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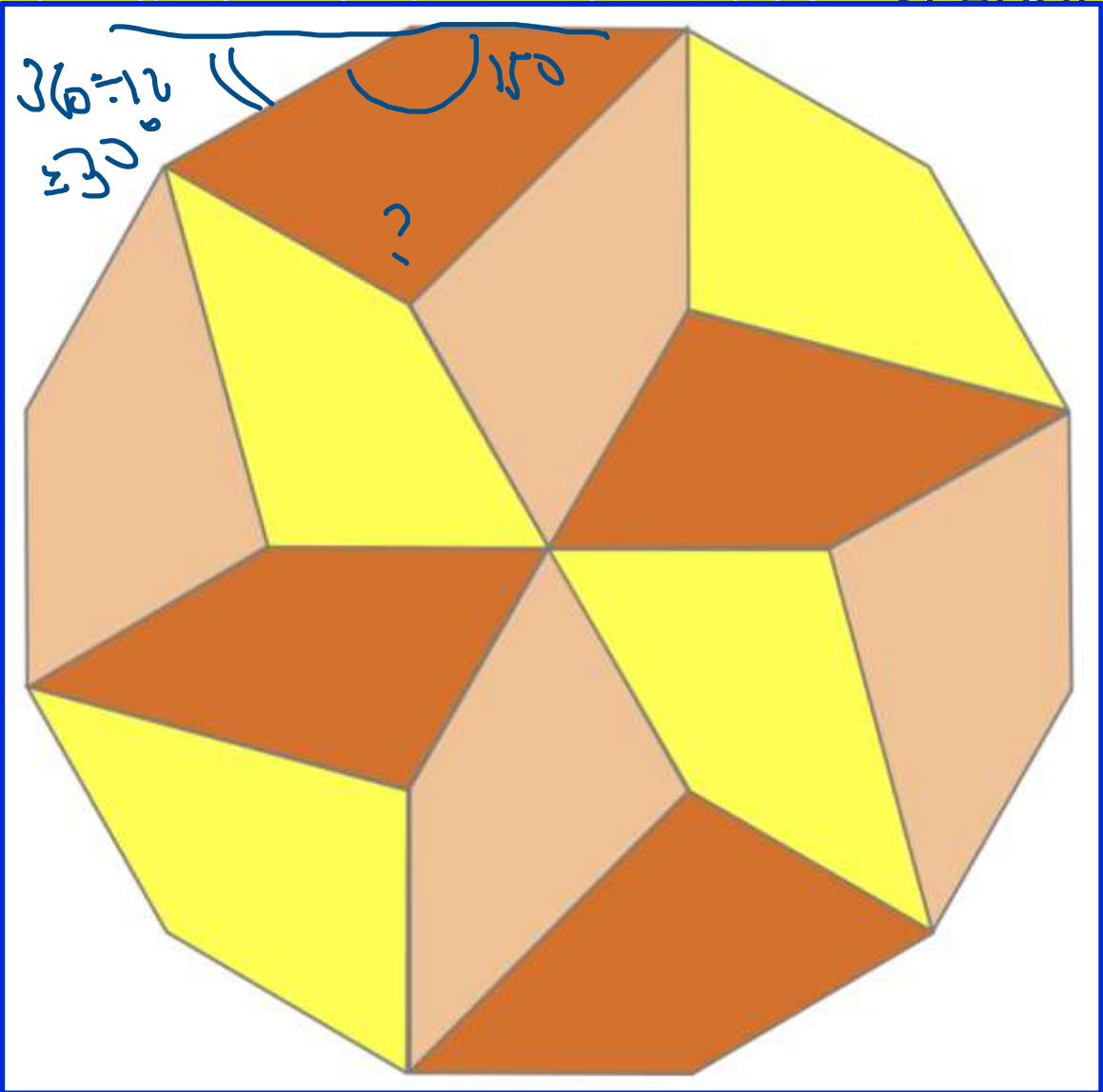
## **Tuesday 13 April 2021**

### **Session 8: Probability**

# A puzzle to ponder

12 congruent quadrilaterals make a regular dodecagon.

What are the values of the interior angles of the quadrilateral?

