

### 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.  $\Pr\{X = 1 \text{ and } Y = 2\}$  is the probability that Professor Right is asked 1 question and answers 2 questions incorrectly, which is impossible.

### Solutions to Problem 2.

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

$$\Pr\{M = 1\} = 0.20 \quad \Pr\{M = 2\} = 0.30 \quad \Pr\{M = 3\} = 0.50$$

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:

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr\{D = 1\} &= \Pr\{D = 1 | M = 1\} \Pr\{M = 1\} + \Pr\{D = 1 | M = 2\} \Pr\{M = 2\} + \Pr\{D = 1 | M = 3\} \Pr\{M = 3\} \\ &= 0.01(0.20) + 0.02(0.30) + 0.03(0.50) = 0.023 \end{aligned}$$

### 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 probabilities of  $M$  given  $Z = 2$  are:

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

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

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

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

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

#### Solutions to Problem 4.

a.

$$\begin{aligned}\Pr\{X = 4 | X \neq 1\} &= \frac{\Pr\{X = 4 \text{ and } X \neq 1\}}{\Pr\{X \neq 1\}} \\ &= \frac{\Pr\{X = 4\}}{\Pr\{X \neq 1\}} \\ &= \frac{0.1}{0.3 + 0.5 + 0.1} = \frac{1}{9}\end{aligned}$$

b.

$$\begin{aligned}\Pr\{X = 4 | X \neq 1 \text{ and } X \neq 2\} &= \frac{\Pr\{X = 4 \text{ and } X \neq 1 \text{ and } X \neq 2\}}{\Pr\{X \neq 1 \text{ and } X \neq 2\}} \\ &= \frac{\Pr\{X = 4\}}{\Pr\{X \neq 1 \text{ and } X \neq 2\}} \\ &= \frac{0.1}{0.5 + 0.1} = \frac{1}{6}\end{aligned}$$

c.

$$\begin{aligned}\Pr\{X = 2 | X \leq 2\} &= \frac{\Pr\{X = 2 \text{ and } X \leq 2\}}{\Pr\{X \leq 2\}} \\ &= \frac{\Pr\{X = 2\}}{\Pr\{X \leq 2\}} \\ &= \frac{0.3}{0.1 + 0.3} = \frac{3}{4}\end{aligned}$$

#### Solutions to Problem 5.

a.

$$\begin{aligned}\Pr\{X_2 = 1 | X_1 = 0\} &= \frac{\Pr\{X_2 = 1 \text{ and } X_1 = 0\}}{\Pr\{X_1 = 0\}} \\ &= \frac{0.05}{0.80} = 0.0625\end{aligned}$$

b.

$$\begin{aligned}\Pr\{X_2 = 1 | X_1 = 1\} &= \frac{\Pr\{X_2 = 1 \text{ and } X_1 = 1\}}{\Pr\{X_1 = 1\}} \\ &= \frac{0.10}{0.20} = 0.50\end{aligned}$$

c.  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are dependent because  $\Pr\{X_2 = 1 | X_1 = 0\} \neq \Pr\{X_2 = 1 | X_1 = 1\}$ .

d.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{expected profit} &= 100 \Pr\{X_2 = 0 | X_1 = 1\} + (-20) \Pr\{X_2 = 1 | X_1 = 1\} \\ &= 100(1 - 0.50) - 20(0.50) = 40\end{aligned}$$