

Homework 2: total grade: 8.5/12

1.(a) Given the increasing sequence (A_n) , we define A as the union of all events A_n

[0/2] $\Rightarrow A = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n$

• Because each Event (A_n) is contained within the next event (A_{n+1}) , the sequence of probabilities is non decreasing

$$P(A_1) \leq P(A_2) \leq P(A_3) \leq P(A_4) \dots$$

• Since $P(A_n)$ is non decreasing, it must converge to a limit:

X $\left[\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(A_n) = l \right]$ (it is bounded above)
 $P(-2) = 1$

• Continuity from below: if (A_n) is an increasing sequence of events, then $P\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n\right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(A_n)$

\rightarrow we know that:

$$A_n \subset A_{n+1} \Rightarrow \text{it means that } (A_n) \text{ is increasing} \checkmark$$

\Rightarrow By applying the continuity from below:

$$P\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n\right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(A_n) \quad \checkmark$$

1.(b) Given the decreasing sequence (A_n) , we define event A as the intersection of all events (A_n) :

$$A = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n$$

• Because each event (A_n) contains the next event (A_{n+1}) the sequence of probabilities $P(A_n)$ is non decreasing

$$P(A_1) \geq P(A_2) \geq P(A_3) \geq P(A_4) \dots$$

• Since $P(A_n)$ is non decreasing, it must converge to a limit l

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(A_n) = l \quad (\text{is bounded below by } 0)$$

• Continuity from above: if (A_n) is a decreasing sequence then

$$P\left(\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n\right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(A_n)$$

and we have $A_n \supset A_{n+1}$ so the sequence is decreasing ✓

⇒ By applying the continuity from above, we have:

$$P\left(\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n\right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(A_n) \quad \checkmark$$

[1/2]

2. (a) we consider x and y two real numbers and $x < y$
the CDFs are: $F(x) = P(X \leq x)$ and $F(y) = P(X \leq y)$

the events are:

$$A = \{X \leq x\} \quad \text{and} \quad B = \{X \leq y\}$$

- since $x < y$ it follows that $A \subset B$ because any outcome ω for which $X(\omega) \leq x$ also satisfies $X(\omega) \leq y$
- and since $A \subset B \rightarrow$ we can apply the monotonicity property:

$$\boxed{\text{if } A \subset B \text{ then } P(A) \leq P(B)}$$

$$\Rightarrow P(X \leq x) \leq P(X \leq y) \text{ this gives } \boxed{F(x) \leq F(y)} \quad \checkmark$$

△ the inequality $F(x) \leq F(y)$ doesn't have to be strict. It's possible that we have $F(x) = F(y)$ if there's no outcomes in the probability between x and y . ✓

2. (b) we have $F(x) = P(X \leq x)$, since $F(x)$ is a probability, then it is bounded between 0 and 1.

$$0 \leq F(x) \leq 1 \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathbb{R}$$

- Consider the sequence $X \leq x$ as $x \rightarrow -\infty$

Since $X \leq x$ will be impossible for large negative x , the

probability of this event will approach to 0 *why?*

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} F(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} P(X \leq x) = 0} \quad \checkmark$$

• Same for $x \rightarrow +\infty$. the Event $X \leq x$ will cover almost all possible values of X and the probability will approach to 1

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} F(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} P(X \leq x) = 1} \quad \checkmark$$

2.(c) the right limit $F(x^+)$ is:

$$F(x^+) = \lim_{z \rightarrow x^+} F(z) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{it represents} \\ F(z) = P(X \leq z) \text{ as } z \\ \text{approaches } x \text{ from the right} \end{array} \right.$$

for $z > x$ we have $\{X \leq z\} \supset \{X \leq x\}$

$z \rightarrow x^+ \Rightarrow$ event $\{x \leq z\}$ goes down to $\{X \leq x\}$ from the right.

• Continuity from Above (proved in exercise 1b)

the sequence of events $\{X \leq z\}$ is decreasing for $z \rightarrow x^+$ as z gets closer to x

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{z \rightarrow x^+} P(X \leq z) = P\left(\bigcap_{z > x} \{X \leq z\}\right) = P(X \leq x)$$

?

$$\Rightarrow F(x) = F(x^+) \quad \text{right limit} \quad \checkmark$$

needs careful computation

2.(d). left limit is $F(x^-) = \lim_{z \rightarrow x^-} F(z)$

$\rightarrow F(z) = P(X \leq z)$; z approaches x from the left.

