

STA 247 - Assignment #1

Name: _____ Student #: _____

Due: October 3, 2016 @ 3:15PM - Submit through Crowdmark on Blackboard

Remember to **show all your work** in the assignment. Solutions without justifications will not earn any marks.

The goal of the assignments is to assess whether you can **apply the concepts discussed in lecture**. While there may be different paths to the solution, it is your responsibility to demonstrate in your solutions that you have learned the course material.

Problem 1 [9 marks]. A game involves tossing two fair six-sided dice and observing the sum.

- a) Using set notation, write out the sample space of this experiment
- b) What is the probability of rolling a sum of 5?
- c) What is the probability of rolling a sum of 5 if one of the dice is a 4?
- d) What is the probability one of the dice is a 4 if you roll a sum of 5?
- e) what is the probability of rolling a sum of 5 or greater?

Problem 2 [3 marks]. How many divisors does 31,752 have? How many divisors are multiples of 7?

Problem 3 [3 marks]. A local furniture store has a stock consisting of 7 models of desks, 8 models of chairs, 5 models of filing cabinets, and 10 models of bookcases. Your boss has asked you to go and purchase 3 desks, 2 chairs, 2 filing cabinets, and 4 bookcases.

- a) In how many ways can you make this purchase if your boss does not want to select more than one of any model?
- b) There is a particular bookcase and desk that your boss really likes. What is the probability that those two pieces were selected during your random selection?

Problem 4 [9 marks]. Suppose events A , B , C have the following probabilities: $P(A|B) = 0.25$, $P(C|B) = 0.5$, $P(A \cap C|B) = 0.10$. Given that B has occurred,

- a) Find the probability that only C has occurred.
- b) Find the probability that only A or only C has occurred, but not both.
- c) Find the probability that A or C has occurred.
- d) Represent all the probabilities in an appropriately labeled Venn diagram

Problem 5 [3 marks]. A closet has 8 pairs of shoes. If you randomly select 4 shoes, what is the probability that you will have exactly 1 complete pair?

Problem 6 [9 marks]. A manufacturer of circuit boards will test all of their products via a verification test. Unfortunately, the test is not 100% accurate. For every 50 defective circuit boards, the test will pass 3 of them. For every 50 functional boards, the test will pass 49 of them. The manufacturer also knows that they tend to have a 4% defective rate. In one day, the manufacturer produced 890 circuit boards of which 875 passed. A properly labeled tree diagram might be helpful here.

- a) Using probability notation (and appropriate definitions of variables), write down the effectiveness of the verification test. i.e./ How likely is the test to identify a defective circuit board when it's defective, and vice versa if the circuit board is functional.
- b) Calculate the probability that the verification test will pass a circuit board.
- c) Of the 875 circuit boards that passed, how many would you expect to be defective? (Hint: If it passes, what are the chances it's defective?)

Problem 7 [10 marks]. A TV show has a weekly game where 1 audience member is selected to participate. The participant must choose 3 numbers from $\{1, 2, 3, \dots, 15\}$, with replacement. You can assume order matters here.

- a) What is the sample space? *Hint: You don't need to list out every single element, but you should be able to notate it in a compact form.*
- b) What is the probability that all three numbers are different?
- c) What is the probability that all three numbers are the same?
- d) What is the probability that only two of the numbers are the same?
- e) What is the probability that the three numbers sum to 15? *Hint: Find a way to apply the sticks and stones method here.*

Problem 8 [6 marks]. Verify that the probability mass function of a binomial random variable $X \sim \text{Bin}(n, p)$ where $n > 1$ is a valid PMF.

Problem 9 [6 marks]. Use the law of total probability to prove the following:

- a) If $P(A|B) = P(A|B^c)$, then A and B are independent.
- b) If $P(A|C) > P(B|C)$ and $P(A|C^c) > P(B|C^c)$, then $P(A) > P(B)$.