

ASSIGNMENT 15: PROBABILITY - 2U

- 1 From a pack of 52 cards, a card is drawn at random. What is the probability that it is:
 - (a) black?
 - (b) a king or a queen?
 - (c) a diamond?
 - (d) a five or a spade?

- 2 There are five marbles in a bag; one red, two white, one blue and one black. Find the probability that if a marble is drawn at random, then it is:
 - (a) blue
 - (b) white
 - (c) white or red
 - (d) not black.

- 3 The digits 1, 2 and 3 are arranged to form two-digit numbers.
 - (a) List all the possible two-digit numbers so formed.
 - (b) If one of these two-digit numbers is chosen at random, what is the probability of the number being greater than 30?

- 4 A box contains three red apples and three green apples. Apples are drawn at random and not replaced. Find the probability that:
 - (a) a red apple is drawn first
 - (b) the three red apples are the first three drawn
 - (c) the three red apples are drawn in succession.

- 5** An urn contains four black and three white balls. Two balls are drawn at random and placed in a hat. What is the probability that the hat contains:
- (a) two white balls?
 - (b) a white and a black ball?
- 6** In a certain strain of plant the probability that a seed will produce a pink flower is $\frac{1}{5}$. Determine the least number of seeds that must be planted in order that the probability of obtaining at least one pink flower exceeds 0.99.

Assignment 15:

(1) (a) $P(\text{black}) = \frac{26}{52} = \frac{1}{2}$

(b) $P(\text{a king or a queen}) = \frac{8}{52} = \frac{2}{13}$

(c) $P(\text{a diamond}) = \frac{13}{52} = \frac{1}{4}$

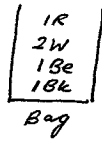
(d) $P(\text{a 5 or a spade}) = P(\text{a 5}) + P(\text{a spade}) - P(5 \cap \text{spade})$
 $= \frac{4}{52} + \frac{13}{52} - \frac{1}{52}$
 $= \frac{16}{52} = \frac{4}{13}$

(2) (a) $P(\text{blue}) = \frac{1}{5}$

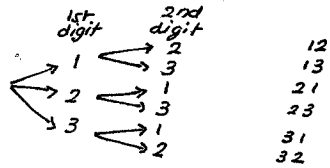
(b) $P(\text{white}) = \frac{2}{5}$

(c) $P(\text{white or red}) = \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{5} = \frac{2}{5}$

(d) $P(\text{not black}) = \frac{4}{5}$



(3) (a) Use a tree diagram or otherwise (assuming "no repetitions")

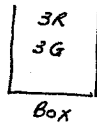


(b) $P(\text{No.} > 30) = \frac{2}{6} = \frac{1}{3}$

(4) (a) $P(\text{red}) = \frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2}$

(b) $P(\text{RRR}) = \frac{3}{6} \times \frac{2}{5} \times \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{20}$

(c) $P(\text{RRRGGG}) = \frac{1}{20} \times \frac{3}{3} = \frac{1}{20}$



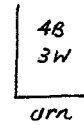
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(5) (a) $P(WW) = \frac{3}{7} \times \frac{2}{6} = \frac{1}{7}$

(b) $P(WB \text{ or } BW)$

$= 2 \times \frac{3}{7} \times \frac{4}{6}$

$= \frac{4}{7}$



(6) Let $p = \text{prob. of pink flower} = \frac{1}{5}$

$q = \bar{p} = \frac{4}{5}$

$P(\text{No pink}) = q^n = \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^n$

$\therefore P(\text{At least one pink}) = 1 - q^n = 1 - \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^n > 0.99$

$\therefore 1 - 0.99 > \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^n$

$\ln 0.01 > \ln \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^n$

Divide by $\ln\left(\frac{4}{5}\right)$ [Note: $\ln\left(\frac{4}{5}\right) < 0$]

$\therefore \frac{\ln 0.01}{\ln\left(\frac{4}{5}\right)} < n$

$\therefore 20.63... < n$

$\therefore \underline{n = 21 \text{ seeds.}}$