

Enrichment stage 1: (Probability without drawing tree diagrams)

1. Urn A contains 3 red and 5 black marbles. Urn B contains 2 red and 8 black marbles. From urn A, one marble is chosen at random and placed into urn B.

(a) What is the probability that this marble is red?

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(b) Now from urn B (with the extra marble included), two marbles are drawn at random in succession without replacement. Find the probability that they are both the same colour.

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2. In a best of five sets tennis match (where the first player to win three sets wins the match), Chris has a probability of $\frac{2}{3}$ of winning each set. What is the probability of him winning this particular match?

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Enrichment stage 2: (Condition probability)

1. The probabilities that two students A and B can be promoted to **Band 6** are 0.8 and 0.7 respectively. The probabilities that students A and B can be promoted to Band 6 and then to the university are 0.56 and 0.35 respectively.

Let M be the event that student A can be promoted to Band 6.

N be the event that student B can be promoted to Band 6.

X be the event that student A can be promoted to the university.

Y be the event that student B can be promoted to the university.

(Give your answers correct to 3 significant figures if necessary.)

- (a) Find the probability that both students can be promoted to Band 6 and then to the university.



- (b) If both students can be promoted to Band 6, find the probability that:

- (i) student A can be promoted to the university.

- (ii) student B can be promoted to the university.

- (iii) both of them can be promoted to the university.

- (iv) only one of them can be promoted to the university.

2. A box contains 10 balls as follows:

	Red balls (R)	White balls (W)
Ball contains stars	1	3
Ball contains dots	2	4

Two balls are drawn at random from the box, in succession and **without replacement**.

Event R and S are defined as follows:

R: exactly one of the balls drawn is red.

S: exactly one of the balls drawn contains stars.

- (a) Find the probability that exactly one of the balls drawn is red.

- (b) Find the probability that exactly one of the balls drawn contains stars.

- (c) Find the probability that exactly one of the balls drawn is red **and** exactly one of the balls drawn contains stars.

- (d) Find the probability that exactly one of the balls drawn is red **or** exactly one of the balls drawn contains stars.

Enrichment stage 3: (probability and algebra)

1. Two standard 6 sided dice are rolled. The number on the upper face of the first die determines the coefficient b and the number on the upper face of the second die determines the value of c in the quadratic equation $x^2 + bx + c = 0$. With the aid of a diagram or otherwise determine the probability that the first quadratic equation will have two different real roots.

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2. A bag contains 180 marbles, some of which are red, some blue and the rest are yellow. The probability of drawing a blue marble is $\frac{1}{12}$ and the probability of drawing a red is $\frac{2}{5}$. Find:
- (a) The number of yellow marbles in the bag.

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- (b) the number of yellow marbles that need to be added to the bag to change the probability of obtaining a yellow marble to $\frac{4}{5}$.

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3. A race consists of only three horses A, B and C. A is twice as likely to win the race as B and B is twice as likely to win as C.

(a) What is the probability that C wins the race?

(b) What is the probability that A does not win the race?

4. A jar contains 4 blue marbles and M red marbles, where $M > 1$. Jack takes two marbles out simultaneously. If the probability that they are both the same colour is 0.6, find all possible values of M .

5. A hat contains m red and n white marbles. One marble is randomly selected and its colour noted. It is then returned to the hat along with k other marbles of the same colour. A second marble is chosen at random.

(a) Find the probability that the second marble is red.

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(b) What can you conclude about the probability found in (a)?

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Competition stage 1: (birthday paradox)

1. What is the probability that the two of them have a birthday on the same day of the week, if there are
- (a) 7 people in a room.

