



Skill: Conditional Probability and Venn Diagrams

Questions

Attempt these questions independently showing full and clear solutions. Check each answer as you go.

1. A group of 80 people were tested for having one of three attributes: blue eyes, blonde hair and wearing glasses. The results are as follows:
 - 30 people wore glasses
 - 33 people had blue eyes
 - 40 people had blonde hair
 - 15 had blue eyes and blonde hair
 - 10 people had blue eyes and wore glasses
 - 17 people wore glasses and had blonde hair
 - 7 people had all three attributes
 - a. Represent this information on a Venn diagram.
 - b. A person was selected at random from the group. Determine the probability that this person:
 - i. Had blue eyes, given that they wore glasses.
 - ii. Had blue eyes, given that they didn't have blonde hair.
 - iii. Didn't wear glasses, given that they didn't have blue eyes.
 - iv. Had none of the three attributes, given that they weren't blonde.
 - v. Had all three attributes given that they wore glasses and had blue eyes.
 - vi. Had exactly one of the three attributes given that they were blonde.

2. Given that $P(A) = 0.3, P(B) = 0.45$ and $P(A \cap B) = 0.24$:
 - a. Construct a Venn diagram representing these probabilities.
 - b. Calculate the following probabilities:
 - i. $P(A|B)$
 - ii. $P(A|B')$
 - iii. $P(B'|A)$
 - iv. $P(A'|B')$
 - c. Determine whether the events A and B are independent.

3. It is given that, for two events A and B :

$$P(A|B) = 0.4 \quad P(B) = 0.25 \quad P(A) = \frac{1}{3}$$

Calculate the following probabilities (*you may find a Venn diagram useful*).

- i. $P(A \cap B)$
 - ii. $P(B|A)$
 - iii. $P(B|A')$
 - iv. $P(A \cup B|A')$
4. X and Y are two events such that $P(X|Y) = \frac{1}{2}$ and $P(Y|X) = \frac{2}{3}$ and $P(X \cup Y) = 0.9$.
 - a. Use this information to calculate the following probabilities:
 - i. $P(X \cap Y)$
 - ii. $P(Y)$
 - iii. $P(X'|Y)$
 - iv. $P(X|Y')$
 - b. Determine whether the events X and Y are independent.
 - c. State how you know the events X and Y are not mutually exclusive.