

## Tests for independence examples

Example: Use the multiplication rule to determine whether A and B are independent.

$$P(A) = \frac{3}{5} \quad P(B) = \frac{2}{5}$$

$$P(A \text{ or } B) = \frac{41}{50}$$

For multiplication rule test, we need  $P(A \text{ and } B)$ . We can use the addition rule:

$$P(A \text{ or } B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \text{ and } B)$$

$$\frac{41}{50} = \frac{3}{5} + \frac{2}{5} - P(A \text{ and } B)$$

$$+P(A \text{ and } B) \quad +P(A \text{ and } B)$$

$$\frac{41}{50} + P(A \text{ and } B) = \frac{3}{5} + \frac{2}{5}$$

$$\frac{41}{50} + P(A \text{ and } B) = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$$

$$-\frac{41}{50}$$

$$-\frac{41}{50}$$

$$P(A \text{ and } B) = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$$
$$= \boxed{\phantom{00}}$$

Now for the multiplication rule:

if  $P(A \text{ and } B) = P(A) \cdot P(B)$ , then A and B are independent.

Example: Use the definition of independence to determine whether A and B are independent.

$$P(A) = \frac{1}{2} \quad P(B) = \frac{11}{20}$$

$$P(A \text{ and } B) = \frac{11}{40}$$

Definition of independence: A and B are independent iff  $P(A|B) = P(A)$ . We need to know  $P(A|B)$ .

We can calculate  $P(A|B)$  using the definition of conditional probability

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \text{ and } B)}{P(B)}$$

$$\text{So: } P(A|B) = \frac{11/40}{\boxed{\phantom{00}}} = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$$

Now use the definition of independence. Is  $P(A|B) = P(A)$ ?

Fill in the blanks to finish working out the examples!