

# THE MAGMOID OF NORMALIZED STOCHASTIC KERNELS

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## PART ①: PROBABILITY IS UNINTUITIVE

“ It should be said: for someone trained in formal methods, the area of probability theory can be rather sloppy [...] this ‘sloppiness’ is ultimately a hindrance to further development of the field in computer science.”

— □ JACOBS, 2025.

**SINGLE TEST PROBLEM.** Consider an illness with 33% prevalence ( $\frac{1}{3}|I\rangle + \frac{2}{3}|H\rangle$ ) for which we have a test with 75% sensitivity ( $\frac{3}{4}|P\rangle + \frac{1}{4}|N\rangle$  when ill) and 50% specificity ( $\frac{1}{2}|P\rangle + \frac{1}{2}|N\rangle$  when healthy). What is the probability of illness after a positive test?

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 SPECIFICITY: 50%     $\frac{1}{2}|P\rangle + \frac{1}{2}|N\rangle$  when healthy

# SOLUTION. ( $\sim 43\%$  ill,  $\sim 57\%$  healthy)

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PREVALENCE  
 TESTING-  
 MULTIPLY  
 OBSERVE (P)  
 NORMALIZE

The phenomenon we seek to study occurs at the last two steps. We obtain something that is not a full distribution but a subdistribution; then, we multiply by a constant ( $\frac{12}{7}$ ) to obtain again a distribution — this is normalization.

UNCLEAR TEST PROBLEM. Imagine the test result was uncertain — e.g. it was dark!

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# SOLUTION 1. ( $\sim 38.5\%$  ill,  $\sim 62\%$  healthy)

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{3}|I\rangle + \frac{2}{3}|H\rangle \\ & \frac{1}{3}|I\rangle(\frac{3}{4}|P\rangle + \frac{1}{4}|N\rangle) + \frac{2}{3}|H\rangle(\frac{1}{2}|P\rangle + \frac{1}{2}|N\rangle) \\ & \frac{1}{3}|I\rangle(\frac{3}{4}|P\rangle + \frac{1}{4}|N\rangle)(\frac{3}{4}|P\rangle + \frac{1}{4}|N\rangle) + \frac{2}{3}|H\rangle(\frac{1}{2}|P\rangle + \frac{1}{2}|N\rangle)(\frac{3}{4}|P\rangle + \frac{1}{4}|N\rangle) \\ & \frac{3}{16}|IP\rangle + \frac{1}{48}|IN\rangle + \frac{1}{4}|HP\rangle + \frac{1}{12}|HN\rangle \\ & \frac{5}{24}|I\rangle + \frac{1}{3}|H\rangle \\ & \frac{5}{13}|I\rangle + \frac{8}{13}|H\rangle \end{aligned}$$

PREVALENCE  
CHANNEL  
UNCERTAINTY  
OBSERVE  
PROJECT  
NORMALIZE

# SOLUTION 2. ( $\sim 37.1\%$  ill,  $\sim 63\%$  healthy)

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{3}{4}|P\rangle + \frac{1}{4}|N\rangle \\ & (\frac{3}{4}|P\rangle + \frac{1}{4}|N\rangle)(\frac{1}{3}|I\rangle + \frac{2}{3}|H\rangle) \\ & (\frac{3}{4}|P\rangle + \frac{1}{4}|N\rangle)(\frac{1}{3}|I\rangle(\frac{3}{4}|P\rangle + \frac{1}{4}|N\rangle) + \frac{2}{3}|H\rangle(\frac{1}{2}|P\rangle + \frac{1}{2}|N\rangle)) \\ & \frac{3}{4}|P\rangle(\frac{1}{4}|IP\rangle + \frac{1}{3}|HP\rangle) + \frac{1}{4}|N\rangle(\frac{1}{12}|IN\rangle + \frac{1}{6}|HN\rangle) \\ & \frac{3}{4}|P\rangle(\frac{3}{7}|I\rangle + \frac{4}{7}|H\rangle) + \frac{1}{4}|N\rangle(\frac{1}{5}|I\rangle + \frac{4}{5}|H\rangle) \\ & \frac{9}{28}|PI\rangle + \frac{3}{7}|PH\rangle + \frac{1}{20}|NI\rangle + \frac{1}{5}|NH\rangle \\ & \frac{13}{35}|I\rangle + \frac{22}{35}|H\rangle \end{aligned}$$

UNCERTAINTY  
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We get two different numbers: this is terrible. (c.f. Jacobs 2018).

