

# Assignment 2

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**Question 10:** Bag A contains 4 white balls and 3 black balls, while Bag B contains 3 white balls and 5 black balls. Two balls are drawn from Bag A and placed in Bag B. Then, what is the probability of drawing a white ball from Bag B?

**Solution:** See Tables (I) and (II) for the input

Event	Description
$X_1 = 1$	Both balls drawn are white from bag A
$X_2 = 1$	Both balls drawn are black from bag A
$X_3 = 1$	Balls drawn are white and black from bag A
$X_4 = 1$	Ball drawn from bag B is white

TABLE I

Probability	Value
$\Pr(X_1 = 1)$	$\frac{{}^4C_2}{{}^7C_2}$
$\Pr(X_2 = 1)$	$\frac{{}^3C_2}{{}^7C_2}$
$\Pr(X_3 = 1)$	$\frac{{}^4C_1 \times {}^3C_1}{{}^7C_2}$
$\Pr(X_4 = 1 X_1 = 1)$	$\frac{5}{10}$
$\Pr(X_4 = 1 X_2 = 1)$	$\frac{3}{10}$
$\Pr(X_4 = 1 X_3 = 1)$	$\frac{4}{10}$
$\Pr(X_4 = 1)$	?

TABLE II

tained from Table (II) as

$$\Pr(X_4 = 1) = \sum_{i=1}^3 \Pr(X_4 = 1|X_i = 1) \times \Pr(X_i = 1) \quad (1)$$

$$= \frac{5}{10} \times \frac{{}^4C_2}{{}^7C_2} + \frac{3}{10} \times \frac{{}^3C_2}{{}^7C_2} + \frac{4}{10} \times \frac{{}^4C_1 \times {}^3C_1}{{}^7C_2} \quad (2)$$

$$= \frac{5}{10} \times \frac{4 \times 3}{7 \times 6} + \frac{3}{10} \times \frac{3 \times 2}{7 \times 6} + \frac{4}{10} \times \frac{4 \times 3 \times 2}{7 \times 6} \quad (3)$$

$$= \frac{10}{70} + \frac{3}{70} + \frac{16}{70} \quad (4)$$

$$= \frac{29}{70} \quad (5)$$

Hence, the probability of drawing a white ball from bag B is  $\frac{29}{70}$ .

probabilities. The desired probability is then ob-