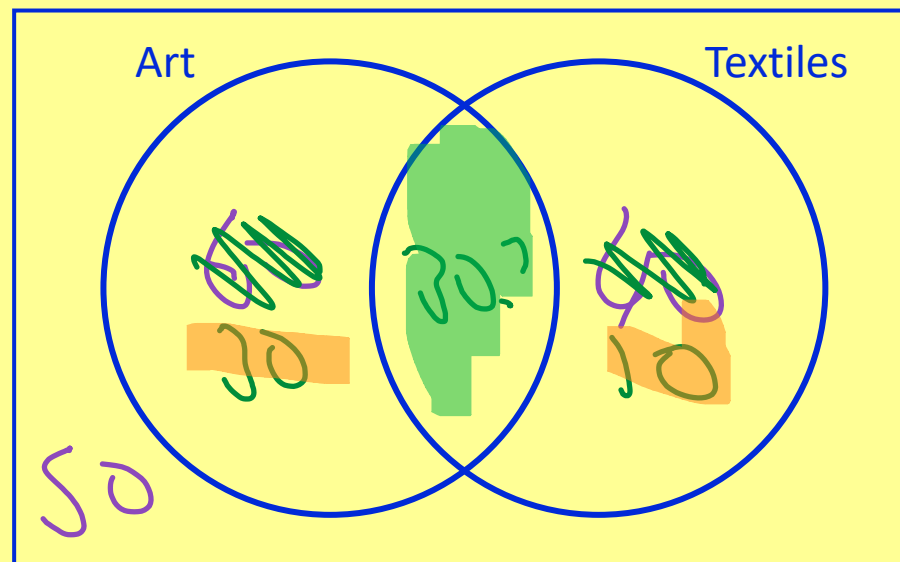


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All Year 11

120 ✓

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Two-way  
table

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- $P(\text{studies Art}) =$

$$\frac{60}{120} = \frac{1}{2}$$

- $P(\text{studies both}) =$

$$\frac{30}{120} = \frac{1}{4}$$

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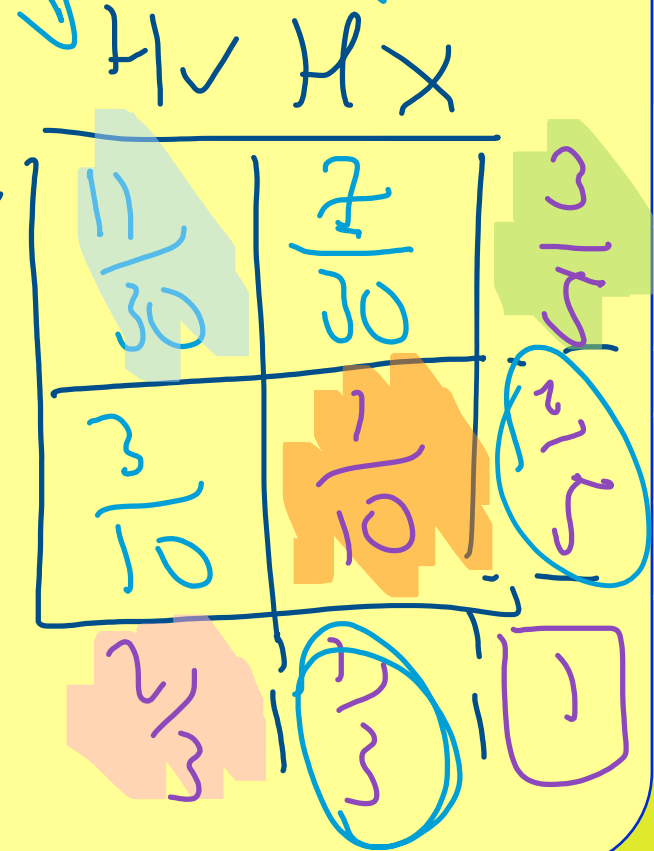
- $P(\text{they study History}) = \frac{2}{3}$

- $P(\text{they study Geography}) = \frac{3}{5}$

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$$\frac{2}{3} \times \frac{3}{5} \neq \frac{11}{30}$$





