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AI1103 - Assignment 2

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QUESTION:

If P and Q are two random events, then the following is TRUE:

- (A) Independence of P and Q implies that $Pr(P \cap Q) = 0$
- (B) $Pr(P \cup Q) \ge Pr(P) + Pr(Q)$
- (C) If P and Q are mutually exclusive, then they must be independent.
- (D) $Pr(P \cap Q) \leq Pr(P)$

ANSWER:

(A) Independence of P and Q means if P happens, then outcome of Q won't be affected by that. so

$$Pr(P/Q) = Pr(P) \tag{0.0.1}$$

$$\frac{\Pr(P \cap Q)}{\Pr(Q)} = \Pr(P) \tag{0.0.2}$$

$$\implies \Pr(P \cap Q) = \Pr(P) \cdot \Pr(Q)$$
 (0.0.3)

This is what we can say hence (A) is wrong

(B)As

$$Pr(P \cup Q) = Pr(P) + Pr(Q) - Pr(P \cap Q)$$
(0.0.4)

$$Pr(P \cup Q) + Pr(P \cap Q) = Pr(P) + Pr(Q) \qquad (0.0.5)$$

$$\Pr(P \cap Q) \ge 0 \tag{0.0.6}$$

$$\implies \Pr(P) + \Pr(Q) \ge \Pr(P \cup Q)$$
 (0.0.7)

Hence (B) is also wrong

(C) When P and Q are mutually exclusive, then either P occurs or Q occurs but not both simultaneously. So if P happens, chance of Q happening gets ruled out and vice-versa. Hence, mutually exclusive events are dependent. Hence (C) is also wrong

(D)As

$$\Pr(Q/P) = \frac{\Pr(P \cap Q)}{\Pr(P)} \tag{0.0.8}$$

And

$$\Pr\left(Q/P\right) \le 1\tag{0.0.9}$$

$$\frac{\Pr(P \cap Q)}{\Pr(P)} \le 1 \tag{0.0.10}$$

$$\Pr(P \cap Q) \le \Pr(P) \tag{0.0.11}$$

Hence (D) is correct.