

**MARKS**

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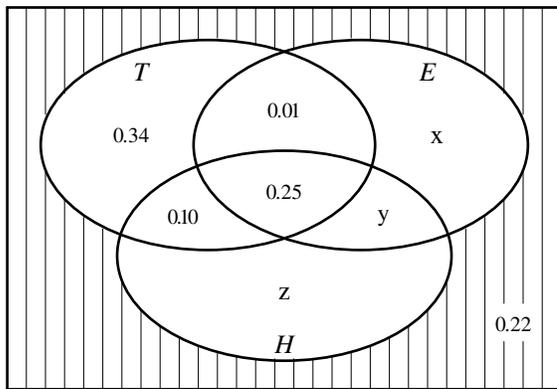
5. Suppose that 70% of all cars on the road have incorrect tire pressures, 30% have defective exhaust systems, and 40% have poorly aimed headlights. Suppose also that 25% have all three faults, 35% have the faults with both tires and headlights, 26% with both tires and exhaust system, and 22% have none of the faults. Find the probability a car selected equiprobably ('at random') on the road has:

- (a) a defective exhaust system and poorly aimed headlights;
- (b) a defective exhaust system and poorly aimed headlights but **correct** tire pressures.

(a) A **Venn diagram** is a convenient way to approach this question; we mark the percentages (representing probabilities) on an appropriate Venn diagram.

$0.26 = 26%$  (a)

  
 Probability



*T* denotes *incorrect tire pressures*,  
*E* denotes *defective exhaust system*,  
*H* denotes *poorly aimed headlights*.

For *E*:  $x + y + 0.25 + 0.01 = 0.30$ ;  
 for *H*:  $y + z + 0.10 + 0.25 = 0.40$ ;  
 overall:  $x + y + z + 0.70 + 0.22 = 1$ .

From the three equations:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x + y = 0.04 \\ y + z = 0.05 \\ x + y + z = 0.08 \end{array} \right\} \text{so that: } x = 0.03, y = 0.01, z = 0.04.$$

Poorly aimed headlights **and** a defective exhaust system is  $0.25 + y = 0.26 = 26\%$ .

(b) A defective exhaust system **and** poorly aimed headlights but *correct* tire pressures is  $y = 0.01 = 1\%$ .

$0.01 = 1%$  (b)

  
 Probability