1. Solution. The total number of 5 card poker hands is  $\binom{52}{5}$ .

Next calculate the number of hands with exactly two kings. There are  $\binom{4}{2} = 6$  possibilities to choose the two kings. The remaining 3 cards can be chosen among the 48 cards that are not kings.

Using the product rule the number of hands with exactly two kings is

$$6 \cdot \binom{48}{3}.$$

The required probability is then  $\frac{6 \cdot \binom{48}{3}}{\binom{52}{5}}$ .

2. Solution. Below is one counter-example (there are many others).

 $P(Y_1 = 2 \text{ and } Y_2 = 17) = 0$  because  $Y_1 = 2$  means that both dice have come up as 1 and then  $Y_2$  gets value 2. On the other hand  $P(Y_1 = 2) = P(Y_2 = 17) = \frac{1}{36}$ . Note that  $Y_1 = 2$ when both dice come up as 1 and  $Y_2 = 17$  exactly when the first die comes up as 6 and the second die as 1. Hence  $P(Y_1 = 2) \cdot P(Y_2 = 17) \neq 0$ .

3. Solution. Using Proposition 34.19 and Proposition 34.7:

$$V(X+Y) = E((X+Y)^2) - E(X+Y)^2 = E(X^2 + 2XY + Y^2) - ((E(X) + E(Y))^2)$$
$$= E(X^2) + 2E(XY) + E(Y^2) - E(X)^2 - 2E(X)E(Y) - E(Y)^2$$

Since X and Y are independent, by Theorem 34.14, the above simplifies to

$$E(X^{2}) + E(Y^{2}) - E(X)^{2} - E(Y)^{2} = V(X) + V(Y),$$

where the last equality again uses Proposition 34.19.

4. Solution. Let  $X_i$ ,  $1 \le i \le 10$ , be a zero-one valued random variable that has value one if the *i*th coin toss is heads, and zero otherwise. Then  $X = X_1 + \ldots + X_{10}$  is the sum of the variables  $X_i$ .

The variables  $X_i$  and  $X_j$ ,  $1 \le i < j \le 10$ , are independent because the coin tosses are independent. Formally this is verified as follows: Let S be a sample space of all possible sequences of 10 coin tosses. For any  $s \in S$  and  $r_1, r_2 \in \{0, 1\}$ ,

$$P(X_i(s) = r_1 \text{ and } X_j(s) = r_2) = \frac{1}{4} = P(X_i(s) = r_1) \cdot P(X_j(s) = r_2).$$

Let S be the sample space of all possible  $2^{10}$  results of the coin tosses. The expected value of  $X_i$ ,  $1 \le i \le 10$ , is

$$E(X_i) = \sum_{s \in S} 2^{-10} X_i(s) = \frac{1}{2}$$



Figure 1: Hasse diagram for question 5 (a)

because exactly in one half of the sequences of coin tosses the *i*th toss is heads. For the same reason  $E(X_i^2) = \frac{1}{2}$  and hence

$$V(X_i) = E(X_i^2) - E(X_i)^2 = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{4}$$

Now, since the variables  $X_i$  are independent, using the result of question 3 we have

$$V(X) = \sum_{i=1}^{10} V(X_i) = 10 \cdot \frac{1}{4} = \frac{5}{2}.$$

Note that the equality from question 3 extends inductively for sums of more than two pairwise independent variables.

5. Solution. The solution is given in Figures 1, 2 and 3.

## 6. Solution.

- (a) If p is a prime, then only p divides p (since  $1 \notin A$ ). Hence all prime numbers are minimal. Furthermore, if  $b \in A$  is not a prime then there exists  $c \in A$ ,  $c \neq b$ , such that c divides b. Therefore the only minimal elements are the prime numbers.
- (b) There are no maximal elements since, for every  $b \in A$ , b divides  $2b \in A$ .

## 7. Solution.

- (a) Base case:  $\varepsilon^R = \varepsilon$ . Inductive step: If  $w \in \Sigma^*$  and  $b \in \Sigma$ , then  $(wb)^R = bw^R$ .
- (b) We use structural induction based on the length of the second string. For a string  $y \in \Sigma^*$ , denote by P(y) the statement that

$$(x \cdot y)^R = y^R \cdot x^R$$
 for all strings x



Figure 2: Hasse diagram for question 5 (b)

We prove P(y) using structural induction. Base case  $y = \varepsilon$ :  $(x \cdot \varepsilon)^R = x^R = \varepsilon^R \cdot x^R$  (because  $\varepsilon^R = \varepsilon$ ) Inductive step: consider a string yb where  $b \in \Sigma$  and P(y) holds. Now for any string x:

$$(x \cdot (yb))^R = ((x \cdot y) \cdot b)^R = b(x \cdot y)^R,$$

where the first equality uses associativity of concatenation and the second equality uses the inductive definition of reversal. Then using the fact that P(y) holds we get

$$b(x\cdot y)^R = b(y^R\cdot x^R) = (by^R)\cdot x^R = (yb)^R\cdot x^R,$$

where the second equality uses associativity and the third equality uses the inductive definition of reversal.

This establishes that P(yb) holds.



Figure 3: Hasse diagram for question 5 (c)