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Probability and Random Variables (37161) –
Class 1 Preparation Work

1. Two fair regular six-sided dice are rolled. The sample space, Ω , therefore contains 36 equally likely possible outcomes $\Omega = \{11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, \dots, 64, 65, 66\}$
 - i) What is the probability that the second die shows a larger number than the first?
 - ii) The values showing on the two dice are added. What is the probability that the sum of the values is 8?
 - iii) The values showing on the two dice are multiplied. What is the probability that the product of the two values is a multiple of 10?
2. In order to enrol in a university subject, students must have completed at least one of prerequisite subject A or prerequisite subject B.

35% of enrolling students have passed both subject A and subject B. 80% of students have passed subject A.

Draw a Venn diagram to represent this problem and find the proportion of students who have passed subject B.

3. A random experiment consists of selecting one person at random. The sample space for this experiment is the set of all living people.

Consider the following events:

- X_1 : The set of all people living in Australia
- X_2 : The set of all people enrolled at UTS
- X_3 : The set of all people enrolled in a university course
- X_4 : The set of all adults
- X_5 : The set of all people living in Australia or New Zealand
- X_6 : The set of all children living in New Zealand
- X_7 : The set of all adults living in Australia
- X_8 : The set of all children living in Australia

- i) Which pairs of events are mutually exclusive?
- ii) Which events are subsets of another event?
- iii) Which events can be written as the union of two other events?
- iv) Which events can be written as the intersection of two other events?
- v) Which event can also be expressed as $X_1^c \cap X_4^c \cap X_5$?

(Hint for v: Think through the meanings of unions, intersections and complements in terms of NOT, AND and OR logical operations.)