

Some more worked examples from Ch 2

p 83 Exercise 45. (Note that a good understanding of conditioning would allow you to read the answers almost directly from the table)

a) $P(A) = \text{how many ways can someone be A?} = .106 + .141 + .200 = .447$

$$P(C) = .215 + .200 + .065 + .020 = .500$$

$$P(A \text{ and } C) = .200$$

b) $P(A|C) = P(A \text{ and } C)/P(C) = .200/.500 = .400$ proportion of group 3 that are type A

$$P(C|A) = \frac{P(A \text{ and } C)}{P(A)} = .200/.447 = .447$$
 proportion of type A that are group 3

c) Given B' , what is prob of group 1? i.e $P(\text{group 1}|B') = ?$

$$P(\text{group 1}|B') = P(\text{group 1 and } B')/P(B')$$

$$P(B') = \text{sum of columns O, A and AB} = .432 + .447 + .030 = .909$$

$$P(\text{group 1 and } B') = .082 + .106 + .004 = .192$$

$$\text{So } P(\text{group 1}|B') = .192/.909 = .211$$

p 84 Exercise 57. Explain in words why this must be true!

p 85 Exercise 65. 500 in Mean,	300 in Median,	200 in Mode
Satisfied 200	150	160

$$P(\text{Mean}|Satis) = P(\text{Satis}|\text{Mean})P(\text{Mean})/P(\text{Satis})$$

$$P(\text{Satis}) = (200+150+160)/1000 = .510$$

$$\text{So } P(\text{Mean}|Satis) = (200/500) (500/1000)/.510 = .4 * .5 / .51 = .392$$

Similarly

$$P(\text{Median}|Satis) = (150/300) (300/1000)/.510 = .5 * .3 / .51 = .294$$

$$\text{and } P(\text{Mode}|Satis) = (160/200) (200/1000)/.510 = .8 * .2 / .51 = .314$$

So most likely is Mean and Least Likely is Median (for the randomly selected student that was satisfied).

Note we did not need Bayes Theorem, only the twice applied definition of $P(A|B)$.

p 91 Exercise 77

O: the event old one fails

Y: the event young one fails

$$P(O \cap Y') = .10 = P(O)(1-P(Y)) \text{ by independence, so } P(O) = .10/(1-P(Y))$$

$$\text{Similarly, } P(O' \cap Y) = .05 = P(Y)((1-P(O)) = P(Y)(1-.10/(1-P(Y)))$$

$$\text{Solve for } x=P(Y): .05 = x - .10x/(1-x)$$

$$.05(1-x) = x(1-x) - .1x \text{ so } .05 = .95x - x^2 \text{ or } x^2 - .95x + .05 = 0$$

$$x = .95/2 \pm (1/2)(.95^2 - .2)^{1/2}$$

So $x = .0559$ or $.894$ and the only feasible solution is $P(Y) = .0559$

So $P(O) = .10 / (.9441) = .1059$ and finally $P(Y) * P(O) = .1059 * .0559 = .0059$

The probability that the system fails is $.0059$. (harder than it looked!)