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AI1103: Assignment 3

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https://github.com/ASHWITHA-11008/ Assignment-3/blob/main/Assignment-3.tex

1 Problem

10 balls are placed in 10 boxes independently at random. Assuming that all 10 boxes were initially empty, what is the expected number of boxes that remain empty?

- 1) $\left(\frac{9}{10}\right)^9$
- 2) $\frac{9^9}{10^{10}}$
- 3) $\frac{9^{10}}{10^9}$
- 4) $\left(\frac{9}{10}\right)^{10}$

2 Solution:

Let X be the random variable for the number of boxes to be empty. i = 1, 2, 3,, 10, define X_i by $X_i = 1$ if box i ends up with zero balls, and $X_i = 0$ otherwise.

$$\Longrightarrow X = \sum_{i=1}^{i=10} X_i$$

$$E[X] = E[\sum_{i=1}^{i=10} X_i]$$

For any
$$i$$
, $X_i = 1$. So, $E[X_i] = P(X_i = 1)$

Probability of box i is empty,

$$P(X_i = 1) = {}^{10}C_0 \left(\frac{1}{10}\right)^0 \left(\frac{9}{10}\right)^{10-0}$$

Thus,
$$E[X_i] = \left(\frac{9}{10}\right)^{10}$$

Expected number of boxes that remain empty are,

$$E[X] = \sum_{i=1}^{i=10} \left(\frac{9}{10}\right)^{10}$$
$$= 10 \left(\frac{9^{10}}{10^{10}}\right)$$
$$= \frac{9^{10}}{10^9}$$

So, option c is correct.