

Probability - basics 2 (preDP2) [26 marks]

1. [Maximum mark: 6]

22M.2.SL.TZ1.6

Let A and B be two independent events such that $P(A \cap B) = 0.16$ and $P(A \cap B) = 0.36$.

(a) Given that $P(A \cap B) = x$, find the value of x .

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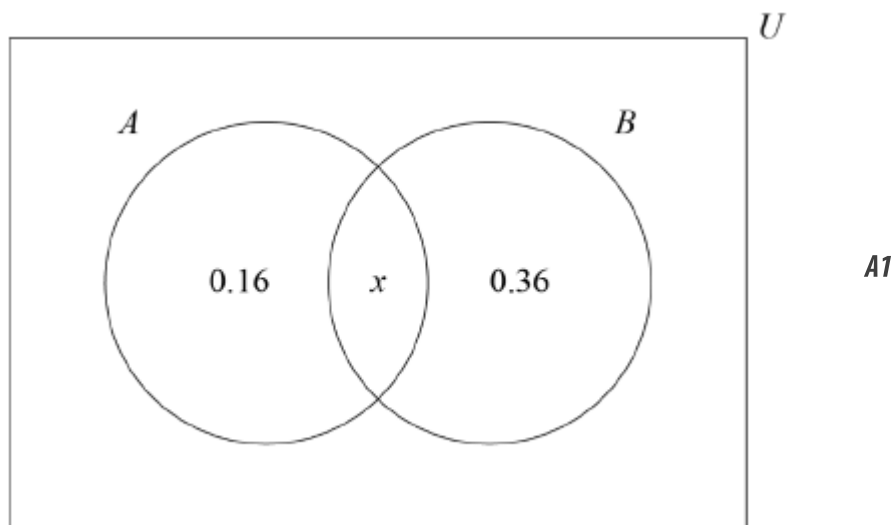
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METHOD 1

EITHER

one of $P(A) = x + 0.16$ OR $P(B) = x + 0.36$ *A1*

OR



THEN

attempt to equate their $P(A \cap B)$ with their expression for $P(A) \times P(B)$ *M1*

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A) \times P(B) \Rightarrow x = (x + 0.16) \times (x + 0.36)$$

A1

$$x = 0.24 \quad A1$$

METHOD 2

attempt to form at least one equation in $P(A)$ and $P(B)$ using independence *M1*

$$(P(A \cap B') = P(A) \times P(B') \Rightarrow) P(A) \times (1 - P(B)) = 0.16$$

OR

$$(P(A' \cap B) = P(A') \times P(B) \Rightarrow) (1 - P(A)) \times P(B) = 0.36$$

$$P(A) = 0.4 \text{ and } P(B) = 0.6 \quad A1$$

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A) \times P(B) = 0.4 \times 0.6 \quad (A1)$$

$$x = 0.24 \quad A1$$

[4 marks]

(b) Find $P(A' | B')$.

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METHOD 1

$$\text{recognising } P(A' | B') = P(A') \quad (M1)$$

$$= 1 - 0.16 - 0.24$$

$$= 0.6 \quad A1$$

METHOD 2

$$P(B) = 0.36 + 0.24 (= 0.6)$$

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} \quad \left(= \frac{0.24}{0.6} \right) \quad (A1)$$

$$= 0.4 \quad A1$$

[2 marks]

2. [Maximum mark: 6]

22M.2.SL.TZ2.4

Events A and B are independent and $P(A) = 3P(B)$.

Given that $P(A \cup B) = 0.68$, find $P(B)$.

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$$P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B) = 0.68$$

substitution of $P(A) \cdot P(B)$ for $P(A \cap B)$ in $P(A \cup B)$ (M1)

$$P(A) + P(B) - P(A)P(B) (= 0.68)$$

substitution of $3P(B)$ for $P(A)$ (M1)

$$3P(B) + P(B) - 3P(B)P(B) = 0.68 \text{ (or equivalent)} \quad (A1)$$

Note: The first two *M* marks are independent of each other.

attempts to solve their quadratic equation (M1)

$$P(B) = 0.2, 1.133\dots \left(\frac{1}{5}, \frac{17}{15}\right)$$

$$P(B) = 0.2 \left(= \frac{1}{5}\right) \quad A2$$

Note: Award *A1* if both answers are given as final answers for $P(B)$.

[6 marks]

3. [Maximum mark: 8]

21M.2.SL.TZ2.4

At a school, 70% of the students play a sport and 20% of the students are involved in theatre. 18% of the students do neither activity.

A student is selected at random.

- (a) Find the probability that the student plays a sport and is involved in theatre.

