

Sujet N°21

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PROBABILITIES

A screening test for a virus

The results will be given in decimal form rounded to 0.0001.

In one country, 2% of the population is infected with a virus.

There is a screening test for the virus that has the following properties:

- the probability that an infected person has a positive test is 0.99 (test sensitivity).
- the probability that a non infected person has a negative test is 0.97 (test specificity).



We decide to test a person chosen at random in that population.

We note V the event "The person is infected with the virus" and T the event "The test is positive".

1. Translate the situation with a tree diagram.
2. Prove that the probability of a positive test is 0.0492.
3. a) Justify the following sentence :
"If the test is positive, there is an approximate 40% chance that the person is contaminated"
b) Determine the probability that a person is not contaminated knowing that his test is negative.

Vocabulary: screening test: test de dépistage