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AI1103 Assignment 1

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https://github.com/MShah134/AI1103/blob/main/ Assignment-1/main.tex

PROBLEM

A man is known to speak truth 3 out of 4 times. He throws a die and reports that it is a six. Find the probability that it is actually a six.

SOLUTION

- 1) Let Pr(X = i) denote the probability that the number i is obtained on the die.
- 2) Let Pr(Y = i) denote the probability that the i is reported as the number on the die.
- 3) Let Pr(Z = 0) denote the probability the man is lying.
- 4) Let Pr(Z = 1) denote the probability that the man is telling the truth.

Now, we have to find out: Pr(X = 6|Y = 6)

Recalling Bayes' Theorem:

$$Pr(A|B) = \frac{Pr(AB)}{Pr(B)}$$
 (0.0.1)

Now, Pr(X = 6, Y = 6) is only possible when the man is telling the truth (Z = 1) and the die rolls a six. (X = 6)

$$Pr(X = 6, Y = 6) = Pr(X = 6, Z = 1)$$

These are independent events, hence by definition:

$$Pr(X = 6, Z = 1) = Pr(X = 6) Pr(Z = 1)$$
 (0.0.2)

$$Pr(X = 6, Z = 1) = (1/6) \times (3/4) = 1/8$$
 (0.0.3)

Hence, we have:

$$Pr(X = 6, Y = 6) = 1/8$$

Now by symmetry we have,

$$Pr(Y = i) = Pr(Y = j)$$
 (0.0.4)

$$\forall i, j \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$$

Also, since these are all disjoint cases whose union is 1, we also have:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{6} \Pr(Y = i) = 1 \tag{0.0.5}$$

From eq 0.0.4 and 0.0.5, we have

$$Pr(Y = 6) = 1/6$$

Putting the obtained results back in eq 0.0.1,

$$Pr(X = 6|Y = 6) = \frac{Pr(X = 6, Y = 6)}{Pr(Y = 6)}$$

$$Pr(X = 6|Y = 6) = \frac{1/8}{1/6} = 3/4$$

Hence, the required probability is 3/4.

Consider table 4:

TABLE 4: Probabilities of random variables

Case(s)	Notes	Probability
Pr(X = i)	i=1,2,6	1/6
Pr(Y = i)	i=1,2,6	1/6
Pr(Z=0)	-	1/4
Pr(Z=1)	-	3/4