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Open Book Test
Paper: Elementary Probability Theory

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Total Marks: 10M

Instructions:

Attempt all questions

Each question carries 2 Marks

Q 1. Define the following terms (4M)

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| 1. Sample space | 6. Compliment of an event |
| 2. Event | 7. Classical definition of Probability |
| 3. Certain event | 8. Axiomatic definition of Probability |
| 4. Mutually exclusive event | |
| 5. Exhaustive event | |

Q2 State & Prove addition theorem for probability of 2 and 3 events. 3M

Q3. Let A and B, be 2 events defined on sample space S then show that

$$P(A' \cap B) = P(B) - P(A \cap B) \quad \mathbf{3M}$$

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Q.1) Define with example

i) Sample space

→ The set of all possible distinct outcomes of an experiment is called a sample space.

eg:- i) Tossing of a coin

$$S = \{H, T\}$$

ii) Blood group of person

$$S = \{A, B, O, AB\}$$

ii) Event

Any subset of a sample space is called an event.

eg:- i) The sun rises in the east and sets in the west.

iii) Certain event

The event which contains all possible outcome of a sample space.

eg:- i) Getting head or tail when we toss a coin

$$A = \{H, T\}$$

ii) Getting a no ≤ 6 if we rolled a die

$$S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$$

iv) Mutually exclusive events.

Two events A and B are said to be mutually exclusive events if and only if they cannot happen simultaneously.

$$\text{i.e. } A \cap B = \{\} = \phi$$



v) Exhaustive events.

Two events A and B are said to be exhaustive if and only if their union Ω sample space.

eg:- In tossing of a coin

$$S = \{H, T\}$$

Event A: getting head

$$A = \{H\}$$

Event B: getting tail

$$B = \{T\}$$

$$\therefore A \cup B = \{H, T\}$$

$$\therefore A \cup B = \Omega$$

i.e. A and B are exhaustive events.

vi) Complement of an event



If A is the event of Ω then complement of A is plotted by A' to A.

A' is the event containing all points of sample space Ω which are not in A.

eg. $\Omega = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

$$A = \{1, 3, 5\}$$

$$A' = \{2, 4, 6\}$$

viii) Classical Definition of probability
 If a random experiment result in 'n' mutually exclusive and equally likely outcomes, out of which 'm' are favourable to the event A, then the probability of occurrence of the event is given by,

$$P(A) = \frac{m}{n}$$

$$P(A) = \frac{\text{no. of elements in event A}}{\text{no. of events in sample space}}$$

eg:- i) An integer between 1 and 100 (both inclusive) is selected at random, find the probability of selecting a perfect square if,

$$\rightarrow S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots, 100\}$$

$$n = 10(S) = 100$$

Event A: getting perfect square

$$A = \{1, 4, 9, 16, 25, 36, 49, 64, 81, 100\}$$

$$n(A) = 10$$

viii) Axiomatic definition of probability
 let Ω be a sample space corresponding to a random experiment let A be any of A i.e. $P(A)$ is defined as any value.

Function of Ω which satisfies the following Axioms:

Axiom 1: $P(A) \geq 0$

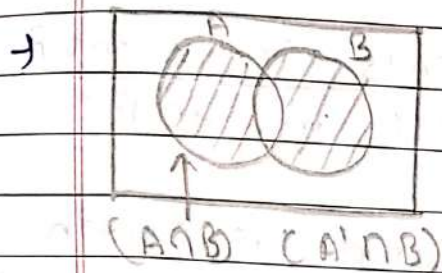
Axiom 2: $P(\Omega) = 1$

Axiom 3: let $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$ be 'n' mutually exclusive disjoint events on Ω then

$$P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n P(A_i)$$

In particular if A and B are disjoint events define Ω then $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B)$

Q.2] State and prove addition theorem of probability for two events A and B also state the same for three events A, B, C .



Statement :- let A and B be any two event defined and sample space.

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

B is composed of two disjoint events $A \cap B$ and $A' \cap B$

$$\text{i.e. } A = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap B')$$

$$P(A) = P(A \cap B) + P(A \cap B') \quad \text{--- Ax-3}$$

$$\therefore P(A \cap B') = P(A) - P(A \cap B) \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

Similarly,

B can expressed as

$$B = (A \cap B) \cup (A' \cap B)$$

$$\therefore P(B) = P(A \cap B) + P(A' \cap B)$$

We can write $P(A \cup B)$ in terms of disjoint events:

$$(A \cap B) \cup (A' \cap B) \cup (A \cap B')$$

$$\text{i.e. } (A \cup B) = (A \cap B') \cup (A \cap B) \cup (A' \cap B)$$

$$\therefore P(A \cup B) = P(A \cap B') + P(A \cap B) + P(A' \cap B)$$

putting values from eqn (i) and (ii) we get,
 $P(A \cup B) = P(A) - P(A \cap B) + P(A \cap B) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$

