

# Lecture 2.2, MATH-57091 Probability and Statistics for High-School Teachers.

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Thus we note that  $A_2$  and  $B$  are independent! An intuitive way to see it is to notice that we actually do not care much in this case what is the first dice! The probability for the second one to match it is always  $1/6$ .

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Intuitively the above formula tell us that probability of event  $A$  is a weighted sum of the conditional probability of  $A$  given  $B$  and conditional probability of  $A$  given  $B^c$ , where each conditional probability is given as much weight as the event it is conditioned on has probability of occurring.

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