

Probability and Stochastic Processes (MAT277)

Homework Assignment-2

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1. (a) Let event A be the probability that Omega is significant: $\Pr(A) = 0.75$
- (b) Let there be an event that the Algorithm Delta produces a positive result, given that Omega is significant: $\Pr(B|A) = 1 - 0.15 = 0.85$
- (c) Let there be an event that the Algorithm Delta produces a positive result, given that Omega is insignificant: $\Pr(B|A') = 0.15$
- (d) The probability that Omega is insignificant: $\Pr(A') = 0.25$

The Probability that the message is significant given Algorithm Delta is positive is,

$$\begin{aligned}\Pr(A|B) &= \frac{\Pr(B|A).\Pr(A)}{\Pr(B|A).\Pr(A) + \Pr(B|A').\Pr(A')} \\ &= \frac{(0.85).(0.75)}{(0.85).(0.75) + (0.15).(0.25)} \\ &= \frac{0.6375}{0.675} \\ &= 0.9444444\end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\therefore \Pr(A|B) \approx 0.945}$$

Hence, as the probability that message contains critical information is less than 95%, we should opt for further analysis.

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