

### Problem 1:

Consider randomly selecting a student at a certain university, and let A denote the event that the selected student has a Visa credit card and B be the analogous event for a MasterCard. Suppose that  $P(A) = 0.5$ ,  $P(B) = 0.4$  and  $P(A \cap B) = 0.25$

- a. What is the probability that the selected student has at least one of the two types of cards?

$$\begin{aligned}P(A \cup B) &= P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B) \\&= 0.50 + 0.40 - 0.25 \\&= \mathbf{0.65}\end{aligned}$$

- b. What is the probability that the selected student has neither type of card?

$$\begin{aligned}P[(A \cup B)^c] &= 1 - P(A \cup B) \\&= 1 - 0.65 \\&= \mathbf{0.35}\end{aligned}$$

- c. Describe, in terms of A and B, the event that the selected student has a Visa card but not a MasterCard, and then calculate the probability of this event.

$$\begin{aligned}P(A \cap B^c) &= P(A) - P(A \cap B) \\&= 0.50 - 0.25 \\&= \mathbf{0.25}\end{aligned}$$

- d. Calculate the following:

- i.  $P(B | A)$

(probability that a randomly selected student has MasterCard **given** that the student has a Visa card)

$$\begin{aligned}P(B | A) &= \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(A)} \\&= \frac{0.25}{0.50} \\&= \mathbf{0.50}\end{aligned}$$

- ii.  $P(A | B)$

(probability that a randomly selected student has Visa card **given** that the student has a MasterCard)

$$\begin{aligned}P(A | B) &= \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} \\&= \frac{0.25}{0.40} \\&= \mathbf{0.625}\end{aligned}$$

**Problem 2:**

Let  $V$  be the event that a computer contains a virus, and let  $W$  be the event that a computer contains a worm. Suppose  $P(V) = 0.10$ ,  $P(W) = 0.15$  and  $P(V \cup W) = 0.2$ .

- a. Find the probability that the computer contains neither a virus nor a worm (the computer is clean).

$$\begin{aligned} P[(V \cup W)^c] &= 1 - P(V \cup W) \\ &= 1 - 0.20 \\ &= \mathbf{0.80} \end{aligned}$$

- b. Find the probability that the computer contains a virus but no worm.

$$\begin{aligned} P(V \cap W^c) &= P(V \cup W) - P(W) \\ &= 0.20 - 0.15 \\ &= \mathbf{0.05} \end{aligned}$$

**Problem 3:**

A UMBC student has two different email accounts. Suppose that 70% of her messages come into Account 1. Of the messages that come into Account 1, 5% are spam. Meanwhile, of the messages that come into Account 2, 8% are spam.

- a. If a message is randomly selected, what is the probability that it is **NOT** a spam?

$$\begin{aligned} P(S^c) &= 1 - P(S) \\ &= 1 - [0.7(0.05) + 0.3(0.08)] \\ &= \mathbf{0.941} \end{aligned}$$

- b. If a randomly selected message is a spam, what is the probability that it came from Account 1?

$$\begin{aligned} P(A_1 | S) &= \frac{P(A_1 \cap S)}{P(S)} \\ &= \frac{0.7(0.05)}{0.7(0.05) + 0.3(0.08)} \\ &= \mathbf{0.5932} \end{aligned}$$