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# Exercise: The Product Rule for Random Variables - Medical Diagnosis Revisited

(4 points possible)

Let's revisit the medical diagnosis problem we saw earlier. We now use random variables to construct a joint probability table.

Let random variable  $X$  represent the patient's condition — whether "healthy" or "infected", with the following distribution for  $X$ :

		Prob.
$X$	healthy	0.999
	infected	0.001


Meanwhile, the test outcome  $Y$  for whether the patient is infected is either "positive" (for the disease) or "negative". As before, the test is 99% accurate, which means that the conditional probability table for  $Y$  given  $X$  is as follows (note that we also show how to write things out as a single table):

$Y   X = \text{healthy}$	Prob.	
positive	0.01	
negative	0.99	
$Y   X = \text{infected}$	Prob.	
positive	0.99	
negative	0.01	

$p_{Y|X}$


	$X$	
	healthy	infected
positive	0.01	0.99
negative	0.99	0.01

Alternative way to write out the tables for  $p_{Y|X}(\cdot | \text{healthy})$  and  $p_{Y|X}(\cdot | \text{infected})$  in 1 table

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Using the product rule for random variables, what are the four entries for the joint probability table? **Please provide the exact answer for these four quantities.**

$$p_{X,Y}(\text{healthy, positive}) = \boxed{0.00999} \quad \checkmark$$

$$p_{X,Y}(\text{healthy, negative}) = \boxed{0.98901} \quad \checkmark$$

$$p_{X,Y}(\text{infected, positive}) = \boxed{0.00099} \quad \checkmark$$

$$p_{X,Y}(\text{infected, negative}) = \boxed{0.00001} \quad \checkmark$$

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