AI1103-Assignment 2

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https://github.com/Ramanathan-Annamalai/AI1103
-Probability_and_Random_Variables/tree/
main/Assignment%202/Codes

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https://github.com/Ramanathan—Annamalai/AI1103
-Probability_and_Random_Variables/blob/
main/Assignment%202/Assignment 2.tex

OUESTION

Suppose we uniformly and randomly select a permutation from the 20! permutations of 1,2,3,...,20. What is the probability that 2 appears at an earlier position than any other even number in the selected permutation.

- (A) $\frac{1}{2}$
- (B) $\frac{1}{10}$
- (C) $\frac{9!}{20!}$
- (D) None of the above.

SOLUTION

Total number of permutations = T

$$T = 20!$$
 (0.0.1)

No. of ways of choosing 10 places for the odd numbers

$$={}^{20}C_{10} \tag{0.0.2}$$

No. of ways of arranging the odd numbers

$$= 10!$$
 (0.0.3)

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Since 2 should occur before other even numbers, the first blank place in the permutation has to be 2.

No. of ways of arranging the even numbers other than 2 in the remaining 9 places

$$= 9!$$
 (0.0.4)

Number of favourable permutations

$$= {}^{20}C_{10} \times 10! \times 9! \tag{0.0.5}$$

Now, Probability of 2 appears at an earlier position than any other even number in the selected permutation = p

$$p = \frac{\text{No. of favourable permutations}}{\text{Total no. of permutations}}$$

$$= \frac{{}^{20}C_{10} \times 10! \times 9!}{20!}$$

$$= \frac{1}{10}$$
(0.0.6)

Answer: **Option** (B).