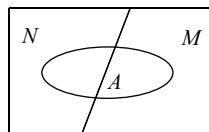


Topic :-PROBABILITY

1 (a)

The total number of ways of selecting 3 integers from 20 natural numbers is ${}^{20}C_3 = 1140$. Their product is a multiple of 3 means at least one number is divisible by 3. The number which are divisible by 3 are 3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18 and the number of ways of selecting at least one of them is ${}^6C_1 \times {}^{14}C_2 + {}^6C_2 \times {}^{14}C_1 + {}^6C_3 = 776$. Hence, the required probability is $776/1140 = 194/285$

2 (a)



Let N be the event of picking up a normal die: $P(N) = 1/4$. Let M be the event of picking up a magnetic die: $P(M) = 3/4$. Let A be the event that die shows up 3

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore P(A) &= P(A \cap N) + P(A \cap M) \\ &= P(N)P(A/N) + P(M)P(A/M) \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{6} + \frac{3}{4} \times \frac{7}{24} \end{aligned}$$

$$P(N/A) = \frac{P(N \cap A)}{P(A)} = \frac{(1/4)(1/6)}{7/24} = \frac{1}{7}$$

3 (a)

$$P(A) = \frac{1}{2}, P(B) = \frac{1}{3}, P(C) = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\therefore P(\bar{A}) = 1 - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}, P(\bar{B}) = 1 - \frac{1}{3} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$P(\bar{C}) = 1 - \frac{1}{4} = \frac{3}{4}$$

Therefore, the required probability is

$$1 - P(\bar{A})P(\bar{B})P(\bar{C}) = 1 - \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{3}{4}$$

$$= 1 - \frac{1}{4} = \frac{3}{4}$$

4 (c)

In the first 9 throws, we should have three sixes and six non-sixes; and a six in the 10th throw, and thereafter it does not matter whatever face appears. So, the required probability is

$${}^9C_3 \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^3 \times \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^6 = \frac{1}{6} \times 1 \times 1 \times 1 \times \dots \times 1$$

10 times

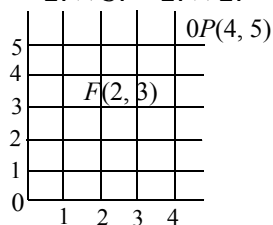
$$= \frac{84 \times 5^6}{6^{10}}$$

5 (b)

$$n(S) = \frac{9!}{4!5!} = 126$$

$n(A)$ = 0 to F and F to P

$$= \frac{5!}{2! \times 3!} \times \frac{4}{2! \times 2!} = 60$$



$$\Rightarrow P(A) = \frac{60}{126} = \frac{10}{21}$$

6 (d)

Let A and B , respectively, be the events that urn A and urn B are selected. Let R be the event that the selected ball is red. Since the urn is chosen at random. Therefore,

$$P(A) = P(B) = \frac{1}{2}$$

And $P(R) = P(A)P(R/A) + P(B)P(R/B)$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{5}{10} + \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{4}{10}$$

$$= \frac{9}{20}$$

7 (d)

Player should get (HT, HT, HT, \dots) or (TH, TH, \dots) at least $2n$ times. If the sequence starts from first place, then the probability is $1/2^{2n}$ and if starts from any other place, then the probability is $1/2^{2n+1}$. Hence, required probability is

$$2\left(\frac{1}{2^{2n}} + \frac{m}{2^{2n+1}}\right) = \frac{m+2}{2^{2n}}$$

8 (c)

$$P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A) \times P(B)$$

$$\Rightarrow 0.7 = 0.4 + p - 0.4p$$

$$\therefore 0.6p = 0.3 \Rightarrow p = \frac{1}{2}$$

9 (c)

Given limit,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{a^x + b^x}{2} \right)^{\frac{2}{x}}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(1 - \frac{a^x + b^x - 2}{2} \right)^{\frac{2}{a^x + b^x - 2} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{a^x - 1 + b^x - 1}{x} \right)}$$

$$= e^{\log ab} = ab = 6$$

Total number of possible ways in which a, b can take values is $6 \times 6 = 36$. Total possible ways are $(1, 6), (6, 1), (2, 3), (3, 2)$. The total number of possible ways is 4. Hence, the required probability is $4/36 = 1/9$

10 (c)

Given that 5 and 6 have appeared on two of the dice, the sample space reduces to $6^4 - 2 \times 5^4 + 4^4$ (inclusion-exclusion principle). Also, the number of favourable cases are $4! = 24$. So, the required probability is $24/302 = 12/151$

11 (b)

Let event A be drawing 9 cards which are not ace and B be drawing an ace card. Therefore, the required probability is

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A) \times P(B)$$

Now, there are four aces and 48 other cards. Hence,

$$P(A) = \frac{{}^{48}C_9}{{}^{52}C_9}$$

After having drawn 9 non-ace cards, the 10th card must be ace. Hence,

$$P(B) = \frac{{}^4C_1}{{}^{42}C_1} = \frac{4}{42}$$

Hence,

$$P(A \cap B) = \frac{{}^{48}C_9}{52} \times \frac{4}{42}$$

12 (b)

