

Now we pass both groups through the sieve; note that both sieves are the same; they just behave differently depending on which group is passing through.

Let test + = a positive mammography.

Finally, to find the probability that a positive test *actually means cancer*, we look at those who passed through the sieve *with cancer*, and divide by all who received a positive test, cancer or not.

$$\begin{split} \frac{p(test+\mid cancer)}{p(test+\mid cancer) + p(test+\mid \sim cancer)} = \\ \frac{1\%*80\%}{(1\%*80\%) + (99\%*9.6\%)} = 7.8\% = p(cancer\mid test+) \end{split}$$

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