

1.

$$(a) S = \{BB, BG, GB, GG\}$$

$$(b) (i) A = \{BB, BG, GB\}$$

$$(ii) B = \{BG, GB\}$$

$$(iii) \bar{A} = \{GG\}$$

$$(c) (i) |A| = 3$$

$$(ii) |B| = 2$$

2.

$$(a) S = \{BBB, BBG, BGB, GBB, GGB, GBG, BGG, GGG\}$$

$$(b) (i) A = \{BBB, BBG, BGB, GBB, GGB, GBG, BGG\}$$

$$(ii) B = \{GGB, GBG, BGG\}$$

$$(iii) \bar{A} = \{GGG\}$$

$$(c) (i) |A| = 7$$

$$(ii) |B| = 3$$

(**Notice:** if the number of children is more than 3, let's say 4, 5, 6..., a brand new listing method, which is called **permutation** will be introduced. The topic of permutation will be covered later in the Advanced Maths course.)

$$3. \text{ LHS} = |A|/|S| + |\bar{A}|/|S|$$

$$= (|A| + |\bar{A}|)/|S|$$

$$= |S|/|S|$$

$$= 1 = \text{RHS}$$

4. (a)

$$P(\text{sum} > 8) = 10/36 \\ = 5/18$$

(b)

$$P(\text{sum} = 8) = 5/36$$

(c)

$$P(\text{sum} > 8 \text{ or } \text{sum} = 8) = 5/18 + 5/36 - 0 \\ = 5/12$$

$$(P(\text{sum} > 8 \text{ and } \text{sum} = 8) = 0)$$

5.

(a)

$$P(\text{multiple of 3}) = 16/50 \\ = 8/25$$

(b)

$$P(\text{multiple of 5}) = 10/50 \\ = 1/5$$

(c)

$$P(\text{multiple of 3 or 5}) = 8/25 + 1/5 - 3/50 \\ = 23/50$$

6.

$$(a) \quad P(G) = 1 - 1/2 - 1/3 \\ = 1/6$$

$$(b) \quad P(R \text{ or } B) = 1/2 + 1/3 \\ = 5/6$$

$$(c) \quad P(R \text{ or } G) = 1/2 + 1/6 \\ = 2/3$$

7.

$$(a) \quad P(\text{sum}=5 \text{ or } \text{sum}>9) = 4/36 + 6/36 \\ = 5/18$$

$$(b) \quad P(\text{sum}=5 \text{ or } 2 \text{ odd numbers}) = 4/36 + 1/4 \\ = 13/36$$

$$(c) \quad P(\text{sum}=9 \text{ or } 2 \text{ odd numbers}) = 6/36 + 1/4 - 1/36 \\ = 7/18$$

8.

(a) (i)

$$\{2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20\}$$

$$P(A) = 1/2$$

(ii)

$$\{16, 17, 18, 19, 20\}$$

$$P(B) = 1/4$$

(iii)

$$\{3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18\}$$

$$P(C) = 3/10$$

(iv)

$$\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$$

$$P(D) = 9/20$$

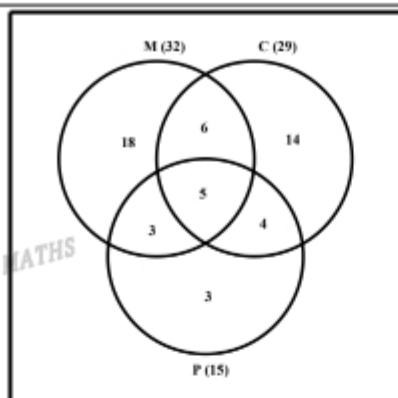
$$(b) \quad (i) \quad P(A \text{ or } B) = 1/2 + 1/4 - 3/20 \\ = 3/5$$

$$(ii) \quad P(A \text{ or } C) = 1/2 + 3/10 - 3/20 \\ = 13/20$$

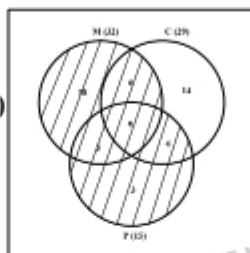
$$(iii) \quad P(B \text{ or } D) = 1/4 + 9/20 - 0 \\ = 7/10$$

9.

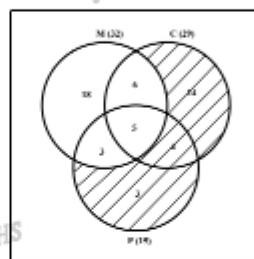
(a)



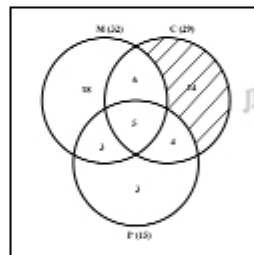
$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(b) (i) } P(M \text{ or } P) &= P(M \cup P) \\
 &= (18 + 6 + 5 + 3 + 4 + 3) / 60 \\
 &= 39 / 60 \\
 &= 13 / 20
 \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(ii) } P(C \text{ or } P \text{ or not } M) &= P(C \cup P \cup \bar{M}) \\
 &= (14 + 4 + 3) / 60 \\
 &= 21 / 60 \\
 &= 7 / 20
 \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(iii) } P(C \text{ or not } P \text{ or not } M) &= P(C \cup \bar{P} \cup \bar{M}) \\
 &= 14 / 60 \\
 &= 7 / 30
 \end{aligned}$$