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Let us propose monadic semantics. The distribution monad (D) can compose probabilities, but cannot apply observations.

$$DX = \left\{ \sum_{i=0}^n \lambda_i |x_i\rangle \mid \sum_{i=0}^n \lambda_i = 1, x_i \in X, \lambda_i \in \mathbb{R}^+ \right\}.$$

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$$DMX \cong \left\{ \sum_{i=0}^n \lambda_i |x_i\rangle \mid \sum_{i=0}^n \lambda_i \leq 1, x_i \in X, \lambda_i \in \mathbb{R}^+ \right\}.$$

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P: 1	$\longrightarrow$	{I, H}	P = $\frac{1}{3} I\rangle + \frac{2}{3} H\rangle$
C: {I, H}	$\longrightarrow$	{P, N}	C(I) = $\frac{3}{4} P\rangle + \frac{1}{4} N\rangle$ ; C(H) = $\frac{1}{2} P\rangle + \frac{1}{2} N\rangle$ .
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DISTRIBUTIVE LAWS. A distributive law between two monads on the same category,  $(S, \eta^S, \mu^S)$  and  $(T, \eta^T, \mu^T)$ , is a natural transformation  $\Psi_x: TSX \rightarrow STX$ , making the following diagrams commute.

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 \end{array}
 \qquad
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 & & STX \\
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 \end{array}$$

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 TSX & \xleftarrow{T\eta^S} & TX
 \end{array}$$

EXAMPLE. The distribution monad  $(D)$  and the maybe monad  $(M)$  admit a distributive law: inclusion of normalized kernels into subdistributions,

$$(-)_x: MDX \longrightarrow DMX.$$

Indeed, that induces the subdistribution monad  $(DM)$ .

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# PART 1: NORMALIZED SEMANTICS

“ Whenever there is [an observation], it is good to renormalize and resample[...] avoiding too many program executions with low [probability]. ”

—  STATON, YANG, WOOD,  
HEUNEN, KAMMAR, 2016.

**NORMALIZED SEMANTICS.** In practice, probabilistic semantics is not concerned with validity: both  $\frac{1}{3}|x\rangle + \frac{2}{3}|y\rangle$  and  $\frac{1}{6}|x\rangle + \frac{1}{3}|y\rangle$  represent the same distribution. While not every distribution can be normalized, the only exception is the empty distribution. Technically, we work with subdistributions adding to exactly 1 or 0.

$$\text{MDX} \cong \left\{ \sum_{i=0}^n \lambda_i |x_i\rangle \mid \sum_{i=0}^n \lambda_i = 1 \text{ or } 0, x_i \in X, \lambda_i \in \mathbb{R}^+ \right\}.$$

**PROPOSITION.** Normalization defines a natural transformation,  $n_x: \text{DMX} \longrightarrow \text{MDX}$ , given by

$$n_x(\emptyset) = \emptyset; \quad n\left(\sum_{i=0}^{n>0} \lambda_i |x_i\rangle\right) = \sum_{i=0}^{n>0} \frac{\lambda_i}{\sum_{i=0}^n \lambda_i} |x_i\rangle.$$

Alternatively, calling  $d(x)$  to the formal coefficient of  $x$  in the distribution  $d$ ,

$$n(d)(x) = \left| \frac{d(x)}{\sum_{x'} d(x')} \right|, \text{ returning } \emptyset \text{ whenever } \sum_{x'} d(x') = \emptyset.$$

