

Assignment 7: CBSE Probability Grade 12

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Question

Exercise 13.3.3

Of the students in a college, it is known that 60% reside in hostel and 40% are day scholars (not residing in hostel). Previous year results report that 30% of all students who reside in hostel attain A grade and 20% of day scholars attain A grade in their annual examination. At the end of the year, one student is chosen at random from the college and he has an A grade, what is the probability that the student is a hostler?

Solution

Let random variables $X, Y \in \{0, 1\}$ denote the following events in Table (1)

Event	Description
$X = 0$	Student is a hostler
$X = 1$	Student is a day scholar
$Y = 0$	Student gets an A grade
$Y = 1$	Student doesn't get an A grade

Table 1: Random variables

$$\Pr(X = 0) = 60\% \quad (1)$$

$$= 0.6 \quad (2)$$

$$\Pr(X = 1) = 40\% \quad (3)$$

$$= 0.4 \quad (4)$$

$$\Pr(Y = 0|X = 0) = 30\% \quad (5)$$

$$= 0.3 \quad (6)$$

$$\Pr(Y = 0|X = 1) = 20\% \quad (7)$$

$$= 0.2 \quad (8)$$

Probability	Value
$\Pr(X = 0)$	0.6
$\Pr(X = 1)$	0.4
$\Pr(Y = 0 X = 0)$	0.3
$\Pr(Y = 0 X = 1)$	0.2
$\Pr(X = 0 Y = 0)$?

Table 2: Values of probabilities

Probability that the student selected is a hostler, if he has an A grade is

$$\Pr(X = 0|Y = 0) \quad (9)$$

$$= \frac{\Pr(X = 0, Y = 0)}{\Pr(Y = 0)} \quad (10)$$

$$= \frac{\Pr(Y = 0|X = 0) \Pr(X = 0)}{\sum_{i=0}^1 \Pr(Y = 0, X = i)} \quad (11)$$

$$= \frac{\Pr(Y = 0|X = 0) \Pr(X = 0)}{\sum_{i=0}^1 \Pr(Y = 0|X = i) \Pr(X = i)} \quad (12)$$

On substituting the values from Table (2) we get:

$$\Pr(X = 0|Y = 0) = \frac{0.3 \times 0.6}{0.3 \times 0.6 + 0.2 \times 0.4} \quad (13)$$

$$= \frac{0.18}{0.26} \quad (14)$$

$$= \frac{9}{13} \approx 0.69 \quad (15)$$

Probability that the student selected is a hostler, if he has an A grade is 0.69.