**Notice:** it is the same as finding  $P(C)$  only

**- Set theory (multiplication law):**  $P(A \text{ and } B) = P(A \cap B) = P(A) \times P(B | A)$

10.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(a) (i) } P(RR) &= P(R) \times P(R|R) \\
 &= 16/30 \times 16/30 \\
 &= 64/225
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(ii) } P(RB) &= P(R) \times P(B|R) \\
 &= 16/30 \times 14/30 \\
 &= 56/225
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(b) (i) } P(RR) &= P(R) \times P(R|R) \\
 &= 16/30 \times 15/29 \\
 &= 8/29
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(ii) } P(RB) &= P(R) \times P(B|R) \\
 &= 16/30 \times 14/29 \\
 &= 112/435
 \end{aligned}$$

**- Application of set theory (multiplication law) in probability:**

11.

$$(a) P(\text{all gold}) = 6/12 \times 6/12 \times 6/12 \\ = 1/8$$

$$(b) P(\text{all the same}) = P(\text{all gold}) + P(\text{all silver}) + P(\text{all bronze}) \\ = (1/2)^3 + 3/12 \times 3/12 \times 3/12 + 3/12 \times 3/12 \times 3/12 \\ = (1/2)^3 + (3/12)^2 + (3/12)^2 \\ = 5/32$$

$$(c) P(2 \text{ gold } 1 \text{ silver}) = P(\text{GGS}) + P(\text{GSG}) + P(\text{SGG}) \\ = 3 \times P(\text{GGS}) \\ = 3 \times (6/12 \times 6/12 \times 3/12) \\ = 3/16$$

$$(d) P(\text{none are gold}) = P(\text{no gold}) \times P(\text{no gold}) \times P(\text{no gold}) \\ = (1-6/12) \times (1-6/12) \times (1-6/12) \\ = 1/2 \times 1/2 \times 1/2 \\ = 1/8$$

12.

$$(a) P(\text{both yellow}) = 8/50 \times 7/49 \\ = 4/175$$

$$(b) P(\text{one is yellow}) = P(\text{yellow}) \times P(\text{not yellow}) + P(\text{not yellow}) \times P(\text{yellow}) \\ = 8/50 \times 42/49 + 42/50 \times 8/49 \\ = 48/175$$

$$(c) P(\text{neither is yellow}) = 1 - P(\text{both yellow}) - P(\text{one is yellow}) \\ = 1 - 4/175 - 48/175 \\ = 123/175$$

**- Question involving multiple selections:**

13.

$$(a) P(HHHH) = (1/2)^4 \\ = 1/16$$

$$(b) P(TTTT) = (1/2)^4 \\ = 1/16$$

$$(c) P(\text{at least one head}) = 1 - P(\text{no head}) \\ = 1 - 1/16 \\ = 15/16$$

$$(d) P(\text{first three coins are heads}) = P(HHHH) + P(HHHT) \\ = 1/16 + 1/16 \\ = 1/8$$

$$(e) P(\text{middle two are tails}) = P(HTTH) + P(HTTT) + P(TTTH) + P(TTTT) \\ = 1/16 + 1/16 + 1/16 + 1/16 = 1/4$$

(f)

No of heads	0	1	2	3	4
Probability	1/16	4/16	6/16	4/16	1/16

$$P(\text{no head}) = P(TTTT) = 1/16$$

$$P(\text{one head}) = P(HTTT) + P(THTT) + P(TTHT) + P(TTTH) = 4/16$$

$$P(\text{two heads}) = P(HHTT) + P(HTHT) + P(THHT) + P(HTTH) + P(THTH) + P(TTHH) = 6/16$$

$$P(\text{three heads}) = P(HHHT) + P(HHHT) + P(HTHH) + P(THHH) = 4/16$$

$$P(\text{four heads}) = P(HHHH) = 1/16$$

**Notice:** sum is 1.

14.

$$(a) P(WWW) = 3/5 \times 3/5 \times 3/5 \\ = 27/125$$

$$(b) P(WWB)+P(WBW)+P(BWW) = 3/5 \times 3/5 \times 2/5 + 3/5 \times 2/5 \times 2/3 + 2/5 \times 2/3 \times 2/3 \\ = 542/1125$$

