

5.2 Independent & Dependent Events

Old Mutually Exclusive & Overlapping Events

Let's consider a deck of cards.
52 cards, 4 suits, 13 cards in suit.

① What's probability Jordan will pick 2 red cards?

$P(\text{red card}) \text{ and } P(\text{red card}) = P(\text{red}) * P(\text{red}) = \frac{26}{52} * \frac{26}{52} = \frac{1}{4} = .25$
Mutually Exclusive 25%

② What's probability Jordan will pick a red and a jack?

$P(\text{red}) \text{ and } P(\text{jack}) = P(\text{red}) * P(\text{jack}) = \frac{26}{52} * \frac{(4-2)}{(52-2)} = \frac{26}{52} * \frac{2}{50}$
Overlapping $= \frac{1}{50} = .02$
2%

New Independent & Dependent Events

- Independent Events - "A" occurring does NOT affect the probability of "B" occurring.

note: Calculating probability is not being affect.

With replacement

[Example] Maria has a bag full of marbles — 4 red marbles, 8 grey marbles, 3 blue marbles, 5 yellow marbles.

① What's the probability Maria first draws a blue marbles, then secondly draws a grey marble with replacement?

$$P(\text{blue}) \text{ and } P(\text{grey}) = P(\text{blue}) * P(\text{grey}) = \frac{3}{52} * \frac{8}{52} = \frac{3}{338} \approx .009 \quad (.9\%)$$

• Dependent Events — "A" occurring affects the probability of "B" occurring

Note: Calculating Probability will be effected (subtracting will happen)

Without replacement

[Example] Maria has a bag full of marbles — 4 red marbles, 8 grey marbles, 3 blue marbles, 5 yellow marbles.

② What's the probability Maria first draws a blue marbles, then secondly draws a grey marble without replacement?

$$P(\text{blue}) \text{ and } P(\text{grey}) = P(\text{blue}) * P(\text{grey}) = \frac{3}{52} * \frac{8}{51} = \frac{2}{221} \approx .009 \quad (.9\%)$$

Determining if events are INDEPENDENT

If an event is independent, then $P(A \cap B) = P(A) * P(B)$

Substitute what's given & verify that the left side equal right side.

[Example] Let event M = taking a math class. Let event S = taking science class. Then let event M & S = taking a math & science class. Suppose $P(\text{Math}) = 0.6$, $P(\text{Science}) = 0.5$ and $P(\text{Math and Science}) = 0.3$. Are Math & Science independent?

$$\begin{aligned}P(A \cap B) &= P(A) * P(B) \\P(\text{Math and Science}) &= P(\text{Math}) * P(\text{Science}) \\0.3 &= 0.6 * 0.5 \\0.3 &= 0.3 \checkmark \text{ True}\end{aligned}$$

So, taking math class & taking science class are independent of each other.