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Enrichment stage 1:

1. (a) $P(R \text{ in } A) = 3/8$

(b) $P(\text{same}) = P(RR \text{ in } B) + P(BB \text{ in } B)$

$$= P(R \text{ in } A) \times [P(RR \text{ in } B) + P(BB \text{ in } B)] + P(B \text{ in } A) \times [P(RR \text{ in } B) + P(BB \text{ in } B)]$$

$$= 3/8 \times (3/11 \times 2/10 + 8/11 \times 7/10) + 5/8 \times (2/11 \times 1/10 + 9/11 \times 8/10)$$

$$= 139/220$$

2. Case 1: Chris wins in 3 sets

$$P(WWW) = (2/3)^3$$

$$= 8/27$$

Case 2: Chris wins in 4 sets

$$P(WWLW) + P(WLWW) + P(LWWW) = 3 \times (2/3)^3 \times (1/3)$$

$$= 8/27$$

Case 3: Chris wins in 5 sets

$$P(WWLLW) + P(WLWLW) + P(LWWLW) + P(WLLWW) + P(LWLWW) + P(LLWWW)$$

$$= 6 \times (2/3)^3 \times (1/3)^2$$

$$= 16/81$$

$$P(\text{Chris wins}) = 8/27 + 8/27 + 16/81$$

$$= 64/81$$

Enrichment stage 2:

$$\begin{aligned}
 1. \quad (a) \quad P(E) &= P(M \cap X) \times P(N \cap Y) \\
 &= 0.56 \times 0.35 \\
 &= 0.196
 \end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned}
 (i) \quad P(X|M) &= P(X \cap M) / P(M) \\
 &= 0.56 / 0.8 \\
 &= 0.7
 \end{aligned}$$

(ii) student B can be promoted to the university.

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(Y|N) &= P(Y \cap N) / P(N) \\
 &= 0.35 / 0.7 \\
 &= 0.5
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (iii) \quad P(E) &= P(X|M) \times P(Y|N) \\
 &= 0.7 \times 0.5 \\
 &= 0.35
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (iv) \quad P(E) &= P(X|M) \times (1 - P(Y|N)) + (1 - P(X|M)) \times P(Y|N) \\
 &= 0.7 \times (1 - 0.5) + (1 - 0.7) \times 0.5 \\
 &= 0.5
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 2. \quad (a) \quad P(R) &= P(\text{red, not red}) + P(\text{not red, red}) \\
 &= \frac{3}{10} \times \frac{7}{9} + \frac{7}{10} \times \frac{3}{9} \\
 &= \frac{7}{15}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (b) \quad P(S) &= P(\text{star, not star}) + P(\text{not star, star}) \\
 &= \frac{4}{10} \times \frac{6}{9} + \frac{6}{10} \times \frac{4}{9} \\
 &= \frac{8}{15}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (c) \quad P(R \cap S) &= P(S \cap R) \\
 &= P(\text{red star, white not star}) + P(\text{white not star, red star}) + P(\text{red not star, white star}) \\
 &\quad + P(\text{white star, red not star}) \\
 &= \frac{1}{10} \times \frac{4}{9} + \frac{4}{10} \times \frac{1}{9} + \frac{2}{10} \times \frac{3}{9} + \frac{3}{10} \times \frac{2}{9} \\
 &= \frac{2}{9}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (d) \quad P(R|S) &= P(S \cap R) / P(S) \\
 &= \frac{(2/9)}{(8/15)} \\
 &= \frac{5}{12}
 \end{aligned}$$

Enrichment stage 2:

1. For $x^2 + bx + c = 0$ to have two different real roots,

		Second Die					
		1	2	3	4	5	6
First Die	1						
	2						
	3	×	×				
	4	×	×	×			
	5	×	×	×	×	×	×
	6	×	×	×	×	×	×

$$\Delta = b^2 - 4c > 0$$

$$b^2 > 4c$$

$$\therefore P(x^2 + bx + c = 0 \text{ has two different real roots}) = 17/36$$

2. (a)

$$P(B) = 1/12$$

$$P(R) = 2/5$$

$$\text{Number of blue marbles} = 1/12 \times 180 = 15$$

$$\text{Number of red marbles} = 2/5 \times 180 = 72$$

$$\therefore \text{Number of yellow marbles} = 180 - 15 - 72 = 93$$

- (b)

$$(93 + x)/(180 + x) = 4/5$$

$$465 + 5x = 4x + 720$$

$$x = 720 - 465$$

$$= 255 \text{ yellow marbles}$$

3. (a) Let p be the probability that C wins.

