

AI1110 Assignment 2 in L^AT_EX

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10.15.1.9: Question A box contains 5 red marbles, 8 white marbles and 4 green marbles. One marble is taken out of the box at random. What is the probability that the marble taken out will be

- (i) red ?
- (ii) white ?
- (iii) not green?

Solution:

Given :

Number of red marbles = R = 5

Number of white marbles = W = 8

Number of green marbles = G = 4

Total number of marbles = T = 5 + 8 + 4 = 17

Where r,g,w respectively represents the number of red, green and white marbles within n.

$$\Pr(r, w, g) = \frac{{}^R C_r {}^W C_w {}^G C_g}{{}^{R+W+G} C_{r+w+g}} \quad (1)$$

- (i) Probability that the marble taken out is red

$$\Pr(1, 0, 0) = \frac{{}^5 C_1 {}^8 C_0 {}^4 C_0}{{}^{17} C_1} \quad (2)$$

$$= \frac{5}{17} \approx 0.2941 \quad (3)$$

- (ii) Probability that the marble taken out is white

$$\Pr(0, 1, 0) = \frac{{}^5 C_0 {}^8 C_1 {}^4 C_0}{{}^{17} C_1} \quad (4)$$

$$= \frac{8}{17} \approx 0.4706 \quad (5)$$

- (iii) Probability that the marble taken out is not green

$$1 - \Pr(0, 0, 1) = 1 - \frac{{}^5 C_0 {}^8 C_0 {}^4 C_1}{{}^{17} C_1} \quad (6)$$

$$= 1 - \frac{4}{17} = \frac{13}{17} \approx 0.7647 \quad (7)$$

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