

Now we pass both groups through the sieve; note that both sieves are the same; they just behave differently depending on which group is passing through.

Let test + = a positive mammography.

Finally, to find the probability that a positive test actually means cancer, we look at those who passed through the sieve with cancer, and divide by all who received a positive test, cancer or not.

$$\frac{p(\text{test} + | \text{ cancer})}{p(\text{test} + | \text{ cancer}) + p(\text{test} + | \sim \text{cancer})} = \frac{1\% * 80\%}{(1\% * 80\%) + (99\% * 9.6\%)} = 7.8\% = p(\text{cancer} | \text{test} +)$$