

Practice quiz on Problem Solving

TOTAL DES POINTS 9

1. I am given the following 3 joint probabilities:

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

pf(I am 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?

- ☐ 1 ☐ 35 ☒ 3 ☐ 2

✓ 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(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(i) am leaving work early, there is a football game that I want to watch this afternoon) + P(i) am not leaving work early, there is a football game I want to watch

this afternoon) = $.1 + .2 = .3$

2. The joint probability of my submitting Mt. Baker in the next two years AND publishing a best-selling book in the next two years is .05. If the probability of my publishing a best-selling book in the next two years is 10%, and the probability of my submitting Mt. Baker in the next two years is 30%, are these two events dependent or independent?

- ☐ Independent
- ☒ Dependent

✓ Correct

We know this because the joint distribution of 5% does not equal the product distribution of $(0.1) \times (0.3) = 3\%$. If I submit Mt. Baker, I am more likely to publish a best-selling book, and vice versa.

3. The joint probability of my summing Mr. Baker in the next two years AND my publishing a best-selling book in the next two years is .05.

if the probability of my publishing a best-selling book in the next two years is 10%, and the probability of my summiting Mt. Baker in the next two years is 30%, what is the probability that (sadly) in the next two years I will neither summit Mt. Baker nor publish a best-selling book?

0.95

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✓ Correct

Set A = I will summit Mt. Baker in the next two years

Set B = I will publish a best-selling book in the next two years.

Since $p(A) = 0.3$ and $p(A, B) = 0.05$, by the SUM RULE we know that $p(A, \sim B) = (0.3 - 0.05) = 0.25$

Since $p(B) = 0.1, p(\sim B) = 0.9$

Since $p(\sim B) = 0.9$ and $p(A, \sim B) = 0.25$ and again by the SUM RULE, $p(\sim A, \sim B) = 0.9 - 0.25 = .65$

4. I have two coins. One is fair, and has a probability of coming up heads of .5. The second is bent, and has a probability of coming up heads of .75. If I toss each coin once, what is the probability that at least one of the coins will come up heads?

- ☐ .375
- ☐ 1.0
- ☐ .625