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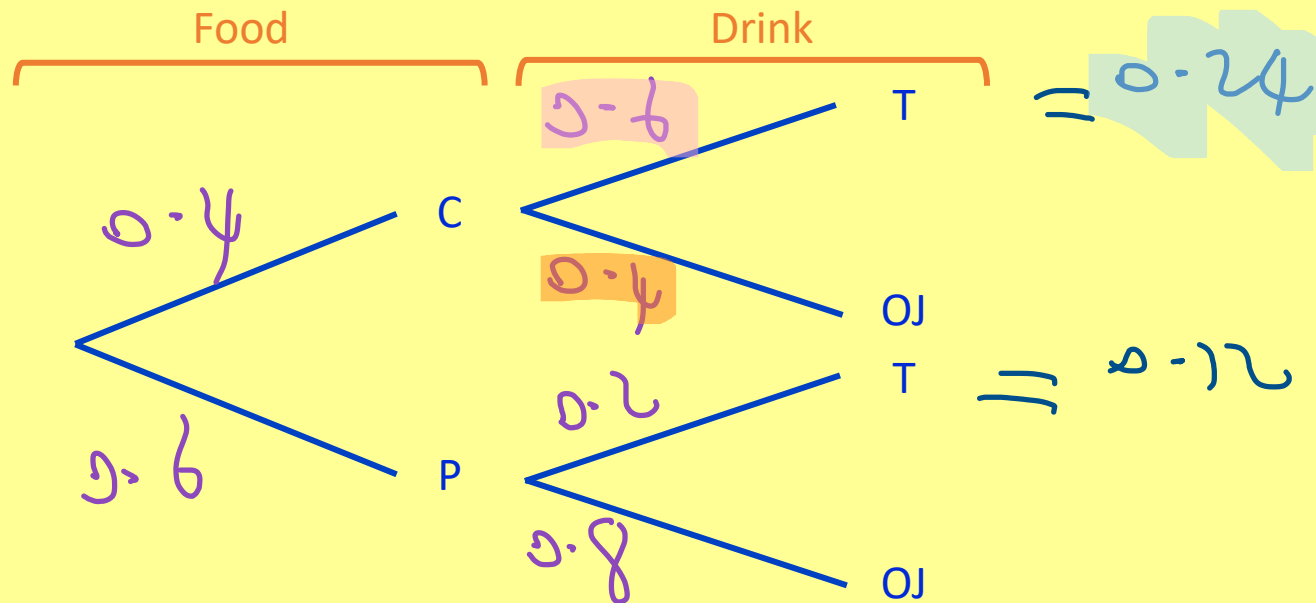
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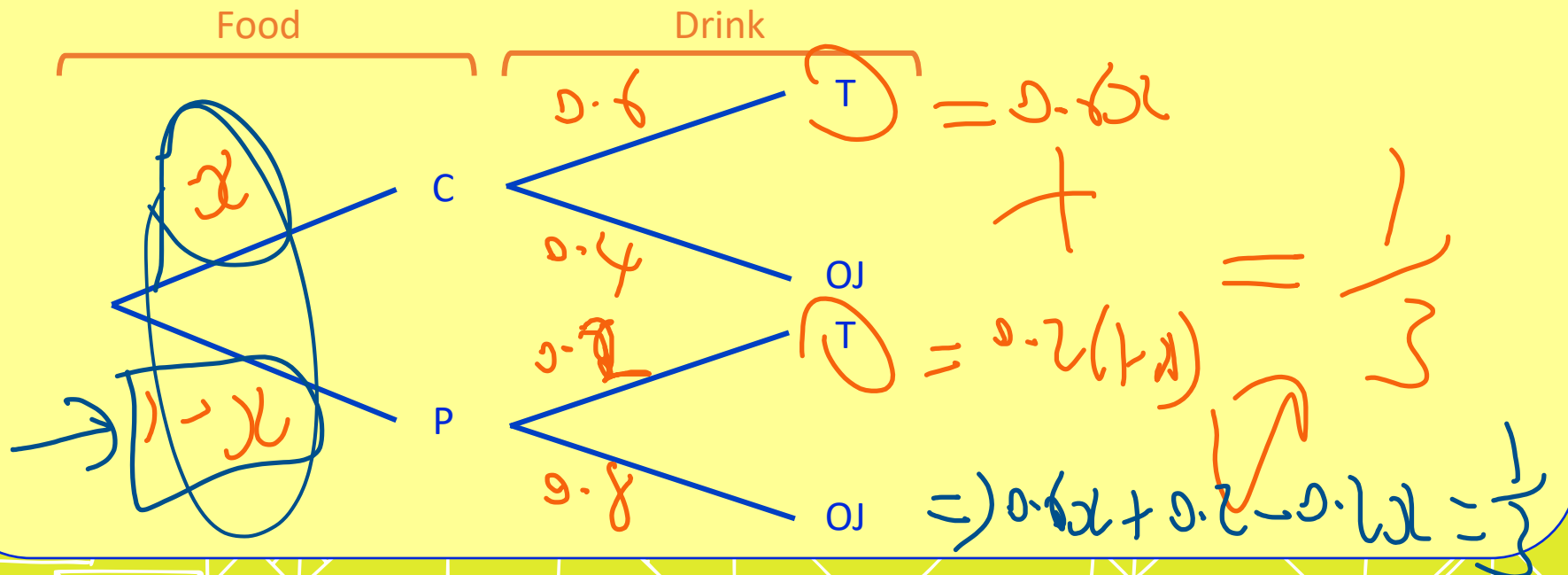
- The probability that I have cereals for breakfast is 0.4, and porridge with probability 0.6. With cereals I drink either tea (probability 0.6) or orange juice (probability 0.4); with porridge these probabilities are 0.2 or 0.8.

