

CSE 312: Foundations of Computing II

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Lecture Topics: 2.1 Discrete Probability, 2.2 Conditional Probability

[Tags: Bayes Theorem, Law of Total Probability]

1. Sometimes, doctors run tests to see if we have a disease, but they might not be perfectly accurate. Suppose we are testing for the llama-flu, a highly contagious new disease. So far, only **0.1%** of the population has it. If you have llama-flu, the probability the test is negative is **2%**. If you don't have llama-flu, the probability the test is negative is **95%**. The most important question after all of this: if you test positive, what is the probability you have llama-flu?

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2.

Suppose we have three urns with the following number of red, white, and blue balls in them:

Urn	Red	White	Blue
A	6	5	2
B	4	3	6
C	5	6	7

Suppose we choose an urn by the following rules, after flipping a fair coin three times independently:

- (a) If all flips are the same, pick from Urn A
- (b) If there is exactly one head, pick from Urn B
- (c) Else, pick from Urn C

After choosing an urn, we draw 5 balls without replacement, and let R be the event that exactly three of them are red. Let A, B, C be the events we chose urn A, B, C respectively. What is the probability we chose urn C, given that we drew exactly three of the five balls being red? We'll solve this in three steps.

- (a) First, find $\Pr(A)$, $\Pr(B)$, $\Pr(C)$.
- (b) Now find $\Pr(R)$, and do not simplify.
- (c) Finally, compute $\Pr(C | R)$, and do not simplify.

For more examples and solutions (S01 and S02), see <https://courses.cs.washington.edu/courses/cse312/18sp/>.