1. A spam filter is designed by looking at commonly occurring phrases in spam. Suppose that 80% of email is spam. In 10% of the spam emails, the phrase "free money" is used, whereas this phrase is only used in 1% of non-spam emails. A new email has just arrived, which does mention "free money". What is the probability that it is spam?

## • Given

- -Probability of spam = P(spam) = 0.8
- -Probability of not spam = P(not spam) = 0.2
- -Probability of phrase 'Free Money' for spam email = P (free money/spam) = 0.1
- -Probability of phrase 'Free Money' for not spam email = P (free money/not spam) = 0.01
- **To find** *P* (*spam/free money*)
- Solution

Substituting the values

P (spam/free money) = 
$$\frac{0.1*0.8}{0.1*0.8+0.2*0.01}$$
 = 0.9756