

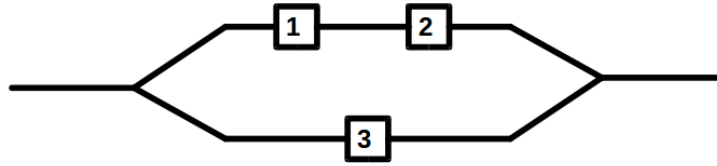
EX 2.4.1: Consider the following system of connected components shown below.

Components 1 & 2 are connected in series with component 3 connected to them in parallel.

For the entire system to function, either components 1 & 2 must function or component 3 must function.

The experiment consists of observing each component's condition and labeling it as either (*S*)uccess or (*F*)ailure.

So, for example, the outcome for components 1 & 2 functioning but 3 not functioning would be denoted as *SSF*.



- (a) Determine the sample space Ω for the experiment.

$$\Omega = (\text{The set of all possible outcomes}) = \{FFF, FFS, FSF, FSS, SFF, SSF, SFS, SSS\}$$

- (b) Find the probability that Component 1 functions.

Let event $E_1 \equiv$ "Component 1 functions" = $\{SFF, SSF, SFS, SSS\}$

$$\text{Then } \mathbb{P}(E_1) = \frac{|E_1|}{|\Omega|} = \frac{(\# \text{ outcomes in } E_1)}{(\# \text{ outcomes in } \Omega)} = \frac{4}{8} = \frac{1}{2} = \boxed{0.5}$$

- (c) Find the probability that Component 2 functions.

Let event $E_2 \equiv$ "Component 2 functions" = $\{FSF, FSS, SSF, SSS\}$

$$\text{Then } \mathbb{P}(E_2) = \frac{|E_2|}{|\Omega|} = \frac{(\# \text{ outcomes in } E_2)}{(\# \text{ outcomes in } \Omega)} = \frac{4}{8} = \frac{1}{2} = \boxed{0.5}$$

- (d) Find the probability that the entire system functions.

Let event $G \equiv$ "Entire system functions" = $\{SSF, FFS, SFS, FSS, SSS\}$

$$\text{Then } \mathbb{P}(G) = \frac{|G|}{|\Omega|} = \frac{(\# \text{ outcomes in } G)}{(\# \text{ outcomes in } \Omega)} = \frac{5}{8} = \boxed{0.625}$$

- (e) Find the probability that Component 1 functions given the entire system functions.

$$\mathbb{P}(E_1|G) = \frac{|E_1 \cap G|}{|G|} = \frac{(\# \text{ outcomes in } E_1 \cap G)}{(\# \text{ outcomes in } G)} = \frac{|\{SSF, SFS, SSS\}|}{|\{SSF, FFS, SFS, FSS, SSS\}|} = \frac{3}{5} = \boxed{0.60}$$

Notice that $\mathbb{P}(E_1|G) > \mathbb{P}(E_1)$, meaning if the entire system functions then it's more likely that Component 1 functions.

- (f) Find the probability that if Component 2 functions then Component 1 functions.

$$\mathbb{P}(E_1|E_2) = \frac{|E_1 \cap E_2|}{|E_2|} = \frac{(\# \text{ outcomes in } E_1 \cap E_2)}{(\# \text{ outcomes in } E_2)} = \frac{|\{SSF, SSS\}|}{|\{FSF, FSS, SSF, SSS\}|} = \frac{2}{4} = \boxed{0.50}$$

Notice that $\mathbb{P}(E_1|E_2) = \mathbb{P}(E_1)$, meaning Component 2's working status does not affect Component 1's working status.

- (g) Find the probability that Components 1 & 2 both function given entire system functions.

$$\mathbb{P}[(E_1 \cap E_2) | G] = \frac{|(E_1 \cap E_2) \cap G|}{|G|} = \frac{|\{SSF, SSS\}|}{|\{SSF, FFS, SFS, FSS, SSS\}|} = \frac{2}{5} = \boxed{0.40}$$

- (h) Find the probability that Component 1 functions or Component 2 functions given entire system functions.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}[(E_1 \cup E_2) | G] &= \frac{|(E_1 \cup E_2) \cap G|}{|G|} = \frac{|\{FSF, FSS, SFF, SSF, SFS, SSS\} \cap \{SSF, FFS, SFS, FSS, SSS\}|}{|\{SSF, FFS, SFS, FSS, SSS\}|} \\ &= \frac{|\{SSF, SFS, FSS, SSS\}|}{|\{SSF, FFS, SFS, FSS, SSS\}|} = \frac{4}{5} = \boxed{0.80} \end{aligned}$$

EX 2.4.2: The incidence of a virus in a village is 10% and that a test correctly identifies the virus 95% of the time.

Assume that false positives occur 8% of the time.

- (a) Identify the events & probabilities that are given.

