

HW 01 SOLUTIONS

Practice Problems

2.1

$A = \{FF\}$, $B = \{MM\}$, $C = \{MF, FM, MM\}$. $A \cap B = \emptyset$, $B \cap C = \{MM\}$, $C \setminus B = \{MF, FM\}$, $A \cup B = \{FF, MM\}$, $A \cup C = S$, $B \cup C = C$.

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- a. $(A \cap B) \cup (A \cap \overline{B}) = A \cap (B \cup \overline{B}) = A \cap S = A$.
- b. $B \cup (A \cap \overline{B}) = (B \cap A) \cup (B \cap \overline{B}) = (B \cap A) = A$.
- c. $(A \cap B) \cap (A \cap \overline{B}) = A \cap (B \cap \overline{B}) = \emptyset$.
The result follows from part a.
- d. $B \cap (A \cap \overline{B}) = A \cap (B \cap \overline{B}) = \emptyset$.
The result follows from part b.

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- a. Since $P(S) = P(E_1) + \dots + P(E_5) = 1$,

$$1 = 0.15 + 0.15 + 0.40 + 3P(E_5).$$

Thus, $P(E_5) = 0.10$ and $P(E_4) = 0.20$.

- b. Obviously,

$$P(E_3) + P(E_4) + P(E_5) = 0.6.$$

Thus, they are all equal to 0.2.

2.13

- a. Denote the events as very likely (VL), somewhat likely (SL), unlikely (U), and other (O).
b. Not equally likely: $P(\text{VL}) = 0.24$, $P(\text{SL}) = 0.24$, $P(\text{U}) = 0.40$, $P(\text{O}) = 0.12$.
c.

$$P(\text{at least SL}) = P(\text{SL}) + P(\text{VL}) = 0.48.$$

2.15

- a. Since the events are mutually exclusive,
 $P(S) = P(E_1) + \dots + P(E_4) = 1$.
So, $P(E_2) = 1 - 0.01 - 0.09 - 0.81 = 0.09$.
b. $P(\text{at least one hit}) = P(E_1) + P(E_2) + P(E_3) = 0.19$.

2.17

Let B = bushing defect, SH = shaft defect.

- a. $P(B) = 0.06 + 0.02 = 0.08$
b. $P(B \text{ or } SH) = 0.06 + 0.08 + 0.02 = 0.16$
c. $P(\text{exactly one defect}) = 0.06 + 0.08 = 0.14$
d. $P(\text{neither defect}) = 1 - P(B \text{ or } SH) = 1 - 0.16 = 0.84$

2.19

- a. $(V_1, V_1), (V_1, V_2), (V_1, V_3), (V_2, V_1), (V_2, V_2), (V_2, V_3), (V_3, V_1), (V_3, V_2), (V_3, V_3)$
b. If equally likely, all have probability $1/9$.
c. $A = \{\text{same vendor gets both}\} = \{(V_1, V_1), (V_2, V_2), (V_3, V_3)\}$
 $B = \{\text{at least one } V_2\} = \{(V_1, V_2), (V_2, V_1), (V_2, V_2), (V_2, V_3), (V_3, V_2)\}$ So, $P(A) = 1/3$,
 $P(B) = 5/9$,
 $P(A \cup B) = 7/9$, $P(A \cap B) = 1/9$.

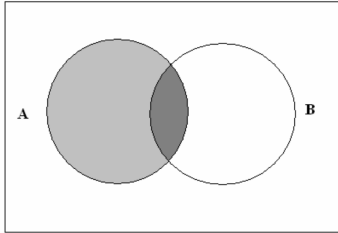
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If A and B are mutually exclusive, $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B)$. This value is greater than 1 if $P(A) = 0.4$ and $P(B) = 0.7$. So they cannot be mutually exclusive. It is possible if $P(A) = 0.4$ and $P(B) = 0.3$.

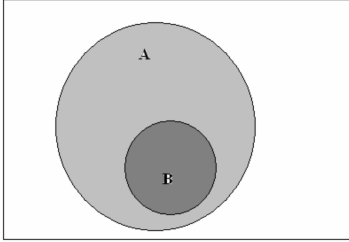
Submission Problems

2.4

2.4 a.



b.



2.6

$$A = \{(1, 2), (2, 2), (3, 2), (4, 2), (5, 2), (6, 2), (1, 4), (2, 4), (3, 4), (4, 4), (5, 4), (6, 4), (1, 6), (2, 6), (3, 6), (4, 6), (5, 6), (6, 6)\}$$

$$\overline{C} = \{(2, 2), (2, 4), (2, 6), (4, 2), (4, 4), (4, 6), (6, 2), (6, 4), (6, 6)\}$$

$$A \cap B = \{(2, 2), (4, 2), (6, 2), (2, 4), (4, 4), (6, 4), (2, 6), (4, 6), (6, 6)\}$$

$$A \cap \overline{B} = \{(1, 2), (3, 2), (5, 2), (1, 4), (3, 4), (5, 4), (1, 6), (3, 6), (5, 6)\}$$

$$\overline{A} \cup B = \text{everything but } \{(1, 2), (1, 4), (1, 6), (3, 2), (3, 4), (3, 6), (5, 2), (5, 4), (5, 6)\}$$

$$\overline{A} \cap C = \overline{A}$$

2.8

- a. $36 + 6 = 42$
- b. 33
- c. 18

2.14

- a. $P(\text{needs glasses}) = 0.44 + 0.14 = 0.48$
- b. $P(\text{needs glasses but doesn't use them}) = 0.14$
- c. $P(\text{uses glasses}) = 0.44 + 0.02 = 0.46$

2.18

- a. $S = \{HH, TH, HT, TT\}$
- b. If the coin is fair, all events have probability 0.25.
- c. $A = \{HT, TH\}$, $B = \{HT, TH, HH\}$
- d. $P(A) = 0.5$, $P(B) = 0.75$, $P(A \cap B) = P(A) = 0.5$, $P(A \cup B) = P(B) = 0.75$, $P(\bar{A} \cup B) = 1$.

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- a. No. It follows from $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B) \leq 1$.
- b. $P(A \cap B) \geq 0.5$
- c. No.
- d. $P(A \cap B) \leq 0.70$

Additional Problem

Show that

- a) $P(A_1 \cup A_2) \leq P(A_1) + P(A_2)$
- b) $P(A_1 \cap A_2) \geq P(A_1) + P(A_2) - 1$

Solution

Both parts follow from the fact that $P(A_1 \cup A_2) = P(A_1) + P(A_2) - P(A_1 \cap A_2)$.

Part a

$P(A_1 \cup A_2) = P(A_1) + P(A_2) - P(A_1 \cap A_2) \leq P(A_1) + P(A_2)$ because $P(A_1 \cap A_2) \geq 0$.

Part b

$P(A_1 \cup A_2) \leq 1 \implies P(A_1) + P(A_2) - P(A_1 \cap A_2) \leq 1 \implies P(A_1) + P(A_2) - 1 \leq P(A_1 \cap A_2)$