

School of Computing and Information Systems  
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COMP90049 Introduction to Machine Learning (Semester 1, 2020)  
Sample Solutions: Week 3

1. Approximately 1% of women aged between 40 and 50 have breast cancer. 80% of mammogram screening tests detect breast cancer when it is there. 90% of mammograms DO NOT show breast cancer when it is **NOT** there<sup>1</sup>. Based on these information, complete the following table.

Cancer	Probability
No	99%
Yes	1%

Cancer	Test	Probability
Yes	Positive	80%
Yes	Negative	?
No	Positive	?
No	Negative	90%

2. Based on the results in question 1, calculate the **marginal probability** of ‘positive’ results in a Mammogram Screening Test.
3. Based on the results in question 1, calculate  $P(\text{Cancer} = \text{'Yes'} \mid \text{Test} = \text{'Positive'})$ , using the Bayes Rule.
4. What is optimization? What is a “loss function” ?
5. For the following set of classification problems, we want to design a Naive Bayes classification model.
- (i). You want to classify a set of images of animals in to 'cats', 'dogs', and 'others'.
  - (ii). You want to classify whether each customer will purchase a product, given all the products (s)he has bought previously.

Answer the following questions for each problem:

- (1) what are the instances, what are the features (and values)?
- (2) explain which distributions you would choose to model the observations, and
- (3) explain the significance of the Naive Bayes assumption.

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<sup>1</sup> Remember these numbers are not accurate and simplified to ease the calculations in this question.