$$P(C \text{ wins}) = p$$

$$P(B \text{ wins}) = 2 \times P(C \text{ wins}) = 2p$$

$$P(A \text{ wins}) = 2 \times P(B \text{ wins}) = 4p$$

$$\text{Total probability is } 1$$

$$4p + 2p + p = 1$$

$$p = 1/7$$

- (b) What is the probability that A does not win the race?

$$P(A \text{ doesn't win}) = 1 - P(A \text{ wins})$$

$$= 1 - 4/7$$

$$= 3/7$$

$$4. \quad P(BB) + P(RR) = 3/5$$

$$4/(4+M) \times 3/(3+M) + M/(4+M) \times (M-1)/(3+M) = 3/5$$

$$12/[(4+M)(3+M)] + M(M-1)/[(4+M)(3+M)] = 3/5$$

$$5(12 + M^2 - M) = 3(4+M)(3+M)$$

$$60 + 5M^2 - 5M = 3M^2 + 21M + 36$$

$$2M^2 - 26M + 24 = 0$$

$$M^2 - 13M + 12 = 0$$

$$(M - 1)(M - 12) = 0$$

$$M = 1 \text{ or } M = 12$$

$$M = 12 \text{ only as } M > 1$$

5. (a)

$$P(RR) = m/(m+n) \times (m+k)/(m+n+k)$$

$$= m(m+k)/(m+n)(m+n+k)$$

$$P(WR) = n/(m+n) \times m/(m+n+k)$$

$$= mn/(m+n)(m+n+k)$$

$$P(\text{Second marble is red}) = P(RR) + P(WR)$$

$$= m(m+k)/(m+n)(m+n+k) + mn/(m+n)(m+n+k)$$

$$= m(m+n+k)/(m+n)(m+n+k)$$

$$= m/(m+n)$$

(b)

The probability of the second marble being red is independent of the value of k .

In other words, regardless of how many marbles are added before the second marble is drawn, the probability will be the same as the probability of drawing a red marble with replacement.

Competition stage 3: (birthday paradox)

1. (a)

Let's find the probability that the birthdays of all 7 people fall on 7 **different** days of the week:

The 1st person has a 100% chance of a unique day of the week (of course) = $1 = 7/7$

The 2nd has a $(1 - 1/7)$ chance = $6/7$

The 3rd has a $(1 - 2/7)$ chance (all but 2 days) = $5/7$

The 4th has a $(1 - 3/7)$ (all but 3 days) = $4/7$

The 5th has a $(1 - 4/7)$ chance = $3/7$

The 6th has a $(1 - 5/7)$ chance = $2/7$

The 7th has a $(1 - 6/7) = 1/7$

Probability (all have birthdays of different days)

$$= (7/7) * (6/7) * (5/7) * (4/7) * (3/7) * (2/7) * (1/7)$$

$$= (7 \times 6 \times 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1) / (7^7)$$

$$= 5040 / 7^7$$

$$= 720 / 117649$$

$$= 0.006119899 \text{ approx.}$$

So, an approximately 0.612% chance that all 7 have birthdays on 7 different days of the week.

The probability that 2 or more have birthdays on the **same** day

$$= (100 - 0.612)\% \text{ approx.}$$

$$= 99.39\% \text{ approx.}$$

(b)

Let's find the probability that the birthdays of all 23 people fall on 23 different days of the year:

The 1st person has a 100% chance of a unique day of a year (of course) = $1 = 365/365$

The 2nd has a $(1 - 1/365)$ chance = $364/365$

The 3rd has a $(1 - 2/365)$ chance (all but 2 days) = $363/365$

The 4th has a $(1 - 3/365)$ (all but 3 days) = $362/365$

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The 23rd has a $(1 - 22/365)$ (all but 22 days) = $343/365$

Probability (all have birthdays of different days) =

$$(365/365) \times (364/365) \times (363/365) \times (362/365) \times \dots \times (343/365)$$

$$= (365 \times 364 \times \dots \times 343) / (365^{23})$$

$$= 0.4927 \text{ approx.}$$

So there is an approximately 49.27% chance that all 23 have birthdays on 23 different days of the year.

So, the probability that 2 or more have birthdays on the same day

$$= (100 - 49.27)\% \text{ approx.}$$

$$= 50.73\% \text{ approx.}$$