

$$16. (i) P(\text{a member voting same way twice is a preservative}) = \frac{P(\text{same way twice and Preservative})}{P(\text{same way twice})}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{3}{5}}{\frac{3}{5} + \frac{2}{5} \times \frac{1}{2}} = \frac{3}{4}$$

P(member votes same way a third time given voted same way twice) is

$$P(\text{member is a Preservative}) + P(\text{Member is a Progressive}) \times 0.5 = \frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{7}{8}$$

(ii)

number of votes in favour of Preservative policy) = $60(1 - a) + \beta$ where β is the number of Progressives voting for the policy, I.e. $\beta = B(40, 0.5) \approx N(20, 10)$

so number of votes is $X = 60(1 - a) + \beta \approx N(60(1 - a) + 20, 10)$

so $P(\text{getting a majority}) = P(X > 50) = P(80 - 60a + z\sqrt{10} > 50) = P\left(z > \frac{60a - 30}{\sqrt{10}}\right) < 0.8$ if

$$\frac{60a - 30}{\sqrt{10}} > 0.8416 \Rightarrow a > \frac{0.8416\sqrt{10} + 30}{60} = 0.544$$

so least value of a which will result in an election being called is 0.544
