

Simulating Conditional Events

In this exercise, we will compute the probability of an event based on conditional probabilities.

Example

Suppose the probability of an adult Canadian experiencing a regular flu during a winter is 12% without a vaccination and with a vaccination, the infection probability is reduced to 3%. If 35% of the adult population in Canada gets vaccinated every year, what is the probability that a randomly selected Canadian adult experiences a regular flu during a winter?

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1 N <- 100
2 # the probabilities
3 pvac <- 0.35      # P(V)
4 pflu_vac <- 0.03   # P(F|V)
5 pflu_no_vac <- 0.12 # P(F|V^c)
6 # simulate vaccinated population with TRUE / FALSE otherwise
7 s_vac <- sample(
8   x = c(T, F), size = N, replace = TRUE,
9   # we can pass the probabilities manually
10  prob = c(pvac, 1 - pvac))
11 # simulate flu infection based on vaccination
12 s_flu <- numeric(N)
13 for(i in 1:N) {
14   # conditioned on vaccine
15   if(s_vac[i])
```

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[1] 0.06
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Hint: After simulating vaccinated populations, you can use a for loop with an if / else statement to simulate flu infections. If you are familiar with `tidyverse` or `dplyr`, you can check out `rowwise` operations.

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