**Notice:**  $P(WWB) \neq P(WBW) \neq P(BWW)$

$$(c) P(WBB)+P(BWB)+P(BBW) = 3/5 \times 2/5 \times 1/3 + 2/5 \times 2/3 \times 1/3 + 2/5 \times 1/3 \times 3/4 \\ = 121/450$$

$$(d) P(BBB) = 2/5 \times 1/3 \times 1/4 \\ = 1/30$$

$$15. (a) (i) P(\text{no six}) = 5/6 \times 5/6 \\ = 25/36$$

$$(ii) 1 - P(\text{no six}) = 1 - 25/36 \\ = 11/36 \\ = 0.306$$

The purpose of this question is to show that when a die is thrown **2** times, the probability of obtaining **at least one six** is **less than 1/2**, ie  $0.306 < 1/2$

$$(b) (i) P(\text{no six}) = 5/6 \times 5/6 \times 5/6 \times 5/6 \\ = (5/6)^4$$

$$(ii) 1 - P(\text{no six}) = 1 - (5/6)^4 \\ = 0.518$$

The purpose of this question is to show that when a die is thrown **4** times, the probability of obtaining **at least one six** is a **little more than 1/2**, ie  $0.518 > 1/2$

$$(c) (i) P(\text{no double-six}) = 1 - (1/6)^2 = 35/36$$

$$(ii) 1 - P(\text{no double-six}) = 1 - (35/36)^{24} \\ = 0.491$$

The purpose of this question is to show that when two dice are thrown **24** times, the probability of obtaining **at least one six** is a **little less than 1/2**, ie,  $0.491 < 1/2$

It's worth noting that this well-known problem is also referred to as the Chevalier de Méré Problem, which led to the development of probability theory by Pascal and Fermat.

- Set theory (condition probability formula):  $P(B|A) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(A)} = \frac{|A \cap B|}{|A|}$

$$16. P(<3|\text{even}) = \frac{|\text{even} \cap <3|}{|\text{even}|} \\ = 1/3$$

- Application of set theory (condition probability formula) in probability:

$$17. (a) P(B|A) = P(B \cap A)/P(A) \\ = (1/6)/(5/12) \\ = 2/5$$

$$(b) P(A|B) = P(A \cap B)/P(B) \\ = (1/6)/(1/2) \\ = 1/3$$

**Notice:**  $P(B \cap A) = P(A \cap B)$ , but  $P(B|A) \neq P(A|B)$

$$18. (a) P(\text{black hair} | \text{blue eyes}) = P(\text{blue eyes} \cap \text{black hair})/P(\text{blue eyes}) \\ = 10\%/30\% \\ = 33\%$$

$$(b) P(\text{blue eyes} | \text{black hair}) = P(\text{blue eyes} \cap \text{black hair})/P(\text{black hair}) \\ = 10\%/20\% \\ = 50\%$$

**Notice:**  $P(B|A) = P(A \cap B)/P(A)$  needs to be used, when  $P(B|A) = |A \cap B|/|A|$  is not working.

$$19. P(B|A) = P(B \cap A)/P(A) \\ = P(B \cap A)/P(A) \times P(B)/P(B) \\ = P(B \cap A)/P(B) \times P(B)/P(A) \quad (\text{Since } P(B \cap A)/P(B) = P(A|B)) \\ = P(A|B) \times P(B)/P(A) \quad (\text{Given that } P(A|B) = P(A)) \\ = P(A) \times P(B)/P(A) \\ = P(B)$$

**Notice:** this proof is to show that if A is independent of B then B is also independent of A.

**- Application of condition probability formula in tree diagram cases:**

20.

(a)  $P(\text{A wins on his second draw})$ 

$$= P(\text{A red, B red, A red}) + P(\text{A red, B white, A red})$$

$$= \frac{3}{8} \times \frac{2}{7} \times \frac{1}{6} + \frac{3}{8} \times \frac{5}{7} \times \frac{2}{6}$$

$$= \frac{3}{28}$$

(b)  $P(\text{B wins on his second draw})$ 

$$= P(\text{A red, B red, A white, B red}) + P(\text{A white, B red, A red, B red})$$

$$+ P(\text{A white, B red, A white, B red})$$

$$= \frac{3}{8} \times \frac{2}{7} \times \frac{5}{6} \times \frac{1}{5} + \frac{5}{8} \times \frac{3}{7} \times \frac{2}{6} \times \frac{1}{5} + \frac{5}{8} \times \frac{3}{7} \times \frac{4}{6} \times \frac{2}{5}$$

$$= \frac{3}{28}$$

(c)  $P(\text{A|both win on his second draw}) = \frac{(3/28)}{(3/28+3/28)}$ 

$$= \frac{1}{2}$$

(d)  $P(\text{A draws a red ball}) = \frac{3}{8}$ 

$$P(\text{A draws a red ball} \cap \text{neither player has won after two draws})$$

$$= P(\text{A red, B red, A white, B white}) + P(\text{A red, B white, A white, B white})$$

$$+ P(\text{A red, B white, A white, B red})$$

$$= \frac{3}{8} \times \frac{2}{7} \times \frac{5}{6} \times \frac{4}{5} + \frac{3}{8} \times \frac{5}{7} \times \frac{4}{6} \times \frac{3}{5} + \frac{3}{8} \times \frac{5}{7} \times \frac{4}{6} \times \frac{2}{5}$$

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

$$P(\text{neither player has won after two draws} \mid \text{A draws a red ball})$$

$$= \frac{(1/4)}{(3/8)}$$

$$= \frac{2}{3}$$



