

## Probstat - Ch 2 - Solutions

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

b)  $\frac{P(B|A)}{P(B)} = \frac{P(A|B)}{P(A)} > 1$

2) a)  $p(S) = p((A \cap B) \cup (C \cap D \cap E)) = P(A \cap B) + P(C \cap D \cap E) - P(A \cap B \cap C \cap D \cap E) =$   
 $= (0.7)(0.8) + (0.8)(0.7)(0.9) - (0.7)(0.8)(0.7)(0.9) = 0.7818$

b)  $p(A'|S) = \frac{1}{p(S)} p(A' \cap S) = \frac{1}{p(S)} P[A' \cap ((A \cap B) \cup (C \cap D \cap E))] =$   
 $= \frac{1}{p(S)} P(A' \cap C \cap D \cap E) = \frac{1}{0.7818} (0.3)(0.8)(0.7)(0.9) = 0.1934$

3)  $p(B|A) = \frac{P(B \cap A)}{P(A)} = \frac{40+16}{(2+40+44+16)} = \frac{56}{112} = \frac{1}{2}$

$p(B) = \frac{92}{264} = 0.45 \neq 0.5 = p(B|A) \Rightarrow A \text{ and } B \text{ are not independent}$

4) The composition of the urn is not deterministically fixed before the final draw. It is true that the collection of two black, one white gives probability of drawing a black ball at random. However, many other probabilistic states of the urn give the same probability amongst these probabilistic states is  $p(BBB) = p(BWW) = 1/4$ ,  $p(BBW) = 1/2$ , which also gives a probability of drawing a black ball equal to  $2/3$ . Carroll effectively confounds state of knowledge with state of Nature.

5) a)  $p(F_1' \cap F_2') = p(F_1')p(F_2') = (0.04)^2 = 0.0016$

b)  $p(F_1 \cup F_2) = 1 - p(F_1' \cap F_2') = 1 - 0.0016 = 0.9984$

6)  $P((A \cup B) \cap C) = P((A \cap C) \cup (B \cap C)) = P(A \cap C) + P(B \cap C) - P(A \cap B \cap C) =$   
 $= P(A)p(C) + P(B)p(C) - P(A)p(B)p(C) = [P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)]p(C)$   
 $= P(A \cup B)p(C)$

## Probstat - Clex 2 - Solutions

7)  $P(D) = 0.42, P(C) = 0.55, P(C|D) = 0.35$

a)  $P(D|C) = \frac{P(C|D)P(D)}{P(C)} = \frac{(0.35)(0.42)}{0.55} = 0.2673$

b)  $P(D' \cap C') = 1 - P(D \cup C) = 1 - [P(D) + P(C) - P(D \cap C)] =$   
 $= 1 - [0.42 + 0.53 - (0.35)(0.42)] = 0.177$

8)  $P(S|F) = \frac{P(F|S)P(S)}{P(F|S)P(S) + P(F|M)P(M) + P(F|L)P(L)} = \frac{(0.10)(0.45)}{(0.10)(0.45) + (0.12)(0.35) + (0.15)(0.25)}$

$P(S|F) = 0.385$ . Similarly,  $P(M|F) = 0.389, P(L|F) = 0.256$

9) a)  $P(k|D) = \frac{P(D|k)P(k)}{P(D|k)P(k) + P(D|J)P(J)} = \frac{(0.02)(0.4)}{(0.02)(0.4) + (0.03)(0.6)} = \frac{0.008}{0.026} = 0.307$

b)  $P(J|D') = \frac{P(J \cap D')}{P(D')} = \frac{P(D'|J)P(J)}{1 - P(D)} = \frac{(1 - 0.03)(0.6)}{1 - 0.026} = 0.5975$

c)  $P(J \cup D') = P(J) + P(D') - P(J \cap D') = P(J) + P(D') - P(D'|J)P(J) =$   
 $= (0.60) + (1 - 0.026) - (0.97)(0.60) = 0.992$

10)  $P(A') = 10^{-5}; P(B'|A') = 10^{-1}; P(B'|A) = 10^{-5}; P(C'|A' \cap B') = 10^{-1}$

