

## HW6: Probability

## 1 Probability and Hamburgers

Doctors have found that people with Kreuzfeld-Jacob disease (KJ) are almost invariably ate lost of hamburgers, thus  $p(\text{HamburgerEater}|\text{KJ}) = 0.9$ . KJ is a rare disease: about 1 in 100,000 people get it. Eating hamburgers is widespread:  $p(\text{HamburgerEater}) = 0.5$ . What is the probability that a regular hamburger eater will have KJ disease? Show your work.

## 2 Modeling Independence

Consider the following set up. A student is taking a class. The student might Study or not. The student might Know-the-material or not. The student might Pass or not. For each of the following independence/conditional independence claims, state whether or not you think it is true and provide a one-sentence justification.

1.  $S \perp\!\!\!\perp K$
2.  $S \perp\!\!\!\perp P$
3.  $K \perp\!\!\!\perp P$
4.  $P \perp\!\!\!\perp S \mid K$
5.  $P \perp\!\!\!\perp K \mid S$
6.  $S \perp\!\!\!\perp K \mid P$

## 3 Independence in Joint Probability Tables

Suppose we have a three variable model with variables  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$ . We assume  $p(A, B, C) = p(A)p(B \mid A)p(C \mid B)$ .

1. What (conditional) independence assumptions are made by the assumption of how this distribution factorizes?
2. Write out the full joint distribution based on the conditional probability tables shown below:

$$p(A): \begin{array}{c|c} A & p \\ \hline T & 3/4 \\ F & 1/4 \end{array}$$

$$p(B \mid A = T): \begin{array}{c|c} B & p \\ \hline T & 1/2 \\ F & 1/2 \end{array}$$

$$p(C \mid B = T): \begin{array}{c|c} C & p \\ \hline T & 1/5 \\ F & 4/5 \end{array}$$

$$p(B \mid A = F): \begin{array}{c|c} B & p \\ \hline T & 2/3 \\ F & 1/3 \end{array}$$

$$p(C \mid B = F): \begin{array}{c|c} C & p \\ \hline T & 3/4 \\ F & 1/4 \end{array}$$