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EITHER

$$P(S) + P(T) + P(S \cap T^c) - P(S \cap T) = 1 \text{ OR} \\ P(S \cup T) = P((S \cap T)^c) \quad (M1)$$

$$0.7 + 0.2 + 0.18 - P(S \cap T) = 1 \text{ OR} \\ P(S \cup T) = 1 - 0.18$$

OR

a clearly labelled Venn diagram (M1)

THEN

$$P(S \cap T) = 0.08 \text{ (accept 8\%)} \quad A1$$

Note: To obtain the *M1* for the Venn diagram all labels must be correct and in the correct sections. For example, do not accept 0.7 in the area corresponding to $S \cap T^c$.

[2 marks]

- (b) Find the probability that the student is involved in theatre, but does not play a sport.

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EITHER

$$P(T \cap S^c) = P(T) - P(T \cap S) (= 0.2 - 0.08) \text{ OR}$$

$$P(T \cap S^c) = P(T \cup S) - P(S) (= 0.82 - 0.7) \quad (M1)$$

OR

a clearly labelled Venn diagram including $P(S)$, $P(T)$ and $P(S \cap T)$
(M1)

THEN

$$= 0.12 \text{ (accept } 12\%) \quad A1$$

[2 marks]

At the school 48% of the students are girls, and 25% of the girls are involved in theatre.

A student is selected at random. Let G be the event “the student is a girl” and let T be the event “the student is involved in theatre”.

- (c) Find $P(G \cap T)$.

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$$P(G \cap T) = P(T/G)P(G) \quad (0.25 \times 0.48) \quad (M1)$$

$$= 0.12 \quad A1$$

[2 marks]

- (d) Determine if the events G and T are independent. Justify your answer.

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METHOD 1

$$P(G) \times P(T) (= 0.48 \times 0.2) = 0.096 \quad A1$$

$$P(G) \times P(T) \neq P(G \cap T) \Rightarrow G \text{ and } T \text{ are not independent} \quad R1$$

METHOD 2

$$P(T|G) = 0.25 \quad A1$$

$$P(T|G) \neq P(T) \Rightarrow G \text{ and } T \text{ are not independent} \quad R1$$

Note: Do not award *AOR1*.

[2 marks]

4. [Maximum mark: 6]

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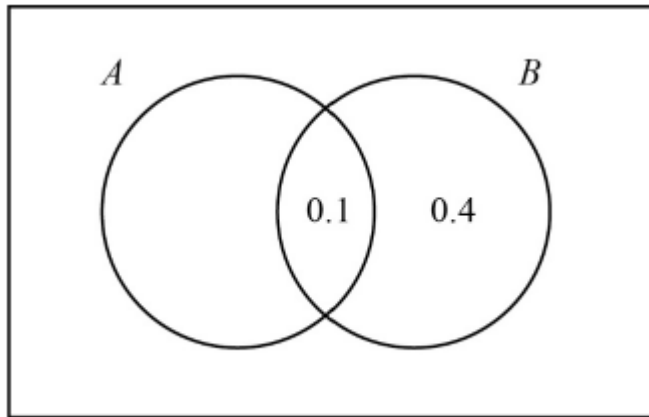
Consider two events, A and B , such that $P(A) = P(A' \cap B) = 0.4$ and $P(A \cap B) = 0.1$.

(a) By drawing a Venn diagram, or otherwise, find $P(A \cup B)$.

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* This question is from an exam for a previous syllabus, and may contain minor differences in marking or structure.



(M1)

Note: Award *M1* for a Venn diagram with at least one probability in the correct region.

EITHER

$$P(A \cap B') = 0.3 \quad (A1)$$

$$P(A \cup B) = 0.3 + 0.4 + 0.1 = 0.8 \quad A1$$

OR

$$P(B) = 0.5 \quad (A1)$$

$$P(A \cup B) = 0.5 + 0.4 - 0.1 = 0.8 \quad A1$$

[3 marks]

(b) Show that the events A and B are not independent.

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METHOD 1

$$P(A)P(B) = 0.4 \times 0.5 \quad (M1)$$

$$= 0.2 \quad A1$$

statement that their $P(A)P(B) \neq P(A \cap B)$ **R1**

Note: Award **R1** for correct reasoning from their value.

$\Rightarrow A, B$ not independent **AG**

METHOD 2

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} = \frac{0.1}{0.5} \quad (M1)$$

$$= 0.2 \quad A1$$

statement that their $P(A|B) \neq P(A)$ **R1**

Note: Award **R1** for correct reasoning from their value.

$\Rightarrow A, B$ not independent **AG**

Note: Accept equivalent argument using $P(B|A) = 0.25$.

[3 marks]

