

Assignment3(Q₁1.16.3.13)

NCERT EXAMPLER

Probability And Random Processes

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A bag contains 8 red and 5 white balls. Three balls are drawn at random. Find the Probability that

- (a) All the three balls are white
- (b) All the three balls are red
- (c) One ball is red and two balls are white

Solution: To solve this problem using random variables, you can use the concept of probability mass functions (PMFs) for discrete random variables. Let's define two random variables:

Let X represent the number of white balls drawn, and Y represent the number of red balls drawn. Then, X and Y can take values 0, 1, 2, or 3.

Now, we can calculate the probabilities for each scenario:

- (a) All three balls are white:

$$P_{xy}(X = 3|Y = 0) = (5/13)*(4/12)*(3/11) = 0.0174$$

Here, the probability of the first white ball being drawn is $5/13$ (since there are 5 white balls out of 13 total balls), the probability of the second white ball is $4/12$ (as there are now 4 white balls out of 12 remaining balls), and the probability of the third white ball

is $3/11$ (3 white balls out of 11 remaining balls).

- (b) All three balls are red:

$$P_{xy}(X = 0|Y = 3) = (8/13)*(7/12)*(6/11) = 0.1261$$

Here, the probability of the first red ball being drawn is $8/13$, the probability of the second red ball is $7/12$, and the probability of the third red ball is $6/11$.

- (c) One ball is red and two balls are white:

$$P_{xy}(X = 2|Y = 1) = (5/13)*(4/12)*(8/11) = 0.1034$$

Here, the probability of the first two balls being white is the same as in part (a), and the probability of the third ball being red is $8/11$ (since there are 8 red balls out of 11 remaining balls).