**PROPOSITION.** Normalization defines a monoidal natural transformation.

$$n_x\left(\sum_i^n \lambda_i |x_i\rangle\right) \cdot n_y\left(\sum_j^m \mu_j |y_j\rangle\right) = n_{x \times y}\left(\sum_i^n \sum_j^m \lambda_i \mu_j |x_i\rangle |y_j\rangle\right).$$

**NORMALIZED KERNELS.** Each substochastic kernel,  $f: X \rightarrow DM^Y$ , induces  $f^\circ: X \rightarrow MD^Y$ , a kernel obtained by normalization. Each normalized kernel,  $g: X \rightarrow MD^Y$ , induces a substochastic kernel,  $g^\circ: X \rightarrow DM^Y$ . This is a split idempotent, with  $g^\circ \circ g = g$  and  $f^\circ \circ \circ \circ = f^\circ$ .

Normalized kernels inherit a composition,  $(g_1 \circ g_2)^\circ = (g_1^\circ \circ g_2^\circ)^\circ$ , but it fails to be associative. Indeed, normalization is not functorial,  $(f_1^\circ \circ f_2^\circ)^\circ \neq (f_1 \circ f_2)^\circ$ , but it satisfies a left absorptive property,  $(f_1^\circ \circ f_2)^\circ = (f_1 \circ f_2)^\circ$ .

**PROPOSITION.** Normalization is not a distributive law, it misses  $D$ -multiplicativity.

**PROOF.** Let  $X = \{a, b\}$  and consider  $\frac{1}{2} | \frac{1}{3} |x\rangle + \frac{2}{3} | \perp \rangle \rangle + \frac{1}{2} | \frac{2}{3} |y\rangle + \frac{1}{3} | \perp \rangle \rangle \in DDMX$ .

$\frac{1}{2}   \frac{1}{3}  x\rangle + \frac{2}{3}   \perp \rangle \rangle + \frac{1}{2}   \frac{2}{3}  y\rangle + \frac{1}{3}   \perp \rangle \rangle$	$\in DDMX$	NORMALIZE
$\frac{1}{2}    x\rangle + \frac{1}{2}    y\rangle + 0   \perp \rangle \rangle$	$\in DMDX$	NORMALIZE
$\frac{1}{2}    x\rangle + \frac{1}{2}    y\rangle \rangle$	$\in MDDX$	MULTIPLY
$\frac{1}{2}    x\rangle + \frac{1}{2}    y\rangle$	$\in MDX$	

$\frac{1}{2}   \frac{1}{3}  x\rangle + \frac{2}{3}   \perp \rangle \rangle + \frac{1}{2}   \frac{2}{3}  y\rangle + \frac{1}{3}   \perp \rangle \rangle$	$\in DDMX$	MULTIPLY
$\frac{1}{6}    x\rangle + \frac{1}{3}    y\rangle + \frac{1}{2}   \perp \rangle \rangle$	$\in DMX$	NORMALIZE
$\frac{1}{6}    x\rangle + \frac{2}{3}    y\rangle$	$\in MDX$	

**SUBSTOCHASTIC KERNELS.** Inclusion of normalized kernels into subdistributions,  $(-)^{\circ}: \text{MDX} \rightarrow \text{DMX}$  defined by  $(\theta)^{\circ} = \mathbb{1} \uparrow$  and  $(\sum_{i=0}^{n>0} \lambda_i |x_i\rangle)^{\circ} = \sum_{i=0}^{n>0} \lambda_i |x_i\rangle$ , is a monoidal distributive law. The monoidal Kleisli category it induces is the category of substochastic kernels,  $\text{SubStoch}$ .

$$f : X \longrightarrow \text{DMY}$$

**PARTIAL STOCHASTIC KERNELS.** Collapsing of non-normalized distributions,  $(-)^{\uparrow}: \text{DMX} \rightarrow \text{MDX}$  defined by  $(\sum_{i=0}^n \lambda_i |x_i\rangle)^{\uparrow} = [\sum_{i=0}^n \lambda_i = \mathbb{1}] \cdot \sum_{i=0}^n \lambda_i |x_i\rangle$ , is a monoidal distributive law. The monoidal Kleisli category it induces is the category of partial stochastic functions,  $\text{ParStoch}$ .

