

Homework Assignment #7 (7 points)

After your yearly checkup, the doctor has bad news and good news. The bad news is that you tested positive (+) for a serious disease (known as disease "X"). The accuracy of the test is as follows:

The probability of testing positive (+) given that you have disease X is 0.95

The probability of testing negative (-) given that you don't have disease X is 0.87.

The good news is that disease X is rare, striking only one in 9,500 people.

1) Use the MAP procedure to determine what prognosis the doctor should give (do you have disease X, or not). (4 pts)

Hint: Start by writing the above English description in probabilistic form (each of the above sentences describes $P(___)$ or $P(___ | ___)$).

2) Try again, using the ML procedure instead. Does this change your answer? (1pt)

3) Calculate the actual probability that you have the disease, given these test results. (Hint: Use Bayes' Rule.) (2 pts)

On all of the above, SHOW YOUR WORK!

$$\textcircled{1} \quad P(+|X) = 0.95, \quad P(-|\neg X) = 0.87, \quad P(X) = 1/9500$$

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$$P(-|X) = 0.05 \quad P(+|\neg X) = 0.13 \quad P(\neg X) = 9499/9500$$

$$h_1: P(+|X)P(X) = 0.95 \left(\frac{1}{9500} \right) = 0.0001$$

$$h_2: P(+|\neg X)P(\neg X) = 0.13 \left(\frac{9499}{9500} \right) = 0.129986$$

$$h_{MAP} = \neg X$$

The doctor should give you about you don't have X.

$$\textcircled{2} \quad h_1: P(+|x) = 0.95$$

$$h_2: P(+|\neg x) = 0.13$$

$$h_{ML} = X$$

It changes my answer.

$$\textcircled{3} \quad P(x|+) = \frac{P(+|x)P(x)}{P(+)}$$

$$= \frac{P(+|x)P(x)}{P(+|x)P(x) + P(+|\neg x)P(\neg x)}$$

$$= \frac{0.95(0.0001)}{0.95(\frac{1}{9500}) + 0.13(\frac{9499}{9500})}$$

$$= 0.000769$$