

M1S : EXERCISE SHEET 3 : SOLUTIONS

1. General proofs given in lectures; for events $E_1, E_2, F \subseteq \Omega$ with $P(F) > 0$;

$$(I) \quad P(E_1|F) = \frac{P(E_1 \cap F)}{P(F)} \geq 0, \text{ and } E_1 \cap F \subseteq F \implies P(E_1|F) \leq 1.$$

$$(II) \quad P(\Omega|F) = \frac{P(\Omega \cap F)}{P(F)} = \frac{P(F)}{P(F)} = 1$$

$$(III) \quad P(E_1 \cup E_2|F) = \frac{P((E_1 \cup E_2) \cap F)}{P(F)} = \frac{P(E_1 \cap F)}{P(F)} + \frac{P(E_2 \cap F)}{P(F)} = P(E_1|F) + P(E_2|F)$$

as $(E_1 \cup E_2) \cap F = (E_1 \cap F) \cup (E_2 \cap F)$ which are disjoint events. Verification in the relative frequency interpretation follows exactly the proof given in lectures for the classical interpretation; let n_{TOT} be the total number of repeats, let $n_{E_1}, n_{E_1 \cap F}$ etc. be the numbers of times that the corresponding event occurs. Then let $n_{TOT} \rightarrow \infty$.

2.

$$(a) \quad P(E' \cap F) = P(F) - P(E \cap F) = P(F) - P(E)P(F) = (1 - P(E))P(F) = P(E')P(F)$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(E' \cap F') &= 1 - P(E \cup F) = 1 - P(E) - P(F) + P(E \cap F) \\ &= 1 - P(E) - P(F) + P(E)P(F) = (1 - P(E))(1 - P(F)) = P(E')P(F') \end{aligned}$$

$$(b) \quad P(E \cap F) = 0 \iff P(E)P(F) = 0 \iff \text{at least one of } P(E), P(F) = 0.$$

3.

$$\begin{aligned} (a) \quad P(A) &= P(A_1 \cup A_2) = P(A_1) + P(A_2) - P(A_1 \cap A_2) \\ &= 0.95 + 0.9 - 0.95 \times 0.9 = 0.995 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (b) \quad P(B) &= P(B_1 \cap B_2 \cap B_3') + P(B_1 \cap B_2' \cap B_3) + P(B_1' \cap B_2 \cap B_3) + P(B_1 \cap B_2 \cap B_3) \\ &= (0.8 \times 0.8 \times 0.2) + (0.8 \times 0.2 \times 0.8) + (0.2 \times 0.8 \times 0.8) + (0.8 \times 0.8 \times 0.8) \\ &= 0.896 \end{aligned}$$

$$(c) \quad P(S) = P(A)P(B)P(C)P(D)P(E) = 0.995 \times 0.896 \times 0.95^3 = 0.764$$

4. Without loss of generality, let events A, B, C correspond to the prize being behind the selected, opened, and remaining door respectively, and let H_B denote the event that the host opens door B . Want to compare $P(A|H_B)$ (STICK) with $P(C|H_B)$ (SWITCH). Now $P(A) = P(B) = P(C) = 1/3$, and we are given that $P(H_B|A) = 1/2$, $P(H_B|B) = 0$ and $P(H_B|C) = 1$. Then the general version of Bayes theorem gives

$$\begin{aligned} P(A|H_B) &= \frac{P(H_B|A)P(A)}{P(H_B)} = \frac{P(H_B|A)P(A)}{P(H_B|A)P(A) + P(H_B|B)P(B) + P(H_B|C)P(C)} \\ &= \frac{\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{3}}{\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{3} + 0 \frac{1}{3} + 1 \frac{1}{3}} = \frac{1}{3} \end{aligned}$$

so $P(A|H_B) = 1/3$, and similarly $P(C|H_B) = 2/3$. so it is advantageous to SWITCH.