$$f : X \longrightarrow \text{MDY}$$

**NORMALIZED STOCHASTIC KERNELS.** Normalization of subdistributions,  $(-)^{\circ}: \text{DMX} \rightarrow \text{MDX}$  defined by  $(\sum_{i=0}^{n>0} \lambda_i |x_i\rangle)^{\circ} = \sum_{i=0}^{n>0} (\lambda_i / \sum_{i=0}^{n>0} \lambda_i) |x_i\rangle$  and  $(\theta)^{\circ} = \theta$ , is a monoidal non-D-multiplicative distributive law.

The monoidal non-associative Kleisli category it induces is the magmoid of normalized kernels,  $\text{NORM}$ .

$$f : X \longrightarrow \text{MDY}$$

□ KOZEN, 1981. □ FRITZ, 2018.

## PART 2 : SESQUILAWS.

“ Finally, we show that there is a unique functorial extension, the so-called black-hole extension. ”

↳ partial stochastic

— □ SOKOLOVA, WORACEK, 2018.

SESQUILAW. A sesquilaw  $(m, n, S, T)$  between two monads,  $S$  and  $T$ , consists of

1. a distributive law,  $m_x: STX \rightarrow TSX$ , and
2. a non- $T$ -multiplicative distributive law,  $n_x: TSX \rightarrow STX$ ,
3. forming a split idempotent,  $\kappa_x = n_x \circ m_x: TSTX \rightarrow TSTX$ ,
4. and satisfying  $T$ -multiplicativity up to that idempotent,

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 STX & \xrightarrow{m} & TSX & & TSTX & \xrightarrow{nT} & STTX & \xrightarrow{S\mu} & STX \\
 & \searrow & \downarrow n & & Tm \downarrow & & & & \nearrow n \\
 & & STX & & TTSX & \xrightarrow{\mu S} & TSX & & 
 \end{array}$$

EXAMPLE. Inclusion of normalized distributions and normalization form a sesquilaw between the distribution monad ( $D$ ) and the maybe monad ( $M$ ). This also works for the Giry monad on standard Borel spaces.

SESQUILAWS INDUCE ACTIONS. Any sesquilaw,  $(m, n, S, T)$ , induces a right action of the monad  $TS$  into the functor  $ST$ : a natural transformation  $u_x: STTSX \rightarrow STX$  defined by either side of this commutative diagram,

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 STTSX & \xrightarrow{S\mu^S} & STSX & \xrightarrow{mS} & TSSX \\
 \downarrow mTS & & \searrow u_x & & \downarrow \\
 TSTSX & \xrightarrow{TmS} & TTSSX & \xrightarrow{mT\mu^S} & TSX & \xrightarrow{n} & STX
 \end{array}$$

making the following two diagrams commute

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 STX & \xrightarrow{ST\mu^S} & STTSX \\
 \searrow & & \downarrow u_x \\
 & & STX
 \end{array}
 \qquad
 \begin{array}{ccc}
 STTSTSX & \xrightarrow{ST\mu^S} & STTSX \\
 \downarrow u_x & & \downarrow u_x \\
 STTSX & \xrightarrow{u_x} & STX
 \end{array}$$

COROLLARY. Normalized stochastic kernels admit an action from substochastic kernels

$$(\triangleleft) : \text{NORM}(X; Y) \times \text{SUBSTOCH}(Y; Z) \longrightarrow \text{NORM}(X; Z),$$

defined by  $(p \triangleleft f) = (p \circ ; f)^\circ$  and satisfying  $p \triangleleft \text{id} = p$  and  $p \triangleleft (f ; g) = p \triangleleft f \triangleleft g$ .

MONOIDAL MAGMOIDS I: ASSOCIATIVE CENTER. Monoidal coherence needs unitors, associators, and their tensors, and units to satisfy some instances of associativity.

