



The following problems are taken from *Probability & Statistics for Engineers & Scientists*, Walpole, Myers, Myers, and Ye, 9th ed. Prentice Hall, 2011.

2.1 List the elements of each of the following sample spaces:

- (a) the set of integers between 1 and 50 divisible by 8;
- (b) the set $S = \{x \mid x^2 + 4x - 5 = 0\}$;
- (c) the set of outcomes when a coin is tossed until a tail or three heads appear;
- (d) the set $S = \{x \mid x \text{ is a continent}\}$;
- (e) the set $S = \{x \mid 2x - 4 \geq 0 \text{ and } x < 1\}$.

2.14 If $S = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$ and $A = \{0, 2, 4, 6, 8\}$, $B = \{1, 3, 5, 7, 9\}$, $C = \{2, 3, 4, 5\}$, and $D = \{1, 6, 7\}$, list the elements of the sets corresponding to the following events:

- (a) $A \cup C$;
- (b) $A \cap B$;
- (c) C' ;
- (d) $(C' \cap D) \cup B$;
- (e) $(S \cap C)'$;
- (f) $A \cap C \cap D'$.

2.16 If $S = \{x \mid 0 < x < 12\}$, $M = \{x \mid 1 < x < 9\}$, and $N = \{x \mid 0 < x < 5\}$, find

- (a) $M \cup N$;
- (b) $M \cap N$;
- (c) $M' \cap N'$.

2.26 A California study concluded that following 7 simple health rules can extend a man's life by 11 years on the average and a woman's life by 7 years. These 7 rules are as follows: no smoking, get regular exercise, use alcohol only in moderation, get 7 to 8 hours of sleep, maintain proper weight, eat breakfast, and do not eat between meals. In how many ways can a person adopt 5 of these rules to follow

- (a) if the person presently violates all 7 rules?
- (b) if the person never drinks and always eats breakfast?

2.29 In a fuel economy study, each of 3 race cars is tested using 5 different brands of gasoline at 7 test sites located in different regions of the country. If 2 drivers are used in the study, and test runs are made once under each distinct set of conditions, how many test runs are needed?

2.30 In how many different ways can a true-false test consisting of 9 questions be answered?

2.31 A witness to a hit-and-run accident told the police that the license number contained the letters RLH followed by 3 digits, the first of which was a 5. If the witness cannot recall the last 2 digits, but is certain that all 3 digits are different, find the maximum number of automobile registrations that the police may have to check.

2.32 (a) In how many ways can 6 people be lined up to get on a bus?

- (b) If 3 specific persons, among 6, insist on following each other, how many ways are possible?
- (c) If 2 specific persons, among 6, refuse to follow each other, how many ways are possible?

2.36 (a) How many three-digit numbers can be formed from the digits 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 if each digit can be used only once?

- (b) How many of these are odd numbers?
- (c) How many are greater than 330?

2.37 In how many ways can 4 boys and 5 girls sit in a row if the boys and girls must alternate?

2.38 Four married couples have bought 8 seats in the same row for a concert. In how many different ways can they be seated

- (a) with no restrictions?
- (b) if each couple is to sit together?

(c) if all the men sit together to the right of all the women?

2.39 In a regional spelling bee, the 8 finalists consist of 3 boys and 5 girls. Find the number of sample points in the sample space S for the number of possible orders at the conclusion of the contest for

- (a) all 8 finalists;
- (b) the first 3 positions.

2.41 Find the number of ways that 6 teachers can be assigned to 4 sections of an introductory psychology course if no teacher is assigned to more than one section.

2.46 In how many ways can 3 oaks, 4 pines, and 2 maples be arranged along a property line if one does not distinguish among trees of the same kind?

2.47 How many ways are there to select 3 candidates from 8 equally qualified recent graduates for openings in an accounting firm?