

LAB: INTRO TO STAT ANALYSIS

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Question 1

A 2015 study conducted by the National Center for Health Statistics found that 51% of U.S. households had no landline service. We are going to pick five U.S. households at random:

- a) What is the probability that **all five** of them have a landline?
 $P(\text{a household does have a landline}) = 1 - 51\% = 49\%$
 $P(\text{all five have a landline}) = 0.49^5 = 0.028$
- b) What is the probability that **at least one of them** does not have a landline?
 $P(\text{at least one of them does not have a landline}) =$
 $1 - P(\text{all five have a landline}) = 1 - 0.028 = 0.972$
- c) What is the probability that **at least one of them does have** a landline?
 $P(\text{at least one of them does have a landline}) =$
 $1 - P(\text{all five do not have a landline}) = 1 - 0.51^5 = 0.962$

Question 2: a

The Mars company says that before the introduction of purple, yellow candies made up 20% of their plain M&Ms, red another 20%, and orange, blue and green each made up 10%. The rest were brown.

- a) If you pick an M&M at random, what is the probability that:
 - a. It is brown
 $1 - 20\% - 20\% - 30\% = 30\%$
 - b. It is yellow or orange
 $20\% + 10\% = 30\%$
 - c. It is not green $1 - 10\% = 90\%$

Question 2: b

- b) If you pick three M&M's in a row, what is the probability that:
 - a. They are all brown
 $0.3^3 = 0.027$
 - b. None are yellow
 $P(\text{Not Yellow in one pick}) = 1 - P(\text{Yellow}) = 1 - 0.20 = 0.80$
 $P(\text{Not Yellow in three pick}) = 0.80^3 = 0.512$
 - c. At least one is green
 $P(\text{None Green}) = 0.90^3 = 0.729$ $P(\text{At least one Green}) = 1 - 0.729 = 0.271$

Question 3

A survey asked students about their birth order and which college of the university they were enrolled in:

	birth order		Total
	1 or only	2 or more	
Arts and Sciences	34	23	57
Agriculture	52	41	93
Human Ecology	15	28	43
Other	12	18	30
Total	113	110	223

Question 3: a b c d

Suppose we select a student at random from this class. What is the probability that the person is:

- a. A Human Ecology student? $P(\text{Human Ecology}) = 43/223 = 0.19$
- b. A firstborn student? $P(\text{Firstborn}) = 113/223 = 0.5$
- c. Firstborn and a Human ecology student?
 $P(\text{Firstborn and Human Ecology}) = 15/223 = 0.067$
- d. Firstborn or a Human ecology student?
 $P(\text{Firstborn or Human Ecology}) = (113 + 28)/223 = 0.63$

Question 3: e & f

- e. A firstborn if you know they are a Human Ecology student?

$$P(\text{Firstborn}|\text{Human Ecology}) =$$

$$P(\text{Firstborn and Human Ecology})/P(\text{Human Ecology}) = (15/223)/(43/223) = 0.067/0.193 = 0.34$$

- f. A Human Ecology student if you know they are a firstborn?

$$P(\text{Human Ecology}|\text{Firstborn}) = P(\text{Firstborn and Human Ecology})/P(\text{Firstborn}) = (15/223)/(113/223) = 0.067/0.507 = 0.132$$

Question 4

Suppose that 25% of people have a dog, 29% of people have a cat and 12% of people own both.

- a. What is the probability that someone owns a dog and not a cat?
 $P(\text{Dog and No Cat}) = P(\text{Dog}) - P(\text{Dog and Cat}) = 0.25 - 0.12 = 0.13$
- b. What is the probability that someone owns a cat or a dog?
 $P(\text{Dog or Cat}) = P(\text{Dog}) + P(\text{Cat}) - P(\text{Dog and Cat}) = 0.25 + 0.29 - 0.12 = 0.42$
- c. What is the probability that someone doesn't own any pets?
 $1 - P(\text{Dog or Cat}) = 1 - 0.42 = 0.58$
- d. What is the probability that someone we know owns a dog, also owns a cat?
 $P(\text{Cat}|\text{Dog}) = P(\text{Dog and Cat})/P(\text{Dog}) = 0.12/0.25 = 0.48$

Question 64 from textbook

64. Shirts The soccer team's shirts have arrived in a big box, and people just start grabbing them, looking for the right size. The box contains 4 medium, 10 large, and 6 extra-large shirts. You want a medium for you and one for your sister. Find the probability of each event described.

- The first two you grab are the wrong sizes.
- The first medium shirt you find is the third one you check.
- The first four shirts you pick are all extra-large.
- At least one of the first four shirts you check is a medium.

Question 64 from textbook

- a. $P(\text{first two wrong sizes : not } M) = 16/20 \times 15/19 = 0.63$
- b. $P(\text{third is } M) = 16/20 \times 15/19 \times 4/18 = 0.14$
- c. $P(\text{all four XL}) = 6/20 \times 5/19 \times 4/18 \times 3/17 = 0.0031$
- d. $P(\text{none } M) = 16/20 \times 15/19 \times 14/18 \times 13/17 = 0.38$
 $P(\text{at least one } M) = 1 - 0.38 = 0.62$

Question 82 from textbook

82. **No-shows** An airline offers discounted “advance-purchase” fares to customers who buy tickets more than 30 days before travel and charges “regular” fares for tickets purchased during those last 30 days. The company has noticed that 60% of its customers take advantage of the advance-purchase fares. The “no-show” rate among people who paid regular fares is 30%, but only 5% of customers with advance-purchase tickets are no-shows.

- What percent of all ticket holders are no-shows?
- What's the probability that a customer who didn't show had an advance-purchase ticket?
- Is being a no-show independent of the type of ticket a passenger holds? Explain.

Question 82 from textbook

$$P(\text{Advance purchase}) = 0.60$$

$$P(\text{Regular}) = 0.40$$

$$P(\text{No show} \mid \text{Regular}) = 0.30$$

$$P(\text{No show} \mid \text{Advance purchase}) = 0.05$$

- a. $P(\text{No show}) = P(\text{No show} \mid \text{Regular})P(\text{Regular}) + P(\text{No show} \mid \text{Advance purchase})P(\text{Advance purchase}) = 0.12 + 0.03 = 0.15$
- b.
$$P(\text{Advance purchase} \mid \text{No show}) = \frac{P(\text{No show} \mid \text{Advance purchase})P(\text{Advance purchase})}{P(\text{No show})} = 0.2$$
- c. Since $P(\text{No show} \mid \text{Regular}) = 0.3$ and $P(\text{No show} \mid \text{Advance purchase}) = 0.05$ are both different from $P(\text{No show}) = 0.15$, this means that being a no-show is not independent of the type of ticket. The probability of being a no-show changes based on whether the ticket is regular or advance-purchase.