

Homework 1

PROBLEM A:

This will be a variant of the bus ridership problem, Sec. 2.11.

In addition to individual riders boarding the bus, there may be pairs, e.g. parent and child. At any stop, either 0 pairs or 1 pair will board, with probability 0.4 and 0.6, respectively. Similarly, any pair already on board will alight at a stop, with probability 0.2. Pairs act independently from individuals and from other pairs.

1. Find $P(L_2 = 0)$.
2. A newspaper photograph of the bus arriving at the second stop shows a passenger alighting. Use simulation to find the approximate probability that this passenger was part of a pair. Extra Credit: Do this problem mathematically.

Solution

Part 1

Definitions

Let L_i denote the number of passengers on the bus as it leaves the i^{th} stop, $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

Let B_i denote the number of individual new passengers who board the bus at the i^{th} stop.

Let R_i denote the number of paired new passengers who board the bus at the i^{th} stop.

Assumptions

The pairs who board together, also leave together.

Passengers who board at a stop do not get off at the same stop.

$$\begin{aligned} P(L_2 = 0) &= P(B_1 = 0 \text{ and } R_1 = 0 \text{ and } L_2 = 0) + P(B_1 = 0 \text{ and } R_1 = 2 \text{ and } L_2 = 0) \\ &\quad + P(B_1 = 1 \text{ and } R_1 = 0 \text{ and } L_2 = 0) + P(B_1 = 1 \text{ and } R_1 = 2 \text{ and } L_2 = 0) \\ &\quad + P(B_1 = 2 \text{ and } R_1 = 0 \text{ and } L_2 = 0) + P(B_1 = 2 \text{ and } R_1 = 0 \text{ and } L_2 = 0) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^2 P(B_1 = i \text{ and } R_1 = 0 \text{ and } L_2 = 0) + P(B_1 = i \text{ and } R_1 = 2 \text{ and } L_2 = 0) \end{aligned}$$

Lets solve this for each i

i = 0

$$\begin{aligned} &= P(B_1 = 0 \text{ and } R_1 = 0 \text{ and } L_2 = 0) + P(B_1 = 0 \text{ and } R_1 = 2 \text{ and } L_2 = 0) \\ &= P(B_1 = 0 \text{ and } R_1 = 0) * P(L_2 = 0 | B_1 = 0 \text{ and } R_1 = 0) \\ &\quad + P(B_1 = 0 \text{ and } R_1 = 2) * P(L_2 = 0 | B_1 = 0 \text{ and } R_1 = 2) \quad [Using P(A \text{ and } B) = P(A) * P(B|A)] \\ &= 0.5 * 0.4 * 0.5 * 0.4 + 0.5 * 0.6 * 0.5 * 0.4 * 0.2 \\ &= 0.052 \end{aligned}$$

i = 1

$$\begin{aligned} &= P(B_1 = 1 \text{ and } R_1 = 0 \text{ and } L_2 = 0) + P(B_1 = 1 \text{ and } R_1 = 2 \text{ and } L_2 = 0) \\ &= P(B_1 = 1 \text{ and } R_1 = 0) * P(L_2 = 0 | B_1 = 1 \text{ and } R_1 = 0) \\ &\quad + P(B_1 = 1 \text{ and } R_1 = 2) * P(L_2 = 0 | B_1 = 1 \text{ and } R_1 = 2) \quad [Using P(A \text{ and } B) = P(A) * P(B|A)] \\ &= 0.4 * 0.4 * 0.5 * 0.4 * 0.2 + 0.4 * 0.6 * 0.5 * 0.4 * 0.2 * 0.2 \\ &= 0.00832 \end{aligned}$$

i = 2

$$\begin{aligned} &= P(B_1 = 2 \text{ and } R_1 = 0 \text{ and } L_2 = 0) + P(B_1 = 2 \text{ and } R_1 = 2 \text{ and } L_2 = 0) \\ &= P(B_1 = 2 \text{ and } R_1 = 0) * P(L_2 = 0 | B_1 = 2 \text{ and } R_1 = 0) \\ &\quad + P(B_1 = 2 \text{ and } R_1 = 2) * P(L_2 = 0 | B_1 = 2 \text{ and } R_1 = 2) \quad [Using P(A \text{ and } B) = P(A) * P(B|A)] \\ &= 0.1 * 0.4 * 0.4 * 0.5 * 0.2^2 + 0.6 * 0.1 * 0.5 * 0.4 * 0.2^3 \\ &= 0.000416 \end{aligned}$$

