

TUTORIAL 10

1) A = event that Joe is a heroin user,

B = event that Joe tests positive

Given : $P(A) = 0.03$, $P(B|A) = 0.95$, $P(\bar{B}|\bar{A}) = 0.9$

a) The prob. Joe tests positive given that he is not a heroin user

$$P(\bar{B}|\bar{A}) = 1 - P(B|\bar{A}) = 0.1$$

b) The prob. that Joe is a heroin user given that he tested positive

$$\begin{aligned} P(A|B) &= \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} = \frac{P(B \cap A)}{P(B \cap A) + P(B \cap \bar{A})} \\ &= \frac{P(B|A) P(A)}{P(B|A) P(A) + P(B|\bar{A}) P(\bar{A})} \\ &= \frac{0.95 \times 0.03}{0.95 \times 0.03 + 0.1 \times (1 - 0.03)} \approx 0.23 = 23\% \end{aligned}$$

Remark : The test says that compared to random person (3%),

Joe has higher chance (23%) of being a heroin user.

c) The prob. Joe is not a heroin user given negative test result :

$$P(\bar{A}|\bar{B}) = \frac{P(\bar{A} \cap \bar{B})}{P(\bar{B})} = \frac{P(\bar{B} \cap \bar{A})}{P(\bar{B} \cap A) + P(\bar{B} \cap \bar{A})}$$

$$P(\bar{A}|\bar{B}) = \frac{P(\bar{B}|\bar{A}) P(\bar{A})}{P(\bar{B}|A) P(A) + P(\bar{B}|\bar{A}) P(\bar{A})}$$

Given : $P(A) = 0.03$, $P(B|A) = 0.95$, $P(\bar{B}|\bar{A}) = 0.9$

$$\begin{aligned} P(\bar{A}|\bar{B}) &= \frac{P(\bar{B}|\bar{A}) P(\bar{A})}{P(\bar{B}|A) P(A) + P(\bar{B}|\bar{A}) P(\bar{A})} \\ &= \frac{0.9 \times 0.97}{(1-0.95) \times 0.03 + 0.9 \times 0.97} \\ &\approx 0.9987 = 99.87\% \end{aligned}$$

Remark : You can be sure that Joe is not a heroin user.

2) A = event that a randomly chosen person has the disease

B = test positive

Given : $P(A) = 10^{-4}$, $P(B|A) = 0.999$, $P(\bar{B}|\bar{A}) = 0.0002$

$$\begin{aligned} a) P(A|B) &= \frac{P(B|A) P(A)}{P(B|A) P(A) + P(\bar{B}|\bar{A}) P(\bar{A})} \\ &= \frac{0.999 \times 0.0001}{0.999 \times 0.0001 + 0.0002 \times (1-0.0001)} \\ &= 0.3331 \approx 33.31\% \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} b) P(\bar{A}|\bar{B}) &= \frac{P(\bar{B}|\bar{A}) P(\bar{A})}{P(\bar{B}|\bar{A}) P(\bar{A}) + P(\bar{B}|A) P(A)} \\ &= \frac{(1-0.0002)(1-0.0001)}{(1-0.0002)(1-0.0001) + (1-0.999) \times 0.0001} \\ &\approx 0.9999\dots \approx 100\% \end{aligned}$$

3, $X = \# \text{ rolls until a six shows up}$

Possible values for X are 1, 2, 3, ...

Define $S = \text{event of getting six in a roll}$

$$\Rightarrow P(S) = \frac{1}{6},$$

$F = \text{event of not getting six in a roll}$

$$P(F) = \frac{5}{6}$$

a, $P(X=x) = P(\underbrace{FF\dots F}_{x-1 \text{ rolls}} S)$

$$= \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^{x-1} \cdot \frac{1}{6} = \frac{5^{x-1}}{6^{x-1}} \cdot \frac{1}{6} = \frac{5^{x-1}}{6^x}$$

b) $P(5 \leq X \leq 10) = P(X=5) + P(X=6) + \dots + P(X=10)$

$$= \frac{5^4}{6^5} + \frac{5^5}{6^6} + \frac{5^6}{6^7} + \frac{5^7}{6^8} + \frac{5^8}{6^9} + \frac{5^9}{6^{10}}$$

$$\approx 0.3207 = 32.07\%$$

4, $X = \# \text{ hearts in 5 cards drawn randomly from 52 cards}$

13 hearts

39 other types

a, Possible values for X are 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

b) Given $x \in \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$, find $P(X=x)$:

Have to choose 5 cards with x hearts $\begin{cases} x \text{ hearts from 13 hearts} \\ 5-x \text{ cards from 39 cards} \end{cases}$

$$P(X=x) = \frac{\binom{13}{x} \binom{39}{5-x}}{\binom{52}{5}}$$

x	$P(x) = P(X=x)$	$F(x) = P(X \leq x)$
0	0.2215	0.2215
1	0.4114	0.6329
2	- - -	- - -
3	- - -	- - -
4	- - -	- - -
5	- - -	0.9999

5) $X = \# \text{ questions answered correctly in 10 questions}$

$\rightarrow \text{prob. of passing is } P(X \geq 6) = P(X=6) + \dots + P(X=10)$

a) For 1 question: $P(\text{correct}) = \frac{1}{3}, P(\text{wrong}) = \frac{2}{3}$

We compute $P(X=x) \Leftrightarrow \text{getting exactly } x \text{ correct answers}$

(1) Choose x questions $\rightarrow \binom{10}{x} \text{ choices}$

(2) probability of these x questions correct

& $10-x$ remaining questions wrong $\rightarrow \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^x \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{10-x}$

Hence $P(X=x) = \binom{10}{x} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^x \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{10-x}$

$$P(X \geq 6) = P(X=6) + P(X=7) + P(X=8) + P(X=9) + P(X=10)$$

$$\approx 0.0766 = 7.66\%$$

b) For each question: $P(\text{correct}) = \frac{1}{2}$, $P(\text{wrong}) = \frac{1}{2}$

$$P(X=x) = \binom{10}{x} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^x \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{10-x} = \binom{10}{x} \frac{1}{2^{10}}$$

$$P(X \geq 6) = P(X=6) + \dots + P(X=10)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2^{10}} \left(\binom{10}{6} + \binom{10}{7} + \dots + \binom{10}{10} \right)$$

$$\approx 0.377 = 37.7\%$$

6) $X = \# \text{failures in } 9 \text{ transmissions}$ (possible values are $0, 1, \dots, 9$)

For a single transmission : $P(F) = 0.05$, $P(S) = 0.95$

The prob of incorrect decoding is

$$P(X \geq 5) = P(X=5) + \dots + P(X=9)$$

Let $x \in \{0, 1, \dots, 9\}$, we compute $P(X=x)$:

$$P(X=x) = \binom{9}{x} 0.05^x 0.95^{9-x}$$

Hence

$$P(X \geq 5) = \binom{9}{5} 0.05^5 0.95^4 + \binom{9}{6} 0.05^6 0.95^3 + \dots + \binom{9}{9} 0.05^9$$

$$\approx 3.38 \times 10^{-5}$$

Remark: If the bit is transmitted only once, the chance of incorrect decoding is 0.05. By transmitting 9 times, the chance is reduced to 3.38×10^{-5}