

Exercise 5

Notations

S = message is actually spam

L = message is actually legitimate

\hat{S} = message is classified as spam

\hat{L} = message is classified as legitimate

Part (a)

From the given data, we conclude the following:

- $\Pr(\hat{S} | S) = 0.85$
- $\Pr(\hat{S} | L) = 0.05$
- $\Pr(S) = 0.60$
- $\Pr(L) = 1 - \Pr(S) = 1 - 0.60 = 0.40$
- $\Pr(\hat{S} \cap S) = \Pr(\hat{S} | S) \Pr(S) = 0.85 \times 0.60 = 0.51$
- $\Pr(\hat{S} \cap L) = \Pr(\hat{S} | L) \Pr(L) = 0.05 \times 0.40 = 0.02$
- $\Pr(\hat{S}) = \Pr(\hat{S} \cap S) + \Pr(\hat{S} \cap L) = 0.51 + 0.02 = 0.53$
- $\Pr(\hat{L} \cap S) = \Pr(S) - \Pr(\hat{S} \cap S) = 0.60 - 0.51 = 0.09$
- $\Pr(\hat{L} \cap L) = \Pr(L) - \Pr(\hat{S} \cap L) = 0.40 - 0.02 = 0.38$

	S	L	
\hat{S}	0.51	0.02	0.53
\hat{L}	0.09	0.38	0.47
	0.60	0.40	1

From the above table, we can conclude the following¹:

- False positive = $\Pr(\hat{S} | L) = \frac{\Pr(\hat{S} \cap L)}{\Pr(L)} = \frac{0.02}{0.40} = 0.05$
- False negative = $\Pr(\hat{L} | S) = \frac{\Pr(\hat{L} \cap S)}{\Pr(S)} = \frac{0.09}{0.60} = 0.15$
- Average error = $\Pr(\hat{S} \cap L) + \Pr(\hat{L} \cap S) = 0.02 + 0.09 = 0.11$

Part (b)

- A classification algorithm with zero false positive rate would be a classifier which simply classifies everything as legitimate.
- A classification algorithm with zero false negative rate would be a classifier which simply classifies everything as spam.

¹Definitions from “Counting performance measures (2)” page of the slides

Part (c)

