

Conditional Probability

1.

Twenty-five students go to a waterpark on an end-of-year fieldtrip. 10 wear a red swimsuit (7 of whom end up with a sunburn), 4 wear a green swimsuit (1 of whom ends up with a sunburn), 7 wear a blue swimsuit (3 of whom end up with a sunburn) and 4 wear a multicolor swimsuit (2 of whom end up with a sunburn). We choose a student at random.

- (a) What is the probability the student has a sunburn given then have a blue swimsuit?
- (b) What is the probability the student is wearing a green swimsuit given they have a sunburn?
- (c) What is the probability the student is not wearing a mutlicolor swimsuit given they do not have a sunburn?

| Swimsuits and Sunburns | | |
|------------------------|---------|------------|
| | Sunburn | No Sunburn |
| Red | 7 | 3 |
| Blue | 3 | 4 |
| Green | 1 | 3 |
| Multi | 2 | 2 |

1.

$$\frac{P(\text{sun} \cap \text{blue})}{P(\text{blue})} = \frac{3/25}{7/25}$$

2.

$$\frac{P(\text{green} \cap \text{sun})}{P(\text{sun})} = \frac{1/25}{13/25}$$

3.

$$\frac{P(\text{no mutli} \cap \text{no sun})}{P(\text{no sun})} = \frac{10/25}{12/25}$$

2

My cat is knocking cups off the counter. There are two blue mugs, two clear mugs, 1 white mug, 4 clear wine glasses, 2 blue wine glasses, and 1 clear priceless heirloom. She knocks two down at random before I am able to stop her.

- (a) What is the probability she knocked down at least one blue cup given she knocked down two mugs?
- (b) What is the probability she knocked down two mugs given she knocked down at least one blue cup?
- (c) What is the probability she knocked down the priceless heirloom given she knocked down exactly one clear cup?
- (d) What is the probability she knocked down the priceless heirloom given she knocked down at least one clear cup?

| | Cups | | |
|-----|------|-------|-------|
| | Blue | Clear | White |
| Mug | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| WG | 2 | 4 | 0 |
| PH | 0 | 1 | 0 |

There are 12 total cups.

1.

$$\frac{P(\geq 1 \text{ blue} \cap 2 \text{ mugs})}{P(2 \text{ mugs})} = \frac{\frac{2}{12} \frac{1}{11} + 2 \left(\frac{2}{12} \frac{3}{11} \right)}{\frac{5}{12} \frac{4}{11}}$$

2.

$$\frac{P(\geq 1 \text{ blue} \cap 2 \text{ mugs})}{P(\geq 1 \text{ blue})} = \frac{\frac{2}{12} \frac{1}{11} + 2 \left(\frac{2}{12} \frac{3}{11} \right)}{\frac{4}{12} \frac{3}{11} + 2 \left(\frac{4}{12} \frac{8}{11} \right)}$$

3.

$$\frac{P(\text{PH} \cap 1 \text{ clear})}{P(1 \text{ clear})} = \frac{2 \left(\frac{1}{12} \frac{5}{11} \right)}{2 \left(\frac{7}{12} \frac{5}{11} \right)}$$

4.

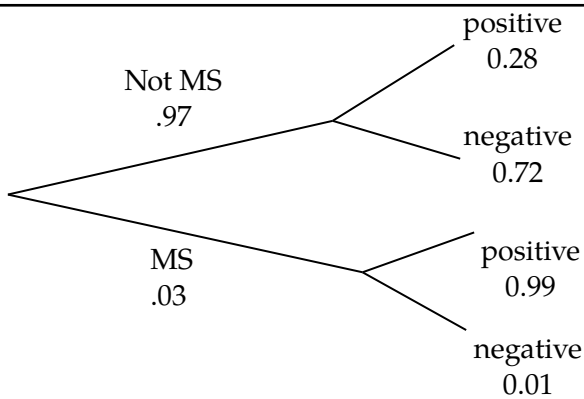
$$\frac{P(\text{PH} \cap \geq 1 \text{ clear})}{P(\geq 1 \text{ clear})} = \frac{2\left(\frac{1}{12} \frac{6}{11}\right) + 2\left(\frac{1}{12} \frac{5}{11}\right)}{\frac{7}{12} \frac{6}{11} + 2\left(\frac{7}{12} \frac{5}{11}\right)}$$

3.

Suppose BuzzFeed creates an "Is Your Boss a Michael Scott?" quiz which has a 28% false positive rate and a 1% false negative rate. Suppose that 3% of bosses are actually Michael Scotts.

(a) What is the probability that a boss labeled "Not a Michael Scott" is indeed Not a Michael Scott?

(b) What is the probability that a boss labeled "Michael Scott" is actually a Michael Scott?



1.

$$P(\text{Not MS}|\text{negative}) = \frac{P(\text{negative}|\text{Not MS})P(\text{Not MS})}{P(\text{negative})} = \frac{(0.72)(0.97)}{(0.72)(0.97) + (0.01)(0.03)}$$

2.

$$P(\text{MS}|\text{positive}) = \frac{P(\text{positive}|\text{MS})P(\text{MS})}{P(\text{positive})} = \frac{(0.99)(0.03)}{(0.28)(0.97) + (0.99)(0.03)}$$