

## AP Statistics - Tree Diagrams

1. A university professor fails 20% of his students in the final. After the final, he polls the students and asks how many of them studied more than 3 hours for it. Of those who passed the final, 72% said that they studied for it. Of those who failed the final, 31% said they studied for it. Make a tree diagram for this problem and then answer the following questions.

Find the probability that

a) a student studies

b) a student doesn't study

c) if a student studies, he passes

d) if a student studies, he fails

e) if a student doesn't study, he fails

f) if a student doesn't study, he passes

2. It is estimated that 4% of people who spend time in the woods will get Lyme disease. Of people with Lyme disease, the test to determine if you have it is will give a positive reading 97% of the time. Of people who do not have Lyme disease, the same test will give a negative rating 92% of the time. Make a tree diagram for this problem and then answer the following questions.

Find the probability that

a) the a person gets a positive reading

b) the a person gets a negative reading

c) if the person gets a positive reading,  
he has Lyme disease

d) if a person gets a positive reading,  
he doesn't have Lyme disease

e) If a person gets a negative reading,  
he doesn't have Lyme disease

f) If a person gets a negative reading,  
he has Lyme disease

3. I take a true false test. I studied for it and feel well prepared for it. I estimate that I have a 90% chance of knowing the answer (and thus getting it correct). On questions I don't know, I will guess. Make a tree diagram for this problem and then answer the following questions.

Find the probability that

- a) I answer a question correctly      b) If I got the question correct, it is because I knew it.
- c) If I guess, I get the problem correct.

4. A writer has a bad habit of holding onto pens that stop working. He has 3 pens in his briefcase. The first pen he tries has an 80% chance of working. The second pen has a 60% chance of working and the 3<sup>rd</sup> pen has a 40% chance of working. If a pen stops working, he'll try another pen. Draw a tree diagram that illustrates this problem.

Find the probability that

- a) at least one pen works      b) if the first pen doesn't work, one of the other pens will work.

5. A prominent university decides admissions according to the following criteria.
- Students with SAT's under 1400 are rejected.
  - Those who are still considered will have their GPA examined. Those with GPA's 3.7 and above are accepted. Those under 3.2 are rejected.
  - Those with GPA's between 3.2 and below 3.7 will have their essays read by 4 admission officers. If 3 out of 4 officers like the essay, then the student is admitted. If not, the student is rejected.

Over the years, the following statistics have been compiled:

- On the average, 57% of students who apply to that university have SAT's 1400 or over.
- Of the students with SAT's 1400 and over...
  - 58% have GPA's 3.7 or above
  - 31% have GPA's between 3.2 and 3.7
- Of the students who have their essays read, there is a 50% chance that an admission officer will like their essay.

Make a tree diagram for this problem and then answer the following questions.

Find the probabilities that

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| a) a student is accepted                                  | b) a student is rejected  |
| c) if a student is accepted, he had a GPA of 3.7 or above | d) if a student is accepted, he got in because of writing good essays |
| e) If a student is rejected, it's because of his essays   | f) If a student has SAT's $\geq 1400$ , he is accepted                |