

Statistics 211
In-Class Assessments
Topic: Chapter 6
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Suppose you are the detective in charge of a murder investigation. There are three suspects (A , B , and C), and suppose it is certain that exactly one of them is the murderer. Based on your prior knowledge of the suspects, you assign prior probabilities of guilt of $p(A) = 0.8$, $p(B) = 0.1$, and $p(C) = 0.1$. Suppose that new evidence is uncovered, based on which you compute likelihoods of $L(A) = 0.05$, $L(B) = 0.65$, and $L(C) = 0.30$.

1. What is the posterior probability that suspect A is the murderer? Answer to four significant figures.
2. What is the posterior probability that suspect B is the murderer? Answer to four significant figures.
3. What is the posterior probability that suspect C is the murderer? Answer to four significant figures.