- What is the (overall) probability that I drink tea?  $P(\text{tea}) = 0.36$



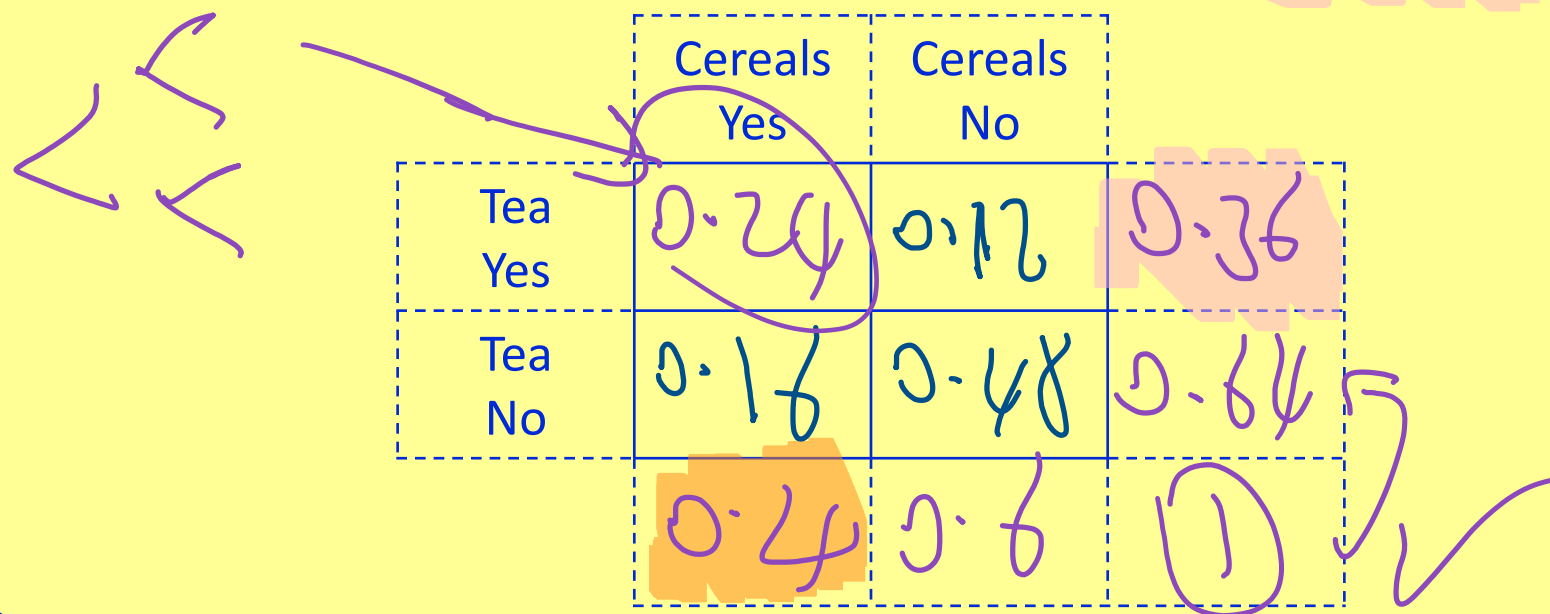
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- For breakfast I always have either cereals or porridge. With cereals I drink either tea (probability 0.6) or orange juice (probability 0.4); with porridge these probabilities are 0.2 or 0.8. I notice that in the long term I drink tea  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the time.
- What is the long-term average ratio “cereals : porridge”?



