

Probability Examples:

1. In one of Dr. O's statistics classes, the following table was created using information from 11 students:

# of Siblings:	US states visited:	
	≥20	<20
≤ 2	2	4
> 2	0	5

- a. Find the probability that a randomly selected student has visited at least 20 states.
 b. Find the probability that a randomly selected student has more than 2 siblings.
 c. Find the probability that a randomly selected student has visited at least 20 states given that they have more than 2 siblings.
 d. Are the events that a student has visited at least 20 states and has more than 2 siblings independent? Support your answer with a probability calculation.
2. Suppose a screening test for a particular disease is 95% accurate, that is, the test is positive for 95% of people with the disease and is negative for 95% of people without the disease. Suppose that it is known that approximately 0.1% of Americans have the disease. If a random American is given the test and it comes back positive, what is the probability that he or she has the disease? Show your work, using either a tree diagram or Bayes rule.
3. Suppose a six-sided die is rolled 5 times, and that each roll is independent of the other rolls.
- Assuming that each of the six sides is equally likely, what is the probability of getting the side with 3 dots exactly one time in the 5 rolls?
 - Assuming that each of the six sides is equally likely, what is the probability of getting the side with 3 dots at least one time in the 5 rolls? Hint: use the complement rule.
 - Suppose you saw the side with 3 dots come up 4 times in 5 rolls of a die. Do you think that the die is biased towards the side with 3 dots? Support your answer with a probability calculation.

$$\frac{2}{11} = 0.\overline{18} \quad a)$$

$$\frac{5}{11} \quad b)$$

$$c) \frac{0}{5} = 0$$

d) not independent
 $P(A) \neq P(A|B)$
 OR
 $P(A \text{ and } B) \neq P(A) \cdot P(B)$

D = event have disease

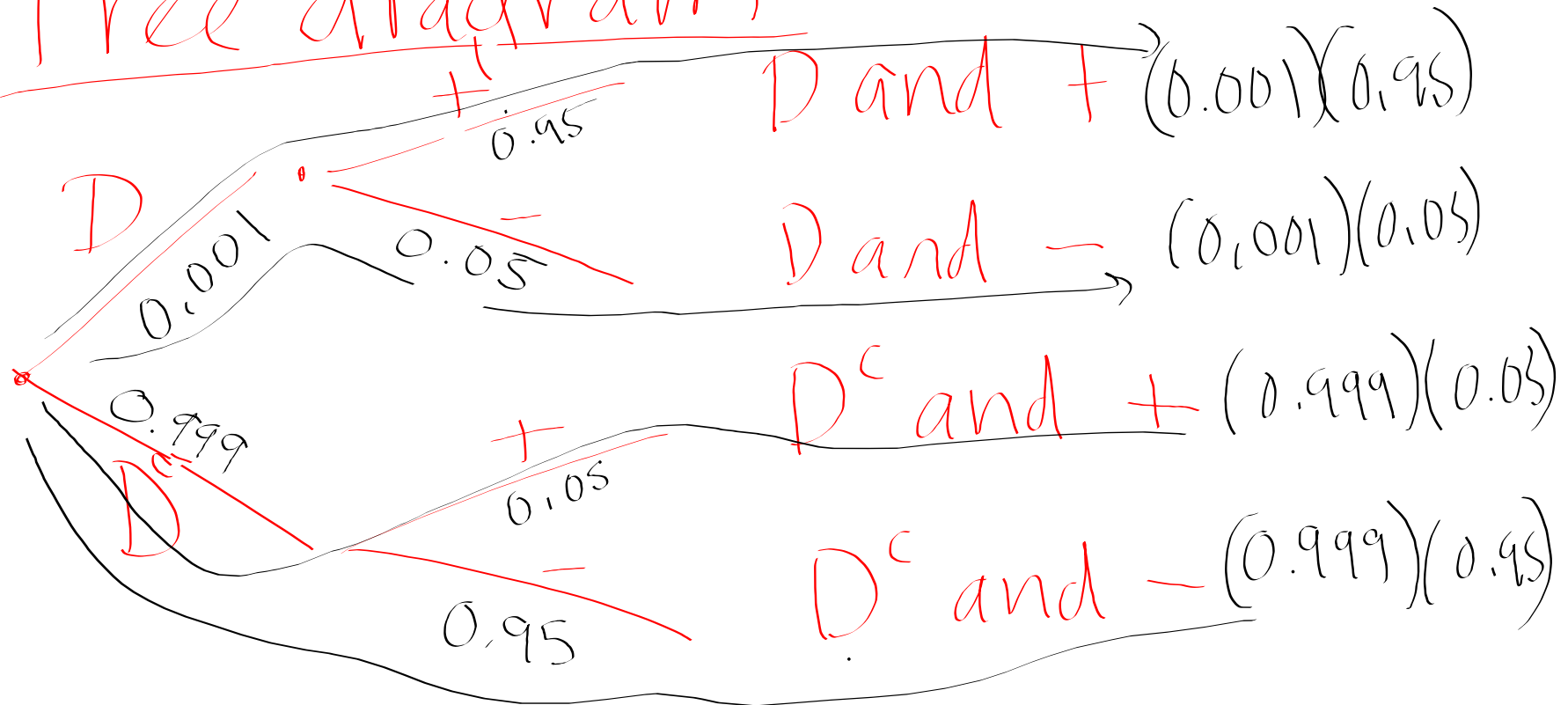
D^c = event doesn't have disease

$+$ = positive test

$-$ = negative test

Want $P(D | +)$

Tree diagram



$A =$ event visited ≥ 20

$B =$ event has > 2

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

independent:

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

$\frac{1}{20}$

States

$\frac{2}{11}$

Siblings

$\frac{0}{5}$

\neq

$\frac{2}{11}$

So A and B are not independent

Ex: 2

Bayes Rule

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(B|A)P(A)}{P(B|A)P(A) + P(B|A^c)P(A^c)}$$

know

$$P(+|D) = 0.95$$

$$P(-|D^c) = 0.95$$

$$P(D) = 0.001$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(D|+) &= \frac{P(D \text{ and } +)}{P(+)} \\ &= \frac{(0.001)(0.95)}{(0.001)(0.95) + (0.999)(0.05)} \\ &= 0.018 \end{aligned}$$