

Assume Independence to Obtain Simple Factors

$$\text{prob}(\mathbf{R}|\mathbf{N} \text{ AND } \mathbf{I} \text{ AND } \mathbf{F}) \approx \text{prob}(\mathbf{N} \text{ AND } \mathbf{I} \text{ AND } \mathbf{F} | \mathbf{R}) \times \text{prob}(\mathbf{R})$$

To simplify, we can make the **naïve assumption** that **factors N, I, and F are independent**: in context, that exactly the same fraction of domestic and imported red cars are new, for example. We assume...

$$\text{prob}(\mathbf{N} \text{ AND } \mathbf{I} \text{ AND } \mathbf{F} | \mathbf{R}) = \text{prob}(\mathbf{N}|\mathbf{R}) \times \text{prob}(\mathbf{I}|\mathbf{R}) \times \text{prob}(\mathbf{F}|\mathbf{R}).$$