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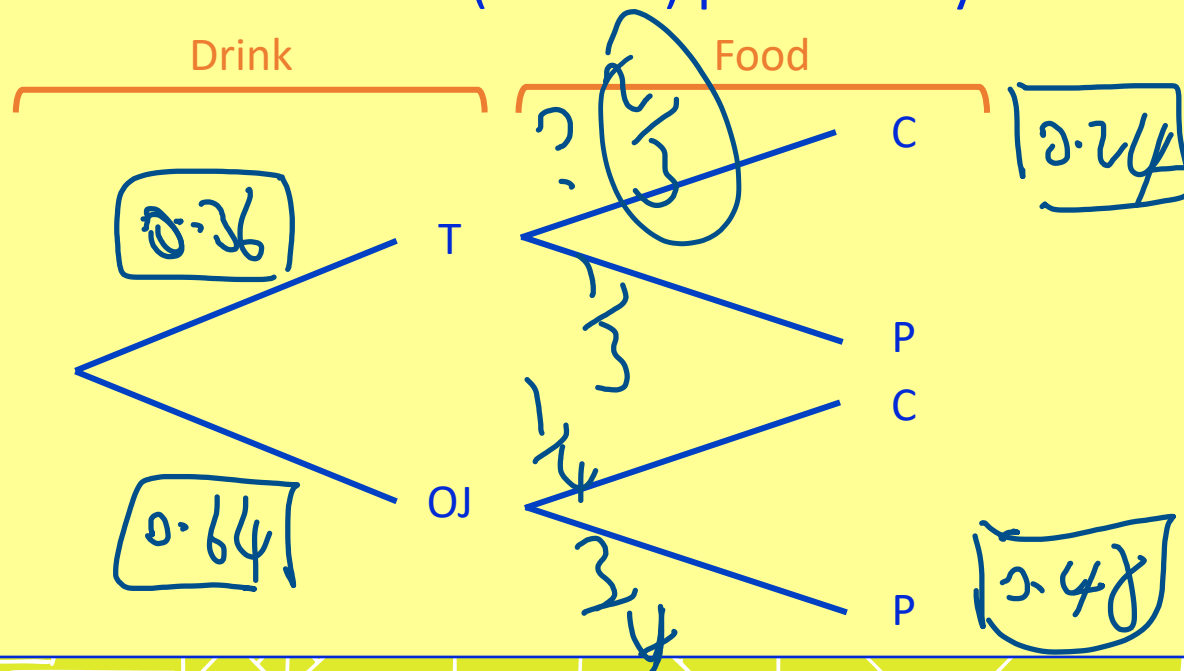
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# Imaginary trees

- There are three different flavours of packets of crisps in a box. There are 4 pickled onion packets, 5 salt & vinegar packets and 6 ready-salted packets.
- I take two(!) packets at random, one after the other.
- Work out the probability my **TWO!** packets are the same flavour.

$$= \frac{4}{15} \times \frac{3}{14} + \frac{5}{15} \times \frac{4}{14} + \frac{6}{15} \times \frac{5}{14}$$

$$= \frac{12 + 20 + 30}{210} = \frac{62}{210} = \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)$$

# Imaginary trees

- There are 5 red pens, 3 blue pens and 2 green pens in a box.
- Mr Abramson takes a pen at random from the box and gives it to me. He then selects another pen from the box for himself.
- Work out the probability that he and I now have two **different-coloured** pens.

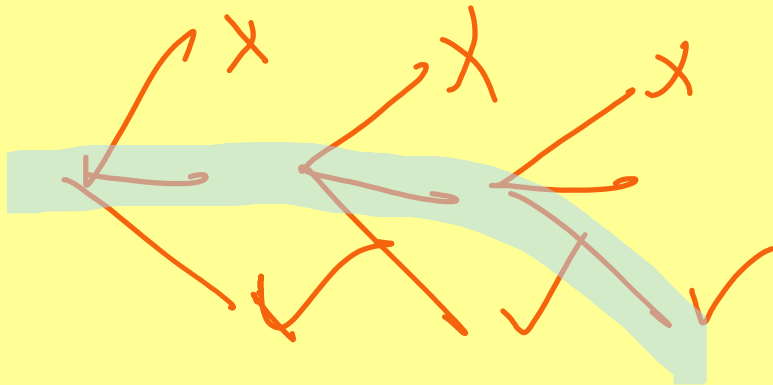
Handwritten solution:

$$1 - \left( \frac{5}{10} \times \frac{4}{9} + \frac{3}{10} \times \frac{2}{9} + \frac{2}{10} \times \frac{1}{9} \right)$$

Not shown

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- You and I play a game. Each 'round',  $P(\text{you win}) = 0.3$  and  $P(\text{we draw}) = 0.1$ . The game stops when somebody wins.
- What is the probability that I win in the third round?



"DDW"

$$0.1 \times 0.1 \times 0.6$$

$$= 0.006$$



- You and I play a game. Each 'round',  $P(\text{you win}) = 0.3$  and  $P(\text{we draw}) = 0.1$ . The game stops when somebody wins.
- What is the probability that I win eventually?

$$P(\text{I win}) = 0.6$$

$$= 0.6 + 0.1 \times 0.6 + 0.1 \times 0.1 \times 0.6 + \dots$$

$$= 0.6 + 0.06 + 0.006 + 0.0006 + \dots$$

$$= 0.\overline{6} = \frac{2}{3}$$

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# In praise of John Venn