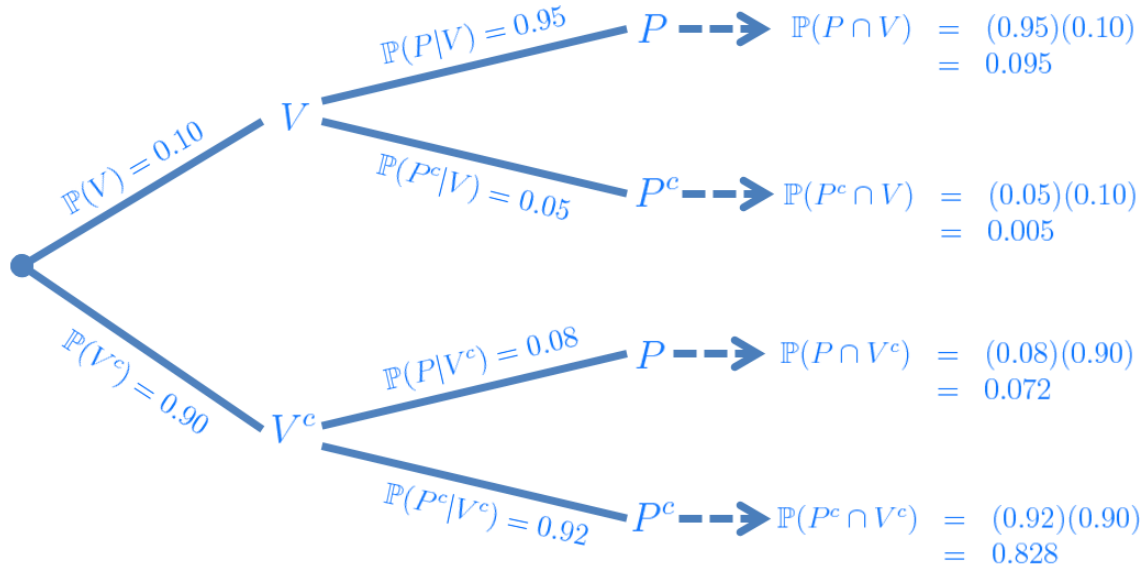
$V \equiv$ (Person has virus), $P \equiv$ (Person tests positive for virus)

$$\mathbb{P}(V) = 0.10, \quad \mathbb{P}(P|V) = 0.95, \quad \mathbb{P}(P|V^c) = 0.08$$

- (b) Construct a probability tree representing the experiment. Label all relevant events & probabilities.

This can be viewed as a **2-stage experiment**:

Person reports whether he or she has virus, and then the person is tested for the virus.



- (c) What is the probability of a person in the village having the virus?

$$\mathbb{P}(V) = \boxed{0.10}$$

- (d) What is the probability of a person testing positive for the virus given the person has the virus?

$$\mathbb{P}(P|V) = \boxed{0.95}$$

- (e) What is the probability that if a person has the virus then the person tests negative for the virus?

$$\mathbb{P}(P^c|V) = \boxed{0.05}$$

- (f) What is the probability that a person has the virus and tests negative for the virus?

$$\mathbb{P}(V \cap P^c) = \mathbb{P}(P^c \cap V) = \boxed{0.005}$$

- (g) What is the probability that a person has the virus given the person tests positive for the virus?

$$\mathbb{P}(V|P) = \frac{\mathbb{P}(V \cap P)}{\mathbb{P}(P)} \stackrel{LTP}{=} \frac{\mathbb{P}(P \cap V)}{\mathbb{P}(P \cap V) + \mathbb{P}(P \cap V^c)} = \frac{0.095}{0.095 + 0.072} = \frac{0.095}{0.167} = \frac{95}{167} \approx \boxed{0.5689}$$

Notice that the Law of Total Probability (LTP) was invoked, but overall Bayes' Theorem was implicitly invoked.

With a probability tree constructed, it's easier to use Law of Total Probability instead of Bayes' Theorem directly.

Moreover, notice how easier it is to directly work with **intersection probabilities** instead of **conditional probabilities**.

- (h) What is the probability that a person does not have the virus given the person tests negative for the virus?

$$\mathbb{P}(V^c|P^c) = \frac{\mathbb{P}(V^c \cap P^c)}{\mathbb{P}(P^c)} \stackrel{LTP}{=} \frac{\mathbb{P}(P^c \cap V^c)}{\mathbb{P}(P^c \cap V) + \mathbb{P}(P^c \cap V^c)} = \frac{0.828}{0.005 + 0.828} = \frac{0.828}{0.833} = \frac{828}{833} \approx \boxed{0.9940}$$

EX 2.4.3: Two hundred engineering students were randomly selected and their height & eye color were recorded and tallied:

8% of the short students have blue eyes	13.5% of the tall students have blue eyes
11.5% of the short students have brown eyes	10.5% of the tall students have brown eyes
9% of the short students have green eyes	22% of the tall students have green eyes
15.5% of the short students have hazel eyes	10% of the tall students have hazel eyes

- (a) Construct the joint probability table, label all relevant events & probabilities, including the column totals & row totals.

This can be viewed as a **2-stage experiment**: Assess a student's height, and then observe the student's eye color.