All 3 parts failed:

$$P(A' \cap B' \cap C') = P(C'|A' \cap B')P(A' \cap B') = P(C'|A' \cap B')P(B'|A')P(A') =$$

$$= 10^{-1} \cdot 10^{-1} \cdot 10^{-5} = 10^{-7}$$

Two of 3 parts failed: (The three events are disjoint)

$$P(A \cap B' \cap C') + P(A' \cap B \cap C') + P(A' \cap B' \cap C) =$$

$$= P(C'|A \cap B')P(B'|A)P(A) + P(C'|A' \cap B)P(B|A')P(A') + P(C|A' \cap B)P(B'|A)P(A)$$

$$= 10^{-2} \cdot 10^{-5} (1 - 10^{-5}) + 10^{-2} (1 - 10^{-1}) \cdot 10^{-5} + (1 - 10^{-1}) \cdot 10^{-1} \cdot 10^{-5}$$

$$= 10^{-6} + 10^{-7} - 10^{-8} - 10^{-12}$$

$$P(3 \text{ parts failed} \mid \text{At least 2 parts failed}) = \frac{10^{-7}}{(10^{-6} + 10^{-7} - 10^{-8} - 10^{-12}) + 10^{-7}} = 0.08$$

The probability that I will make things worse is greater than 1%, so I shouldn't try to fix it.

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11)  $P(C) = 0.7, P(L) = 0.15, P(L|C') = 0.4$

b)  $P(C'|L) = \frac{P(C' \cap L)}{P(L)} = \frac{P(L|C')P(C')}{P(L)} = \frac{(0.4)(1-0.7)}{0.15} = 0.8$

a)  $P(C|L) = 1 - P(C'|L) = 1 - 0.8 = 0.2.$

12) a)  $P(c_2|c_1) = 0.20, P(c_1|c_2) = 0.33, P(c_1 \cup c_2) = 1.$

$$P(c_2|c_1)P(c_1) = P(c_1 \cap c_2) = P(c_1|c_2)P(c_2)$$

$$0.2 P(c_1) = P(c_1 \cap c_2) = 0.33 P(c_2) \Rightarrow P(c_1) = 1.65 P(c_2)$$

$$P(c_1 \cup c_2) = P(c_1) + P(c_2) - P(c_1 \cap c_2) = 1.65 P(c_2) + P(c_2) - 0.33 P(c_2)$$

$$1 = 2.23 P(c_2) \Rightarrow P(c_2) = 0.4310$$

$$P(c_1 \cap c_2) = 0.33 P(c_2) = (0.33)(0.431) = 0.1422$$

b)  $P(c_1 \cap c_2') = P(c_1) - P(c_1 \cap c_2) = (1.65)(0.4310) - 0.1422 = 0.5690$

13)  $H_L$  - lower side Head;  $H_U$  - upper side Head (similarly for Tail)  
 $DH$  - double headed coin  
 $N$  - normal coin

a)  $P(H_L) = \frac{1}{5} \left( 1 + 1 + 0 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \right) = \frac{3}{5}$

b)  $P(H_L | H_U) = \frac{P(H_L \cap H_U)}{P(H_U)} = \frac{2/5}{3/5} = \frac{2}{3}$

c)  $P(H_L^2 | H_U^1) = \frac{P(H_L^2 \cap H_U^1)}{P(H_U^1)} = \frac{P(H_L^2 \cap H_U^1 \cap DH) + P(H_L^2 \cap H_U^1 \cap N)}{P(H_U^1)}$   
 $= \frac{P(H_L^2 | H_U^1 \cap DH) P(H_U^1 | DH) P(DH) + P(H_L^2 | H_U^1 \cap N) P(H_U^1 | N) P(N)}{P(H_U^1)}$

$$= \frac{1 \cdot 1 \cdot \frac{2}{5} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{2}{5}}{\frac{3}{5}} = \frac{5}{6}$$

d)  $P(H_L^2 | H_U^2 \cap H_U^1) = \frac{P(H_L^2 \cap H_U^2 \cap H_U^1)}{P(H_U^2 \cap H_U^1)} = \frac{P(DH)}{P(H_U^2 \cap H_U^1 \cap DH) + P(H_U^2 \cap H_U^1 \cap N)}$   
 $= \frac{P(DH)}{P(H_U^2 | H_U^1 \cap DH) P(H_U^1 | DH) P(DH) + P(H_U^2 | H_U^1 \cap N) P(H_U^1 | N) P(N)}$

$$= \frac{\frac{2}{5}}{1 \cdot 1 \cdot \frac{2}{5} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{2}{5}} = \frac{4}{5}$$

