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question: state True or False for the given statement:

if A and B are mutually exclusive events then they will be independent also.

Solution: As given in the question $\Pr(AB) = 0$ But for these events to be independent

$$\Pr(AB) = \Pr(A) \times \Pr(B) \quad (1)$$

$$0 = \Pr(A) \times \Pr(B) \quad (2)$$

But $\Pr(A) \times \Pr(B) \neq 0$ can also hold good if the events are disjoint.

Example: There are two Events A and B for a pack of cards.

A: Card < 5 is drawn

B: Face card is drawn

Now,

$$\Pr(AB) = 0 \quad (3)$$

$$\Pr(A) = \frac{12}{52} \quad (4)$$

$$\Pr(B) = \frac{12}{52} \quad (5)$$

$$\Pr(A) \times \Pr(B) = \frac{144}{2704} \neq \Pr(AB) \quad (6)$$

The given events are mutually exclusive but not independent.

Hence this contradiction leads that the given statement is false.