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Mathematical Concepts
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 Assignment 1
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Question 1. [10 marks]

Let $U = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, a, b, c, d, e\}$, $A = \{2, 4, b, c\}$ and $B = \{2, 3, 6, 7, b, d, e\}$.

Find the following sets:

- (a) $n(A')$
- (b) $n(A \cap B')$
- (c) $n(A \cup B')$
- (d) $n(A' \cup B')$

List the following subsets:

- (e) All subsets of A with cardinality 2
- (f) All subsets of A with cardinality 3 and with b an element of the subset.

Question 2. [10 marks]

Let A , B , and C be subsets of a universal set U and suppose $n(U) = 100$, $n(A) = 31$, $n(B) = 34$, $n(C) = 35$, $n(A \cap B) = 12$, $n(A \cap C) = 10$, $n(B \cap C) = 17$, and $n(A \cap B \cap C) = 6$.

- (a) Find $n(A' \cap B \cap C)$.
- (b) Find $n(A \cup B \cup C)$.

Hint: Use a Venn diagram.

Question 3. [15 marks]

A fair coin is tossed three times and it is recorded whether it falls head or tail.

- (a) Give the sample space S for the experiment.
- (b) Consider the following events: E = a head on the first toss; F = a head on the second toss; G = a head on the third toss. Give the subset of outcomes in S that defines each of the events E , F and G .
- (c) Describe the following events in terms of E , F and G and find the probabilities for the events.
 - getting a head on the first toss and a head on the second toss.
 - getting a head on the first toss or a head on the second toss.
 - getting a tail on the first toss.
 - getting at least one head in the three tosses.
- (d) Are E and F mutually exclusive events? Give a reason for your answer.

Question 4. [10 marks]

Three unusual dice, A , B , and C are constructed such that die A has the numbers 3, 3, 4, 4, 8, 8; die B has the numbers 1, 1, 5, 5, 9, 9; and die C the numbers 2, 2, 6, 6, 7, 7.

- (a) If dice A and B are rolled, find the probability that B beats A , that is, that the number that appears on die B is greater than the number on die A .
- (b) If dice B and C are rolled, find the probability that C beats B .
- (c) If dice A and C are rolled, find the probability that A beats C .
- (d) Which die is the best of the three? Explain your answer.

Question 5. [20 marks]

A manufacturer of lie detectors is testing its newest design. It asks 300 people to lie deliberately and another 500 people to tell the truth. Of those who lied, the lie detector caught 200. Of those who told the truth, the lie detector accused 200 of lying. Let L describe the event that a person is a liar and N the event that the lie detector accuses a person of lying. Calculate the following probabilities and describe the events in words.

- (a) $P(L \cap N)$
- (b) $P(L' \cap N)$
- (c) $P(L' \cup N')$
- (d) $P(L|N)$
- (e) $P(L'|N')$
- (f) Are the events L and N mutually exclusive? Give a reason for your answer.
- (g) Are the events L and N independent? Give a reason for your answer.

Question 6. [10 marks]

An experiment consists of tossing two coins. The first coin is a fair one, while the second coin is twice as likely to land with heads facing up. Find the probability that

- (a) both coins land head up
- (b) exactly one coin lands head up
- (c) at least one coin lands head up

Question 7. [10 marks]

- (a) How many 5 letter sequences are possible that use the letters m, a, t, h, s once each?
- (b) How many 3 letter sequences are possible that use the letters m, a, t, h, s at most once each?
- (c) How many 3 letter sets can be selected from the letters m, a, t, h, s ?
- (d) How many 4 letter sequences are possible that use the letters m, a, t, h, s at most once each and contains the letter m ?

Question 8. [10 marks]

For a poker hand, five cards are chosen from an ordinary deck of playing cards. Find the probability to get the following hands:

- (a) a hand with 1 heart, 2 diamonds, 2 clubs
- (b) a hand with no face cards
- (c) a hand with at least 3 queens

Question 9. [5 marks]

A bag contains two blue marbles and two red ones; two marbles are drawn at random.

- (a) What is wrong with the following argument?
Because there are four possibilities – (red, red), (blue, blue), (red, blue), (blue, red) – the probability that both are red is 0.25.
- (b) Find the correct probability that both marbles are red.