

**5E.1 Turning around the tree**

In this Lesson some 'surprising results' are discovered.

**5E.2 A useful example for those thinking of moving into the LEGAL profession**

**The Question**

Suppose that 70% of defendants brought to trial for a certain type of crime are guilty. Moreover, historical data shows that a jury will convict guilty persons 80% of the time, and convict innocent persons 10% of the time.

- ( i ) Clarify the meaning of the following legal words used.
  - ( a ) defendant :
  - ( b ) 'brought to trial' :
  - ( c ) crime :
  - ( d ) jury :
  - ( e ) convict :
  - ( f ) innocent :
- ( ii ) Draw a tree diagram to clarify the information given.
- ( iii ) What is the probability that someone brought to trial is convicted.
- ( iv ) Redraw the tree diagram 'the other way around'.
- ( v ) What is the probability that a person not convicted, was guilty ?

**The Answer**

- ( i ) ( a ) defendant :
  
  
  
  
  
- ( b ) 'brought to trial' :
  
  
  
  
  
- ( c ) crime :
  
  
  
  
  
- ( d ) jury :
  
  
  
  
  
- ( e ) convict :
  
  
  
  
  
- ( f ) innocent :

**( ii )**

**( iii )**

( iv )

( v )

### 5E.3 A useful example for those in the MEDICAL profession

#### The Question

A certain medical disease occurs in 1% of the population.

A simple screening procedure is available and in 8 out of 10 cases where the patient has the disease, it produces a positive result.

If the patient does not have the disease there is still a 0.05 chance that the test will give a positive result.

- ( i ) Draw a tree diagram to clarify the information given.
- ( ii ) Find the probability that a randomly selected individual:
  - ( a ) Does not have the disease but gives a positive result in the screening test
  - ( b ) Gives a positive result on the test.
- ( iii ) Ann has taken the test and her result is positive.
  - ( a ) Find the probability that she has the disease.
- ( iv ) Redraw the tree diagram 'the other way around'.
- ( v ) Comment.

#### The Answer



#### 5E.4 Exercise

##### Question 1

*S1 Examination Question from January 2007 Q2*

In a factory, machines, *A*, *B* and *C*, are all producing metal rods of the same length.

Machine *A* produces 35% of the rods.

Machine *B* produces 25% of the rods.

The rest of the rods are produced by machine *C*.

Of their production of rods, machines *A*, *B* and *C* produce 3%, 6% and 5% defective rods respectively.

( a ) Draw a tree diagram to represent this information.

[ 3 marks ]

**( b )** Find the probability that a randomly selected rod is

**( i )** produced by machine *A* and is defective

**( ii )** is defective

**[ 5 marks ]**

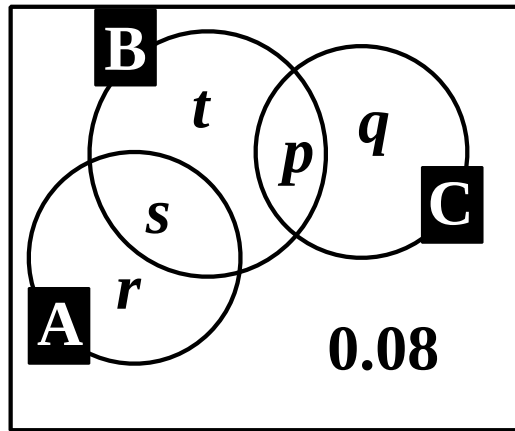
**( c )** Given that a randomly selected rod is defective, find the probability that it was produced by machine *C*

**[ 3 marks ]**

## Question 2

*S1 Examination Question from June 2017 Q3*

The Venn diagram shows three events  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$ , where  $p$ ,  $q$ ,  $r$ ,  $s$  and  $t$  are probabilities.



$P(A) = 0.5$ ,  $P(B) = 0.6$  and  $P(C) = 0.25$

Events  $B$  and  $C$  are independent

(a) Find the value of  $p$  and the value of  $q$

[ 2 marks ]

(b) Find the value of  $r$

[ 2 marks ]

(c) Hence write down the value of  $s$  and the value of  $t$

[ 2 marks ]

(d) State, giving a reason, whether or not the events  $A$  and  $B$  are independent.

[ 2 marks ]

(e) Find  $P(B | A \cup C)$

[ 3 marks ]