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Test 1

Theorem: Let (S, Ω, P) be a probability space.

① Let A and B be events and $P(A) > 0$. Then,

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

② Let A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n be events with $P(A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_n) > 0$.

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} &P(A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_n) \\ &= P(A_1) \cdot P(A_2 | A_1) \cdot P(A_3 | A_1 \cap A_2) \\ &\quad \cdot P(A_4 | A_1 \cap A_2 \cap A_3) \cdots \\ &\quad \cdots P(A_n | A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_{n-1}) \end{aligned}$$

③ (law of total probability)

Suppose $S = E_1 \cup E_2 \cup \dots \cup E_n$

where each $E_i \neq \emptyset$, and

$E_i \cap E_j = \emptyset$ if $i \neq j$,

and $P(E_i) \neq 0$ for each i .

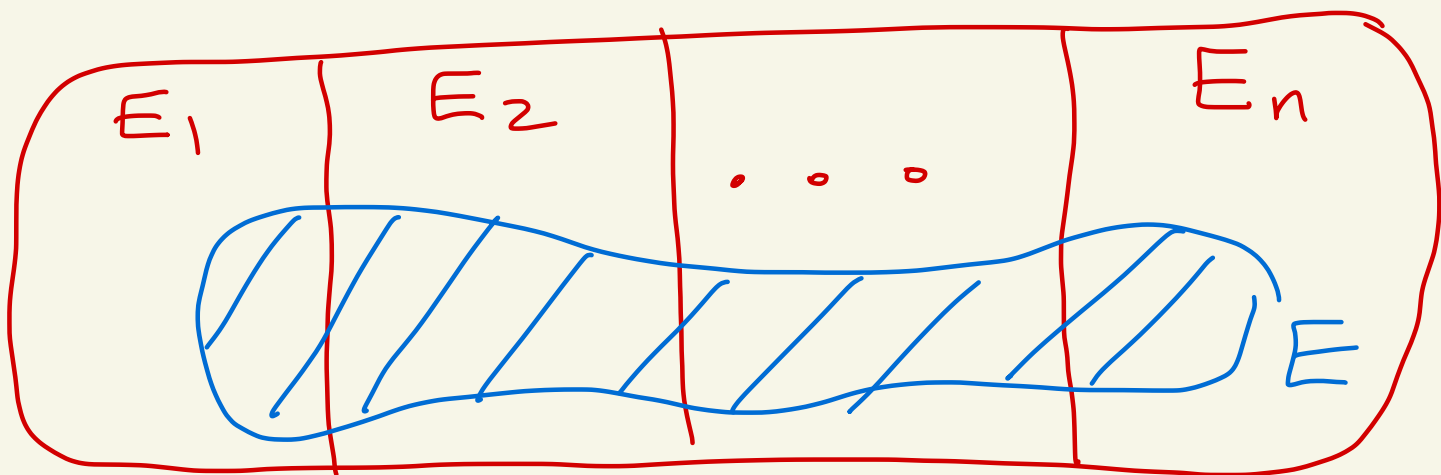
S is broken into n disjoint events

Then, for any event E we have

$$P(E) = P(E|E_1) \cdot P(E_1) + P(E|E_2) \cdot P(E_2) + \dots + P(E|E_n) \cdot P(E_n)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \leftarrow P(E \cap E_1) \\ & \leftarrow + P(E \cap E_2) \\ & \quad + \dots \\ & \leftarrow + P(E \cap E_n) \end{aligned}$$

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Ex: Suppose there are three boxes.

