

A and B throw alternatively with a single die. A having the first throw. The person who first throws an ace is to win. What are their respective chances of winning ?



$$\text{Probability of getting an ace in throwing of a die} = \frac{1}{6}$$


$$\text{Probability of not getting an ace in throwing of a die} = 1 - \frac{1}{6} = \frac{5}{6}$$

Case I : If A is to win then he/she must throw an ace in 1st or 3rd or 5th... throws

$$\text{Probability that A gets an ace in 1st throw} = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$\text{Probability that A gets an ace in 3rd throw} = \frac{5}{6} \times \frac{5}{6} \times \frac{1}{6}$$

$$\text{Probability that A gets an ace in 5th throw} = \frac{5}{6} \times \frac{5}{6} \times \frac{5}{6} \times \frac{5}{6} \times \frac{1}{6}$$



$$\text{Then Probability that A will win} = \frac{1}{6} + \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^2 \frac{1}{6} + \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^4 \frac{1}{6} + \dots = \frac{\frac{1}{6}}{1 - \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^2} = \frac{6}{11}$$

Case 2 : If B is to win then he/she must throw an ace in 2nd or 4th or 6th ... throws


$$\text{Probability that B gets an ace in 2nd throw} = \frac{5}{6} \times \frac{1}{6}$$

$$\text{Probability that B gets an ace in 4th throw} = \frac{5}{6} \times \frac{5}{6} \times \frac{5}{6} \times \frac{1}{6}$$

$$\text{Probability that B gets an ace in 6th throw} = \frac{5}{6} \times \frac{5}{6} \times \frac{5}{6} \times \frac{5}{6} \times \frac{5}{6} \times \frac{1}{6}$$

$$\text{Then Probability that B will win} = \left(\frac{5}{6}\right) \frac{1}{6} + \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^3 \frac{1}{6} + \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^5 \frac{1}{6} + \dots = \frac{\frac{5}{6} \times \frac{1}{6}}{1 - \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^2} = \frac{5}{11}$$

Alternate method to calculate B : $P(B) = 1 - P(A)$



A bag contains 10 balls, two of which are red, three blue and five black. Three balls are drawn at random from the bag. What is the probability that

- (i) three balls are of different colours
- (ii) two balls are of same colour
- (iii) the balls are of different colour

Total number of balls = 10

Number of red balls = 2

Number of blue balls = 3

Number of black balls = 5

(i) Probability that all the three balls are of different colours = $\frac{{}^2C_1 \times {}^3C_1 \times {}^5C_1}{{}^{10}C_3}$


(ii) Case 1 : If the same balls are white balls

$$2 \text{ balls white, 1 ball blue} = \frac{{}^2C_2 \times {}^3C_1}{{}^{10}C_3}$$

$$2 \text{ balls white, 1 ball black} = \frac{{}^2C_2 \times {}^5C_1}{{}^{10}C_3}$$

$$\text{Probability that 2 balls white} = \frac{{}^2C_2 \times {}^3C_1}{{}^{10}C_3} + \frac{{}^2C_2 \times {}^5C_1}{{}^{10}C_3}$$

Case 2 : If the same balls are blue balls


$$2 \text{ balls blue , 1 ball white} = \frac{{}^3C_2 \times {}^2C_1}{{}^{10}C_3}$$

$$2 \text{ balls blue , 1 ball black} = \frac{{}^3C_2 \times {}^5C_1}{{}^{10}C_3}$$


$$\text{Probability that 2 balls blue} = \frac{{}^3C_2 \times {}^2C_1}{{}^{10}C_3} + \frac{{}^3C_2 \times {}^5C_1}{{}^{10}C_3}$$

Case 3 : If the same balls are black balls

$$2 \text{ balls black , 1 ball white} = \frac{{}^5C_2 \times {}^2C_1}{{}^{10}C_3}$$

$$2 \text{ balls black , 1 ball blue} = \frac{{}^5C_2 \times {}^3C_1}{{}^{10}C_3}$$

$$\text{Probability that 2 balls black} = \frac{{}^5C_2 \times {}^2C_1}{{}^{10}C_3} + \frac{{}^5C_2 \times {}^3C_1}{{}^{10}C_3}$$


$$\text{Required Probability} = \left(\frac{3}{{}^{10}C_3} + \frac{5}{{}^{10}C_3} \right) + \left(\frac{6}{{}^{10}C_3} + \frac{15}{{}^{10}C_3} \right) + \left(\frac{20}{{}^{10}C_3} + \frac{30}{{}^{10}C_3} \right) = \frac{79}{120}$$

If A and B are events such that $P(A) = 0.3$, $P(B) = p$, $P(A \cup B) = 0.6$ then

(i) Find p so the A and B are independent events

(ii) For what value of p , A and B are mutually exclusive

$$P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$$

$$\Rightarrow P(A \cap B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cup B) = 0.3 + p - 0.6$$

$$\Rightarrow P(A \cap B) = p - 0.3$$

(i) If A and B are independent then $P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B)$

$$\Rightarrow p - 0.3 = 0.3p$$

$$\Rightarrow 0.7p = 0.3$$


$$\Rightarrow p = \frac{3}{7}$$

(ii) If A and B are mutually exclusive then $P(A \cap B) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow P(A \cap B) = p - 0.3$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = p - 0.3$$

$$\Rightarrow p = 0.3$$



Q. An integer is chosen at random from first 200 positive integers. What is the probability that the integer chosen is divisible by 6 or 8 ?

Q. A , B and C in order, toss a coin. The first one to throw a head wins. If A starts first find their respective probability of winning.

Q. Find the chance of throwing 5 or 6 at least once in four throws of die.

Q. A purse contains 2 silver and 4 copper coins. A second purse contains 4 silver and 3 copper coins. If a coin is pulled out of a random from one of the two purse, what is the probability that it is silver coins ?