

INDEPENDENT EVENTS

If the probability of event A is not changed by the occurrence of event B, we say that A and B are independent events

$$P(A|B) = P(A)$$

$$P(B|A) = P(B)$$

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

Multiplicative Rule

$$\Rightarrow P(A \cap B) = P(A|B) \cdot P(B)$$

If A & B are Independent

$$\Rightarrow P(A \cap B) = P(A) \cdot P(B)$$

Example: Bag of Marbles

10 { 4 Red
6 Not Red

Draw two marbles, in succession, with replacement. What is the probability that both are red?

A = Second Marble is red

B = First " " "

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A) \cdot P(B) = \frac{4}{10} \times \frac{4}{10} = \frac{16}{100}$$

Example: Now, without replacement

$$\frac{4}{10} \cdot \frac{3}{9}$$

1st Marble 2nd Marble

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A|B) \cdot P(B) = \frac{3}{9} \times \frac{4}{10} = \frac{12}{90}$$