Final Answer

Summing up these values we get

$$\begin{aligned} &= 0.052 + 0.00832 + 0.000416 \\ &= 0.060736 \end{aligned}$$

Part 2

Assumptions

1. If the pair does get down, then the photo of the pair is taken.

Definitions

Let X_i be the number of pairs getting down at stop i.

Let B_i be the number of pairs getting on the bus at stop i .

Let I_i be the number of individuals getting down at stop i .

Let G_i be the number of individuals getting on at stop i .

Let Y_i be 1 if someone gets down at stop i , 0 otherwise.

Let M_i be 1 if a pair gets down at stop i , 0 otherwise.

$$P(M_2 = 1 | Y_2 = 1) = \frac{P(M_2 = 1 \text{ and } Y_2 = 1)}{P(Y_2 = 1)}$$

$$[Using P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \text{ and } B)}{P(B)}]$$

Lets solve each of the these.

Solving for the numerator, we get:

$$P(X_2 = 1 \text{ and } Y_2 = 1) = P(B_1 = 1 \text{ and } X_2 = 1)$$

$$= 0.6 * 0.2$$

$$= 0.12$$

Solving for the denominator, we get:

$$P(Y_2 = 1) = P(Y_2 = 1 \text{ and } B_1 = 1 \text{ and } G_1 = 1 \text{ or } Y_2 = 1 \text{ and } B_1 = 0 \text{ and } G_1 = 1$$

$$\text{or } Y_2 = 1 \text{ and } B_1 = 1 \text{ and } G_1 = 0 \text{ or } Y_2 = 1 \text{ and } B_1 = 1 \text{ and } G_1 = 2$$

$$\text{or } Y_2 = 1 \text{ and } B_1 = 0 \text{ and } G_1 = 2)$$

$$= P(Y_2 = 1 \text{ and } B_1 = 1 \text{ and } G_1 = 1) + P(Y_2 = 1 \text{ and } B_1 = 0 \text{ and } G_1 = 1)$$

$$+ P(Y_2 = 1 \text{ and } B_1 = 1 \text{ and } G_1 = 0) + P(Y_2 = 1 \text{ and } B_1 = 1 \text{ and } G_1 = 2)$$

$$+ P(Y_2 = 1 \text{ and } B_1 = 0 \text{ and } G_1 = 2)$$

$$[Using P(A \text{ or } B) = P(A) + P(B)]$$

Lets solve each one of these

$$P(Y_2 = 1 \text{ and } B_1 = 1 \text{ and } G_1 = 1) = P(B_1 = 1 \text{ and } G_1 = 1) * P(Y_2 = 1 | B_1 = 1 \text{ and } G_1 = 1)$$

