Probability Assignment

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Of the students in a college, it is known that 60% reside in hostel and 40% are day scholars (not residing in hostel). Previous year results report that 30% of all students who reside in hostel attain A grade and 20% of day scholars attain A grade in their annual examination. At the end of the year, one student is chosen at random from the college and he has an A grade, what is the probability that the student is a hostlier?

Solution

Using Baye's Rule:

Let the probability of students living in hostel be Pr(H=1), therefore the students who are day scholars can be given as Pr(H=0)

The probability of the students getting grade A is given as Pr(A=1).

By given information,

$$\Pr(H=1) = \frac{60}{100} \tag{1}$$

$$\Pr(H=0) = \frac{40}{100} \tag{2}$$

$$\Pr(A=1 \mid H=1) = \frac{30}{100}$$
 (3)

$$\Pr(A=1 \mid H=0) = \frac{20}{100} \tag{4}$$

Thus,

$$\Pr(A=1) = \sum_{i=0}^{1} \Pr(A=1 \mid H=i) \Pr(H=i)$$
 (5)

$$Pr(A=1) = Pr(A = 1 | H = 0) Pr(H = 0) + Pr(A = 1 | H = 1) Pr(H = 1)$$
 (6)

$$\Pr\left(\mathbf{A}=1\right) = \left(\frac{20}{100} \times \frac{40}{100}\right) + \left(\frac{30}{100} \times \frac{60}{100}\right) \tag{7}$$

$$\Pr(A=1) = \frac{26}{100} \tag{8}$$

$$\Pr(H=1 \mid A=1) = \frac{\Pr(A=1 \mid H=1) \Pr(H=1)}{\Pr(A=0)}$$
(9)

$$\Pr(H=1 \mid A=1) = \frac{9}{13}$$
 (10)

The probability that the student is a host lier who has A grade is $\frac{9}{13}$.