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

If A, B and C are three events define an sample space Ω the $P(A \cup B \cup C)$
 $P(A \cup B \cup C) = P(A) + P(B) + P(C) - P(A \cap B) - P(B \cap C) - P(A \cap C) + P(A \cap B \cap C)$

Proof :- Assume $B \cup C = \emptyset$

$$\therefore P(A \cup B \cup C) = P(A \cup \emptyset)$$

$$= P(A) + P(\emptyset) - P(A \cap \emptyset) \dots$$

condition th^m of

probability.

$$\therefore P(A) + P(B \cup C) - P(A \cap [B \cup C])$$

$$= P(A) + P(B) + P(C) - P(A \cap B) - P(A \cap C)$$

$$= P(A) + P(B) + P(C) - P(A \cap B) - [P(A \cap B) + P(A \cap C) - P((A \cap B) \cap P(A \cap C))]$$

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

Q.3) Let A and B be the events defined on sample space Ω prove that

$$i) 0 \leq P(A \cap B) \leq P(A) \leq P(A \cup B) \leq P(A) + P(B)$$

$$ii) P(A' \cap B) = P(B) - P(A \cap B)$$

$$\rightarrow i) A \cap B \in A$$

$$P(A \cap B) \leq P(A) \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

$$A \subset (A \cup B)$$

$$P(A) \leq P(A \cup B) \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

by addition th^m w.k.T

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

$$P(A \cap B) \geq 0 \quad \text{--- AX-1}$$

This implies that,


$$P(A \cup B) \leq P(A) + P(B)$$

from eqⁿ ①, ② and ③

$$P(A \cap B) \leq P(A) \leq P(A \cup B) \leq P(A) + P(B)$$

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ii) To prove - $P(A' \cap B) = P(B) - P(A \cap B)$

Proof:- Event B is composed of two disjoint $A \cap B$ and $A' \cap B$

$$\therefore B = (A \cap B) \cup (A' \cap B)$$

$$\therefore P(B) = P(A \cap B) + P(A' \cap B)$$

$$\boxed{P(A' \cap B) = P(B) - P(A \cap B)}$$

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Elementary Probability Theory

Q1. Define with example

1] Sample Space

The set of all possible distinct outcomes of an experiment called as sample space
e.g. 1] tossing of the coin
 $S = \{H, T\}$

2] Event

The subset of sample space is called as event

e.g. 1] Tossing of the coin.

$$S = \{H, T\}$$

Event A = getting a head

$$A = \{H\}$$

3] Certain event

The event which contains all possible outcomes of a sample space is called as Certain event.

e.g. 1] getting head or tail when we toss a coin

$$A = \{H, T\}$$

4] Mutually exclusive event.

Two events A and B are said to be mutually exclusive event. If and only if they can't happen simultaneously i.e.
 $A \cap B = \{\} = \emptyset$

eg. 1] In a rolling of a die
 $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

Event A: getting a even no.
 $A = \{2, 4, 6\}$

Event B: getting a multiple of 5
 $B = \{5\}$

$$\therefore A \cap B = \emptyset$$

i.e. A and B are mutually exclusive event.

5] Exhaustive event

Two events A and B are said to be exhaustive event if and only if their union is a sample space

eg. 1] In rolling of a die
 $(\Omega) S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

Event A: getting an even numbers
 $A = \{2, 4, 6\}$

Event B: getting an odd numbers
 $B = \{1, 3, 5\}$

$$\therefore A \cup B = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$$

$$\therefore A \cup B = \Omega$$

i.e. A and B are exhaustive events.

6] Complement of an event

The Complement of an event A is the event that A does not occur.

it denoted by A' or A^c

A' is the event containing all points of sample space Ω which are not in A

eg. $\Omega = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$
 $A = \{1, 3, 5\}$
 $A^c = \{2, 4, 6\}$

7] Classical definition of probability
 Probability of an event is called as classical definition of probability.
 eg. C: The product of two numbers is not greater than 9

1] Two fair dies are rolled

Sample space (Ω) = $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} (1,1), (1,2), (1,3), (1,4), (1,5), (1,6) \\ (2,1), (2,2), (2,3), (2,4), (2,5), (2,6) \\ (3,1), (3,2), (3,3), (3,4), (3,5), (3,6) \\ (4,1), (4,2), (4,3), (4,4), (4,5), (4,6) \\ (5,1), (5,2), (5,3), (5,4), (5,5), (5,6) \\ (6,1), (6,2), (6,3), (6,4), (6,5), (6,6) \end{array} \right\}$

Event C: The product of two numbers is not greater than 9.