$$= 0.6 * 0.4 * P(X_2 = 1 \text{ and } I_2 = 1 \text{ or}$$

$$X_2 = 1 \text{ and } I_2 = 0 \text{ or } X_2 = 0 \text{ and } I_2 = 1)$$

$$= 0.6 * 0.4 * (0.2^2 + 0.2 * 0.8 + 0.2 * 0.8)$$

$$= 0.0864$$

$$\begin{aligned}
P(Y_2 = 1 \text{ and } B_1 = 0 \text{ and } G_1 = 1) &= P(B_1 = 0 \text{ and } G_1 = 1) * P(Y_2 = 1 | B_1 = 0 \text{ and } G_1 = 1) \\
&= 0.4 * 0.4 * 0.2 \\
&= 0.032
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
P(Y_2 = 1 \text{ and } B_1 = 1 \text{ and } G_1 = 0) &= P(B_1 = 1 \text{ and } G_1 = 0) * P(Y_2 = 1 | B_1 = 1 \text{ and } G_1 = 0) \\
&= 0.6 * 0.5 * P(X_2 = 1) \\
&= 0.6 * 0.5 * 0.2 \\
&= 0.06
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
P(Y_2 = 1 \text{ and } B_1 = 1 \text{ and } G_1 = 2) &= P(B_1 = 1 \text{ and } G_1 = 2) * P(Y_2 = 1 | B_1 = 1 \text{ and } G_1 = 2) \\
&= 0.6 * 0.1 * P(X_2 = 1 \text{ and } I_2 = 1 \text{ or } X_2 = 1 \text{ and } I_2 = 2 \\
&\quad \text{or } X_2 = 0 \text{ and } I_2 = 1 \text{ or } X_2 = 0 \text{ and } I_2 = 2 \text{ or } X_2 = 1 \text{ and } I_2 = 0) \\
&= 0.6 * 0.1 * (0.2^2 + 0.2^3 + 0.2 + 0.2^2 + 0.2) \\
&= 0.02928
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
P(Y_2 = 1 \text{ and } B_1 = 0 \text{ and } G_1 = 2) &= P(B_1 = 0 \text{ and } G_1 = 2) * P(Y_2 = 1 | B_1 = 0 \text{ and } G_1 = 2) \\
&= 0.4 * 0.1 * P(X_1 = 1 \text{ or } X_1 = 1 \text{ or } X_1 = 2) \\
&= 0.4 * 0.1 * (0.2 + 0.2 + 0.2^2) \\
&= 0.0176
\end{aligned}$$

Summing up everything,

$$\begin{aligned}
P(Y_2 = 1) &= 0.0864 + 0.032 + 0.06 + 0.02928 + 0.0176 \\
&= 0.22528
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Final Answer} &= \frac{0.12}{0.22528} \\
&= 0.5326705
\end{aligned}$$

PROBLEM B:

Consider a communications line in which the true bits are 1 or 0, independently with probability of a 1 being p each. At any given bit, the line will fail, independently with probability q . Once the line has failed, it stays failed until it is repaired, reporting each bit as 0 regardless of the bit's true value. Of course, a long string of 0s should make us suspicious and cause us to inspect the line. Let B_i denote the actual value of the i th bit, and R_i the reported value, $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

Your answers to Parts 1 and 2 must be in closed form, i.e. no and the like; you may need to use Properties of Geometric Series, pp.73-74. Part 4 also has a closed-form answer.

1. Find $P(B_i = R_i)$ for $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots$
2. Say you have software monitoring the line, which will flag a possible problem whenever it observes k consecutive 0s after a 1 (i.e. a 1 followed by k 0s, the last of which is the most recent bit). Find the probability that a flag is raised at bit r , $r = k+1, k+2, k+3, \dots$. This is a single expression in p , q , k and r .
3. Write a function with call form `simline(nreps,p,q,k,r)` that finds via simulation the probability that a flag is raised at bit r but not before that time.
4. The B_i are independent, but intuitively, the R_i are not. Show that to be the case by calculating $P(R_1 = 0 \text{ and } R_2 = 0)$, $P(R_1 = 0)$ and $P(R_2 = 0)$, and noting that the product of the latter two probabilities is not equal to the first one.
Your answer must consist of general expressions in p and q . With those equal to 0.6 and 0.2, respectively, one gets the answers 0.36640 and 0.32032.

Solution

Part 1

Definitions

1. Let Z_i be True if line didn't fail at bit i .

$$\begin{aligned} P(B_i = R_i) &= P(B_i = 0 \text{ and } R_i = 0 \text{ or } B_i = 1 \text{ and } R_i = 1) \\ &= P(B_i = 0 \text{ and } R_i = 0) + P(B_i = 1 \text{ and } R_i = 1) \end{aligned}$$

