## Solutions to Homework 2

- 34.
- a. Since order doesn't matter, the number of ways to randomly select 5 keyboards from the 25 available is  $\binom{25}{5} = 53{,}130$ .
- **b.** Sample in two stages. First, there are 6 keyboards with an electrical defect, so the number of ways to select exactly 2 of them is  $\binom{6}{2}$ . Next, the remaining 5-2=3 keyboards in the sample must have mechanical defects; as there are 19 such keyboards, the number of ways to randomly select 3 is  $\binom{19}{3}$ . So, the number of ways to achieve both of these in the sample of 5 is the product of these two counting numbers:  $\binom{6}{2}\binom{19}{3}=(15)(969)=14,535$ .
- c. Following the analogy from **b**, the number of samples with exactly 4 mechanical defects is  $\binom{19}{4}\binom{6}{1}$ , and the number with exactly 5 mechanical defects is  $\binom{19}{5}\binom{6}{0}$ . So, the number of samples with <u>at least</u> 4 mechanical defects is  $\binom{19}{4}\binom{6}{1} + \binom{19}{5}\binom{6}{0}$ , and the probability of this event is  $\frac{\binom{19}{4}\binom{6}{1} + \binom{19}{5}\binom{6}{0}}{\binom{6}{1}} + \binom{19}{5}\binom{6}{0} = \frac{34,884}{53,130} = .657$ . (The denominator comes from **a**.)

38.

a. There are 6.75W bulbs and 9 other bulbs. So, P(select exactly 2.75W bulbs) = P(select exactly 2.75W)

bulbs and 1 other bulb) = 
$$\frac{\binom{6}{2}\binom{9}{1}}{\binom{15}{3}} = \frac{(15)(9)}{455} = .2967$$
.

**b.** P(all three are the same rating) = P(all 3 are 40W or all 3 are 60W or all 3 are 75W) =

$$\frac{\binom{4}{3} + \binom{5}{3} + \binom{6}{3}}{\binom{15}{3}} = \frac{4 + 10 + 20}{455} = .0747.$$

- c.  $P(\text{one of each type is selected}) = \frac{\binom{4}{1}\binom{5}{1}\binom{6}{1}}{\binom{15}{3}} = \frac{120}{455} = .2637$ .
- **d.** It is necessary to examine at least six bulbs if and only if the first five light bulbs were all of the 40W or 60W variety. Since there are 9 such bulbs, the chance of this event is

$$\frac{\binom{9}{5}}{\binom{15}{5}} = \frac{126}{3003} = .042.$$

45.

- **a.** P(A) = .106 + .141 + .200 = .447, P(C) = .215 + .200 + .065 + .020 = .500, and  $P(A \cap C) = .200$ .
- **b.**  $P(A|C) = \frac{P(A \cap C)}{P(C)} = \frac{.200}{.500} = .400$ . If we know that the individual came from ethnic group 3, the probability that he has Type A blood is .40.  $P(C|A) = \frac{P(A \cap C)}{P(A)} = \frac{.200}{.447} = .447$ . If a person has Type A blood, the probability that he is from ethnic group 3 is .447.
- c. Define D = "ethnic group 1 selected." We are asked for P(D|B'). From the table,  $P(D \cap B') = .082 + .106 + .004 = .192$  and P(B') = 1 P(B) = 1 [.008 + .018 + .065] = .909. So, the desired probability is  $P(D|B') = \frac{P(D \cap B')}{P(B')} = \frac{.192}{.909} = .211$ .

- 46. Let A be that the individual is more than 6 feet tall. Let B be that the individual is a professional basketball player. Then P(A|B) = the probability of the individual being more than 6 feet tall, knowing that the individual is a professional basketball player, while P(B|A) = the probability of the individual being a professional basketball player, knowing that the individual is more than 6 feet tall. P(A|B) will be larger. Most professional basketball players are tall, so the probability of an individual in that reduced sample space being more than 6 feet tall is very large. On the other hand, the number of individuals that are probasketball players is small in relation to the number of males more than 6 feet tall.
- 47. A Venn diagram appears at the end of this exercise.

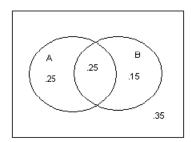
**a.** 
$$P(B|A) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(A)} = \frac{.25}{.50} = .50$$
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**b.** 
$$P(B'|A) = \frac{P(A \cap B')}{P(A)} = \frac{.25}{.50} = .50$$
.

**c.** 
$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} = \frac{.25}{.40} = .6125$$
.

**d.** 
$$P(A'|B) = \frac{P(A' \cap B)}{P(B)} = \frac{.15}{.40} = .3875$$
.

e. 
$$P(A|A \cup B) = \frac{P(A \cap (A \cup B))}{P(A \cup B)} = \frac{P(A)}{P(A \cup B)} = \frac{.50}{.65} = .7692$$
. It should be clear from the Venn diagram that  $A \cap (A \cup B) = A$ .