5. (i) Given $P(A) = P(B) = P(C) = 1/3$, and $P(G_{AB}|A) = 1/2$, $P(G_{AB}|B) = 0$ and $P(G_{AB}|C) = 1$, and hence by Bayes theorem using an identical calculation to above, we have $P(A|G_{AB}) = 1/3$ and hence governor is correct.

(ii) Now $P(G_{WB}|A) = 1/2$, $P(G_{WB}|B) = 0$ but $P(G_{WB}|C) = 1/2$, so by Bayes theorem $P(C|G_{WB}) = 1/2$, and hence C is right to feel happier.

6. Given $P(G) = p$, $P(A|G) = 1$, $P(A|G') = \pi$. Then

$$P(G|A) = \frac{P(A|G)P(G)}{P(A|G)P(G) + P(A|G')P(G')} = \frac{1 \times p}{1 \times p + \pi \times (1 - p)} \implies \frac{P(G|A)}{P(G'|A)} = \frac{p}{\pi \times (1 - p)} = \frac{P(G)}{\pi P(G')}$$

7. Let $T \equiv$ "Test positive", $S \equiv$ "Sufferer". Then $P(T|S) = 0.95$, $P(T|S') = 0.10$, $P(S) = 0.005$. Hence

$$(a) \quad P(T) = P(T|S)P(S) + P(T|S')P(S') = (0.95 \times 0.005) + (0.1 \times 0.995) = 0.10425$$

$$(b) \quad P(S|T) = \frac{P(T|S)P(S)}{P(T|S)P(S) + P(T|S')P(S')} = \frac{0.95 \times 0.005}{(0.95 \times 0.005) + (0.1 \times 0.995)} = 0.0455$$

$$(c) \quad P(S'|T') = \frac{P(T'|S')P(S')}{P(T')} = \frac{0.9 \times 0.995}{1 - 0.10425} = 0.9997$$

$$(d) \quad P(M) = P(T \cap S') + P(T' \cap S) = P(T|S')P(S') + P(T'|S)P(S) = 0.09975$$

8. Let $T_1 \equiv$ "first test positive", $T_2 \equiv$ "second test positive", $C \equiv$ "drugs present in sample". Then given that

$$P(T_1|C) = P(T_2|C) = 0.995 \quad P(T_1'|C') = P(T_2'|C') = 0.98.$$

(a) By the Theorem of Total Probability

$$P(T_1) = P(T_1|C)P(C) + P(T_1|C')P(C') = 0.995 \times 0.001 + (1 - 0.98) \times 0.999 = 0.021.$$

(b) By Bayes Theorem

$$P(C|T_1) = \frac{P(T_1|C)P(C)}{P(T_1|C)P(C) + P(T_1|C')P(C')} = \frac{0.995 \times 0.001}{0.995 \times 0.001 + (1 - 0.98) \times 0.999} = 0.047.$$

(c) By the Theorem of Total Probability and conditional independence

$$\begin{aligned} P(T_1 \cap T_2) &= P(T_1 \cap T_2|C)P(C) + P(T_1 \cap T_2|C')P(C') = P(T_1|C)P(T_2|C)P(C) + P(T_1|C')P(T_2|C')P(C') \\ &= 0.995^2 \times 0.001 + (1 - 0.98)^2 \times 0.999 = 0.014. \end{aligned}$$

(d) By Bayes Theorem

$$\begin{aligned} P(C|T_1 \cap T_2) &= \frac{P(T_1 \cap T_2|C)P(C)}{P(T_1 \cap T_2|C)P(C) + P(T_1 \cap T_2|C')P(C')} = \frac{P(T_1|C)P(T_2|C)P(C)}{P(T_1|C)P(T_2|C)P(C) + P(T_1|C')P(T_2|C')P(C')} \\ &= \frac{0.995^2 \times 0.001}{0.995^2 \times 0.001 + (1 - 0.98)^2 \times 0.999} = 0.712 \end{aligned}$$

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(a) Can represent each event as a disjoint union of a subset of the events corresponding to the cells in the table, that is, the events