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$$c) P(H_0^3) = P(H_0^3 \text{ after discard} | H_0^2 \cap H_0^1 \text{ is from DH}) \cdot P(H_0^2 \cap H_0^1 \text{ is from DH}) \\ + P(H_0^3 \text{ after discard} | H_0^2 \cap H_0^1 \text{ is from N}) \cdot P(H_0^2 \cap H_0^1 \text{ is from N})$$

From the calculation in b):

$$P(H_0^2 \cap H_0^1 \text{ is from DH}) = \frac{4}{5}, \quad P(H_0^2 \cap H_0^1 \text{ is from N}) = \frac{1}{5}$$

Case 1: We discarded a DH coin.

$$P(DH) = P(DT) = \frac{1}{4}, \quad P(N) = \frac{1}{2}, \quad P(H_0^3 \text{ after discard}) = 1 \cdot \frac{1}{4} + 0 \cdot \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Case 2: We discarded an N coin:

$$P(DH) = \frac{1}{2}, \quad P(DT) = \frac{1}{4}, \quad P(N) = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$P(H_0^3 \text{ after discard}) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 1 + \frac{4}{4} \cdot 0 + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{4} = \frac{5}{8}$$

Overall:

$$P(H_0^3) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{4}{5} + \frac{5}{8} \cdot \frac{1}{5} = \frac{21}{40}$$

14)  $U \rightarrow$  uses steroids,  $+$   $\rightarrow$  positive test;  $- \rightarrow$  negative test

$$P(U) = 0.08, \quad P(+|U) = 0.97, \quad P(+|U') = 0.10$$

$$a) P(U|+) = \frac{P(+|U)P(U)}{P(+|U)P(U) + P(+|U')P(U')} = \frac{(0.97)(0.08)}{(0.97)(0.08) + (0.10)(0.92)} = 0.4575$$

$$\text{For two people: } (P(U|+))^2 = 0.4575^2 = 0.2903$$

$$b) P(U|-) = \frac{P(-|U)P(U)}{P(-)} = \frac{(0.03)(0.08)}{1 - 0.1696} = 0.0029$$

$$\text{For two people: } (P(U|-))^2 = 0.0029^2 = 8.353 \times 10^{-6}$$

15) a)  $P(B_{FM} \cap Q_{FM}) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{4}$

b)  $P((Q_{FM} \cap M_{FM}) \cup (Q_{QW} \cap M_{QW})) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{4}$

c)  $P(B_{FM} \cap Q_{FM} \cap M_{FM}) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{16}$

d)  $P((B_{FH} \cap Q_{FM} \cap M_{QW}) \cup (B_{FH} \cap Q_{QW} \cap M_{FM}) \cup (B_{FM} \cap Q_{QW} \cap M_{FH}))$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{4}$$

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e)  $P(\text{At least two meet}) = 1 - P(\text{All go to different places}) =$   
 $= 1 - \frac{1}{4} = \frac{3}{4}$

16)  $p(H) = 0.4, p(H') = 0.6, p(P_1|H) = 0.5, p(P_1'|H) = 0.5, p(P_1|H') = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} P(H|P_1' \cap P_2') &= \frac{P(P_1' \cap P_2'|H) P(H)}{P(P_1' \cap P_2'|H) P(H) + P(P_1' \cap P_2'|H') P(H')} = \\ &= \frac{P(P_1'|H) P(P_2'|H) P(H)}{P(P_1'|H) P(P_2'|H) P(H) + P(P_1'|H') P(P_2'|H') P(H')} = \\ &= \frac{(0.5)^2 (0.4)}{(0.5)^2 (0.4) + 1^2 (0.6)} = \frac{1}{7} = 0.1429 \end{aligned}$$