

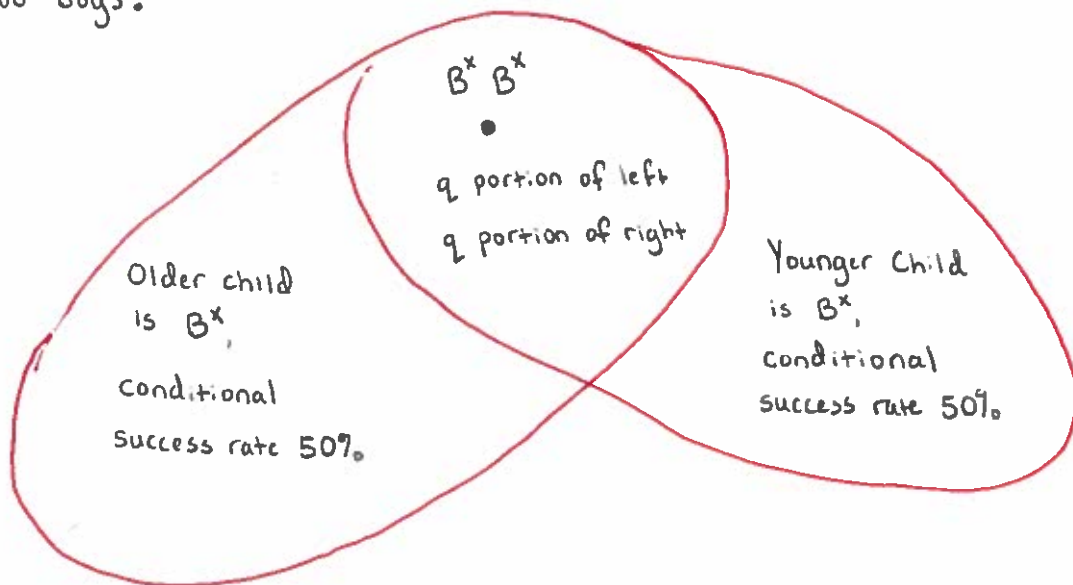
Further Generalization: It's all about the overlap!

Suppose X is a condition with the following property:

If a child is one of two children, and the child's sibling is a boy satisfying X , then the child is also a boy satisfying X with probability q .

Note that the previously analyzed independent case does satisfy this property with $q = \frac{1}{2}p$.

Now suppose a man has exactly two children, at least one of which is a boy satisfying X . What is the chance he has two boys?



Let 1 = sample size of EACH bubble (equal by symmetry)

	Left	Right	Overlap				
Success	$\frac{1}{2}$	$+$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$-$	q	$=$	$1 - q$
Total	1	$+$	1	$-$	q	$=$	$2 - q$

Overall Success Rate:

$$\frac{1-q}{2-q}$$

example: $X = \text{"named Jack"}$

$$q = 0$$

answer: 50%

Part 1: $q = \frac{1}{2}$

Part 2: $q = \frac{1}{4}$