

SDS 321 Homework 2

? 1/2 = 50%

1. A family has two children (not twins). Assume that each child is equally likely to be left-handed or right-handed.

Define the following events:

S : family has at least one Right-handed child named Sam

R : child is right-handed

L : child is left-handed

- a) What is the sample space for the family's two children with respect to handedness? $\Omega = \{(R, R), (R, L), (L, R), (L, L)\}$

- b) What is the probability that both children are right-handed? Write the probability statement, and calculate your answer. $P(R_1 R_2) = 1/4 = 1/2 \cdot 1/2 = P(R)P(R)$

- c) If we know that at least one of the children is right-handed, what is the probability that both are right-handed? Write the probability statement, and calculate your answer.

- d) If we know that the older child is right-handed, what is the probability that both are right-handed? Write the probability statement, and calculate your answer. $P(R_1 \cap R_2 | \text{older child is } R) = \frac{P(R_1 R_2)}{P(\text{older child } R)} = \frac{0.25}{0.25 + 0.25} = \frac{0.25}{0.5} = 0.5$

- e) When asked if he has at least one right-handed child named Sam, the father replies, "Yes." What is the probability that both children are right-handed, if we know that the family has at least one right-handed child named Sam?

Assume the following:

If a child is right-handed, their name will be Sam with probability α .

It's possible for both children to be named Sam.

If the child is left-handed, their name cannot be Sam.

Write the probability statement and show your steps as you calculate your answer. Note that your answer will include α in it.

Hint: Bayes Theorem might be useful.

$P(R_1 R_2 | S) = \frac{a - 2}{a - 4}$

Reference the next page for the work.

2. A, B and C are events such that $P(A) = 0.1$, $P(B) = 0.3$, and $P(C) = 0.2$. Find $P(A \cup B \cup C)$ under each of the following assumptions:

- a) If A, B, and C are mutually exclusive. $P(A \cup B \cup C) = P(A) + P(B) + P(C) = 0.1 + 0.3 + 0.2 = 0.6 = P(A \cup B \cup C)$

- b) If A, B, and C are independent. $P(A \cup B \cup C) = P(A) + P(B) + P(C) - P(A \cap B) - P(A \cap C) - P(B \cap C) + P(A \cap B \cap C)$
 $= 0.1 + 0.3 + 0.2 - (0.1 \cdot 0.3) - (0.1 \cdot 0.2) - (0.3 \cdot 0.2) + (0.1 \cdot 0.3 \cdot 0.2)$
 $= 0.496$

3. Consider an urn containing four balls, numbered 110, 101, 011 and 000, from which one ball is drawn at random. For $k = 1, 2, 3$ let A_k be the event of drawing a ball with 1 in the k^{th} position. Show your work in answering the following:

- a) Are A_1, A_2 , and A_3 pairwise independent? Yes.

- b) Are A_1, A_2 , and A_3 mutually independent? No.

$$\begin{aligned} P(A_1 \cap A_2) &= P(A_1)P(A_2) \rightarrow \frac{1}{4} = \left(\frac{2}{4}\right)\left(\frac{2}{4}\right) = \frac{4}{16} = \frac{1}{4} \checkmark \\ P(A_1 \cap A_3) &= P(A_1)P(A_3) \rightarrow \frac{1}{4} = \left(\frac{2}{4}\right)\left(\frac{2}{4}\right) = \frac{4}{16} = \frac{1}{4} \checkmark \\ P(A_2 \cap A_3) &= P(A_2)P(A_3) \rightarrow \frac{1}{4} = \left(\frac{2}{4}\right)\left(\frac{2}{4}\right) = \frac{4}{16} = \frac{1}{4} \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

These conditions are satisfied for the 3 events to be pairwise independent.

$$\chi \text{ Condition 4: } P(A_1 \cap A_2 \cap A_3) = P(A_1)P(A_2)P(A_3)$$

These events are not mutually independent per condition 4. $\therefore 0 \neq \frac{8}{64} \equiv 0.125$

$$P(R_1 \cap R_2 | \text{at least one } R) = \frac{P(R_1 R_2)}{P(R_1 \cup R_2)} = \frac{0.25}{0.75} = 0.33 \text{ or } 1/3$$

Subcases for $P(S)$

$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{Both named Sam}) &= \frac{a^2}{4} \\ P(\text{One named Sam, one not}) &= \frac{a(1-a)}{2} \\ P(\text{1st named Sam, 2nd Left handed}) &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot a \\ P(\text{2nd named Sam, 1st Left handed}) &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot a \\ P(\text{Right and Sam, other left}) &= 2 \left(\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot a \right) = \frac{a}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Application of Bayes'

$$\frac{\frac{a^2}{4} + \frac{a(1-a)}{2}}{\frac{a^2}{4} + \frac{a(1-a)}{2} + \frac{a}{2}}$$

Simplify! (Go to next page)

Joint

$$\begin{aligned} P(A_1 \cap A_2) &= 1/4 \\ P(A_1 \cap A_3) &= 1/4 \\ P(A_2 \cap A_3) &= 1/4 \\ P(A_1) &= 2/4 \\ P(A_2) &= 2/4 \\ P(A_3) &= 2/4 \end{aligned}$$

for Question 1e continues!

