

Answer on Question #62102 – Math – Statistics and Probability

Question

1. A certain shop repairs both audio and video components. Let A denote the event that the next component brought in for repair is an audio component, and let B be the event that the next component is a compact disc player (so the event B is contained in A). Suppose that $P(A) = 0.6$ and $P(B) = 0.05$. What is $P(B|A)$?

0.027

0.064

0.072

0.083

Solution

Since B is contained in A , then $A \cap B = B$ and

$$P(B|A) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(A)} = \frac{P(B)}{P(A)} = \frac{0.05}{0.6} = \frac{1}{12} \approx 0.083.$$

Answer: $P(B|A) = \frac{1}{12} \approx 0.083$.

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2. Components of a certain type are shipped to a supplier in batches of ten. Suppose that 50% of all such batches contain no defective components, 30% contain one defective component, and 20% contain two defective components. Two components from a batch are randomly selected and tested. What are the probabilities associated with 0, 1, and 2 defective components being in the batch under the condition that neither tested component is defective.

0.677

0.512

0.578

0.617

Solution

Let B_0 be the event that batch has 0 defectives, B_1 be the event that batch has 1 defective, and B_2 be the event that batch has 2 defectives. Let C be the event that neither selected component is defective.

It is given that

$$P(B_0) = 0.5, P(B_1) = 0.3, P(B_2) = 0.2.$$

The event C can happen in three different ways:

(i) The batch of 10 is perfect, and we get no defectives in the sample of two:

$$P(C|B_0) = 1;$$

(ii) The batch of 10 has 1 defective, but the sample of two misses them:

$$P(C|B_1) = \frac{\binom{9}{2}}{\binom{10}{2}} = \frac{9! \cdot 2! \cdot (10-2)!}{2! \cdot (9-2)! \cdot 10!} = \frac{8}{10};$$

(iii) The batch has 2 defective, but the sample misses them:

$$P(C|B_2) = \frac{\binom{8}{2}}{\binom{10}{2}} = \frac{8! \cdot 2! \cdot (10-2)!}{2! \cdot (8-2)! \cdot 10!} = \frac{56}{90}.$$

According to the total probability formula,

$$\begin{aligned} P(C) &= P(C|B_0)P(B_0) + P(C|B_1)P(B_1) + P(C|B_2)P(B_2) = \\ &= 1 \cdot 0.5 + \frac{8}{10} \cdot 0.3 + \frac{56}{90} \cdot 0.2 = \frac{389}{450}. \end{aligned}$$

Using Bayes' law

$$P(B_0|C) = \frac{P(C|B_0)P(B_0)}{P(C)} = \frac{1 \cdot 0.5}{\frac{389}{450}} = \frac{225}{389} = 0.5784,$$

$$P(B_1|C) = \frac{P(C|B_1)P(B_1)}{P(C)} = \frac{\frac{8}{10} \cdot 0.3}{\frac{389}{450}} = \frac{108}{389} = 0.2776,$$

$$P(B_2|C) = \frac{P(C|B_2)P(B_2)}{P(C)} = \frac{\frac{56}{90} \cdot 0.2}{\frac{389}{450}} = \frac{56}{389} = 0.1440.$$

Answer: 0.5784; 0.2776; 0.1440.