	Event	Entry
1.	$F \cap D \cap M_1$	20
2.	$F \cap D' \cap M_1$	16
3.	$F \cap D \cap M_2$	30
4.	$F \cap D' \cap M_2$	20
5.	$F \cap D \cap M_3$	15
6.	$F \cap D' \cap M_3$	10
7.	$F' \cap D \cap M_1$	100
8.	$F' \cap D' \cap M_1$	64
9.	$F' \cap D \cap M_2$	120
10.	$F' \cap D' \cap M_2$	30
11.	$F' \cap D \cap M_3$	60
12.	$F' \cap D' \cap M_3$	15

- can just find a partition for the event of interest, then sum the probabilities using Axiom (III). For conditional probabilities, can use the conditional probability definition and proceed using partitions and Axiom (III).

$$(a) \quad (i) \quad P(F) = \frac{20 + 16 + 30 + 20 + 15 + 16}{500} = \frac{111}{500}$$

$$(ii) \quad P(M_1) = \frac{20 + 16 + 100 + 64}{500} = \frac{200}{500}$$

$$(b) \quad (i) \quad P(D | F) = \frac{P(D \cap F)}{P(F)} = \frac{20 + 30 + 15}{20 + 16 + 30 + 20 + 15 + 16} = \frac{65}{111}$$

$$(ii) \quad P(M_1 | F) = \frac{P(M_1 \cap F)}{P(F)} = \frac{20 + 16}{20 + 16 + 30 + 20 + 15 + 16} = \frac{36}{111}$$

$$(iii) \quad P(D \cap M_1 | F) = \frac{P(D \cap M_1 \cap F)}{P(F)} = \frac{20}{20 + 16 + 30 + 20 + 15 + 16} = \frac{20}{111}$$

$$(c) \quad (i) \quad P(F | M_1) = \frac{P(F \cap M_1)}{P(M_1)} = \frac{20 + 16}{20 + 16 + 100 + 64} = \frac{36}{200}$$

$$P(F | M_2) = \frac{P(F \cap M_2)}{P(M_2)} = \frac{30 + 20}{30 + 20 + 120 + 30} = \frac{50}{200}$$

$$P(F | M_3) = \frac{P(F \cap M_3)}{P(M_3)} = \frac{15 + 10}{15 + 10 + 60 + 15} = \frac{35}{100}$$

$$(ii) \quad P(F | D) = \frac{P(F \cap D)}{P(D)} = \frac{20 + 30 + 15}{20 + 30 + 15 + 100 + 120 + 60} = \frac{65}{345}$$

$$P(F | D') = \frac{P(F \cap D')}{P(D')} = \frac{16 + 20 + 10}{16 + 20 + 10 + 64 + 30 + 15} = \frac{46}{155}$$

$$(iii) \quad P(F | M_1 \cap D) = \frac{P(F \cap M_1 \cap D)}{P(M_1 \cap D)} = \frac{20}{20 + 100} = \frac{20}{120}$$

$$P(F | M_2 \cap D) = \frac{P(F \cap M_2 \cap D)}{P(M_2 \cap D)} = \frac{30}{30 + 120} = \frac{30}{150}$$

$$P(F | M_3 \cap D) = \frac{P(F \cap M_3 \cap D)}{P(M_3 \cap D)} = \frac{15}{15 + 60} = \frac{15}{75}$$

$$(iv) \quad P(F | M_1 \cap D') = \frac{P(F \cap M_1 \cap D')}{P(M_1 \cap D')} = \frac{16}{16 + 64} = \frac{16}{80}$$

$$P(F | M_2 \cap D') = \frac{P(F \cap M_2 \cap D')}{P(M_2 \cap D')} = \frac{20}{20 + 30} = \frac{20}{50}$$

$$P(F | M_3 \cap D') = \frac{P(F \cap M_3 \cap D')}{P(M_3 \cap D')} = \frac{10}{10 + 15} = \frac{10}{25}$$

These results confirm that events F , M_1 , M_2 , M_3 and D are not mutually independent.