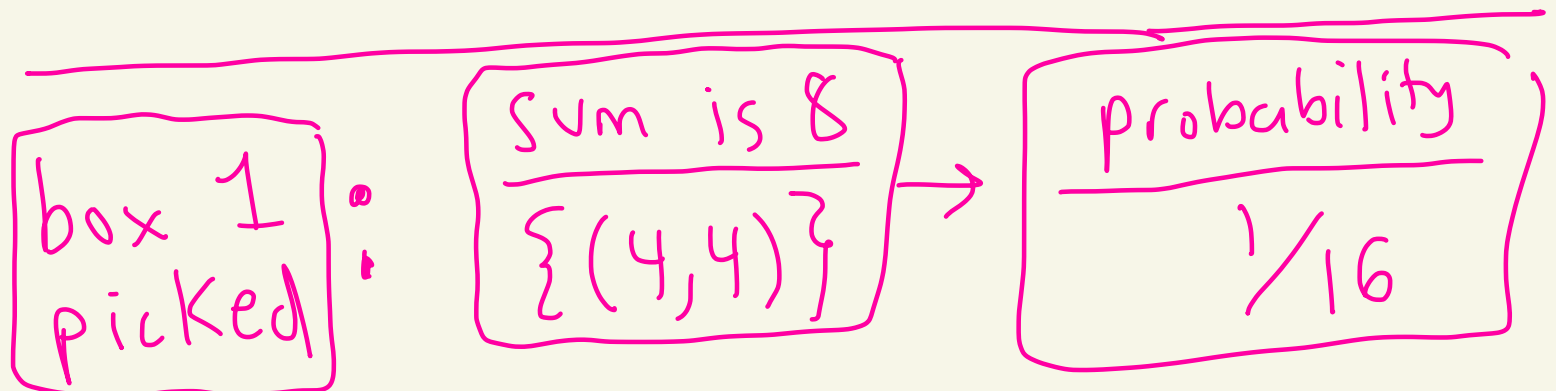
In box 1 are two 4-sided dice.

In box 2 are two 6-sided dice.

In box 3 are two 8-sided dice.

Suppose you randomly pick a box (each box is equally likely) then take out the dice and roll them.

What's the probability that the sum of the dice is 8?



