

Topic :-PROBABILITY

1 (b)

The total number of ways in which n persons can sit at a round table is $(n - 1)!$. So, total number of cases is $(n - 1)!$

Let A and B be two specified persons. Considering these two as one person, the total number of ways in which $n - 1$ persons, $n - 2$ other persons and one AB can sit at a round table is $(n - 2)!$. So, favourable number of cases is $2!(n - 2)!$. Thus, the required probability is

$$p = \frac{2!(n - 2)!}{(n - 1)!} = \frac{2}{n - 1}$$

Hence, the required odds are $(1 - p):p$ or $(n - 3):2$

2 (b)

Here $p = 19/20$, $q = 1/20$, $n = 5$, $r = 5$. The required probability is

$${}^5C_5 \left(\frac{19}{20}\right)^5 \left(\frac{1}{20}\right)^6 = \left(\frac{19}{20}\right)^5$$

3 (a)

Let the number of red and blue balls be r and b , respectively. Then, the probability of drawing two red balls is

$$p_1 = \frac{{}^rC_2}{{}^{r+b}C_2} = \frac{r(r - 1)}{(r + b)(r + b - 1)}$$

The probability of drawing two blue balls is

$$p_2 = \frac{{}^bC_2}{{}^{r+b}C_2} = \frac{b(b - 1)}{(r + b)(r + b - 1)}$$

The probability of drawing one red and one blue ball is

$$p_3 = \frac{{}^rC_1 {}^bC_1}{{}^{r+b}C_2} = \frac{2br}{(r + b)(r + b - 1)}$$

By hypothesis, $p_1 = 5p_2$ and $p_3 = 6p_2$

$$\therefore r(r - 1) = 5b(b - 1) \text{ and } 2br = 6b(b - 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow r = 6, b = 3$$

4 (d)

Consider two events as follows:

A_1 : getting number i on first die

B_1 : getting a number more than i on second die

The required probability is

$$P(A_1 \cap B_1) + P(A_2 \cap B_2) + P(A_3 \cap B_3) + P(A_4 \cap B_4) + P(A_5 \cap B_5) = \sum_{i=1}^5 P(A_i \cap B_i)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^5 P(A_i)P(B_i)$$

[$\because A_i, B_i$ are independent]

$$= \frac{1}{6} [P(B_1) + P(B_2) + \dots + P(B_5)]$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \left(\frac{5}{6} + \frac{4}{6} + \frac{3}{6} + \frac{2}{6} + \frac{1}{6} \right) = \frac{5}{12}$$

5 (b)

Let,

$$P(S) = P(1 \text{ or } 2) = 1/3$$

$$P(F) = P(3 \text{ or } 4 \text{ or } 5 \text{ or } 6) = 2/3$$

$$P(A \text{ wins}) = P[(S S \text{ or } S F S S \text{ or } S F S S F S S \text{ or } \dots)]$$

Or ($F S S$ or $F S F S S$ or...)

$$= \frac{1}{9} + \frac{2}{27}$$

$$= \frac{1 - \frac{2}{9}}{1 - \frac{2}{9}} + \frac{2}{27}$$

$$= \frac{1}{9} \times \frac{9}{7} + \frac{2}{27} \times \frac{9}{7}$$

$$= \frac{1}{7} + \frac{2}{21} = \frac{3+2}{21} = \frac{5}{21}$$

$$P(A \text{ winning}) = \frac{5}{21}, P(B \text{ winning}) = \frac{16}{21}$$

6 (a)

Let $E_1 = 1, 4, 7, \dots$ (n each)

$E_2 = 2, 5, 8, \dots$ (n each)

$E_3 = 3, 6, 9, \dots$ (n each)

x and y belong to (E_1, E_2) , (E_2, E_1) or (E_3, E_3) . So, the required probability is

$$\frac{n^2 + {}^n C_2}{{}^{3n} C_2} = \frac{1}{3}$$

7 (c)

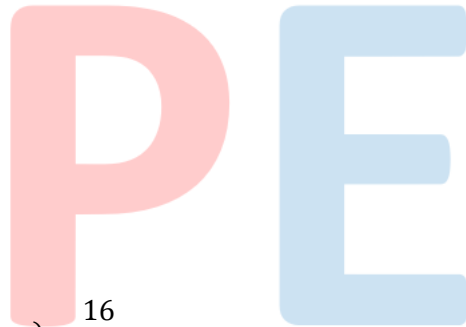
Let A be the event that 11 is picked and B be the event that sum is even. The number of ways of selecting 11 along with one more-odd number is $n(A \cap B) = {}^7 C_1$

The number of ways of selecting either two even numbers or selecting two odd numbers is $n(B)$

$$= 1 + {}^8 C_2$$

$$\therefore P(A/B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$$

$$= \frac{7}{29} = 0.24$$



8 (c)

18 draws are required for 2 aces means in the first 17 draws, there is one ace and 16 other cards and 18th draw produces an ace. So, the required probability is

$$\frac{{}^{48}C_{16} \times {}^4C_1}{{}^{52}C_{17}} \times \frac{3}{35} = \frac{561}{15925}$$

9 (c)

Given,

$$7a - 9b = 0 \Rightarrow b = \frac{7}{9}a$$

Hence, number of pairs (a, b) can be $(9, 7)$; $(18, 14)$; $(27, 21)$; $(36, 28)$. Hence, the required probability is $4/{}^{39}C_2 = 4/741$

