Stats 300 Spring 2024

Conditional probability using counts instead of probabilities College students

Undergraduates at a 4-year university are classified by year (1st-year, 2nd, 3rd, 4th) and living status (on-campus and off-campus). See the table.

	1st-year	2nd-year	3rd-year	4th-year
On-campus	4253	2861	1727	585
Off-campus	934	1829	2487	3918

1)	How man	y students	live on	campus?	Off campus?
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- 2) How many students are 1st-year? Second year? Third? Fourth?
- 3) How many undergraduates attend the school?
- 4) If a student is chosen at random, what is the probability that he/she is 2nd year?
- 5) If a student is chosen at random, what is the probability that he/she lives off campus?
- 6) If a student who lives off campus is chosen at random, what is the probability that he/she is 2nd year? What is the probability that he/she is not 2nd year?
- 7) If a 2nd-year student is chosen at random, what is the probability that he/she lives off campus? What is the probability that he/she lives on campus?

Conditional probability: Dogs and Fleas

A: The household has dogs (at least one dog).

B: The household has fleas.

* Assume 60% of households have dogs. Thus, 40% do not.

$$P(A) = 0.6$$
, $P(not A) = 0.4$

* Of households with dogs, 70% have fleas, and 30% do not.

(Translation: The probability that a household has fleas, given that it has dogs, is 70%.) P(B|A) = 0.7, $P(\text{not } B \mid A) = 0.3$

* Of households without dogs, 25% have fleas, and 75% do not.

(The probability that a household has fleas, given that it has no dogs, is 25%.)

$$P(B \mid \text{not A}) = 0.25, P(\text{not B} \mid \text{not A}) = 0.75$$

- Q1: What percent of households have fleas? P(B) =
- Q1A: What percent of households do not have fleas? P(not B) =
- Q2: Given that a household has fleas, what is the probability that it has dogs? P(A|B) =
- Q2A: Given that a household has fleas, what is the probability that it has no dogs? $P(\text{not } A \mid B) =$
- Q3: Given that a household does not have fleas, what is the probability that it has dogs? $P(A \mid not B)$
- Q3A: Given that a HH does not have fleas, what is the probability that it has no dogs? $P(\text{not }A\mid \text{not }B)$