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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(L2 = 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......
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.

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

Lets solve this for each i

i = 0

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\begin{aligned}
&= P(B_1 = 0\ and\ R_1 = 0\ and\ L_2 = 0)\ + P(B_1 = 0\ and\ R_1 = 2\ and\ L_2 = 0) \\
&= P(B_1 = 0\ and\ R_1 = 0\ ) * P(L_2 = 0 | B_1 = 0\ and\ R_1 = 0\ ) \\
&\quad\quad + P(B_1 = 0\ and\ R_1 = 2\ ) * P(L_2 = 0 | B_1 = 0\ and\ R_1 = 2\ ) \quad [Using P(AandB) = 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}
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i = 1

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\begin{aligned}
&= P(B_1 = 1\ and\ R_1 = 0\ and\ L_2 = 0)\ + P(B_1 = 1\ and\ R_1 = 2\ and\ L_2 = 0) \\
&= P(B_1 = 1\ and\ R_1 = 0\ ) * P(L_2 = 0 | B_1 = 1\ and\ R_1 = 0\ ) \\
&\quad\quad + P(B_1 = 1\ and\ R_1 = 2\ ) * P(L_2 = 0 | B_1 = 1\ and\ R_1 = 2\ ) \quad [Using P(AandB) = 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}
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i = 2

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\begin{aligned}
&= P(B_1 = 2\ and\ R_1 = 0\ and\ L_2 = 0)\ + P(B_1 = 2\ and\ R_1 = 2\ and\ L_2 = 0) \\
&= P(B_1 = 2\ and\ R_1 = 0\ ) * P(L_2 = 0 | B_1 = 2\ and\ R_1 = 0\ ) \\
&\quad\quad + P(B_1 = 2\ and\ R_1 = 2\ ) * P(L_2 = 0 | B_1 = 2\ and\ R_1 = 2\ ) \quad [Using P(AandB) = 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}
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Final Answer
Summing up these values we get

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\begin{aligned}
&= 0.052 + 0.00832 + 0.000416 \\
&= 0.060736
\end{aligned}
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Part 2
Assumptions
1. If both, the individual passenger and the pair gets down, the pair gets down first.
2. The photograph was taken of the first person getting down.

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.

$$\begin{aligned} P(X_2 = 1) &= P(B_1 = 0 \; and \; X_2 = 1) \; + P(B_1 = 1 \; and \; X_2 = 1) \\ &= 0.4 * 0 + 0.6 * 0.2 \\ &= 0.12 \end{aligned}$$

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 Bi denote the actual value of the ith bit , and Ri the reported value, i = 1,2,3,...

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(Bi = Ri) for i = 1,2,3,...

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,... 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 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 be 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 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: $P(R_1 = 0 \; and \; R_2 = 0)$
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 ith bit
Let R_i the reported value, i = 1,2,3,...

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

Solving $P(R_2 = 0 \; and \; Z_1 = False)$

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

Solving $P(R_2 = 0 \; and \; Z_1 = True \; and \; B_1 = 0 \; and \; R_1 = 0)$

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

Lets solve the first sub-part of this equation

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

Lets solve the second sub-part of this equation
$P(R_2 = 0 | Z_1 = True \; and \; B_1 = 0 \; and \; R_1 = 0)$ 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
$P(R_1 and R_2) = q * 1 + ((1 - p) * (1 - q) * (1 - p + p * q))$ 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 ith bit
Let R_i the reported value, i = 1,2,3,...

Lets solve each one of the parts of this equation.

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\begin{aligned}
P(R_1 = 0) &= P(B_1 = 0 \; and R_1 = 0 \; or \; B_1 = 1 \; and \; R_1 = 0) \\
&= P(B_1 = 0 \; and R_1 = 0) + P(B_1 = 1 \; and R_1 = 0) \\
&\quad [Using P(A or B) = P(A) + P(B)] \\
&= P(B_1 = 0) * P(R_1 = 0 | B_1 = 0) + P(B_1) * P(R_1 = 0 | B_1 = 1) \\
&\quad [Using P(A and B) = P(A) * P(B|A)] \\
&= (1 - p) * 1 + p * q
\end{aligned}
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\begin{aligned}
P(R_2 = 0) = {} & P(R_2 = 0 \; and \; B_2 = 0 \; and \; Z_1 = False \; or \; R_2 = 0 \; and \; B_2 = 0 \; and \\
& Z_1 = True \; or \; R_2 = 0 \; and \; B_2 = 1 \; and \; Z_1 = False \; or R_2 = 0 \; and \\
& B_2 = 1 \; and \; Z_1 = True \;) \\
= {} & P(R_2 = 0 \; and \; B_2 = 0 \; and \; Z_1 = False) + P(R_2 = 0 \; and \; B_2 = 0 \\
& and \; Z_1 = True) + P(R_2 = 0 \; and \; B_2 = 1 \; and \; Z_1 = False) + \\
& P(R_2 = 0 \; and \; B_2 = 1 \; and \; Z_1 = True) \\
& [Using P(A or B) = P(A) + P(B)]
\end{aligned}
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Lets solve each of these. We use P(A and B) = P(A) * P(B—A) for each one of them.

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

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