10 (b)

The total number of cases is $11!/2! \times 2!$ The number of favourable cases is $11!/(2! \times 2!) - 9!$

Therefore, required probability is

$$1 - \frac{9! \times 4}{11!} = \frac{53}{55}$$

11 (a)

The divisibility of the product of four numbers depends upon the value of the last digit of each number. The last digit of a number can be any one of the 10 digits 0,1, 2, ...9. So, the total number of ways of selecting last digits of four numbers is $10 \times 10 \times 10 \times 10 = 10^4$. If the product of the 4 numbers is not divisible by 5 or 10, then the number of choices for the last digit of each number is 8 (excluding 0 or 5). So, favourable number of ways is 8^4 . Therefore, the probability that the product is not divisible by 5 or 10 is $(8/10)^4$. Hence, the required probability is $1 - (8/10)^4 = 369/625$

12 (c)

Let E = event when each American man is seated adjacent to his wife

and A = event when Indian man is seated adjacent to his wife.

$$\text{Now, } n(A \cap E) = (4!) \times (2!)^5$$

Even when each American man is seated adjacent to his wife.

$$\text{Again, } n(E) = (5!) \times (2!)^4$$

$$\therefore P\left(\frac{A}{E}\right) = \frac{n(A \cap E)}{n(E)}$$

$$= \frac{(4!) \times (2!)^3}{(5!) \times (2!)^4} = \frac{2}{5}$$

13 (c)

Let the probability that a man aged x dies in a year p . Thus the probability that a man aged x does not die in a year = $1 - p$. The probability that all n men aged x do not die in a year is $(1 - p)^n$.

Therefore, the probability that at least one man dies in a year is $1 - (1 - p)^n$. The probability that out of n men, A_1 dies first is $1/n$. Since this event is independent of the event that at least one man

dies in a year, hence, the probability that A_1 dies in the year and he is first one to die is $1/n[1 - (1 - p)^n]$

14 (b)

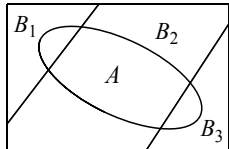
Let us consider the following events

A : card shows up black

B_1 : card with both sides black

B_2 : card with both sides white

B_3 : card with one side white and one black



$$P(B_1) = \frac{2}{10}, P(B_2) = \frac{3}{10}, P(B_3) = \frac{5}{10}$$

$$P(A/B_1) = 1, P(A/B_2) = 0, P(A/B_3) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$P(B_1/A) = \frac{\frac{2}{10} \times 1}{\frac{2}{10} \times 1 + \frac{3}{10} \times (0) + \frac{5}{10} \times \frac{1}{2}} = \frac{4}{4 + 5} = \frac{4}{9}$$

15 (c)

Possibilities of getting 9 are (5, 4), (4, 5), (6, 3), (3, 6)

$$\therefore p = \frac{4}{36} = \frac{1}{9} \text{ and } q = 1 - \frac{1}{9} = \frac{8}{9}$$

Therefore, the required probability is

$${}^3C_2 q^1 p^2 = (3) \left(\frac{8}{9}\right) \left(\frac{1}{9}\right)^2 = \frac{8}{243}$$

16 (d)

The number of ways of arranging n numbers is $n!$ In each order obtained, we must now arrange the digits 1, 2, ... k as group and the $n - k$ remaining digits. This can be done in $(n - k + 1)!$ ways.

Therefore, the probability for the required event is $(n - k + 1)!/n!$

17 (a)

For each toss, there are four choices:

1. A gets head, B gets head
2. A gets tail, B gets head
3. A gets head, B gets tail
4. A gets tail, B gets tail

Thus, exhaustive number of ways is 4^{50} . Out of the four choices listed above, (iv) is not favourable to the required event in a toss. Therefore, favourable number of cases is 3^{50} . Hence, the required probability is $(3/4)^{50}$

18 (c)

Let a_n be the number of strings of H and T of length n with no two adjacent H 's. Then $a_1 = 2$, $a_2 = 3$. Also,

$a_{n+2} = a_{n+1} + a_n$ (since the string must with T or HT)

So, $a_3 = 5$, $a_4 = 8$, $a_5 = 8 + 5 = 13$

Therefore, the required probability is $13/2^5 = 13/52$

19 **(a)**

We have ratio of the ships A , B and C for arriving safely are $2:5, 3:7$ and $6:11$, respectively.

Therefore, the probability of ship A for arriving safely is $2/(2+5)=2/7$

Similarly, for B the probability is $3/(3+7)=3/10$ and for C the probability is $C = 6/(6 + 11) = 6/17$

Therefore, the probability of all the ships for arriving safely is $(2/7) \times (3/10) \times (6/17) = 18/595$

20 **(a)**

Out of 9 socks, 2 can be drawn in 9C_2 ways. Therefore, the total number of cases is 9C_2 . Two socks drawn from the drawer will match if either both are brown or both are blue. Therefore, favourable number of cases is ${}^5C_2 + {}^4C_2$. Hence, the required probability is

$$\frac{{}^5C_2 + {}^4C_2}{{}^9C_2} = \frac{4}{9}$$

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ANSWER-KEY

Q.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
A.	B	B	A	D	B	A	C	C	C	B
Q.	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
A.	A	C	C	B	C	D	A	C	A	A

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