Team totals must be 0, 1, 2, ..., 39. Let the teams be T_1, T_2, \dots, T_{40} , so that T_i loses to T_j for $i < j$. In other words, this order uniquely determines the result of every game. There are $40!$ Such orders and 780 games, so 2^{780} possible outcomes for the games. Hence, the probability is $40!/2^{780}$

13 (a)

The total number of ways in which $2n$ boys can be divided into two equal groups is

$$\frac{(2n)!}{(n!)^2 2!}$$

Now, the number of ways in which $2n - 2$ boys other than the two tallest boys can be divided into equal group is

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

Two tallest boys can be put in different groups in 2C_1 ways. Hence, the required probability is

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

14 (a)

1. This question can also be solved by one student
2. This question can be solved by two students simultaneously
3. This question can be solved by three students all together

$$P(A) = \frac{1}{2}, P(B) = \frac{1}{4}, P(C) = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(A \cup B \cup C) &= P(A) + P(B) + P(C) - [P(A)P(B) + P(B)P(C) + P(C)P(A)] + [P(A)P(B)P(C)] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{6} - \left[\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{6} \times \frac{1}{6} \times \frac{1}{2} \right] + \left[\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{6} \right] \\ &= \frac{33}{48} \end{aligned}$$

Alternative solution:

We have,

$$P(\bar{A}) = \frac{1}{2}, P(\bar{B}) = \frac{3}{4}, P(\bar{C}) = \frac{5}{6}$$

Then the probability that the problem is not solved is

$$P(\bar{A})P(\bar{B})P(\bar{C}) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)\left(\frac{5}{6}\right) = \frac{5}{16}$$

Hence probability that problem is solved is $1 - 5/16 = 11/16$

15 **(d)**

Let p_i denote the probability that out of 10 tosses, head occurs i times and no two heads occurs consecutively. It is clear that $i > 5$

For $i = 0$, i.e., no head, $p_0 = 1/2^{10}$

For $i = 1$, i.e., one head $p_1 = {}^{10}C_1(1/2)^1(1/2)^9 = 10/2^{10}$

Now for $i = 2$, we have 2 heads and 8 tails. Then, we have 9 possible places for heads. For example, see the constructive:

$xTxTxTxTxTxTxTxTxTxTx$

Here x represents possible places for heads

$$\therefore p_2 = {}^9C_2 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 (1/2)^8 = 36/2^{10}$$

Similarly,

$$p_3 = {}^8C_3/2^{10} = 56/2^{10}$$

$$p_4 = {}^7C_2/2^{10} = 35/2^{10}$$

$$p_5 = {}^6C_5/2^{10} = 6/2^{10}$$

$$\therefore p = p_0 + p_1 + p_3 + p_4 + p_5$$

$$= \frac{1 + 10 + 36 + 56 + 35 + 6}{2^{10}} = \frac{144}{2^{10}} = \frac{9}{64}$$

16 (c)

The probability that A gets r heads in three tosses of a coin is

$$P(X = r) = {}^3C_r \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^r \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{3-r} = {}^3C_r \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3$$

The probability that A and B both get r heads in three tosses of a coin is

$${}^3C_r \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 {}^3C_r \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 = ({}^3C_r)^2 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^6$$

Hence, the required probability is

$$\sum_{r=0}^3 ({}^3C_r)^2 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^6 = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^6 = \{1 + 9 + 9 + 1\} = \frac{20}{64} = \frac{5}{16}$$

17 (c)

If A draws card higher than B , then number of favourable cases is $(n - 1) + (n - 2) + \dots + 3 + 2 + 1$ (as when B draws card from 2 to n and so on). Therefore, the required probability is

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

18 (d)

A : exactly one ace

B : both aces

E : $A \cup B$

$$P(B/A \cup B) = \frac{{}^4C_2}{{}^4C_1 + {}^{12}C_1 + {}^4C_2} = \frac{6}{54} = \frac{1}{9}$$

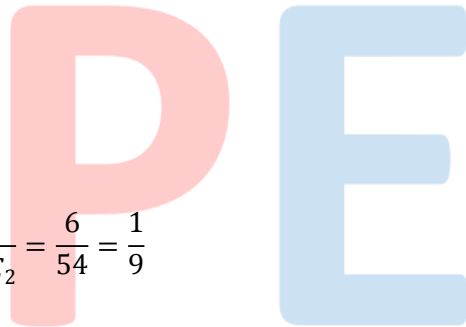
19 (b)

The probability of winning of A the second race is $1/2$ (since both events are independent)

20 (a)

The number of composite numbers in 1 to 30 is $n(S) = 19$

The number of composite number when divided by 5 leaves a remainder is $(E) = 14$. Therefore, the required probability is $14/19$



ANSWER-KEY

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