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{\frac{a^2}{4} + \frac{a(1-a)}{2}}{\frac{a^2}{4} + \frac{a(1-a)}{2} + \frac{a}{2}} \xrightarrow{\text{SMP.}} \frac{\frac{a^2}{4} + \frac{2a(1-a)}{4}}{\frac{a^2}{4} + \frac{a(1-a)}{2} + \frac{a}{2}} = \frac{\frac{a^2 + 2a(1-a)}{4}}{\frac{a^2}{4} + \frac{a(1-a)}{2} + \frac{a}{2}} = \frac{\frac{a^2 + 2a - 2a^2}{4}}{\frac{a^2}{4} + \frac{a(1-a)}{2} + \frac{a}{2}} = \frac{\frac{2a - a^2}{4}}{\left(\frac{a^2}{4} + \frac{a(1-a)}{2} + \frac{a}{2}\right) \cdot \frac{2}{2}} = \frac{\frac{2a - a^2}{4}}{\frac{a^2}{4} + \frac{2a(1-a) + 2a}{2}} = \frac{\frac{2a - a^2}{4}}{\frac{a^2 + 2a - 2a^2 + 2a}{4}} = \frac{\frac{2a - a^2}{4}}{\frac{4a - a^2}{4}} \\
 & \frac{\frac{2a - a^2}{4}}{\frac{4a - a^2}{4}} = \frac{2a - a^2}{4} \cdot \frac{4}{4a - a^2} = \frac{-a^2 + 2a}{-a^2 + 4a} = \frac{a(-a + 2)}{a(-a + 4)} = \frac{(-a + 2)}{(-a + 4)} \xrightarrow{\text{Fac. } -1} \frac{1}{-1} \cdot \frac{(-a + 2)}{(-a + 4)} = \frac{1}{-1} \cdot \frac{(a - 2)}{(a - 4)} \\
 & \downarrow \\
 & \frac{a^2 + 2a - 2a^2 + 2a}{4} = \frac{4a - a^2}{4} \\
 & \rightarrow P(R \cap R | S) = \frac{(a - 2)}{(a - 4)}
 \end{aligned}$$

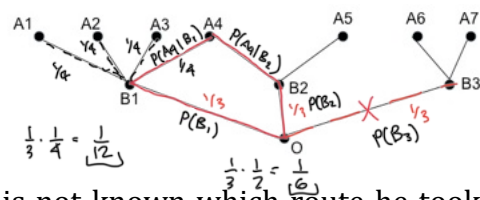
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$$\begin{aligned}
 P(H) &= 0.03 & P(T|H) &= 0.93 \\
 P(H^c) &= 0.97 & P(T^c|H) &= 0.07 = 1 - 0.93 \\
 & & P(T|H^c) &= 0.10 = 1 - 0.90 \\
 & & P(T^c|H^c) &= 0.90
 \end{aligned}$$

4. In a large population, 3% of the people are heroin users. A new drug test correctly identifies users 93% of the time and correctly identifies nonusers 90% of the time. Answer the following, showing all work for full credit. Write the probability statement for parts (b) through (e) and show your steps as you calculate your answer.

- a) Define events. Draw the probability tree for this scenario. Label the outcomes and indicate all the probabilities on the tree.
- b) What is the probability that a person who does not use heroin in this population tests positive? $P(T|H^c) = \boxed{0.10} = 1 - 0.90$
- c) What is the probability that a randomly chosen person from this population is a heroin user and tests positive? $P(H \cap T) = P(H) \cdot P(T|H) = 0.03 \cdot 0.93 = \boxed{0.0279}$
- d) What is the probability that a randomly chosen person from this population tests positive? $P(T) = P(T|H)P(H) + P(T|H^c)P(H^c) = (0.93 \cdot 0.03) + (0.10 \cdot 0.97) = \boxed{0.1299}$
- e) If a person tests positive for heroin, what is the probability that he/she is a heroin user? $P(H|T) = \frac{P(H \cap T)}{P(T)} = \frac{0.0279}{0.1299} = \boxed{0.2233}$

5. A man starts at the point O on the map below. He chooses a path at random and follows it to point B1, B2, or B3. From that point, he chooses a new path at random and follows it to one of the points A1 - A7.



Suppose the man arrives at point A4, but it is not known which route he took, what is the probability that he passed through each of the three points: B1, B2, B3? Calculate each one.

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(B_1) &= \frac{1}{3} & P(A_4|B_1) &= \frac{1}{4} \\
 P(B_2) &= \frac{1}{3} & P(A_4|B_2) &= \frac{1}{2} \\
 P(B_3) &= \frac{1}{3} & P(A_4|B_3) &= 0 \rightarrow \text{Not possible} \\
 P(A_4) &= P(B_1 \cap A_4) + P(B_2 \cap A_4) + P(B_3 \cap A_4) \\
 &= \frac{1}{12} + \frac{2}{12} + 0 \\
 &= \frac{3}{12} = \boxed{\frac{1}{4}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(B_1 \cap A_4) &= P(B_1) \cdot P(A_4|B_1) = \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{12} \\
 P(B_2 \cap A_4) &= P(B_2) \cdot P(A_4|B_2) = \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{6} \\
 P(B_3 \cap A_4) &= P(B_3) \cdot P(A_4|B_3) = \frac{1}{3} \cdot 0 = 0 \\
 P(B_1|A_4) &= \frac{P(B_1 \cap A_4)}{P(A_4)} = \frac{\frac{1}{12}}{\frac{1}{4}} = \frac{1}{12} \cdot \frac{4}{1} = \boxed{\frac{1}{3}}, \text{ he took } B_1 \\
 P(B_2|A_4) &= \frac{P(B_2 \cap A_4)}{P(A_4)} = \frac{\frac{1}{6}}{\frac{1}{4}} = \frac{1}{6} \cdot 4 = \boxed{\frac{2}{3}}, \text{ he took } B_2 \\
 P(B_3|A_4) &= \frac{P(B_3 \cap A_4)}{P(A_4)} = \frac{0}{\frac{1}{4}} = \boxed{0}, \text{ he took } B_3
 \end{aligned}$$

Probability tree for Q4a.