A 2-stage experiment results in a 2-way joint probability table where each non-total table entry is an **intersection probability**:

	(B)lue Eyes	(B)r)own Eyes	(G)reen Eyes	(H)azel Eyes	TOTAL
(S)hort	$\mathbb{P}(S \cap Bl) = 0.08$	$\mathbb{P}(S \cap Br) = 0.115$	$\mathbb{P}(S \cap G) = 0.09$	$\mathbb{P}(S \cap H) = 0.155$	$\mathbb{P}(S) \stackrel{LTP}{=} 0.44$
(T)all	$\mathbb{P}(T \cap Bl) = 0.135$	$\mathbb{P}(T \cap Br) = 0.105$	$\mathbb{P}(T \cap G) = 0.22$	$\mathbb{P}(T \cap H) = 0.10$	$\mathbb{P}(T) \stackrel{LTP}{=} 0.56$
TOTAL	$\mathbb{P}(Bl) \stackrel{LTP}{=} 0.215$	$\mathbb{P}(Br) \stackrel{LTP}{=} 0.22$	$\mathbb{P}(G) \stackrel{LTP}{=} 0.31$	$\mathbb{P}(H) \stackrel{LTP}{=} 0.255$	(DON'T CARE)

Realize that the heights (S, T) partition sample space Ω . Moreover, the eye colors (Bl, Br, G, H) partition sample space Ω .

TOTAL entries are computed via Law of Total Probability: $\mathbb{P}(G) \stackrel{LTP}{=} \mathbb{P}(G \cap S) + \mathbb{P}(G \cap T) = 0.09 + 0.22 = 0.31$
 $\mathbb{P}(T) \stackrel{LTP}{=} \mathbb{P}(T \cap Bl) + \mathbb{P}(T \cap Br) + \mathbb{P}(T \cap G) + \mathbb{P}(T \cap H)$

- (b) Find the probability that a student is tall and have brown eyes.

$$\mathbb{P}(T \cap Br) = \boxed{0.105}$$

- (c) Find the probability that a student is short.

$$\mathbb{P}(S) = \boxed{0.44}$$

- (d) Find the probability that a student has hazel eyes.

$$\mathbb{P}(H) = \boxed{0.255}$$

- (e) Find the probability that a student has green eyes given the student is tall.

$$\mathbb{P}(G|T) = \frac{\mathbb{P}(G \cap T)}{\mathbb{P}(T)} = \frac{0.22}{0.56} = \frac{22}{56} \approx \boxed{0.3929}$$

- (f) Find the probability that if a student has blue eyes then the student is short.

$$\mathbb{P}(S|Bl) = \frac{\mathbb{P}(S \cap Bl)}{\mathbb{P}(Bl)} = \frac{0.08}{0.215} = \frac{80}{215} \approx \boxed{0.3721}$$

- (g) Find the probability that a student has blue eyes or hazel eyes.

$$\mathbb{P}(Bl \cup H) = \mathbb{P}(Bl) + \mathbb{P}(H) - \mathbb{P}(Bl \cap H) = 0.215 + 0.255 - 0 = \boxed{0.47}$$

Note that $\mathbb{P}(Bl \cap H) = 0$ since the eye colors are pairwise disjoint.

- (h) Find the probability that a student has green eyes or hazel eyes given the student is tall.

$$\mathbb{P}[(G \cup H) | T] = \frac{\mathbb{P}[(G \cup H) \cap T]}{\mathbb{P}(T)} \stackrel{S10}{=} \frac{\mathbb{P}[(G \cap T) \cup (H \cap T)]}{\mathbb{P}(T)} = \frac{\mathbb{P}(G \cap T) + \mathbb{P}(H \cap T)}{\mathbb{P}(T)} = \frac{0.22 + 0.10}{0.56} \approx \boxed{0.5714}$$

- (i) Find the probability that a student is tall given the student has green eyes or hazel eyes.

$$\mathbb{P}[T | (G \cup H)] = \frac{\mathbb{P}[T \cap (G \cup H)]}{\mathbb{P}(G \cup H)} \stackrel{S10}{=} \frac{\mathbb{P}[(T \cap G) \cup (T \cap H)]}{\mathbb{P}(G \cup H)} = \frac{\mathbb{P}(T \cap G) + \mathbb{P}(T \cap H)}{\mathbb{P}(G) + \mathbb{P}(H)} = \frac{0.22 + 0.10}{0.31 + 0.255} \approx \boxed{0.5664}$$

- (j) Find the probability that a student has green eyes or blue eyes or brown eyes given the student is short.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}[(G \cup Bl \cup Br) | S] &= \frac{\mathbb{P}[(G \cup Bl \cup Br) \cap S]}{\mathbb{P}(S)} \stackrel{S10}{=} \frac{\mathbb{P}[(G \cap S) \cup (Bl \cap S) \cup (Br \cap S)]}{\mathbb{P}(S)} = \frac{\mathbb{P}(G \cap S) + \mathbb{P}(Bl \cap S) + \mathbb{P}(Br \cap S)}{\mathbb{P}(S)} \\ &= \frac{0.09 + 0.08 + 0.115}{0.44} = \frac{0.285}{0.44} = \frac{285}{440} \approx \boxed{0.6477} \end{aligned}$$