Solving each one of them we get

$$\begin{aligned} P(B_i = 1 \text{ and } R_i = 1) &= P(B_i = 1) * P(R_i = 1|B_i = 1) \\ &= p * (1 - q)^i \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(B_i = 0 \text{ and } R_i = 0) &= P(B_i = 0 \text{ and } R_i = 0 \text{ and } Z_i = \text{True}) + P(B_i = 0 \text{ and } R_i = 0 \text{ and } Z_i = \text{False}) \\ &= P(B_i = 0) * P(R_i = 0 \text{ and } Z_i = \text{True}|B_i = 0) + P(B_i = 0) * \\ &\quad (R_i = 0 \text{ and } Z_i = \text{False}|B_i = 0) \\ &= (1 - p) * (1 - q)^i + (1 - p) * q^i \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$P(B_i = R_i) = (1 - p) * (1 - q)^i + (1 - p) * q^i + p * (1 - q)^i$$

Part 2

Unsolved

Part 3

Code: Code1.R

NOTE: numbering starts from 1, i.e., the first bit is bit 1 and not bit 0.

Part 4

Subsection 1: $P(R_1 = 0 \text{ and } R_2 = 0)$

Definitions

Let Z_i be false if the line failed for bit i and true if it didn't fail.

Let B_i denote the actual value of the i th bit

Let R_i the reported value, $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

$$\begin{aligned} P(R_1 = 0 \text{ and } R_2 = 0) &= P(R_2 = 0 \text{ and } Z_1 = \text{False or } R_2 = 0 \text{ and } Z_1 = \text{True} \\ &\quad \text{and } B_1 = 0 \text{ and } R_1 = 0) \\ &= P(R_2 = 0 \text{ and } Z_1 = \text{False}) + P(R_2 = 0 \text{ and } Z_1 = \text{True} \\ &\quad \text{and } B_1 = 0 \text{ and } R_1 = 0) \\ &\quad [\text{using } P(A \text{ or } B) = P(A) + P(B)] \end{aligned}$$

Solving $P(R_2 = 0 \text{ and } Z_1 = \text{False})$

$$\begin{aligned} P(R_2 = 0 \text{ and } Z_1 = \text{False}) &= P(Z_1 = \text{False}) * P(R_2 = 0|Z = \text{False}) \\ &\quad [\text{using } P(A \text{ and } B) = P(A) * P(B|A)] \\ &= q * 1 \end{aligned}$$

Solving $P(R_2 = 0 \text{ and } Z_1 = \text{True and } B_1 = 0 \text{ and } R_1 = 0)$

$$\begin{aligned} P(R_2 = 0 \text{ and } Z_1 = \text{True and } B_1 = 0 \text{ and } R_1 = 0) &= P(Z_1 = \text{True and } B_1 = 0 \text{ and } R_1 = 0) * \\ &P(R_2 = 0 | Z_1 = \text{True and } B_1 = 0 \text{ and } R_1 = 0) \\ &[\text{using } P(A \text{ and } B) = P(A) * P(B|A)] \end{aligned}$$

Lets solve the first sub-part of this equation

$$\begin{aligned} P(Z_1 = \text{True and } B_1 = 0 \text{ and } R_1 = 0) &= P(B_1 = 0) * P(R_1 = 0 \text{ and } Z_1 = \text{True} | B_1 = 0) \\ &[\text{Using } P(A \text{ and } B) = P(A) * P(B|A)] \\ &= (1 - p) * (1 - q) \end{aligned}$$

Lets solve the second sub-part of this equation

$P(R_2 = 0 | Z_1 = \text{True and } B_1 = 0 \text{ and } R_1 = 0)$ is the same as $P(R_1 = 0)$ that is solved for in the next part for $P(R_1 = 0)$. It comes out to be $(1 - p) * 1 + p * q$.

Final answer

$P(R_1 \text{ and } R_2) = q * 1 + ((1 - p) * (1 - q) * (1 - p + p * q))$ For $p = 0.6$ and $q = 0.2$ we get 0.3664.

Subsection 2: $P(R_1 = 0) * P(R_2 = 0)$

Definitions

Let Z_i be false if the line failed for bit i and true if it didn't fail.

