected is a nonsmoker

**Event L:** The person selected is a light smoker

**Event H:** The person selected is a heavy smoker

**Event M:** The person selected is a male

**Event F:** The person selected is a female

**Example:** Suppose one of the 940 subjects is chosen at random. Compute the following probabilities:

- $P(N|F)$
- $P(F|N)$
- $P(H \cup M)$
- $P(M \cap L)$
- $P(\text{the person selected is a smoker})$
- $P(F \cap \bar{H})$

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Consider the following events:

- Event N:** The person selected is a nonsmoker  
**Event L:** The person selected is a light smoker  
**Event H:** The person selected is a heavy smoker  
**Event M:** The person selected is a male  
**Event F:** The person selected is a female

**Example:** Now suppose that two people are selected from the group, *without replacement*. Let  $A$  be the event "the first person selected is a nonsmoker," and let  $B$  be the event "the second person is a light smoker." What is  $P(A \cap B)$ ?

**Example:** Two people are selected from the group, *with replacement*. What is the probability that both people are nonsmokers?

**Example:** Two people are selected from the group. What is the probability that both people are smokers?

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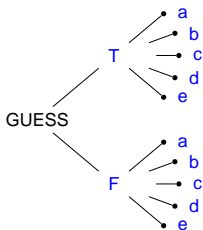
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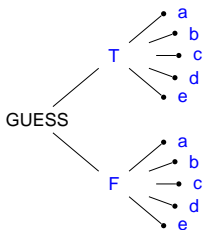
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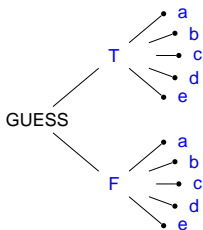
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How many ways can you guess at the multiple choice question?

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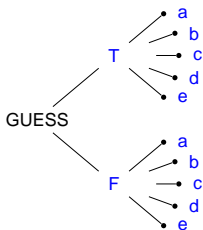
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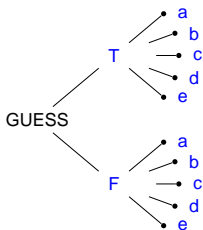
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8		$\frac{5}{36}$
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1st Die      2nd Die

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1st Die

2nd Die

How many ways can the first die land?

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$$\frac{6}{1st\ Die} \cdot \frac{6}{2nd\ Die}$$

How many ways can the second die land?

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$$\underbrace{6}_{\text{1st Die}} \cdot \underbrace{6}_{\text{2nd Die}} = 36$$



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The sample space, has 36 simple events.

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		—	boy	$E_2$ : GGB
	boy	—	girl	$E_3$ : GBG
		—	boy	$E_4$ : GBB
boy	girl	—	girl	$E_5$ : BGG
		—	boy	$E_6$ : BGB
	boy	—	girl	$E_7$ : BBG
		—	boy	$E_8$ : BBB

$$\underbrace{2}_{1st \text{ child}} \cdot \underbrace{2}_{2nd \text{ child}} \cdot \underbrace{2}_{3rd \text{ child}} = 8$$

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How many choices of cars do you have for garage 1?

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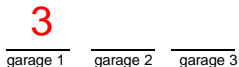
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$$\begin{array}{ccc} 3 & & \\ \hline \text{garage 1} & \text{garage 2} & \text{garage 3} \end{array}$$

You selected a car and parked it in garage 1. Now how many choices of cars do you have to park in your 2nd garage?

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According to the Multiplication Rule, there are six different parking arrangements.

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### Definition

The **factorial symbol !** denotes the product of decreasing positive whole numbers. For example,

$$4! = 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 = 24$$

By special definition,  $0! = 1$ .

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This result is generalized by the *permutations rule*: if we have  $n$  different items available and we want to select  $r$  of them, then the number of different orderings is  $n!/(n-r)!$

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