

CSE 415 Assignment 6: Bayes' Rule and Markov Decision

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Problems

1. Should Anyone Panic?

(a) **Solution.** Let D be the event that the Lucy has *HPAI* and E the event that test result is positive. Then the probability will be

$$\begin{aligned} P(D|E) &= \frac{P(D \cap E)}{P(E)} \\ &= \frac{P(E|D)P(D)}{P(E|D)P(D) + P(E|D^c)P(D^c)} \end{aligned}$$

We have the probability table

| | True(Effectuated) | False(Not Effectuated) |
|----------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Positive | 0.95 | 0.05 |
| Negative | 0 | 1 |

$$\begin{aligned} P(D|E) &= \frac{P(E|D)P(D)}{P(E|D)P(D) + P(E|D^c)P(D^c)} \\ &= \frac{(0.95)(\frac{1}{1000})}{(0.95)(\frac{1}{1000}) + (0.05)(\frac{999}{1000})} \\ &\approx 0.01866 \\ &= 1.866\% \end{aligned}$$

So the updated probability that Lucy has *HPAI* is 1.866%

(b) **Solution.** Similarly, let D be the event that the Lucy has *HPAI* and E the event that test result is positive. Then the probability will be

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(D|E) &= \frac{P(D \cap E)}{P(E)} \\
 &= \frac{P(E|D)P(D)}{P(E|D)P(D) + P(E|D^c)P(D^c)} \\
 &= \frac{(0.95)(\frac{1}{80})}{(0.95)(\frac{1}{80}) + (0.05)(\frac{79}{80})} \\
 &\approx 0.1939 \\
 &= 19.39\%
 \end{aligned}$$

So the updated probability that James has *HPAI* is 19.39%

As the result, James should seek for assistance since he has a probability of ~19% that he has *HPAI* meanwhile Lucy could be not panic for having the decease.

2. The Mecha-Mouse at the Hostel for Travelling Droids

i. **Answer.** The number of different policies that are possible for Mecha-mouse is

$$3^4 = 81$$

where 4 is the number of rooms (s), and 3 is the number of possible actions (a) in each room (state).

ii. **Answer.** Using the Bellman Equation

$$V_{k+1}^*(s) = \max_a \sum_{s'} T(s, a, s') [R(s, a, s') + \gamma V_k^*(s')]$$

Value iterations for six times which means iterating til $k = 6$ from $k = 0$

| Iteration | Dormitory | Mess Hall | Lavatory | Pantry | Ambushed | Kaput |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|-------|
| #1 | 3.2 | 6 | 6 | 3.2 | 0 | 0 |
| #2 | 6.2 | 7.6 | 7.6 | 6.2 | 0 | 0 |
| #3 | 7 | 9.1 | 9.1 | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| #4 | 7.75 | 9.5 | 9.5 | 7.75 | 0 | 0 |
| #5 | 7.95 | 9.875 | 9.875 | 7.95 | 0 | 0 |
| #6 | 8.1375 | 9.975 | 9.975 | 8.1375 | 0 | 0 |

iii. **Answer:** The optimal policy I got is

| D | L | P | M | A | K |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Y | X | X | X | * | * |