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Probability Assignment

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Question: If A and B are mutually exclusive events, Pr(A) = 0.35 and Pr(B) = 0.45 then find

- 1) Pr(A')
- 2) Pr(B')
- 3) Pr(A + B)
- 4) Pr(AB)
- 5) Pr(AB')
- 6) Pr(A'B')

Solution: Given that *A* and *B* are mutually exclusive events. so, from third axiom of probability, we have

$$\Pr(AB) = 0 \tag{1}$$

We have

$$Pr(A) = 0.35$$
 (2)

$$Pr(B) = 0.45$$
 (3)

Let S be the sample space. So, now

$$S = A + A' \tag{4}$$

$$= B + B' \tag{5}$$

1) From (2)

$$Pr(A') = 1 - Pr(A) \tag{6}$$

$$= 1 - 0.35$$
 (7)

$$= 0.65$$
 (8)

2) From (3)

$$\Pr(B') = 1 - \Pr(B) \tag{9}$$

$$= 1 - 0.45$$
 (10)

$$= 0.55$$
 (11)

3) From (1),(2) and (3).

$$Pr(A + B) = Pr(A) + Pr(B) - Pr(AB)$$
 (12)

$$= 0.35 + 0.45 - 0 \tag{13}$$

$$= 0.80$$
 (14)

4) From (1)

$$\Pr(AB) = 0 \tag{15}$$

5) For Pr(AB') consider Pr(A). So, from (5).

$$Pr(A) = Pr(A.S) \tag{16}$$

$$= \Pr\left(A.(B+B')\right) \tag{17}$$

$$= \Pr(AB + AB') \tag{18}$$

$$= \Pr(AB) + \Pr(AB') - \Pr(AB.AB')$$
(19)

$$= \Pr(AB) + \Pr(AB') - \Pr(AA.(BB'))$$
(20)

 $= \Pr(AB) + \Pr(AB') \tag{21}$

BB' is empty set.So, Pr(A(BB')) = 0. From (1) and (3).

$$Pr(AB') = Pr(A) - Pr(AB)$$
 (22)

$$= 0.35 - 0 \tag{23}$$

$$= 0.35$$
 (24)

6) Using Demorgan's laws that is (A+B)' = A'B'. From (14).

$$Pr(A'B') = Pr((A+B)')$$
 (25)

$$= 1 - \Pr(A + B) \tag{26}$$

$$= 1 - 0.80$$
 (27)

$$= 0.20$$
 (28)