

# AMAT 362—Work Sheet 06

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1. (5 points) Assume the following (overly simplified) statements are true:
  - In the US, 50% of the population are men and 50% of the population are women.
  - 10% of the population in the US practices yoga.
  - Of yoga practitioners, 72% are women and 28% are men.
- (a) (1 point) Suppose that I'm told a person practices yoga, what is the probability that they are a woman?
- (b) (1 point) Are the events of being a woman and practicing yoga independent?
- (c) (2 points) Suppose I randomly select a woman from the US population. What is the probability that they practice yoga?
- (d) (1 point) What's the probability of a yoga class with five people in it consisting of all men?

2. (4 points) *Conditional Independence and Testing Twice for a Disease:* For two events  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  we sometimes write

$$P(E_1 \cap E_2) = P(E_1 \text{ and } E_2) \quad \text{as} \quad P(E_1 E_2)$$

in order to save space.  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  are independent if  $P(E_1 E_2) = P(E_1)P(E_2)$ . Furthermore, we say  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  are *conditionally independent given B* if

$$P(E_1 E_2 \mid B) = P(E_1 \mid B)P(E_2 \mid B).$$

An example of conditional independence occurs when we re-run a test for a disease  $D$ . The probability of two positive tests assuming you have the disease can be computed as

$$P(++ \mid D) = P(+ \mid D)P(+ \mid D) = P(+ \mid D)^2$$

because each test is performed independently, even assuming you have the disease  $D$ .

For this question, assume the following is true:

- The probability that a randomly selected person has disease  $D$  is 0.5%.
  - $P(+ \mid D) = 96\%$
  - $P(+ \mid D^c) = 2\%$
- (a) (2 points) Assuming someone tests positive for the disease  $D$ , what's the probability that they actually have disease  $D$ ?
- (b) (2 points) Assuming someone tests positive *twice* for a disease, what's the probability that they actually have disease  $D$ ?

3. (2 points) Suppose I have two urns,  $U_1$  has two red balls and one white ball and  $U_2$  has two red balls and two white balls. I select an urn uniformly at random, and draw out a red ball. What's the probability that I selected  $U_1$ ?

4. (1 point) Suppose that  $P(A) = 1/3$  and  $P(B) = 1/3$  and  $P(AB^c) = 2/9$ . Are  $A$  and  $B$  independent?



Figure 1: Two Components in Series

5. (2 points) Suppose that in an electrical device with two components in *series*, the device works only if both components  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  work. Say the probability of each component failing on a given day is 10% and 5% respectively. What's the probability that the device works on a given day?

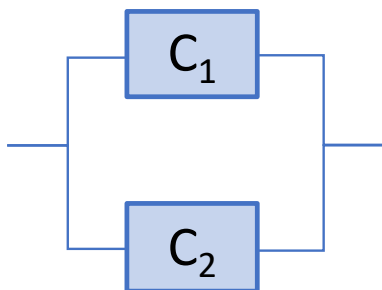


Figure 2: Two Components in Parallel

6. (2 points) Suppose that in an electrical device with two components in *parallel*, the device works only if either component  $C_1$  or  $C_2$  works. Say the probability of each component failing on a given day is 10% and 5% respectively. What's the probability that the device works on a given day?