

**Example \*** A patient has eye disease  $x_1$  if unable to distinguish 2 kinds of image. Before experimentation prob. a patient has this disease is  $p$ . A patient is presented with  $n$  such images. Given the patient has the disease  $x_1$  or not - atom  $x_2$  - the  $n$  events of the success of her guess will be independent. The prob. a normal person classifies any of these  $n$  images correctly is 0.8. & for a diseased person 0.5. Immediate treatment can be given ( $d_1$ ) at a cost of £1,000 whether or not she has the disease. Alternatively treatment can be deferred ( $d_2$ ) and if  $X = x_2$  there will be no cost. On the other hand if treatment delayed when  $X = x_1$  treatment cost will be £10,000. Calculate the doctor's EMV strategy as a function of  $p$ , and the no.  $r$  out of  $n$  correctly classified images.

**Answer**

- Let  $R$  be the number of correctly classified images. Then given  $X = x_1$ ,  $R \sim Bi(n, 0.5)$  has binomial distribution whose pmf

$$p(r|x_1) = \binom{n}{r} (0.5)^r (0.5)^{n-r}$$

If  $X = x_2$   $R \sim Bi(n, 0.8)$ ,

$$p(r|x_2) = \binom{n}{r} (0.8)^r (0.2)^{n-r}$$

- $L(d_1)$  does not depend on  $X$  so  $\bar{L}(d_1) = £1,000$ .

- OTOH

$$\bar{L}(d_2) = 10,000 \times p(x_1|r) + 0 \times p(x_2|r) = 10,000 \times p(x_1|r)$$

**Question** How do we calculate  $p(x_1|r)$ ?

**Answer** Use Bayes Rule!

$$\begin{aligned} p(x_1|r) &= \frac{\binom{n}{r} (0.5)^n p}{\binom{n}{r} \{ (0.8)^r (0.2)^{n-r} (1-p) + (0.5)^n p \}} \\ &= \frac{5^n p}{5^n p + 8^r 2^{n-r} (1-p)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\bar{L}(d_2) \leq \bar{L}(d_1) \Leftrightarrow p(x_1|r) \leq 0.1 \Leftrightarrow \text{so delay if}$$

$$10 \frac{5^n p}{5^n p + 8^r 2^{n-r} (1-p)} \leq 1$$

$$10 (5^n p) \leq 5^n p + 8^r 2^{n-r} (1-p)$$

$$9 (5^n p) \leq 8^r 2^{n-r} (1-p)$$

$$9 \left( \left( \frac{5}{2} \right)^n \frac{p}{1-p} \right) \leq 4^r$$

$$(\log 4)^{-1} \left\{ \log 9 + n \log 2.5 + \log \frac{p}{1-p} \right\} \leq r$$

\*) from Jim Smith' lecture notes