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Practice quiz on Problem Solving

TOTAL POINTS 9

1. I am given the following 3 joint probabilities:

1 / 1 point

$p(\text{I am leaving work early, there is a football game that I want to watch this afternoon}) = .1$

$p(\text{I am leaving work early, there is not a football game that I want to watch this afternoon}) = .05$

$p(\text{I am not leaving work early, there is not a football game that I want to watch this afternoon}) = .65$

What is the probability that there is a football game that I want to watch this afternoon?

☐ .2

☐ .35

☐ .1

☒ .3



Correct

Getting the answer is a two-step process. First, recall that the sum of probabilities for a probability distribution must sum to 1. So the “missing” joint distribution

$p(\text{I am not leaving work early, there is a football game I want to watch this afternoon})$ must be $1 - (0.1 + 0.05 + 0.65) = 0.2$

By the sum rule, the marginal probability $p(\text{there is a football game that I want to watch this afternoon})$ = the sum of the joint probabilities

$P(\text{I am leaving work early, there is a football game that I want to watch this afternoon}) + P(\text{I am not leaving work early, there is a football game I want to watch this afternoon}) = .1 + .2 = .3$