- A tree diagram can help. We know that P(short) = .6, P(medium) = .3, P(long) = .1; also,  $P(\text{Word} \mid \text{short}) = .8$ ,  $P(\text{Word} \mid \text{medium}) = .5$ ,  $P(\text{Word} \mid \text{long}) = .3$ .
  - **a.** Use the law of total probability: P(Word) = (.6)(.8) + (.3)(.5) + (.1)(.3) = .66.
  - **b.**  $P(\text{small} \mid \text{Word}) = \frac{P(\text{small} \cap \text{Word})}{P(\text{Word})} = \frac{(.6)(.8)}{.66} = .727$ . Similarly,  $P(\text{medium} \mid \text{Word}) = \frac{(.3)(.5)}{.66} = .227$ , and  $P(\text{long} \mid \text{Word}) = .045$ . (These sum to .999 due to rounding error.)

67. Let *T* denote the event that a randomly selected person is, in fact, a terrorist. Apply Bayes' theorem, using P(T) = 1,000/300,000,000 = .0000033:

$$P(T|+) = \frac{P(T)P(+|T)}{P(T)P(+|T) + P(T')P(+|T')} = \frac{(.0000033)(.99)}{(.0000033)(.99) + (1-.0000033)(1-.999)} = .003289.$$
 That is to say, roughly 0.3% of all people "flagged" as terrorists would be actual terrorists in this scenario.

80. Let  $A_i$  denote the event that component #i works (i = 1, 2, 3, 4). Based on the design of the system, the event "the system works" is  $(A_1 \cup A_2) \cup (A_3 \cap A_4)$ . We'll eventually need  $P(A_1 \cup A_2)$ , so work that out first:  $P(A_1 \cup A_2) = P(A_1) + P(A_2) - P(A_1 \cap A_2) = (.9) + (.9) - (.9)(.9) = .99$ . The third term uses independence of events. Also,  $P(A_3 \cap A_4) = (.9)(.9) = .81$ , again using independence.

Now use the addition rule and independence for the system:

$$P((A_1 \cup A_2) \cup (A_3 \cap A_4)) = P(A_1 \cup A_2) + P(A_3 \cap A_4) - P((A_1 \cup A_2) \cap (A_3 \cap A_4))$$

$$= P(A_1 \cup A_2) + P(A_3 \cap A_4) - P(A_1 \cup A_2) \times P(A_3 \cap A_4)$$

$$= (.99) + (.81) - (.99)(.81) = .9981$$

(You could also use deMorgan's law in a couple of places.)

- 83. We'll need to know P(both detect the defect) = 1 P(at least one doesn't) = 1 .2 = .8.
  - **a.**  $P(1^{st} \text{ detects } \cap 2^{nd} \text{ doesn't}) = P(1^{st} \text{ detects}) P(1^{st} \text{ does } \cap 2^{nd} \text{ does}) = .9 .8 = .1.$ Similarly,  $P(1^{st} \text{ doesn't } \cap 2^{nd} \text{ does}) = .1$ , so P(exactly one does) = .1 + .1 = .2.
  - **b.** P(neither detects a defect) = 1 [P(both do) + P(exactly 1 does)] = 1 [.8+.2] = 0. That is, under this model there is a 0% probability neither inspector detects a defect. As a result, P(all 3 escape) = (0)(0)(0) = 0.
- **84.** Let  $A_i$  denote the event that vehicle #i passes inspection (i = 1, 2, 3).

**a.** 
$$P(A_1 \cap A_2 \cap A_3) = P(A_1) \times P(A_2) \times P(A_3) = (.7)(.7)(.7) = (.7)^3 = .343.$$

- **b.** This is the complement of part **a**, so the answer is 1 .343 = .657.
- c.  $P([A_1 \cap A_2' \cap A_3'] \cup [A_1' \cap A_2 \cap A_3'] \cup [A_1' \cap A_2' \cap A_3]) = (.7)(.3)(.3) + (.3)(.7)(.3) + (.3)(.3)(.7) = 3(.3)^2(.7)$ = .189. Notice that we're using the fact that if events are independent then their complements are also independent.
- **d.** P(at most one passes) = P(zero pass) + P(exactly one passes) = P(zero pass) + .189. For the first probability,  $P(\text{zero pass}) = P(A_1' \cap A_2' \cap A_3') = (.3)(.3)(.3) = .027$ . So, the answer is .027 + .189 = .216.
- e. We'll need the fact that P(at least one passes) = 1 P(zero pass) = 1 .027 = .973. Then,  $P(A_1 \cap A_2 \cap A_3 \mid A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3) = \frac{P([A_1 \cap A_2 \cap A_3] \cap [A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3])}{P(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3)} = \frac{P(A_1 \cap A_2 \cap A_3)}{P(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3)} = \frac{.343}{.973} = .3525.$