Let B_i denote the actual value of the i th bit

Let R_i the reported value, $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

Lets solve each one of the parts of this equation.

$$\begin{aligned} P(R_1 = 0) &= P(B_1 = 0 \text{ and } R_1 = 0 \text{ or } B_1 = 1 \text{ and } R_1 = 0) \\ &= P(B_1 = 0 \text{ and } R_1 = 0) + P(B_1 = 1 \text{ and } R_1 = 0) \\ &[\text{Using } P(A \text{ or } B) = P(A) + P(B)] \\ &= P(B_1 = 0) * P(R_1 = 0 | B_1 = 0) + P(B_1 = 1) * P(R_1 = 0 | B_1 = 1) \\ &[\text{Using } P(A \text{ and } B) = P(A) * P(B|A)] \\ &= (1 - p) * 1 + p * q \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
P(R_2 = 0) &= P(R_2 = 0 \text{ and } B_2 = 0 \text{ and } Z_1 = \text{False} \text{ or } R_2 = 0 \text{ and } B_2 = 0 \text{ and } \\
&\quad Z_1 = \text{True} \text{ or } R_2 = 0 \text{ and } B_2 = 1 \text{ and } Z_1 = \text{False} \text{ or } R_2 = 0 \text{ and } \\
&\quad B_2 = 1 \text{ and } Z_1 = \text{True}) \\
&= P(R_2 = 0 \text{ and } B_2 = 0 \text{ and } Z_1 = \text{False}) + P(R_2 = 0 \text{ and } B_2 = 0 \\
&\quad \text{and } Z_1 = \text{True}) + P(R_2 = 0 \text{ and } B_2 = 1 \text{ and } Z_1 = \text{False}) + \\
&\quad P(R_2 = 0 \text{ and } B_2 = 1 \text{ and } Z_1 = \text{True}) \\
&\quad [Using P(A or B) = P(A) + P(B)]
\end{aligned}$$

Lets solve each of these. We use $P(A \text{ and } B) = P(A) * P(B|A)$ for each one of them.

$$\begin{aligned}
P(R_2 = 0 \text{ and } B_2 = 0 \text{ and } Z_1 = \text{False}) &= P(B_2 = 0 \text{ and } Z_1 = \text{False}) * P(R_2 = 0 | B_2 = 0 \\
&\quad \text{and } Z_1 = \text{False}) \\
&= (1 - p) * (1 - q)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
P(R_2 = 0 \text{ and } B_2 = 0 \text{ and } Z_1 = \text{True}) &= P(B_2 = 0 \text{ and } Z_1 = \text{True}) * P(R_2 = 0 | B_2 = 0 \\
&\quad \text{and } Z_1 = \text{True}) \\
&= (1 - p) * q * 1
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
P(R_2 = 0 \text{ and } B_2 = 1 \text{ and } Z_1 = \text{False}) &= P(B_2 = 1 \text{ and } Z_1 = \text{False}) * P(R_2 = 0 | B_2 = 1 \\
&\quad \text{and } Z_1 = \text{False}) \\
&= p * (1 - q) * q
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
P(R_2 = 0 \text{ and } B_2 = 1 \text{ and } Z_1 = \text{True}) &= P(B_2 = 1 \text{ and } Z_1 = \text{True}) * P(R_2 = 0 | B_2 = 1 \\
&\quad \text{and } Z_1 = \text{True}) \\
&= p * q * 1
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$P(R_2 = 0) = (1 - p) * (1 - q) + (1 - p) * q * 1 + p * (1 - q) * q + p * q * 1$$

Substituting $p = 0.6$ and $q = 0.2$, we get the following:

$$P(R_1 = 0) = (1 - p) + p * q = 0.52$$

$$P(R_2 = 0) = (1 - p) * (1 - q) + (1 - p) * q * 1 + p * (1 - q) * q + p * q * 1 = 0.616$$

$$P(R_1 = 0) * P(R_2 = 0) = 0.52 * 0.616 = 0.32032$$

PROBLEM C:

This problem will be similar to the broken rod example, Sec. 2.14.10.

Say we have a square plate, length 1.0 on each side. The plate is dropped, and breaks into two pieces, as follows: A break point occurs at a random point in the square (call `runif()` twice), and then along a random angle between 0 and π .

Write a function with call form

`simplate(nreps,p)` that finds by simulation the probability that the smaller piece has area less than p .

Solution

Code: Code1.R

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