$C = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (1,1), (1,2), (1,3), (1,4), (1,5), (1,6) \\ (2,1), (2,2), (2,3), (2,4), (2,5), (2,6) \\ (3,1), (3,2), (3,3), (4,1), (4,2), (5,1), (6,1) \end{array} \right\}$

$m = n(C) = 17$

$p(C) = \frac{m}{n} = \frac{17}{36}$

8] Axiomatic definition of probability

let Ω be a sample space corresponding to random experiment let A, B any event of Ω probability of 'A' it is denoted by $P(A)$ is defined as any real valued function on Ω which satisfies the following axion.

Axiom 1: $P(A) \geq 0$

Axiom 2: $P(\Omega) = 1$

Axiom 3: let $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$ be 'n' mutually exclusive. OR

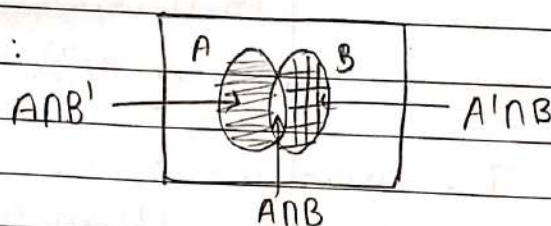
is particular if A and B are disjoint event
It define as the Ω then $P(A) + P(B)$

Q2. state and prove

addition theorem of probability for two events. A and B

Statement: let A and B be any two event
define an sample space Ω
 $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$

Diagram:



Proof: Event A is composed of two disjoint event $A \cap B$ and $A \cap B'$

i.e $A = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap B')$

$$P(A) = P(A \cap B) + P(A \cap B') \quad \text{--- Ax 3}$$

$$\therefore P(A \cap B') = P(A) - P(A \cap B) \quad \text{--- I}$$

Similarly B can expressed as

$$B = (A \cap B) \cup (A' \cap B)$$

$$P(B) = P(A \cap B) + P(A' \cap B) \quad \text{--- Ax 3}$$

$$\therefore P(A' \cap B) = P(B) - P(A \cap B) \quad \text{--- II}$$

We can write $(A \cup B)$ in terms of three disjoint events $(A \cap B)$, $(A' \cap B)$, $(A \cap B')$

$$\text{i.e } (A \cup B) = (A \cap B') \cup (A \cap B) \cup (A' \cap B)$$

$$P(A \cup B) = P(A \cap B') + P(A \cap B) + P(A' \cap B)$$

Putting values from eqⁿ I and II

We get, $P(A \cup B) = P(A) - P(A \cap B) + P(A \cap B) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$

$$= P(A) + P(A \cap B) + P(B)$$

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

2] Addition theorem of probability for three events A, B, C.

Statement: If A, B, C are defined of Sample Space of Ω then

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

Proof: Assume $(B \cup C) = D$

$$\therefore P(A \cup B \cup C) = P(A \cup D)$$

$$= P(A) + P(D) - P(A \cap D)$$

$$= P(A) + P(B \cup C) - P[(A \cap (B \cup C))] \\ = P(A) + P(B \cup C) - P[(A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)]$$

$$= P(A) + P(B) + P(C) - P(B \cap C) - [P(A \cap B) + P(A \cap C) - P((A \cap B) \cap (A \cap C))]$$

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

mutually exclusive event. If and only if they can't happen simultaneously i.e.

$$A \cap B = \{\} = \emptyset$$

Q3. Let A and B be the events defined on Sample Space Ω

Two events A and B be define on Sample space Ω are said to be independant if and only if $P(A \cap B) = P(A) \cdot P(B)$

2) Prove that

1) $0 \leq P(A \cap B) \leq P(A) \leq P(A \cup B) \leq P(A) + P(B)$

proof: $(A \cap B) \subset A$

$$P(A \cap B) \leq P(A) \text{ --- I}$$

$$A \subset (A \cup B)$$

$$\therefore P(A) \leq P(A \cup B) \text{ --- II}$$

we know that, $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$

$$P(A \cap B) \geq 0 \text{ --- AX-I}$$

$$P(A \cup B) \leq P(A) + P(B) \text{ --- III}$$

From eqⁿ I, II, III

$$0 \leq P(A \cap B) \leq P(A) \leq P(A \cup B) \leq P(A) + P(B)$$

2) $P(A' \cap B) = P(B) - P(A \cap B)$

proof: Event B is Composed of two disjoint events $(A \cap B) \cup (A' \cap B)$

$$\text{i.e } B = (A \cap B) \cup (A' \cap B)$$

$$\therefore P(B) = P(A \cap B) + P(A' \cap B) \text{ --- AX-3}$$

$$\therefore P(A' \cap B) = P(B) - P(A \cap B)$$