

## Conditional probability + Independence

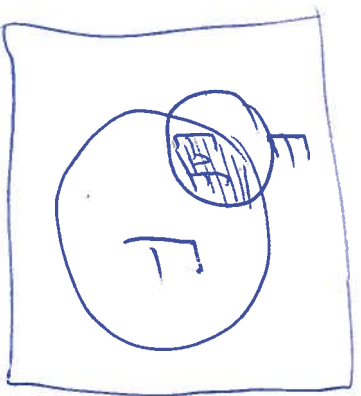
Assume  $F$  has  $P(F) > 0$ .

The cond. prob  $P(E|F)$  is the prob. of  $E$  given that  $F$  occurs

$$P(E|F) = \frac{P(E \cap F)}{P(F)}$$

Easy to check that  $P(\cdot|F)$  satisfies the def. of probability.

$$E \rightarrow P(E|F)$$



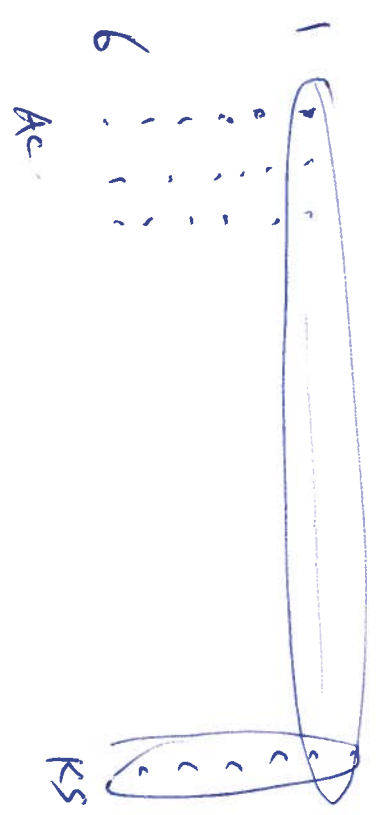
① For any  $E$   $0 \leq P(E|F) \leq 1$

②  $P(S|F) = 1$

③ For disjoint  $E_1, E_2, \dots$

$$P(\cup E_i | F) = \sum P(E_i | F)$$

die + card:  $S = \{1, \dots, 6\} \times \{\text{cards}\}$



note:  $P(E \cap F) = P(E) \cdot P(F|E)$

def: events  $E, F$  are indep if  $P(E \cap F) = P(E) P(F)$

$$\Leftrightarrow P(E|F) = P(E) \quad \text{if } P(F) \neq 0$$

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$$P(\text{Ace}) \cdot P(\text{red card}) = P(\text{red ace})$$
$$\frac{4}{52} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{2}{52}$$

so  $E = \text{red card}$   
 $F = \text{Ace}$   
are indep.

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note: indep. and disjoint are different.

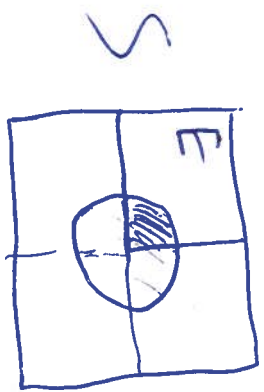
disjoint  $E \cap F = \emptyset$



e.g.  $P(A) = \frac{1}{100}$        $P(B) = \frac{1}{20}$        $A, B$  indep.

what is  $P(A \cup B)$

Ans:  $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$       inc. - exc.  
 $= \frac{1}{100} + \frac{1}{20} - \frac{1}{100} \cdot \frac{1}{20}$       independent.



$E$  = quarter square      Pick a point in  
 $F$  = circle       $S$  uniformly.

$P(E) = \frac{1}{4}$        $P(E|F) = \frac{1}{4}$       so  $E, F$  are indep.

def: events  $E_1, E_2, E_3, \dots$  are indep. if for any sub sequence  $E_{i_1}, E_{i_2}, \dots, E_{i_k}$  we have

$$P(E_{i_1} \cap E_{i_2} \cap \dots \cap E_{i_k}) = P(E_{i_1}) \cdot P(E_{i_2}) \cdot \dots \cdot P(E_{i_k})$$

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eg. toss two coins  $S = \{HH, HT, TH, TT\}$

$A =$  first is H  $P(A) = \frac{1}{2}$

$B =$  second is H  $P(B) = \frac{1}{2}$

$C =$  both are equal.  $P(C) = \frac{1}{2}$

Any two are indep. but  $P(A \cap B \cap C) = \frac{1}{4}$

So  $A, B, C$  not indep.  $P(A) \cdot P(B) \cdot P(C) = \frac{1}{8}$

$$P(A) = \frac{13}{52} = P(B)$$

A = first card is ♠  
B = second card is ♠

$$P(A \cap B) = \frac{\binom{13}{2}}{\binom{52}{2}} = \frac{13 \cdot 12}{52 \cdot 51} = \frac{13}{52} \cdot \frac{12}{51} \neq \left(\frac{13}{52}\right)^2$$

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A) \cdot P(B|A) = \frac{13}{52} \cdot \frac{12}{51}$$

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note:  $P(A \cap B \cap C \cap D) = P(A) \cdot P(B|A) \cdot P(C|A \cap B) \cdot P(D|A \cap B \cap C)$

if indep:  $= P(A) \cdot P(B) \cdot P(C) \cdot P(D)$