Solutions & Homework 3

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1 Solutions

Problem 2.

Calculate the probability of flipping a fair coin three times and getting 2H and 1T

- a) In this order
- b) In any order

Solution 2.

The sample space in this problem looks like this:

$$\Omega = \{HHH, HHT, HTH, THH, HTT, THT, TTH, TTT\}$$

where TTH, for instance, means that the first 2 flips were tails, and last one was heads. The probability of each of these elementary events is $\frac{1}{8}$.

- a) The corresponding event is {HHT}, and so the probability is $\frac{1}{8}$
- b) The corresponding event is {HHT, HTH, THH}, and so the probability is $\frac{3}{8}$.

Problem 4.

Calculate the probability of rolling a six-sided die three times and getting a sum of three outcomes equal to 10.

Solution 4.

There are 6^3 possible elementary outcomes total, each one equally likely. We need to calculate how many of these outcomes belong to event $E = \{\text{sum of three rolls is } 10\}$, i.e. how many ways there are to represent 10 as a sum of three integers from 1 to 6. There are 27 ways of doing so, and thus the answer is $\frac{27}{6^3}$.

2 Homework

Problem 1.

- a) Given a random 2-digit integer, what is the probability that the sum of its digits is equal to 9?
- b) The same question, but you additionally know that each digit is at least 3.

Problem 2.

Suppose there are three cards. One card is red on both sides, one is green on both sides, and one has a side of each color. Suppose one card is chosen at random (i.e. blindly out of a bag). You are able to see that one side of the card is red. What is the probability that the other side of the card is also red?