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Solution for review exercise 1 (chapter 1) in Pitman

Define the events

B0:0 defective items in box

B1:1 defective item in box

B2: 2 defective items in box

I: Item picked at random defective

The question can be stated formally (mathematically) as

$$P(B2|I) = \frac{P(I|B2)P(B2)}{P(I|B0)P(B0) + P(I|B1)P(B1) + P(I|B2)P(B2)} = \frac{1 \cdot 0.03}{0 \cdot 0.92 + 0.5 \cdot 0.05 + 1 \cdot 0.03} = \frac{6}{11}$$