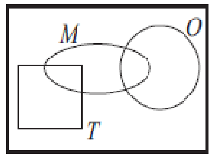
Homework 1 Solutions

Problem 1.1.1 Solution

Based on the Venn diagram



the answers are fairly straightforward:

(a) Since $T \cap M \neq \phi$, T and M are not mutually exclusive.

(b) Every pizza is either Regular (R), or Tuscan (T). Hence $R \cup T = S$ so that R and T are collectively exhaustive. Thus its also (trivially) true that $R \cup T \cup M = S$. That is, R, T and M are also collectively exhaustive.

(c) From the Venn diagram, T and O are mutually exclusive. In words, this means that Tuscan pizzas never have onions or pizzas with onions are never Tuscan. As an aside, "Tuscan" is a fake pizza designation; one shouldn't conclude that people from Tuscany actually dislike onions.

(d) From the Venn diagram, $M \cap T$ and O are mutually exclusive. Thus Gerlanda's doesn't make Tuscan pizza with mushrooms and onions.

(e) Yes. In terms of the Venn diagram, these pizzas are in the set $(T \cup M \cup O)^c$.

Problem 1.2.1 Solution

(a) An outcome specifies whether the fax is high (h), medium (m), or low (l) speed, and whether the fax has two (t) pages or four (f) pages. The sample space is

$$S = \{ht, hf, mt, mf, lt, lf\}. \quad (1)$$

(b) The event that the fax is medium speed is $A_1 = \{mt, mf\}$.

(c) The event that a fax has two pages is $A_2 = \{ht, mt, lt\}$.

(d) The event that a fax is either high speed or low speed is $A_3 = \{ht, hf, lt, lf\}$.

(e) Since $A_1 \cap A_2 = \{mt\}$ and is not empty, A_1, A_2, and A_3 are not mutually exclusive.

(f) Since

$$A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3 = \{ht, hf, mt, mf, lt, lf\} = S, \tag{2}$$

the collection A_1, A_2, A_3 is collectively exhaustive.

Problem 1.2.2 Solution

(a) The sample space of the experiment is

$$S = \{aaa, aaf, afa, faa, ffa, faf, aff, fff\}. \tag{1}$$

(b) The event that the circuit from Z fails is

$$Z_F = \{aaf, aff, faf, fff\}. \tag{2}$$

The event that the circuit from X is acceptable is

$$X_A = \{aaa, aaf, afa, aff\}. \tag{3}$$

(c) Since $Z_F \cap X_A = \{aaf, aff\} \neq \phi$, Z_F and X_A are not mutually exclusive.

(d) Since $Z_F \cup X_A = \{aaa, aaf, afa, aff, faf, fff\} \neq S$, Z_F and X_A are not collectively exhaustive.

(e) The event that more than one circuit is acceptable is

$$C = \{aaa, aaf, afa, faa\}. \tag{4}$$

The event that at least two circuits fail is

$$D = \{ffa, faf, aff, fff\}. \tag{5}$$

(f) Inspection shows that $C \cap D = \phi$ so C and D are mutually exclusive.

(g) Since $C \cup D = S$, C and D are collectively exhaustive.

Problem 1.3.2 Solution

A sample outcome indicates whether the cell phone is handheld (H) or mobile (M) and whether the speed is fast (F) or slow (W). The sample space is

$$S = \{HF, HW, MF, MW\}. \tag{1}$$

The problem statement tells us that $P[HF] = 0.2$, $P[MW] = 0.1$ and $P[F] = 0.5$. We can use these facts to find the probabilities of the other outcomes. In particular,

$$P[F] = P[HF] + P[MF]. \tag{2}$$

This implies

$$P[MF] = P[F] - P[HF] = 0.5 - 0.2 = 0.3. \tag{3}$$

Also, since the probabilities must sum to 1,

$$P[HW] = 1 - P[HF] - P[MF] - P[MW] = 1 - 0.2 - 0.3 - 0.1 = 0.4. \tag{4}$$

Now that we have found the probabilities of the outcomes, finding any other probability is easy.

(a) The probability a cell phone is slow is

$$P[W] = P[HW] + P[MW] = 0.4 + 0.1 = 0.5. \tag{5}$$

(b) The probability that a cell hpone is mobile and fast is $P[MF] = 0.3$.

(c) The probability that a cell phone is handheld is

$$P[H] = P[HF] + P[HW] = 0.2 + 0.4 = 0.6. \tag{6}$$

Problem 1.4.1 Solution

From the table we look to add all the disjoint events that contain H_0 to express the probability that a caller makes no hand-offs as

$$P[H_0] = P[LH_0] + P[BH_0] = 0.1 + 0.4 = 0.5. \tag{1}$$

In a similar fashion we can express the probability that a call is brief by

$$P[B] = P[BH_0] + P[BH_1] + P[BH_2] = 0.4 + 0.1 + 0.1 = 0.6. \tag{2}$$

The probability that a call is long or makes at least two hand-offs is

$$P[L \cup H_2] = P[LH_0] + P[LH_1] + P[LH_2] + P[BH_2] \tag{3}$$

$$= 0.1 + 0.1 + 0.2 + 0.1 = 0.5. \tag{4}$$

Problem 1.4.4 Solution

Each statement is a consequence of part 4 of Theorem 1.4.

