

**Solutions to Problem 1.**

a.  $\Pr\{Y = 0\} = \Pr\{Y = 0 \text{ and } X = 1\} + \Pr\{Y = 0 \text{ and } X = 2\} + \Pr\{Y = 0 \text{ and } X = 3\}$   
 $= \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{3}{16} = \frac{37}{48} \approx 0.7708$

b.  $\Pr\{Y = 1 | X = 2\} = \frac{\Pr\{Y = 1 \text{ and } X = 2\}}{\Pr\{X = 2\}} = \frac{\Pr\{Y = 1 \text{ and } X = 2\}}{\Pr\{Y = 0 \text{ and } X = 2\} + \Pr\{Y = 1 \text{ and } X = 2\} + \Pr\{Y = 2 \text{ and } X = 2\}}$   
 $= \frac{\frac{1}{12}}{\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{12} + 0} = \frac{1}{4}$

c.  $p_{XY}(1, 2)$  is the probability that Professor Right is asked 1 question and answers 2 questions incorrectly, which is impossible.

**Solutions to Problem 2.**

a. The pmf of  $M$  is

$$p_M(a) = \begin{cases} 0.20 & \text{if } a = 1 \\ 0.30 & \text{if } a = 2 \\ 0.50 & \text{if } a = 3 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

b. These probabilities are given to us in the problem:

$$\Pr\{D = 1 | M = 1\} = 0.01 \quad \Pr\{D = 1 | M = 2\} = 0.02 \quad \Pr\{D = 1 | M = 3\} = 0.03$$

c. Using the law of total probability:

$$\Pr\{D = 1\} = \Pr\{D = 1 | M = 1\} \Pr\{M = 1\} + \Pr\{D = 1 | M = 2\} \Pr\{M = 2\} + \Pr\{D = 1 | M = 3\} \Pr\{M = 3\}$$

$$= 0.01(0.20) + 0.02(0.30) + 0.03(0.50) = 0.023$$

**Solutions to Problem 3.**

a. First, let's compute

$$\Pr\{Z = 2\} = \Pr\{Z = 2 \text{ and } M = 0\} + \Pr\{Z = 2 \text{ and } M = 1\} + \Pr\{Z = 2 \text{ and } M = 2\} = 0.25$$

The conditional pmf of  $M$  given  $Z = 2$  is:

$$p_{M|Z=2}(0) = \Pr\{M = 0 | Z = 2\} = \frac{\Pr\{M = 0 \text{ and } Z = 2\}}{\Pr\{Z = 2\}} = \frac{0.10}{0.25} = \frac{2}{5}$$

$$p_{M|Z=2}(1) = \Pr\{M = 1 | Z = 2\} = \frac{\Pr\{M = 1 \text{ and } Z = 2\}}{\Pr\{Z = 2\}} = \frac{0.08}{0.25} = \frac{8}{25}$$

$$p_{M|Z=2}(2) = \Pr\{M = 2 | Z = 2\} = \frac{\Pr\{M = 2 \text{ and } Z = 2\}}{\Pr\{Z = 2\}} = \frac{0.07}{0.25} = \frac{7}{25}$$

b.  $E[M | Z = 2] = 0 \cdot p_{M|Z=2}(0) + 1 \cdot p_{M|Z=2}(1) + 2 \cdot p_{M|Z=2}(2) = \frac{22}{25}$

c.  $M$  and  $Z$  are not independent: if they were, we would have  $\Pr\{M = 1\} = \Pr\{M = 1 | Z = 3\}$ .