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MATH 108

Spring 2024

HW 8: Due 02/26

“If you really want something in this life, you have to work for it—now quiet, they’re about to announce the lottery numbers!”

— Homer Simpson

Problem 1. (10pts) Define what it means for two events A, B to be disjoint—give both the mathematical and ‘colloquial’ definition. Give an example of disjoint events and give an example of non-disjoint events.

Problem 2. (10pts) Define what it means for two events A, B to be independent—give both the mathematical and ‘colloquial’ definition. Give an example of independent events and give an example of non-independent events.

Problem 3. (10pts) If A, B are events, explain what $P(A \mid B)$ means. Give an example with explicit events A, B . Explain why $P(A \mid B) \leq P(A)$.

Problem 4. (10pts) The probabilities of several events in a finite probability space are given below:

$$P(A) = 0.83 \qquad P(D) = 0.15$$

$$P(B) = 0.49 \qquad P(A \text{ and } B) = 0.24$$

$$P(C) = 0.32 \qquad P(B \text{ and } D) = 0.17$$

(a) Assuming that A and C are independent, find $P(A \text{ or } C)$.

(b) Assuming B and C are disjoint, find $P(B \text{ or } C)$.

(c) Are A and B disjoint? Explain.

(d) Are B and D independent? Explain.

(e) Find $P(A \mid B)$.