

Question 8:

What is the probability that a fair die never comes up an even number when its rolled six times?

A die has six possible outcomes: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.

1st roll: 6 ways

2nd roll: 6 ways

3rd roll: 6 ways

4th roll: 6 ways

5th roll: 6 ways

6th roll: 6 ways

Use the product rule:

$$6 \cdot 6 \cdot 6 \cdot 6 \cdot 6 \cdot 6 = 6^6 = 46656$$

Even outcomes: 2, 4, 6.

1st roll: 3 ways

2nd roll: 3 ways

3rd roll: 3 ways

4th roll: 3 ways

5th roll: 3 ways

6th roll: 3 ways

$$3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 = 3^6 = 729$$

$$P = \frac{729}{46656} = \frac{1}{64} = 0.015625$$



Question 9:

What is the conditional probability that a randomly generated bit string of length four contains at least two consecutive 0s, given that the first bit is a 1?

total number of length 4 = 16

let A be the event that a randomly generated string has 1 in the first position.

let B be the event that a randomly generated string has two consecutive 0s.

$$P(A) = \frac{8}{16} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$P(A \cap B) = \frac{3}{16}$$

conditional probability that a randomly generated bit string of length four contains at least two consecutive 0s =  $\frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(A)}$

$$= \frac{\frac{3}{16}}{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{3}{8}$$

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Question 10:

Assume that the probability a child is a boy is 0.51 and that the sexes of children born into a family are independent. What is the probability that a family of five children has.

- a) exactly three boys?
- b) at least one boy?
- c) at least one girl?
- d) all children of the same sex?
- e) the first child is a boy or that the last two children of the family are girls.

a)  $C(5, 3)$  independent born children  
Chance of being a girl  $1 - 0.51 = 0.49$   
 $C(5, 3) = (0.51)^3 (0.49)^2 =$   
 $P_1 = 0.318$

b)  $1 - (0.49)^5 = 0.97$

c)  $1 - (0.51)^5 = 0.965$

d) all 5 are boys  $= (0.51)^5$   
or  
all 5 are girls  $= (0.49)^5$

$$(0.51)^5 + (0.49)^5 = 0.06275$$

e)  $P(E \cup F) = (0.51) + (0.49)^2 = 0.122$  ;  $P(E \cup F) = 0.51 + 0.49 + 3 \cdot 0.49^2 = 0.677$



$$P(E \cup F) = 0.51 + 0.49^2 + 0.122 = 0.6276$$

Question 11:

a) boy and girl equally likely

$$\text{boy} = \text{girl} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$C(5,0) \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^5 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^0$$

$$\frac{5!}{0! (5-0)!} = \frac{5!}{5!} = 1$$

$$1 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{32}\right) = \frac{1}{32}$$

b) the probability of a boy is 0.51.

$$C(5,0) (0.51)^0 (0.49)^5 = 0.02824$$

c) the probability that the  $i$ -child is a boy is  $0.51 - \frac{i}{100}$ .

$$1 - \left(0.51 - \frac{i}{100}\right) \Rightarrow 49 + \frac{i}{100}$$

$$49 + \frac{i}{100} = i \text{th child is a girl}$$

for all 5  $i$ th child to be girls.

$$\left(0.49 + \frac{1}{100}\right) \left(0.49 + \frac{2}{100}\right) \left(0.49 + \frac{3}{100}\right)$$

$$\left(0.49 + \frac{4}{100}\right) \left(0.49 + \frac{5}{100}\right) = (0.5) \cdot (0.51) \cdot (0.52) \cdot (0.53) \cdot (0.54) = 0.038$$



Q 12:

a) the probability of no failures.

$$= p^n$$

b) probability of at least one failure

$1 - p^n \Rightarrow$  probability of at least 1 failure

c) the probability of at most one failure

$$C(n, 1) (1 - p) (p^{n-1})$$

$$p^n + C(n, 1) (1 - p) (p^{n-1})$$

$$= p^n + n p^{n-1} (1 - p)$$

d) probability of at least two failures.

$$1 - p^n - n p^{n-1} (1 - p)$$