DEFINITION. In a non-associative category, a morphism  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is associative whenever, for each  $g_1: X_2 \rightarrow X$ , each  $g_2: X_2 \rightarrow X_1$ , each  $h_1: Y \rightarrow Y_1$  and each  $h_2: Y_1 \rightarrow Y_2$ , we have that

$$(g_2 \circ g_1) \circ f = g_2 \circ (g_1 \circ f); \quad (g_1 \circ f) \circ h_1 = g_1 \circ (f \circ h_1); \quad (f \circ h_1) \circ h_2 = f \circ (h_1 \circ h_2).$$

REMARK. Associative morphisms are closed under composition but not necessarily closed under tensoring; we must explicitly pick a closed subclass of associative morphisms.

DEFINITION (Monoidal magmoid). A monoidal magmoid consists of a monoidal category  $(A, \otimes, \mathbf{I})$  and a non-associative category with tensor and unit  $(M, \otimes, \mathbf{I})$  linked by an identity-on-objects functor,  $(-)_\uparrow: A \rightarrow M$ , whose image is associative, that preserves the tensor structure.

Equivalently, a monoidal magmoid is a non-associative monoidal promonad.

MONOIDAL MAGMOIDS II: COMMUTATIVITY. Commutativity means monoidality in the associative case, but it splits into three notions in the non-associative setting.

1. Monoidality,  $(f \otimes \text{id}) \circ (\text{id} \otimes g) = f \otimes g = (\text{id} \otimes g) \circ (f \otimes \text{id})$ .
2. Left commutativity,  $(f \circ (g \otimes \text{id})) \circ (\text{id} \otimes h) = f \circ (g \otimes h) = (f \circ (\text{id} \otimes h)) \circ (g \otimes \text{id})$ .
3. Right commutativity,  $(f \otimes \text{id}) \circ ((\text{id} \otimes g) \circ h) = (f \otimes g) \circ h = (\text{id} \otimes g) \circ ((f \otimes \text{id}) \circ h)$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 TA \otimes TB & \xrightarrow{L} & T(TA \otimes B) & \xrightarrow{R} & TT(A \otimes B) \xrightarrow{\mu} T(A \otimes B) \\
 & \searrow_R & & \swarrow_L & \\
 & & T(A \otimes TB) & & 
 \end{array}$$

MONOIDALITY

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & \xrightarrow{L} & TT(TX \otimes Y) & \xrightarrow{\mu} & T(TX \otimes Y) & \xrightarrow{R} & \\
 T(TX \otimes TY) & & & & & & TT(X \otimes Y) \xrightarrow{\mu} T(X \otimes Y) \\
 & \searrow_R & & \swarrow_L & & & \\
 & & TT(X \otimes TY) & \xrightarrow{\mu} & T(X \otimes TY) & & 
 \end{array}$$

(LEFT)  
COMMUTATIVITY

In the associative case, MONOIDALITY implies both forms of COMMUTATIVITY, which coincide.

PROPOSITION. Monoidal sesquialaws induce monoidal left commutative non-associative monads.

# PART 3: DO-NOTATION

(leftDo NORM  
patient ← prevalence  
test ← (channel patient)  
result ← uncertainty  
( ) ← (observe test result)  
return patient)

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DO-NOTATION. Moggi's system PL is a metalanguage for monadic computation popularized as DO-notation; it takes semantics over cartesian closed categories with a monad. It consists of two syntax rules and leaves variable management to the metalevel.

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{do } T \\ \text{return } x \end{array} \right] = \eta_T(x)$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{do } T \\ x \leftarrow e \\ \text{rest } \dots \end{array} \right] = \beta_T(e) \left( \lambda x. \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{do } T \\ \text{rest } \dots \end{array} \right] \right)$$

The monad  $T$  is presented in relative form:  $\eta_T: X \rightarrow TX$  and  $\beta_T: TX \times (X \rightarrow TY) \rightarrow TY$ .

As an example, consider the single test problem over the subdistribution monad.

(do SUBDIST

patient ← prior

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() ← observe(Negative, result)

RETURN(patient))

$\beta$  (prior) ( $\lambda$  patient.