- for $z < x$ we have $\{X \leq z\} \subset \{X \leq x\}$ meaning that $\{X \leq z\}$ expand toward $\{X \leq x\}$ as $z \rightarrow x^-$

• Continuity from below • (proved in exercise 1a)

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow x^-} P(X \leq z) = P\left(\bigcup_{z < x} \{X \leq z\}\right)$$

left limit \checkmark
 $F(x^-)$ exists at each $x \in \mathbb{R}$.
 $F(x^-) \neq F(x)$

- F is not necessarily left-continuous, it can also be $F(x^-) \neq F(x)$

we consider X a random variable that takes integer values

for any integer value the probability $P(X \leq x)$ changes at each integer value, creating that F is not continuous.

for example: $F(3) = P(X \leq 3)$

but $F(3^-) = P(X \leq 0)$ and $F(3) \neq F(3^-)$

$\hookrightarrow F$ is not necessarily left continuous \checkmark

2(e):

i) - $P(x < X \leq y) = P(X \leq y) - P(X \leq x) = \boxed{F(y) - F(x)}$ \checkmark

ii) - $P(x < X \leq y) \Rightarrow$ includes $X = x$ so we get

$P(x < X \leq y) = F(y) - F(x^-)$ \checkmark (definition of left limit)

iii) - we have $F(x) = P(X \leq x)$ and $F(x^-) = P(X < x)$

difference $F(x) - F(x^-) = P(X \leq x) - P(X < x)$

- it captures only the probability of $X = x$

only part not covered by $P(X < x)$ is $P(X = x)$

So $\boxed{P(X = x) = F(x) - F(x^-)}$ ✓

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Conditional Probability & Independence

3. $B \in \mathcal{A}$ be an event with $P(B) > 0$ ———

(a) $Q(\Omega) = 1$.

Sol: $Q(\Omega) = P(\Omega|B) = \frac{P(\Omega \cap B)}{P(B)} = \frac{P(B)}{P(B)} = 1$.

(b) For any ———

$$P\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n | B\right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(A_n | B)$$

Sol:
$$P\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n | B\right) = \frac{P\left(\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n\right) \cap B\right)}{P(B)}$$
$$= P\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} (A_n \cap B)\right) / P(B)$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(A_n \cap B) / P(B)$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(A_n \cap B) / P(B)$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(A_n | B)$$

4. (a) $P(A|B) + P(A^c|B) = 1$.

[2/2] $P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$

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

$$= \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} + \frac{P(A^c \cap B)}{P(B)}$$

$$= \frac{P(A \cap B) + P(A^c \cap B)}{P(B)}$$

$$\because P(A \cap B) + P(A^c \cap B) = P(A \cap B \cup A^c \cap B) = B$$

$$= \frac{P(B)}{P(B)} = 1$$

(b) Give examples to show following statements are false:

i) $P(A|B) + P(A|B^c) = 1$

Let $A = \Omega$

$$P(A|B) + P(A|B^c) = P(\Omega|B) + P(\Omega|B^c) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

as from 3(a)

$$P(\Omega|B) = 1, \text{ so (1) becomes}$$

$$= 1 + 1 = 2, \text{ shows false (i)} \quad \checkmark$$

ii) $P(A|B) + P(A^c|B^c) = 1$

$$\text{Let } A = B, P(A|B) + P(A^c|B^c) = P(B|B) + P(B^c|B^c)$$

$$= 1 + 1 = 2, \text{ shows (ii) is false} \quad \checkmark$$

• it captures only the probability of $X = x$

only part not covered by $P(X < x)$ is $P(X = x)$

$$\text{So: } \boxed{P(X = x) = F(x) - F(x^-)} \quad \checkmark$$

5.2.2

5) a. Events A_1 and A_2 are independent when:

$$P(A_1 \cap A_2) = P(A_1) \times P(A_2)$$

So we need to show that $\boxed{P(A_1^c \cap A_2^c) = P(A_1^c) \times P(A_2^c)}$

• Event $\boxed{A_1^c \cap A_2^c}$ means that A_1 and A_2 don't occur,
that means: $A_1^c \cap A_2^c = (A_1 \cup A_2)^c$

