

**MATH 350-011, Spring 2018**  
**Instructor: Vu Dinh**  
**Homework 2**  
**Due: Friday 03/02**

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Problem	Points	Score
1	20	
2	20	
3	30	
4	20	
5	10	
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2. (a) (10 points) At a county fair carnival game there are 25 balloons on a board, of which 10 balloons are yellow, 8 are red, and 7 are green. A player throws darts at the balloons to win a prize and randomly hits one of them. What is the probability that the first two balloon hits are both yellow?

- (b) (10 points) A red die and a white die are rolled. Let event

$$A = \{4 \text{ on the red die}\}$$

and event

$$B = \{\text{sum of dice is odd}\}.$$

Show that in this case

$$P(AB) = P(A)P(B).$$

3. (a) (10 points) A professor was meeting two students in Paris, one arriving by train from Amsterdam and the other arriving by train from Brussels at approximately the same time. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be the events that the respective trains are on time. Suppose we know from past experience that  $P(A) = 0.93$ ,  $P(B) = 0.89$ , and  $P(A \cap B) = 0.87$ . What is the probability that at least one train is on time?

- (b) (20 points) A Pap smear is a screening procedure used to detect cervical cancer. For women with this cancer, there are about 16% false negatives; that is,

$$P[\text{test negative} \mid \text{patient has cancer}] = 0.16$$

and

$$P[\text{test positive} \mid \text{patient has cancer}] = 0.84.$$

For women without cancer, there are about 10% false positives; that is,

$$P[\text{test positive} \mid \text{patient does not have cancer}] = 0.10$$

and

$$P[\text{test negative} \mid \text{patient does not have cancer}] = 0.90.$$

In the United States, there are about 8 women in 100,000 who have this cancer. Assume that a woman is taking the test. Given that the test is positive, what is the probability that she has cervical cancer?

4. (a) (10 points) Suppose we have two hats: one has 4 red balls and 6 green balls, the other has 6 red and 4 green. We toss a fair coin, if heads, pick a random ball from the first hat, if tails from the second. What is the probability of getting a red ball?
- (b) (10 points) In a study conducted three years ago, 82% of the people in a randomly selected sample were found to have good financial credit ratings, while the remaining 18% were found to have bad financial credit ratings. Current records of the people from that sample show that 30% of those with bad credit ratings have since improved their ratings to good, while 15% of those with good credit ratings have since changed to having a bad credit rating. What percentage of people with good credit ratings now had bad ratings three years ago?

5. (a) (5 points) Let  $A, B$  be two events such that

$$P(AB) = P(A)P(B).$$

Show that

$$P(A^c B^c) = P(A^c)P(B^c).$$

- (b) (5 points) Let  $E, F, G$  be events such that  $P(E|F) \geq P(G|F)$  and  $P(E|F^c) \geq P(G|F^c)$ .  
Show that

$$P(E) \geq P(G).$$