

MA162: Finite mathematics

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SCHEDULE:

- Exam 4 is Thursday, December 13th, 6pm to 8pm in:
CB110 (Sec 001, 002), CB114 (Sec 003, 004), FB200 (Sec 005, 006)
- HW 7B is due Friday, November 30th, 2012
- HW 7C is due Friday, December 7th, 2012

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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 $Pr(F|N) = Pr(N \cap F)/Pr(N)$ is the probability of F **given** N

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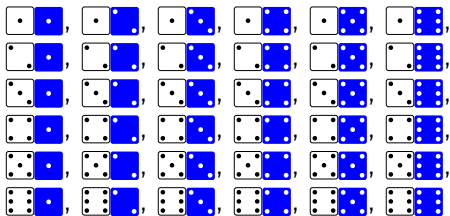
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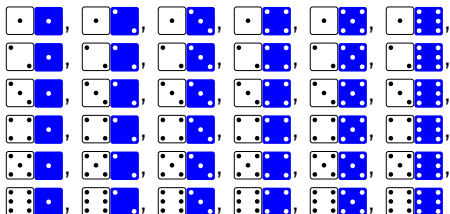
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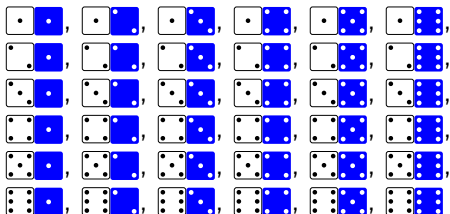
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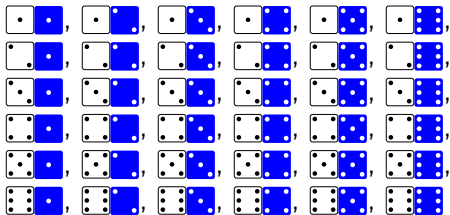
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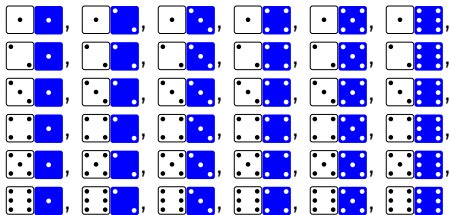
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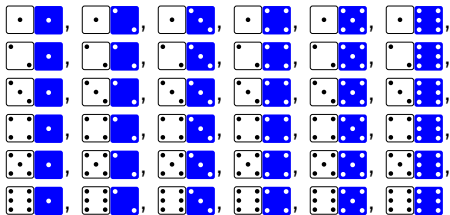


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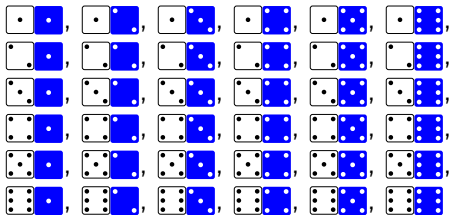
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