MA162: Finite mathematics

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Schedule:

- HW 7C due Fri, April 27, 2012
- Final exam, Wed May 2, 2012 from 8:30pm to 10:30pm

Today we will cover 7.5: Conditional probability

Final Exam Breakdown

- Chapter 7: Probability
  - Counting based probability
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  - Empirical probability
  - Conditional probability
- Cumulative
  - Ch 2: Setting up and reading the answer from a linear system
  - Ch 3: Graphically solving a 2 variable LPP
  - Ch 4: Setting up a multi-var LPP
  - Ch 4: Reading and interpreting answer form a multi-var LPP

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- We want to compare the probabilities of $Pr(A)$ versus $Pr(A|B)$ if they are equal then the events are **independent**

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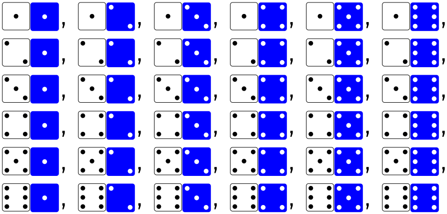

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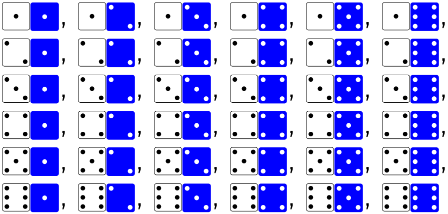

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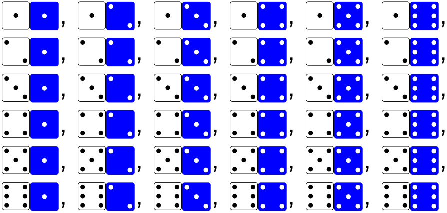

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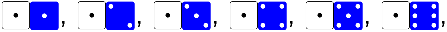

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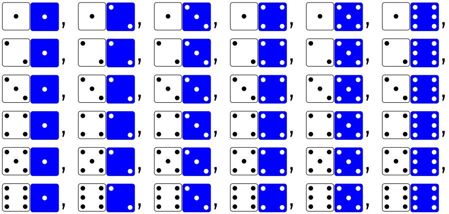

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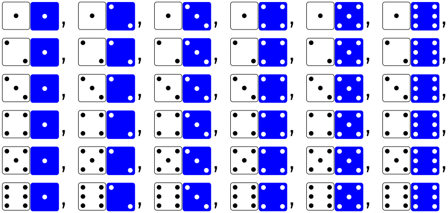

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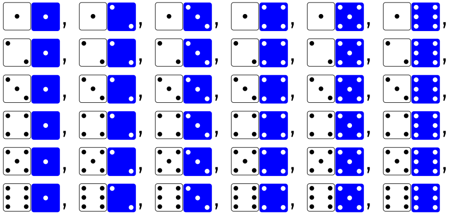

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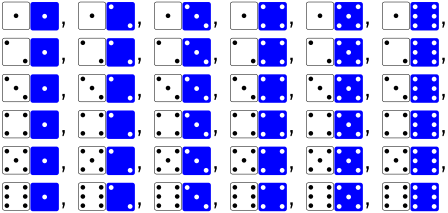

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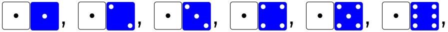

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