box 2
picked

sum is 8
 $\{(2,6), (3,5),$
 $(4,4), (5,3),$
 $(6,2)\}$

probability
 $5/36$

box 3
picked

sum is 8
 $\{(1,7), (2,6),$
 $(3,5), (4,4),$
 $(5,3), (6,2),$
 $(7,1)\}$

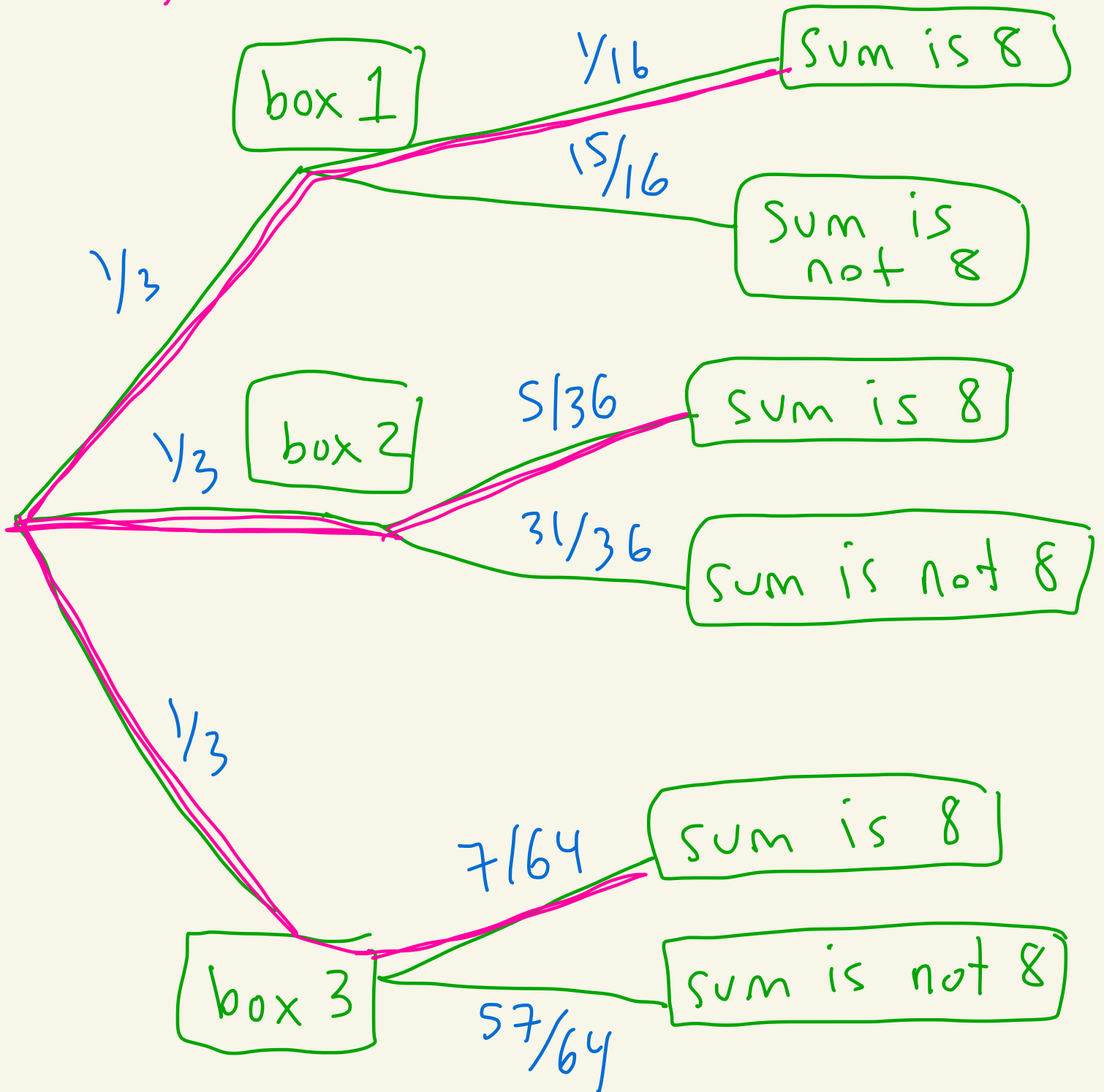
probability
 $7/64$

$P(\text{sum is } 8)$

$$\begin{aligned} &= P(\text{sum is } 8 \mid \text{box 1 picked}) \cdot P(\text{box 1 picked}) \\ &+ P(\text{sum is } 8 \mid \text{box 2 picked}) \cdot P(\text{box 2 picked}) \\ &+ P(\text{sum is } 8 \mid \text{box 3 picked}) \cdot P(\text{box 3 picked}) \end{aligned}$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{16}\right)\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) + \left(\frac{5}{36}\right)\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) + \left(\frac{7}{64}\right)\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)$$

$$= \frac{11,456}{110,592} \approx 0.1036 \approx 10.36\%$$



Add all the ways:

$$\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)\left(\frac{1}{16}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)\left(\frac{5}{36}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)\left(\frac{7}{64}\right)$$

Ex: (Monty Hall)

Let's redo the probability of the switch strategy from Monty Hall (start with door 1 and switch when Monty asks).

$$\begin{aligned} &P(\text{win car}) \\ &= P(\text{win car} \mid \text{car behind door 1}) \cdot P(\text{car behind door 1}) \\ &+ P(\text{win car} \mid \text{car behind door 2}) \cdot P(\text{car behind door 2}) \\ &+ P(\text{win car} \mid \text{car behind door 3}) \cdot P(\text{car behind door 3}) \end{aligned}$$

$$= (0)\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) + (1)\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) + (1)\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)$$

$$= \frac{2}{3}$$

Given two events E and F
sometimes we get

$$P(E|F) = P(E)$$

probability of
 E given F occurred

and sometimes not

When will

$$P(E|F) = P(E) ?$$

When

this eqn
is saying
if F
occurs, it
doesn't
change
the
probability
that E
will occur

$$\frac{P(E \cap F)}{P(F)} = P(E)$$

That is, when

$$P(E \cap F) = P(E) \cdot P(F)$$

Def: We say that two events E and F are independent if

$$P(E \cap F) = P(E) \cdot P(F)$$

otherwise we say they are dependent.

