

1 Problem 5

Suppose $P(A \cup B) = P(A \cap B)$

We can write $P(A) = P(A \cap B) + P(A \cap B^c)$

and $P(B) = P(A \cap B) + P(A^c \cap B)$

Then

$$P(A) + P(B) = 2P(A \cap B) + P(A \cap B^c) + P(A^c \cap B) \quad (1)$$

By definition $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$

Since $P(A \cup B) = P(A \cap B)$ we have:

$$P(A) + P(B) = 2P(A \cap B) \quad (2)$$

Combining (1) and (2) we have:

$$2P(A \cap B) = 2P(A \cap B) + P(A \cap B^c) + P(A^c \cap B)$$

$$\text{Thus } P(A \cap B^c) + P(A^c \cap B) = 0$$

Since probability is nonnegative

$$P(A \cap B^c) = 0 \text{ and}$$

$$P(A^c \cap B) = 0$$

$$\text{Thus } P(A) = P(B)$$