

Module 2E Questions:

1. The words “you have won” are sometimes used in emails (5%). Most emails are not spam, but let’s say a person has a 2% chance of receiving spam mail. In addition, 80% of spam emails have the words “you have won” in them compared to 10% of non-spam emails. Use Bayes’ Theorem to calculate the probability that an email with the words “you have won” is spam.

 2. Suppose you work in a psychiatric institution, and a patient is referred to you by the GP because of an elevated score on a depression questionnaire.
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*In the practice of this GP, 10% of patients have depression (the ‘**prevalence**’ of the disorder).*

If a patient has depression, the likelihood that they have a positive score on this depression questionnaire is 90%.

A patient who does not have depression has an 80% chance of a negative score.

- a. WHAT IS YOUR ESTIMATE THAT THE PATIENT HAS DEPRESSION GIVEN THAT THEY HAVE A POSITIVE TEST?
- b. What about if they have a negative test?

Note: show your work for this question. The answer is in the module videos/PowerPoints, but it is more useful to see **how you solved it, than to note the answer is correct.**

3. Answer any **two** of the following questions. For each one, you will do three things:
 1. fill out a **Bayes table*** using a cohort of 10,000 people
 2. compute PPV and NPV, and
 3. discuss how changing **prevalence** would alter the posterior.

Quick reference

$$\text{PPV} = P(\text{Disease} \mid +) = \frac{TP}{TP+FP}$$

$$\text{NPV} = P(\text{No disease} \mid -) = \frac{TN}{TN+FN}$$

Use a **10,000** population for clean integers.

Using counts instead of percentages can be helpful!

- Here is a general Bayes table. You will fill this one for two of the scenarios given below with the COUNTS for each class (TP, FP, FN, TN) that add up to 10,000:

	ACTUAL Disease	ACTUAL No Disease	Total Count
Test Positive	True Positive (TP)	False Positive (FP)	All positive tests

Test Negative	False Negative (FN)	True Negative (TN)	All negative tests
	Count of individuals with actual disease	Count of individuals who do not have the disease	10,000

Scenario A:

Rare disease, decent test:

- Prevalence: 1%
- Sensitivity: 90%
- Specificity: 95%

Scenario B:

Higher prevalence, weaker specificity

- **Prevalence:** 10%
- **Sensitivity:** 95%
- **Specificity:** 90%

Scenario C:

High specificity, moderate sensitivity

- Prevalence: 20%
- Sensitivity: 80%
- Specificity: 99%

Scenario D:

Screening: Catch almost everything

- Prevalence: 2%
- Sensitivity: 99%
- Specificity: 85%