

Assignment 3-probability and Random Variable

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problem statement: Suppose we have four boxes A, B, C and D containing coloured marbles as given below:

Box	Red	White	Black
A	1	6	3
B	6	2	2
C	8	1	1
D	0	6	4

one of the boxes has been selected at random and a single marble is drawn from it. If the marble is red. What is the probability that it was drawn from box A? Box B? Box C?

Solution:

Suppose

R	Event that Red marble is drawn
A	Event that marble is drawn from Box A
B	Event that marble is drawn from Box B
C	Event that marble is drawn from Box C
D	Event that marble is drawn from Box D

$P(A)$: probability that Box A is selected = $\frac{1}{4}$

$P(R/A)$: probability that Red marble is selected from Box A = $\frac{1}{10}$

$P(B)$: probability that Box B is selected = $\frac{1}{4}$

$p(R/B)$: probability that Red marble is selected from Box B = $\frac{6}{10}$

$P(C)$: probability that Box C is selected = $\frac{1}{4}$

$P(R/C)$: probability that Red marble is selected from Box C = $\frac{8}{10}$

$P(D)$: probability that Box D is selected = $\frac{1}{4}$
 $P(R/D)$: probability that Red marble is selected from Box D = 0

$P(R)$: Probability of getting a Red marble

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= P(A)P(R/A) + P(B)P(R/B) \\
 &\quad + P(C)P(R/C) + P(D)P(R/D) \\
 &= \frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{10} + \frac{1}{4} \times \frac{6}{10} + \frac{1}{4} \times \frac{8}{10} \\
 &= \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{1}{10} + \frac{6}{10} + \frac{8}{10} \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{4} \times \frac{3}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

1 Part A

$P(A/R)$: probability that marble is drawn from box A given it is Red marble

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{p(R/A) \cdot P(A)}{P(R)} \\
 &= \frac{\frac{1}{10} \times \frac{1}{4}}{\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{3}{2}} \\
 &= \frac{1}{15}
 \end{aligned}$$

2 part B

$P(B/R)$:probability that marble is drawn from
box B given it is Red marble

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{p(R/B) \cdot P(B)}{P(R)} \\ &= \frac{\frac{6}{10} \times \frac{1}{4}}{\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{3}{2}} \\ &= \frac{2}{5} \end{aligned}$$

3 part c

$P(C/R)$:probability that marble is drawn from
box C given it is Red marble

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{p(R/C) \cdot P(C)}{P(R)} \\ &= \frac{\frac{8}{10} \times \frac{1}{4}}{\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{3}{2}} \\ &= \frac{8}{15} \end{aligned}$$