

## Probability

1. A box contains 3 blue marbles, 4 red, 6 green marbles and 2 yellow marbles. If two marbles are drawn at random, what is the probability that at least one is green?

Total = 15 marbles

$${}^{15}C_2 = \frac{15!}{2!(15-2)!} = \frac{15 \times 14 \times 13 \times 12 \times 11}{2 \times 1 \times 13!} = \frac{15 \times 14}{2 \times 1} = 105$$

at least one green =  $1 - \text{prob. of no green}$

Non-green =  $3 + 4 + 2 = 9$  of no green

$${}^9C_2 = \frac{9 \times 8}{2 \times 1} = 36$$

$$= \frac{36}{105} = \frac{12}{35}$$

$$1 - \frac{12}{35} = \frac{35-12}{35} = \frac{23}{35}$$

2. A box contains 3 blue marbles, 4 red, 6 green marbles and 2 yellow marbles. If two marbles are picked at random, what is the prob that they are either blue or yellow?

Total marbles = 15

$${}^{15}C_2 = 105$$

blue or yellow =  $3 + 2 = 5$

$${}^5C_2 = \frac{5 \times 4}{2 \times 1} = 10 \quad \frac{10}{105} = \frac{2}{21}$$

3. A box contains 3 blue marbles



$$\begin{aligned}\text{Total number of marbles} &= 15 \\ 4 \text{ marbles} &= {}^{15}C_4 = \frac{15 \times 14 \times 13 \times 12}{4! \times 1!} \\ &= 15 \times 7 \times 13 \\ &= 1365\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{No of non-blue} = 4 + 6 + 2 = 12$$

$${}^{12}C_4 = \frac{12 \times 11 \times 10 \times 9}{4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1} = 11 \times 5 \times 9 = 495$$

$$\begin{aligned}&= \frac{495 \div 500}{1365 \div 500} = \frac{99}{273} = \frac{33}{91}\end{aligned}$$

- 4) 10 books are placed at random in a shelf. The probability that a pair of books will always be together is?

$$\text{Total books} = 10$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Number of ways to arrange 9 units} &= 9! \\ \text{the two books within the pair can be} & \\ \text{arranged in } 2! \text{ ways} & \\ &= 9! \times 2!\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Total no. of ways to arrange 10 books} = 10!$$

$$\frac{9! \times 2!}{10!} = \frac{9! \times 2!}{10 \times 9!} = \frac{2}{10} = \frac{1}{5}$$

- 5) What is the probability that a leap year has 53 Sundays and 52 Mondays?

$$\text{A leap yr has 366 days}$$

$$366 \text{ days} = 52 \text{ weeks and } 2 \text{ extra days}$$

$$2 \text{ extra days can be some pairs}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}\text{There are 7 possible combination for 2 extra} & \\ \text{Sunday, Monday) out of 7 possible outcomes} & \\ &= \frac{1}{7}\end{aligned}$$



6. Out of 20 consecutive integers, two are chosen at random. The probability that their sum is odd is?

Two consecutive integers are  $n, n+1$   
Sum is  $n + (n+1) = 2n+1$

$2n$  is even,  $2n+1$  is odd

$\therefore$  sum of two integers is always odd  
The probability is 1

- 7) A box contains 3 blue marbles, 4 red, 6 green marbles and 2 yellow marbles. If three marbles are drawn what is the probability the one is yellow and two are red

Total marbles = 15

$${}^{15}C_3 = 455$$

red marbles = 4

1 yellow marble from 2 =  ${}^2C_1 = 2$

2 red marbles from 4 =  ${}^4C_2 = \frac{4 \times 3}{2 \times 1} = 6$

1 yellow & 2 red =  ${}^2C_1 \times {}^4C_2$   
 $= 2 \times 6 = 12$

$$\frac{{}^2C_1 \times {}^4C_2}{{}^{15}C_3} = \frac{12}{455}$$

- 8) Out of 10 persons working on a project, 4 are graduates, if 3 are selected, what is the prob that there are at least one graduate among them

Total persons = 10

No. of graduates = 4

non-graduates =  $10 - 4 = 6$

$${}^{10}C_3 = \frac{10 \times 9 \times 8}{3 \times 2 \times 1} = 10 \times 3 \times 4 = 120$$

$${}^6C_3 = \frac{6 \times 5 \times 4}{3 \times 2 \times 1} = 20$$

$$\frac{20}{120} = \frac{1}{6}$$

Probability of least one =  $1 - \frac{1}{6} = \frac{5}{6}$  //



9. In a party there are 5 couples. Out of them 5 people are chosen at random. Find the probability that there are at the least two couples?

$$\text{Total no. of couples} = 5$$

$$\text{No. of people chosen} = 5$$

$${}^{10}C_5 = \frac{10 \times 9 \times 8 \times 7 \times 6}{5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1} = 2 \times 3 \times 2 \times 7 \times 3 = 252$$

$$2 \text{ couples } {}^5C_2 = 10 \text{ ways}$$

10. The probability of a lottery ticket being a prized ticket is 0.2. When 4 tickets are purchased, the prob of winning a prize on atleast 1 ticket.

$$p = 0.2$$

$$\text{ticket not being a prized } 1-p = 1-0.2 = 0.8$$

$$\therefore \text{prob of no prize on 4 tickets}$$

$$= 0.8 \times 0.8 \times 0.8 \times 0.8 = (0.8)^4 = 0.4096$$

$$\text{prob of winning at least one ticket} =$$

$$1 - 0.4096$$

$$= 0.5904$$



There are two boxes, one containing 39 red balls & the other containing 26 green balls, you are allowed to move the balls b/w the boxes so that when you choose a box random & a ball at random from the chosen box, the prob.

Box 1 : 39 red balls

Box 2 : 26 green balls

$$P(\text{Box 1}) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$P(\text{Box 2}) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{Total probability of red ball} = P(\text{Box 1}) \times P(\text{Red} | \text{Box 1}) + P(\text{Box 2}) \times P(\text{Red} | \text{Box 2})$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{R_1}{N_1} + \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{R_2}{N_2}$$

$$\frac{R_1}{N_1} \text{ and } \frac{R_2}{N_2}$$

We have 39 red balls & 26 green balls placing one red ball in Box 1, so  $R_1 = 1, N_1 = 1$   
 $(39 - 1) = 38$ .

$$\text{so Box 2} = R_2 = 38, N_2 = 38 + 26 = 64$$

$$P(\text{red}) = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{38}{64} = \frac{51}{64}$$

12. Total no. of balls =  $6 + 8 + 7 = 21$  balls

$$\text{Prob of red ball} = P = \frac{6}{21} = \frac{2}{7}$$

$$\text{Not a red ball} = q = 1 - \frac{2}{7} = \frac{5}{7}$$

$$\text{No. of trials} = n = 5$$

$$\text{binomial prob} = P(X = k) = {}^nC_k p^k q^{n-k}$$

$$\text{if } P(X = 3) = {}^5C_3 = 10 \quad 10 \times \left(\frac{2}{7}\right)^3 \times \left(\frac{5}{7}\right)^2 = \frac{2000}{16807}$$

$$\text{if } P(X = 4) = {}^5C_4 = 5 = \frac{400}{16807}$$

$$\text{if } P(X = 5) = {}^5C_5 = 1 = \frac{2432}{16807}$$