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* Basic Probability, Conditional Probability and Bayes' Theorem Questions / Answers

A1 $S = \{H, T\}$

$$P(\text{getting a head}) = \frac{\text{No. of favourable outcomes}}{\text{Total no. of outcomes}}$$

$$\therefore P(H) = \frac{1}{2}$$

A2 $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

$$P(>4) = \frac{2}{6} = \frac{1}{3}$$

A3 $S = \{HH, HT, TH, TT\}$

Given that the second coin has Tail \therefore

$$S' = \{HT, TT\}$$

$$\text{Now, } P(\text{getting head on first coin}) = \frac{1}{2}$$

Ans. Given that the card is red, therefore our sample space become all cards that are red {diamonds & hearts}

$$\therefore \boxed{P(\text{card is heart}) = \frac{13}{26} = \frac{1}{2}}$$

Ans. Possible even outcomes: $\{2, 4, 6\}$

$$\boxed{P(\text{number} = 2) = \frac{1}{3}}$$

As $P(B_1) = P(B_2) = 1/2$ {bags are chosen randomly}

$$P(H|B_1) = 1/2 \quad \{\text{Fair coin}\}$$

$$P(H|B_2) = 1 \quad \{\text{double-headed coin}\}$$

Using Bayes' Theorem :-

$$P(B_2|H) = \frac{P(H|B_2) \cdot P(B_2)}{P(H|B_1) \cdot P(B_1) + P(H|B_2) \cdot P(B_2)}$$

$$= \frac{1 \times 1/2}{1/4 + 1/2}$$

$$= \frac{1/2}{3/4}$$

$$\therefore \boxed{P(B_2|H) = \frac{2}{3}}$$

A7 Let $P(D) = 0.001$ (probability of disease)
 $P(\sim D) = 0.999$ (probability of no disease)
 $P(T^+|D) = 0.99$ (true positive)
 $P(T^+|\sim D) = 0.01$ (false positive)

Using Bayes' Theorem :-

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(D|T^+) &= \frac{P(T^+|D) \cdot P(D)}{P(T^+|D) \cdot P(D) + P(T^+|\sim D) \cdot P(\sim D)} \\
 &= \frac{0.99 \times 0.001}{(0.99 \times 0.001) + (0.01 \times 0.999)}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore P(D|T^+) = 0.0902 \quad (\approx 9.02\%)$$

A8 Let $P(R) = 0.7$ (prior probability of rain)
 $P(F|R) = 0.9$ (probability forecast says rain given rain)
 $P(F|\sim R) = 0.2$ (" " " " given no rain)

We want $P(R|F)$, the probability it rained given the forecast said rain.

Using Bayes' Theorem :-

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(R|F) &= \frac{P(F|R) \cdot P(R)}{P(F|R) \cdot P(R) + P(F|\sim R) \cdot P(\sim R)} \\
 &= \frac{0.9 \times 0.7}{(0.9 \times 0.7) + (0.2)(0.3)}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore P(R|F) = 0.913 \quad (\approx 91.3\%)$$

Q9 Let

$$P(\text{prep}) = 0.7 \quad (\text{students who prepared})$$

$$P(\sim \text{prep}) = 0.3 \quad (\text{students who do not prepare})$$

$$P(\text{Pay} | \text{prep}) = 0.9 \quad (\text{students who pass given they prepared})$$

$$P(\text{Pay} | \sim \text{prep}) = 0.3 \quad (\text{" " " they do not prepare})$$

Using Bayes' Theorem :-

$$P(\text{prep} | \text{Pay}) = \frac{P(\text{Pay} | \text{prep}) \cdot P(\text{prep})}{P(\text{Pay} | \text{prep}) \cdot P(\text{prep}) + P(\text{Pay} | \sim \text{prep}) \cdot P(\sim \text{prep})}$$

$$= \frac{0.9 \times 0.7}{(0.9 \times 0.7) + (0.3 \times 0.3)}$$

$$\therefore P(\text{prep} | \text{Pay}) = 0.875 \quad \{ \approx 87.5\% \}$$

Q10

$$P(\text{Boy}) = 0.6$$

$$P(\text{girl}) = 0.4$$

$$P(\text{Math} | \text{Boy}) = 0.7$$

$$P(\text{Math} | \text{girl}) = 0.5$$

Using Bayes' Theorem :-

$$P(\text{Boy} | \text{Math}) = \frac{P(\text{Math} | \text{Boy}) \cdot P(\text{Boy})}{P(\text{Math} | \text{Boy}) \cdot P(\text{Boy}) + P(\text{Math} | \text{girl}) \cdot P(\text{girl})}$$

$$= \frac{(0.7 \times 0.6)}{(0.7 \times 0.6) + (0.5 \times 0.4)}$$

$$\therefore P(\text{Boy} | \text{Math}) \approx 0.6774 \quad \{ \approx 67.74\% \}$$