

STM4PSD – Workshop 3 Solutions

1. Let C denote the event that a customer purchases coffee, and let S denote the event that a customer purchases a sandwich. We are given:

$$\begin{aligned}P(C) &= 0.9, \\P(S) &= 0.4, \\P(C \cap S) &= 0.15.\end{aligned}$$

Then,

$$P(C | S) = \frac{P(C \cap S)}{P(S)} = \frac{0.15}{0.4} = 0.375.$$

2. (a) $P(X = 2) = \binom{5}{2} \times 0.2^2 \times (1 - 0.2)^{5-2} = \frac{5!}{2!3!} \times 0.2^2 \times 0.8^3 = 10 \times 0.04 \times 0.512 = 0.2048$
 (b) $P(X \neq 0) = 1 - P(X = 0) = 1 - \binom{5}{0} \times 0.2^0 \times (1 - 0.2)^{5-0} = 1 - 1 \times 1 \times 0.8^5 = 1 - 0.8^5 = 0.67232$
 (c) $P(X = 2 | X \neq 0) = \frac{P(X=2 \cap X \neq 0)}{P(X \neq 0)} = \frac{P(X=2)}{P(X \neq 0)} = \frac{0.2048}{0.67232} \approx 0.305$
 Note that the event $X = 2 \cap X \neq 0$ simplifies to $X = 2$ because the intersection of the sets $\{2\}$ and $\{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$ is the set $\{2\}$.

The event $X = 2 | X \neq 0$ is more likely. Intuitively speaking, this is because if we already know that $X \neq 0$, then this only increases the likelihood that $X = 2$.

3. (a) $P(X = 1 \cap Y = 2) = 0.5$. This represents the probability that there is low precipitation and critical flow has not been reached.

$$\begin{aligned}(b) \quad P(Y = 1) &= 0.0 + 0.06 + 0.12 = 0.18 \\P(Y = 2) &= 0.5 + 0.24 + 0.08 = 0.82\end{aligned}$$

$$(c) \quad \begin{array}{c|cc} y & 1 & 2 \\ \hline P(Y = y) & 0.18 & 0.82 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned}(d) \quad P(X = 1) &= 0.0 + 0.5 = 0.5 \\P(X = 2) &= 0.06 + 0.24 = 0.3 \\P(X = 3) &= 0.12 + 0.08 = 0.2\end{aligned}$$

So the PMF for X is

$$\begin{array}{c|ccc} x & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ \hline P(X = x) & 0.5 & 0.3 & 0.2 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned}(e) \quad P(Y = 1 | X = 3) &= \frac{P(Y=1 \cap X=3)}{P(X=3)} = \frac{0.12}{0.2} = 0.6 \\(f) \quad P(X = 2 | Y = 2) &= \frac{P(X=2 \cap Y=2)}{P(Y=2)} = \frac{0.24}{0.82} \approx 0.293\end{aligned}$$

4. (a) $P(M) = 0.002$
 $P(S) = 0.007$
 $P(F | M) = 0.975$
 $P(F | S) = 0.4$

$$(b) \quad P(F) = P(F | M) \times P(M) + P(F | S) \times P(S) = 0.975 \times 0.002 + 0.4 \times 0.007 = 0.00475$$

- (c) Here, we want $P(F \cap S)$ (as opposed to $P(F | S)$).
 From the definition of conditional probability, we have

$$P(F | S) = \frac{P(F \cap S)}{P(S)} \implies P(F \cap S) = P(F | S) \times P(S)$$

$$\text{Hence } P(F \cap S) = 0.4 \times 0.007 = 0.0028$$

(d) This is asking for $P(S | F)$. We can use Bayes' theorem here:

$$P(S | F) = \frac{P(F | S) \times P(S)}{P(F)} = \frac{0.4 \times 0.007}{0.00475} \approx 0.589$$

One way this can be interpreted is: almost 60% of the machine's failures are due to a software error.

5. (a) $P(F^c | D^c)$ represents the probability that a non-defective unit passes the quality control test.
- (b) $P(F | D^c) = 1 - P(F^c | D^c) = 1 - 0.95 = 0.05$.
- (c) $P(F) = P(F | D)P(D) + P(F | D^c)P(D^c)$
 $= 0.97 \times 0.015 + 0.05 \times (1 - 0.015)$
 $= 0.0638$
- (d) $P(D | F) = \frac{P(F | D)P(D)}{P(F)} = \frac{0.97 \times 0.015}{0.0638} = 0.228$
- (e) i. True negative rate: $P(F^c | D^c)$
False discovery rate: $P(D^c | F)$
- ii. $P(F) = P(F | D)P(D) + P(F | D^c)P(D^c)$
 $= P(F | D)P(D) + P(F | D^c)[1 - P(D)]$
- iii. $P(D | F) = \frac{P(F | D)P(D)}{P(F)} = \frac{P(F | D)P(D)}{P(F | D)P(D) + P(F | D^c)[1 - P(D)]}$
- iv. $P(D | F) = \frac{P(F | D)P(D)}{P(F | D)P(D) + P(F | D^c)[1 - P(D)]}$
 $\Rightarrow P(D | F) \times (P(F | D)P(D) + P(F | D^c)[1 - P(D)]) = P(F | D)P(D)$
 $\Rightarrow P(F | D)P(D) + P(F | D^c)[1 - P(D)] = \frac{P(F | D)P(D)}{P(D | F)}$
 $\Rightarrow P(F | D^c)[1 - P(D)] = \frac{P(F | D)P(D)}{P(D | F)} - P(F | D)P(D)$
 $\Rightarrow P(F | D^c) = \frac{1}{1 - P(D)} \left(\frac{P(F | D)P(D)}{P(D | F)} - P(F | D)P(D) \right)$
- v. First note that we have $P(D) = 0.015$ and $P(F | D) = 0.97$. We also have the false discovery rate $P(D^c | F) = 0.2$, giving $P(D | F) = 1 - 0.2 = 0.8$. Substituting these values gives:
- $$P(F | D^c) = \frac{1}{1 - 0.015} \left(\frac{0.97 \times 0.015}{0.8} - 0.97 \times 0.015 \right) = 0.0037$$
- vi. From part (v), the required true negative rate is $P(F^c | D^c) = 1 - P(F | D^c) = 1 - 0.0037 = 0.9963$. Thus, we report to the manager that the required true negative rate is 0.996.