

Bayes theorem:

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(B|A)P(A)}{P(B)} \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

Problem: If Disease occurs in 1% of the population.

→ If a person has D, then test will turn positive with prob $\frac{9}{10}$.

→ If a person does not have D, test will turn negative with prob $\frac{9}{10}$.

a ~~How many~~

∴ What is the probability that a person has a disease if it came back positive?

What I think the answer should be:

$P(A)$ → Unconditional probability of disease.

$P(B)$ → Unconditional probability of a positive test.

$$P(A) = \frac{1}{100}$$

$$P(B) = \frac{1}{100} \times \frac{99}{100} + \frac{99}{100} \times \frac{99}{100}$$

$\frac{1}{100}$ → Portion of population who has the disease
 $\frac{99}{100}$ → chances of test being positive
 $\frac{99}{100}$ → Portion of population who does not have the disease

$$P(B) = \frac{108}{1000}$$

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$P(B|A)$ - Chances of test being positive given he has a disease

$$= \frac{9}{10} \quad (\text{from problem statement})$$

$P(A|B)$ - Chances of a person having a disease given that the test is positive.

From ~~Bayes~~ Bayes Theorem.

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

$$= \frac{\frac{9}{10} \times \frac{1}{100}}{108}$$

$$\frac{9}{10000}$$

$$= \frac{9}{108}$$

$$= 0.083$$

or

$$8.3\%$$

According to the answer in class, it was slightly greater than 10%.