Note: If $P(E) > 0$, $P(F) > 0$, then

E and F are independent

is equivalent to

$$P(E \cap F) = P(E)P(F)$$

is equivalent to

$$\frac{P(E \cap F)}{P(E)} = P(F) \quad \text{OR} \quad \frac{P(E \cap F)}{P(F)} = P(E)$$

is equivalent to

$$P(F|E) = P(F) \quad \text{OR} \quad P(E|F) = P(E)$$

HW 2

You roll ten 6-sided dice.
What's the probability you
get exactly one 4, six 5's,
and the other three rolls
aren't 4's or 5's?

Ex:

1 5 4 5 5 1 5 2 5 5

Sample space size:

$$6 \cdot 6 \cdot 6 \cdots 6 = 6^{10}$$

Count the outcomes w/ exactly
one 4 and six 5's.

Step 1:

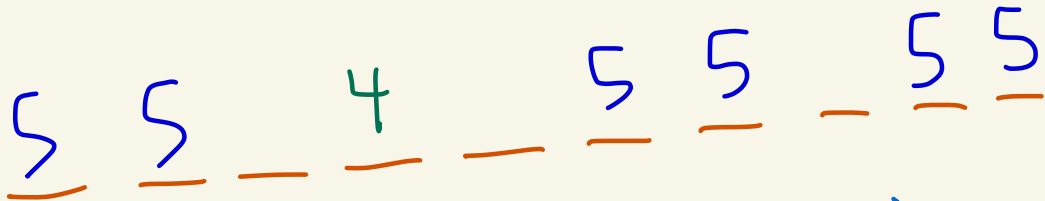
pick where
the 4 goes



$$\# \text{ ways} = \binom{10}{1} = 10$$

Step 2:

pick where
the six
5's go.

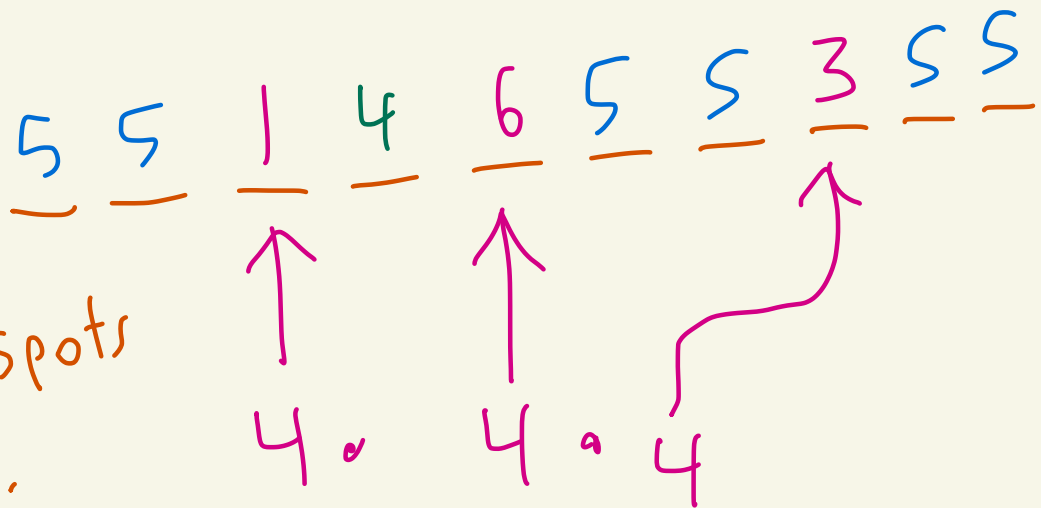


out of the 9 open
spots pick 6
of them

$$\# \text{ ways} = \binom{9}{6} = 84$$

Step 3:

Fill in the
remaining 3 spots
with 1, 2, 3, 6.



$$\# \text{ ways} = 4^3 = 64$$

$$\underline{\text{Answer}} = \frac{10 \cdot 84 \cdot 64}{6^{10}} \approx 0.000889 \approx 0.0889\%$$