

**Statistics 1:  
Elementary Statistics**

**Section 4-4**

**Section 4-5**

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**Probability**

- **Chapter 3**
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**Multiplication Rule #1**

- **$P(A \text{ and } B) = ?$** 
  - Two rolls:  **$P(2 \text{ and then } 5) = ?$**
  - Two dice:  
 **$P(\text{sum} < 9 \text{ and both odd}) = ?$**

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## **P(A and B)**

- **Two rolls:**
- **A : first die is 2**
- **B : second die is 5**
- **P(A and B) = ?**

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		Value of Die #1					
		1	2	3	4	5	6
Value of Die #2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

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## **P(A and B)**

- **Circled event on last slide**
- **A : first die is 2**
- **B : second die is 5**
- **P(A and B) = 1 / 36**

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### **P(A and B)**

- **Circled event on last slide**
- **A : first die is 2**
- **B : second die is 5**

$$P(A) \times P(B) = \frac{1}{6} \times \frac{1}{6} = \frac{1}{36}$$

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### **P(A and B)**

- **Does this always work?**

$$P(A \text{ and } B) = P(A) \times P(B) ?$$

- **Of course not – try the next problem using the two dice table.**

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### **P(A and B)**

- **Two dice:**
- **A = sum < 9**
- **B = both are odd**
- **P(A) =**

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26 events where sum is < 9.

	Value of Die #1					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Value of Die #2	1	2	3	4	5	6
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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9 events where both are odd.

	Value of Die #1					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Value of Die #2	1	2	3	4	5	6
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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But only 8 of these 9 events have sum < 9

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In this case, it is clear that the

answer must be  $\frac{8}{36} = 0.222$

which is not equal to

$$P(A) \times P(B) = \frac{26}{36} \times \frac{9}{36} = 0.181$$

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**To save the situation, we must use the formal multiplication rule :**

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

$$= \frac{26}{36} \times \frac{8}{26} = \frac{8}{36} = 0.222$$

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## **Conditional Probability**

$$P(A | B)$$

**“probability of A given B”  
that is, B has happened or  
must happen**

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## **Start with the Multiplication Rule**

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

or

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

**And rearrange it.**

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**The Multiplication Rule  
rearranged**

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

**or**

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

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**Concept of  
“Independent”  
outcomes**

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**If event A does not alter the  
probability of event B, and vice  
versa, then A and B are  
“independent” and**

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

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

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