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Graphing the Contingency Table



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So now that we know
that there's a
relationship between
our two

categorical variables by
showing the disparity
between the marginal
and conditional
probabilities of an
event occurring



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Comprehension Check


Is there an association between car color and marital status? Below are data collected to address this question.

	Red	Black/White/Silver	Other
Married	40	22	19
Unmarried	45	10	12


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Using the contingency table above, solve for each of the following probabilities. (*Report as proportions rounded to 3 decimal places.*)

1) **P (black/white/silver)**

✓ Answer: 0.216

0.216

2) **P (married)**

✓ Answer: .547

0.547

3) **P (unmarried and black/white/silver car)**

✓ Answer: .068

0.068

4) **P (red car | married)**

✓ Answer: .494

0.494

5) **P (married | red car)**

✓ Answer: .471

0.471

6) What ratio would you use to solve for $P(\text{red car} | \text{unmarried})$ using the contingency table?

☐ 40/148

☐ 40/81

☐ 45/85

☒ 45/67 ✓

Now solve for P (red car | unmarried) using the formula below.
(Probabilities should be reported as proportions rounded to 3 decimal places.)

$$P(A | B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$$

$$P(A \cap B) = \mathbf{X}$$

$$P(B) = \mathbf{Y}$$

$$P(A | B) = \mathbf{Z}$$

(3/3 points)

7) **X**



0.304

8) **Y**



0.453

9) **Z**



0.671

(3/3 points)

Using the above formula, solve for these three values. (Report each as a proportion rounded to three decimal places.)

10) **P (red)**



Answer: .574

0.574

11) **P (red | married)**

✓ Answer: .494

0.494

12) **P (red | unmarried)**

✓ Answer: .672

0.671

(2/2 points)

13) If car color and marital status are independent, what should be true?

☐ $P(\text{red} \mid \text{married}) = P(\text{married} \mid \text{red})$

☐ $P(\text{red}) = P(\text{married})$

☒ $P(\text{red}) = P(\text{red} \mid \text{married})$ ✓

☐ $P(\text{red}) = P(\text{married} \mid \text{red})$

14) Do car color and marital status appear to be independent?

☐ Yes, because the probability of having a red car is identical for everyone.

☐ Yes, because there are more married people and more red cars in the sample.

☐ No, because more people drive red cars than other colored cars. Therefore, color is not independent of marital status.

☒ No, because the probability of having a red car is different for married and unmarried people, though the difference is small. ✓



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