

Here are some questions about independence.

1. Toss two 6-sided dice. Let  $X_1$  be the value of the first and  $X_2$  be the value of the second. Are the events  $A$  and  $B$  independent for:

(a)  $A = \{X_1 = 4\}$  and  $B = \{X_2 = 3\}$

$$P(A) = 1/6 \quad P(B) = 1/6 \quad P(A \cap B) = 1/36 \quad \text{yes!}$$

(b)  $A = \{X_1 = 4\}$  and  $B = \{X_1 + X_2 = 6\}$

$$P(A) = 1/6 \quad P(B) = 5/36 \quad P(A \cap B) = 1/36 \quad \text{no! } \leftarrow X_1=4, X_2=2$$

(c)  $A = \{X_1 = 4\}$  and  $B = \{X_1 + X_2 = 7\}$

$$P(A) = 1/6 \quad P(B) = 1/6 \quad P(A \cap B) = 1/36 \quad \text{yes!}$$

2. A family has  $k$  kids. Let  $Y_1$  be the number of girls and  $Y_2$  be the number of genders represented (we assume a gender binary, sorry). Let  $A = \{Y_1 \geq m\}$  and  $B = \{Y_2 = 2\}$ . Are  $A$  and  $B$  independent when:

(a)  $k = 3$  and  $m = 1$

$$P(A) = 7/8 \quad P(B) = 6/8 \quad P(A \cap B) = 6/8 \quad \text{no!}$$

(b)  $k = 4$  and  $m = 2$

$$P(A) = \frac{11}{16} \leftarrow \binom{4}{2} + \binom{4}{3} + \binom{4}{4} \quad P(B) = \frac{10}{16} \quad \text{no}$$

(c)  $k = 2$  and  $m = 3$

$$P(A \cap B) = 0, \text{ so depends on definition}$$

(need more girls than kids)