(a) Since $A \subset A \cup B$, $P[A] \leq P[A \cup B]$.

(b) Since $B \subset A \cup B$, $P[B] \leq P[A \cup B]$.

(c) Since $A \cap B \subset A$, $P[A \cap B] \leq P[A]$.

(d) Since $A \cap B \subset B$, $P[A \cap B] \leq P[B]$.

Problem 1.4.6 Solution

(a) For convenience, let $p_i = P[FH_i]$ and $q_i = P[VH_i]$. Using this shorthand, the six unknowns $p_0, p_1, p_2, q_0, q_1, q_2$ fill the table as

$$\begin{array}{c|ccc} & H_0 & H_1 & H_2 \\ \hline F & p_0 & p_1 & p_2 \\ V & q_0 & q_1 & q_2 \end{array}. \tag{1}$$

However, we are given a number of facts:

$$p_0 + q_0 = 1/3, \qquad p_1 + q_1 = 1/3, \tag{2}$$
$$p_2 + q_2 = 1/3, \qquad p_0 + p_1 + p_2 = 5/12. \tag{3}$$

Other facts, such as $q_0 + q_1 + q_2 = 7/12$, can be derived from these facts. Thus, we have four equations and six unknowns, choosing p_0 and p_1 will specify the other unknowns. Unfortunately, arbitrary choices for either p_0 or p_1 will lead to negative values for the other probabilities. In terms of p_0 and p_1, the other unknowns are

$$q_0 = 1/3 - p_0, \qquad p_2 = 5/12 - (p_0 + p_1), \tag{4}$$
$$q_1 = 1/3 - p_1, \qquad q_2 = p_0 + p_1 - 1/12. \tag{5}$$

Because the probabilities must be nonnegative, we see that

$$0 \leq p_0 \leq 1/3, \tag{6}$$
$$0 \leq p_1 \leq 1/3, \tag{7}$$
$$1/12 \leq p_0 + p_1 \leq 5/12. \tag{8}$$

Although there are an infinite number of solutions, three possible solutions are:

$$p_0 = 1/3, \qquad p_1 = 1/12, \qquad p_2 = 0, \tag{9}$$
$$q_0 = 0, \qquad q_1 = 1/4, \qquad q_2 = 1/3. \tag{10}$$

and

$$p_0 = 1/4, \qquad p_1 = 1/12, \qquad p_2 = 1/12, \tag{11}$$
$$q_0 = 1/12, \qquad q_1 = 3/12, \qquad q_2 = 3/12. \tag{12}$$

and

$$p_0 = 0, \qquad p_1 = 1/12, \qquad p_2 = 1/3, \tag{13}$$
$$q_0 = 1/3, \qquad q_1 = 3/12, \qquad q_2 = 0. \tag{14}$$

(b) In terms of the p_i, q_i notation, the new facts are $p_0 = 1/4$ and $q_1 = 1/6$. These extra facts uniquely specify the probabilities. In this case,

$$p_0 = 1/4, \qquad p_1 = 1/6, \qquad p_2 = 0, \tag{15}$$
$$q_0 = 1/12, \qquad q_1 = 1/6, \qquad q_2 = 1/3. \tag{16}$$

Problem 1.5.1 Solution

Each question requests a conditional probability.

(a) Note that the probability a call is brief is

$$P[B] = P[H_0B] + P[H_1B] + P[H_2B] = 0.6. \tag{1}$$

The probability a brief call will have no handoffs is

$$P[H_0|B] = \frac{P[H_0B]}{P[B]} = \frac{0.4}{0.6} = \frac{2}{3}. \tag{2}$$

(b) The probability of one handoff is $P[H_1] = P[H_1B] + P[H_1L] = 0.2$. The probability that a call with one handoff will be long is

$$P[L|H_1] = \frac{P[H_1L]}{P[H_1]} = \frac{0.1}{0.2} = \frac{1}{2}. \tag{3}$$

(c) The probability a call is long is $P[L] = 1 - P[B] = 0.4$. The probability that a long call will have one or more handoffs is

$$P[H_1 \cup H_2|L] = \frac{P[H_1L \cup H_2L]}{P[L]} = \frac{P[H_1L] + P[H_2L]}{P[L]} = \frac{0.1 + 0.2}{0.4} = \frac{3}{4}. \tag{4}$$