

Written Assignment #3

- Using the full joint probability distribution below, write out what the following probability distributions look like. Notice that the P is in boldface to emphasize that these are distributions (i.e., probability tables). This means you have to write out the probability distributions for all uninstantiated random variables e.g., for (a), write out $P(\text{Catch} = \text{true})$ and $P(\text{Catch} = \text{false})$.

Toothache	Cavity	Catch	P(Toothache, Cavity, Catch)
F	F	F	0.582
F	F	T	0.128
F	T	F	0.009
F	T	T	0.071
T	F	F	0.066
T	F	T	0.014
T	T	F	0.013
T	T	T	0.117

a. $P(\text{Catch})$

$$P(\text{Catch} = \text{True}) = 0.128 + 0.071 + 0.014 + 0.117 = \mathbf{0.33}$$

$$P(\text{Catch} = \text{False}) = 1 - 0.33 = \mathbf{0.67}$$

b. $P(\text{Toothache}, \text{Catch})$

$$P(\text{Toothache} = \text{True}, \text{Catch} = \text{True}) = 0.014 + 0.117 = \mathbf{0.131}$$

$$P(\text{Toothache} = \text{True}, \text{Catch} = \text{False}) = 0.066 + 0.013 = \mathbf{0.079}$$

$$P(\text{Toothache} = \text{False}, \text{Catch} = \text{True}) = 0.128 + 0.071 = \mathbf{0.199}$$

$$P(\text{Toothache} = \text{False}, \text{Catch} = \text{False}) = 0.582 + 0.009 = \mathbf{0.591}$$

c. $P(\text{Toothache} | \text{Catch})$

$$P(\text{Toothache} = \text{True} | \text{Catch} = \text{True}) = \frac{P(\text{Toothache} = \text{True}, \text{Catch} = \text{True})}{P(\text{Catch} = \text{True})} = \frac{0.131}{0.33} = \mathbf{0.397}$$

$$P(\text{Toothache} = \text{True} | \text{Catch} = \text{False}) = \frac{P(\text{Toothache} = \text{True}, \text{Catch} = \text{False})}{P(\text{Catch} = \text{False})} = \frac{0.079}{0.67} = \mathbf{0.118}$$

$$P(\text{Toothache} = \text{False} | \text{Catch} = \text{True}) = \frac{P(\text{Toothache} = \text{False}, \text{Catch} = \text{True})}{P(\text{Catch} = \text{True})} = \frac{0.199}{0.33} = \mathbf{0.603}$$

$$P(\text{Toothache} = \text{False} | \text{Catch} = \text{False}) = \frac{P(\text{Toothache} = \text{False}, \text{Catch} = \text{False})}{P(\text{Catch} = \text{False})} = \frac{0.591}{0.67} = \mathbf{0.882}$$

2. Consider a different variant of the Monty Hall problem we did in class. In this variant, there are 4 doors; one door reveals a car, and the other four doors reveal goats. After you select a door, the host will show you 2 goats. The host will not open the door you chose, nor will they reveal the car. Let $C \in \{1,2,3,4\}$ be the location of the car, $D \in \{1,2,3,4\}$ be your initial choice of door, $H1 \in \{1,2,3,4\}$ be the first door opened by the host, and $H2 \in \{1,2,3,4\}$ be the second door opened by the host. Suppose $P(C) = P(D) = \{1/4, 1/4, 1/4, 1/4\}$.

a. What is $P(H1 | C, D)$?

C	D	$P(H1 = 1 C, D)$	$P(H1 = 2 C, D)$	$P(H1 = 3 C, D)$	$P(H1 = 4 C, D)$
1	1	0	1/3	1/3	1/3
1	2	0	0	1/2	1/2
1	3	0	1/2	0	1/2
1	4	0	1/2	1/2	0
2	1	0	0	1/2	1/2
2	2	1/3	0	1/3	1/3
2	3	1/2	0	0	1/2
2	4	1/2	0	1/2	0
3	1	0	1/2	0	1/2
3	2	1/2	0	0	1/2
3	3	1/3	1/3	0	1/3
3	4	1/2	1/2	0	0
4	1	0	1/2	1/2	0
4	2	1/2	0	1/2	0
4	3	1/2	1/2	0	0
4	4	1/3	1/3	1/3	0

b. What is $P(H2 | H1 = 1, C, D = 3)$?

C	$P(H2 = 1 H1 = 1, C, D = 3)$	$P(H2 = 2 H1 = 1, C, D = 3)$	$P(H2 = 3 H1 = 1, C, D = 3)$	$P(H2 = 4 H1 = 1, C, D = 3)$
1	0	1/2	0	1/2
2	0	0	0	1/2
3	0	1/3	0	1/3
4	0	1/2	0	0

- c. Suppose you select door 1. The host opens doors 2 and 3. What are $P(C = 1 | D = 1, H1 = 2, H2 = 3)$ and $P(C = 4 | D = 4, H1 = 2, H2 = 3)$? (At the point, the car cannot be behind doors 2 or 3 by the rules of the game.) Should you stick with door 1 or switch to door 4?

$$P(C = 1 | D = 1, H1 = 2, H2 = 3) = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$P(C = 4 | D = 1, H1 = 2, H2 = 3) = \frac{3}{4}$$

You should **ALWAYS** switch for the better chance because the probability of switching are always higher, in this case $\frac{3}{4}$ or a 75%, so switching is the way to go.

3. A breast cancer test has a sensitivity of 92% and a specificity of 97.7%. Sensitivity means the probability of a positive result, given that you have the disease. Specificity means the probability of a negative result, given that you do NOT have the disease. The American breast cancer rate is 13%.

- a. Based on these numbers, compute the probability that a patient has breast cancer, given that they get a positive test.

Question Provides:

$$P(\text{Test} = \text{True} \mid \text{Disease} = \text{True}) = 92\%$$

$$P(\text{Test} = \text{False} \mid \text{Disease} = \text{False}) = 97.7\%$$

$$P(\text{Disease} = \text{True}) = 13\%$$

Question Implies:

$$P(\text{Test} = \text{False} \mid \text{Disease} = \text{True}) = 8\%$$

$$P(\text{Test} = \text{True} \mid \text{Disease} = \text{False}) = 2.3\%$$

$$P(\text{Disease} = \text{False}) = 87\%$$

Need to Solve:

$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{Disease} = \text{True} \mid \text{Test} = \text{True}) &= \\ &= \frac{P(\text{Test} = \text{True} \mid \text{Disease} = \text{True}) * P(\text{Disease} = \text{True})}{P(\text{Test} = \text{True} \mid \text{Disease} = \text{True}) * P(\text{Disease} = \text{True}) + P(\text{Test} = \text{True} \mid \text{Disease} = \text{False}) * P(\text{Disease} = \text{False})} \\ &= \frac{0.92 * 0.13}{(0.92 * 0.13) + (0.023 * 0.87)} \\ &= \frac{0.1196}{0.1196 + 0.02001} = 0.85667 \cong 85.67\% \end{aligned}$$

- b. What if the breast cancer rate is actually 8%? How does your answer to part (a) change?

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{0.92 * 0.08}{(0.92 * 0.08) + (0.023 * 0.92)} \\ &= \frac{0.0736}{0.0736 + 0.02001} = 0.77669 \cong 77.67\% \end{aligned}$$

It lowers the result, it goes from about 85.67% to about 77.67%, which is about 8 percent.