

MATH440 Homework Set 1

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Homework questions: 2.2.12, 2.2.16, 2.2.22, 2.2.38 2.3.10, 2.3.12, 2.3.14

1 Chapter 2.2 Sample Spaces and the Algebra of Sets

Problem 2.2.12 Consider the experiment of choosing coefficients for the quadratic equation $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$. Characterize the values of a, b , and c associated with the event A : Equation has complex roots.

$$A = \{(a, b, c) | b^2 - 4ac < 0, a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

Problem 2.2.16 Sketch the regions in the xy plane corresponding to $A \cup B$ and $A \cap B$ if:

$$A = \{(x, y) | 0 < x < 3, 0 < y < 3\}$$

$$B = \{(x, y) | 2 < x < 4, 2 < y < 4\}$$

Please see attached illustration for image of region (Still working on Tikz skills).

Problem 2.2.22 Suppose that each of the twelve letters in the word T E S S E L L A T I O N is written on a chip. Define the following events F, R and C as follows:

F : Letters in the first half of the alphabet

R : Letters that are repeated

V : Letters that are vowels

$$F = \{A, E, I, L, S\}$$

$$R = \{T, T, L, L, E, E, S, S\}$$

$$V = \{E, A, I, O, E\}$$

a) What is $F \cap R \cap V$

$$F \cap R = \{E, E\}$$

$$(F \cap R) \cap V = \{E, E\}$$

b) What is $F^C \cap R \cap V^C$

$$F^C = \{N, O, S, S, T, T\}$$

$$V^C = \{S, S, T, T, N, L, L\}$$

$$R^C = \{I, O, N, A\}$$

$$F^C \cap R = \{S, S, T, T\}$$

$$(F^C \cap R) \cap V^C = \{S, S, T, T\}$$

c) What is $F \cap R^C \cap V$

$$F \cap R^C = \{I, A\}$$

$$(F \cap R^C) \cap V = \{I, A\}$$

Problem 2.2.38

Please see attached illustration figure 2.

Problem 2.3.10

An urn contains twenty-four chips, numbered 1 through 24. one is drawn at random. Let A be the event that the number is divisible by 2 and B be the event that the number is divisible by 3. Find $P(A \cup B)$