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patient)))

LEFT DO. The monadic metalanguage is naturally right associative: variables bind to the right. For non-associative monads, this becomes relevant: we may associate to the left.

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{leftDo } T \\ x_1 \leftarrow e_1 \\ x_2 \leftarrow e_2 \\ \text{rest} \dots \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{leftDo } T \\ (x_1, x_2) \leftarrow \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{do } T \\ x_1 \leftarrow e_1 \\ x_2 \leftarrow e_2 \\ \text{return } (x_1, x_2) \end{array} \right] \\ \text{rest} \dots \end{array} \right];$$

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Again, assuming a non-associative monad presented in relative form.

(leftDo SUBDIST/NORM  
 patient ← prevalence  
 result ← channel (patient)  
 () ← observe (Negative, result)  
 RETURN (patient))

$\beta (\beta (\beta (\text{prevalence}) (\lambda \text{patient} . \beta (\text{channel } (\text{patient})) (\lambda \text{result} . (\text{patient}, \text{result})))) (\lambda (\text{patient}, \text{result}) . \beta (\text{observe } (\text{Negative}) (\text{result}) (\lambda . (\text{patient}, \text{result})))) (\lambda (\text{patient}, \text{result}) . \text{patient}))$

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$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{3}|I\rangle + \frac{2}{3}|H\rangle \\ & \frac{1}{3}|I\rangle(\frac{3}{4}|P\rangle + \frac{1}{4}|N\rangle) + \frac{2}{3}|H\rangle(\frac{1}{2}|P\rangle + \frac{1}{2}|N\rangle) \\ & \frac{1}{3}|I\rangle(\frac{3}{4}|P\rangle + \frac{1}{4}|N\rangle)(\frac{3}{4}|P\rangle + \frac{1}{4}|N\rangle) + \frac{2}{3}|H\rangle(\frac{1}{2}|P\rangle + \frac{1}{2}|N\rangle)(\frac{3}{4}|P\rangle + \frac{1}{4}|N\rangle) \\ & \frac{3}{16}|IP\rangle + \frac{1}{48}|IN\rangle + \frac{1}{4}|HP\rangle + \frac{1}{12}|HN\rangle \\ & \frac{5}{24}|I\rangle + \frac{1}{3}|H\rangle \\ & \frac{5}{13}|I\rangle + \frac{8}{13}|H\rangle \end{aligned}$$

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# SOLUTION 2. ( $\sim 37.1\%$  ill,  $\sim 63\%$  healthy)

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{3}{4}|P\rangle + \frac{1}{4}|N\rangle \\ & (\frac{3}{4}|P\rangle + \frac{1}{4}|N\rangle)(\frac{1}{3}|I\rangle + \frac{2}{3}|H\rangle) \\ & (\frac{3}{4}|P\rangle + \frac{1}{4}|N\rangle)(\frac{1}{3}|I\rangle(\frac{3}{4}|P\rangle + \frac{1}{4}|N\rangle) + \frac{2}{3}|H\rangle(\frac{1}{2}|P\rangle + \frac{1}{2}|N\rangle)) \\ & \frac{3}{4}|P\rangle(\frac{1}{4}|IP\rangle + \frac{1}{3}|HP\rangle) + \frac{1}{4}|N\rangle(\frac{1}{12}|IN\rangle + \frac{1}{6}|HN\rangle) \\ & \frac{3}{4}|P\rangle(\frac{3}{7}|I\rangle + \frac{4}{7}|H\rangle) + \frac{1}{4}|N\rangle(\frac{1}{5}|I\rangle + \frac{4}{5}|H\rangle) \\ & \frac{9}{28}|PI\rangle + \frac{3}{7}|PH\rangle + \frac{1}{20}|NI\rangle + \frac{1}{5}|NH\rangle \\ & \frac{13}{35}|I\rangle + \frac{22}{35}|H\rangle \end{aligned}$$

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OBSERVE  
NORMALIZE  
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PROJECT

We get two different numbers: this is terrible. (c.f. Jacobs 2018).

# PART 3: DO-NOTATION

(leftDo NORM  
patient ← prevalence  
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