Assignment #4

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1. You purchase a certain product. The manual states that the lifetime T of the product, defined as the amount of time (in years) the product works properly until it breaks down, satisfies

$$P(T \ge t) = e^{-\frac{t}{5}}$$
, for all $t \ge 0$

For example, the probability that the product lasts more than (or equal to) 2 years is $P(T \ge 2) = e^{-\frac{2}{5}}$. I purchase the product and use it for two years without any problems. What is the probability that it breaks down in the third year?

- 2. You toss a fair coin three times:
 - (a) What is the probability of three heads, *HHH*?
 - (b) What is the probability that you observe exactly one heads?
 - (c) Given that you have observed at least one heads, what is the probability that you observe at least two heads?
- 3. For events A, B, and C, we know that
 - A and C are independent
 - B and C are independent
 - A and B are disjoint
 - $P(A \cup C) = \frac{2}{3}$, $P(B \cup C) = \frac{3}{4}$, and $P(A \cup B \cup C) = \frac{11}{12}$.

Find P(A), P(B), and P(C).

- 4. In my town, it's rainy one third of the days. Given that it is rainy, there will be heavy traffic with probability $\frac{1}{2}$, and given that it is not rainy, there will be heavy traffic with probability $\frac{1}{4}$. If it's rainy and there is heavy traffic, I arrive late for work with probability $\frac{1}{2}$. On the other hand, the probability of being late is reduced to $\frac{1}{8}$ if it is not rainy and there is no heavy traffic. In other situations (rainy and no traffic, not rainy and traffic) the probability of being late is 0.25. You pick a random day.
 - (a) What is the probability that it's not raining and there is heavy traffic and I am not late?
 - (b) What is the probability that I am late?
 - (c) Given that I arrived late at work, what is the probability that it rained that day?
- 5. A box contains three coins: two regular coins and one fake two-headed coin (P(H) = 1),
 - You pick a coin at random and toss it. What is the probability that it lands heads up?
 - You pick a coin at random and toss it, and get heads. What is the probability that it is a two headed coin?