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet \text{ we have } & P(A_1^c \cap A_2^c) \\ &= P((A_1 \cup A_2)^c) = \boxed{1 - P(A_1 \cup A_2)} \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

and since A_1 and A_2 are independent:

$$\boxed{P(A_1 \cup A_2) = P(A_1) + P(A_2) - P(A_1) \times P(A_2)} \quad (2)$$

with (1) and (2) we have:

$$P(A_1^c \cap A_2^c) = 1 - (P(A_1) + P(A_2) - P(A_1) \times P(A_2))$$

$$\bullet \text{ we have: } \begin{cases} P(A_1^c) = 1 - P(A_1) & \text{and} \\ P(A_2^c) = 1 - P(A_2) \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{we multiply them: } & P(A_1^c) \times P(A_2^c) = (1 - P(A_1)) \times (1 - P(A_2)) \\ &= \underbrace{1 - P(A_1) - P(A_2) + P(A_1) \times P(A_2)}_{P(A_1^c \cap A_2^c)} \end{aligned}$$

so: $P(A_1^c \cap A_2^c) = P(A_1^c) \cdot P(A_2^c)$

and that means that A_1^c and A_2^c are independent ✓

5(b)- The event that none of A_1, A_2, \dots, A_N occur is the intersection of their complements: $\bigcap_{n=1}^N A_n^c$

Since events A_1, A_2, \dots, A_N are independent, their complements $A_1^c, A_2^c, \dots, A_N^c$ are also independent (as proved in part(a))

so:

$$P\left(\bigcap_{n=1}^N A_n^c\right) = \prod_{n=1}^N P(A_n^c)$$

• we have $P(A_n^c) = 1 - P(A_n)$ so: $P\left(\bigcap_{n=1}^N A_n^c\right) = \prod_{n=1}^N (1 - P(A_n))$

• for any real number x , it holds that $1 - x \leq e^{-x}$

so: $\prod_{n=1}^N (1 - P(A_n)) \leq \prod_{n=1}^N e^{-P(A_n)}$

• simplifying using $\prod_{n=1}^N e^{-P(A_n)} = e^{-\sum_{n=1}^N P(A_n)}$

$$\boxed{P\left(\bigcap_{n=1}^N A_n^c\right) \leq \exp\left(-\sum_{n=1}^N P(A_n)\right)} \quad \checkmark \checkmark$$

• The probability that none of the events A_1, A_2, \dots, A_N occur is less than or equal to $\exp\left(-\sum_{n=1}^N P(A_n)\right)$.

part (h) missing [1.5/2]

6. Sensitivity = 96.52%
Specificity = 99.68%
Prob. of a false positive.

$$\begin{aligned} P(+|N) &= 1 - P(-|N) \\ &= 1 - P(-|N) \\ &= 1 - 0.9968 \\ &= 0.0032 \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 96.52\% &= 0.9652 \\ 99.68\% &= 0.9968 \end{aligned}$$

(b) Prob. that a randomly selected person tests positive in Bielefeld in Oct. 2024

$$P(\text{Positive}) = P(+|C) \cdot P(C) + P(+|N) \cdot P(N)$$

$P(C)$ = Prob. of being infected with Covid.

$$P(C) = \frac{16}{100,000} = 0.00016$$

$$P(N) = 1 - P(C) = 1 - 0.00016 = 0.99984$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{Positive}) &= 0.9652 \cdot 0.00016 + 0.0032 \cdot 0.99984 \\ &= 0.00335392 \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

(c) We can use Bayes theorem to find $P(C|+)$.

$$\begin{aligned} P(C|+) &= \frac{P(+|C) \cdot P(C)}{P(+)} = \frac{0.9652 \cdot (0.00016)}{0.00335392} \\ &= 0.04640 = 4.64\% \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

- (d) Prob. of being infected despite a negative test.

$$P(C|-) = ?$$

$$P(C|-) = \frac{P(-|C) \cdot P(C)}{P(-)}$$

$$P(-|C) = 1 - 0.9652 = 0.0348$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(-) &= P(-|C) \cdot P(C) + P(-|N) \cdot P(N) \\ &= 0.0348 \cdot 0.00016 + 0.9968 \cdot 0.99984 \\ &= 0.99952 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(C|-) &= \frac{0.0348 \cdot 0.00016}{0.99952} = 0.0000056 \\ &= 0.00056\% \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

- (e) test from C:

People with Covid = 16

$$\therefore 100,000 \times 0.00016 = 16$$

Without // = 99,984

$\therefore 1 - \text{People with Covid}$

for Covid: True Positive:

$$16 \times 0.9652 = 15.44$$

$$\text{False Negative: } 16 \times 0.0348 = 0.5568$$

for without Covid:

$$\text{False Positive} = 99,984 \times 0.0032 = 319.94$$

$$\text{True Negative} = 99,984 \times 0.9968 = 99,664$$

$$\text{Total No. of Positive} = 15.44 + 319.94 = 335.38$$

Prob. of the test being false in actual.

$$\frac{15.44}{335.38} = 0.046$$
$$= 4.6\%$$

Ans 6.

Sensitivity and Specificity

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sensitivity <- 0.9652
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specificity <- 0.9968
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Probability range for incidence P(C)

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incidence <- seq(0, 0.2, by=0.001)
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Calculate $P(C|+)$ for each incidence level

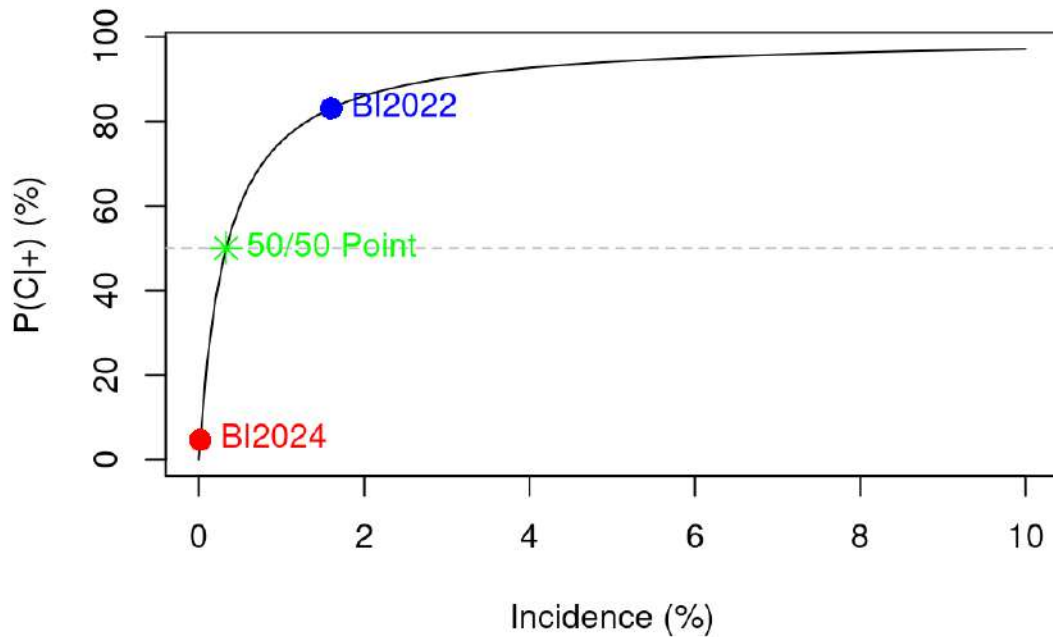
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P_C_given_positive <- function(incidence) {
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  P_positive <- sensitivity * incidence + (1 - specificity) * (1 - incidence)
  (sensitivity * incidence) / P_positive
}
```

Apply function to incidence range

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probabilities <- sapply(incidence, P_C_given_positive)
```


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6) (f) we need to plot $P(C|+)$ as a function of actual incidence $P(C)$

$$P(C|+) = \frac{P(+|C) \cdot P(C)}{P(+)}$$

where $P(+)=P(+|C) \cdot P(C)+P(+|N) \cdot P(N)$.

$P(+|C)$ = sensitivity = 0.9652
 $P(C)$ = infection rate in population
 $P(+|N) = 1 - \text{specificity} = 1 - 0.9968 = 0.0032$

9) In ~~part~~ when the incidence is low the $P(C|+)$ is low. As incidence increases $P(C|+)$ increases.

$$P(C) = \frac{1600}{100000} = 0.016$$

$$P(C|+) = \frac{0.9652 \times 0.016}{(0.9652 \times 0.016) + (1 - 0.9968) \times (1 - 0.016)}$$

$$= 0.83 \approx 83\%$$

✓