

① Probability — csci 104 — Devin C. Martin

Solution:

→ the # of ways to choose 8 diff students out of 15 for each question is $\frac{15!}{(15-8)!}$

→ the total # of ways to choose any student for each of the 8 questions is 15^8

→ the probability that no student will have to answer more than one question is $\frac{\text{\# of ways to choose 8 diff students}}{\text{total ways to choose any student}}$

Calculation:

$$\text{Probability} = \frac{15! / (15-8)!}{15^8}$$

$$\text{Probability} = 0.1012$$

Final Answer: the probability is approx = 0.1012 or 10.12%

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Solution:

→ the total # of 5-digit #s where all digits are unique is $10 * 9 * 8 * 7 * 6$

→ the total # of such #'s that are even, start w/ 2 odd digits, & have all unique digits is $5 * 4 * 5 * 4 * 3$ (5 options for the first odd digit, 4 for the second, 5 even options for the last digit, & 4 & 3 choices for the remaining 2 unique digits).

→ the probability of one # meeting the criteria is

$$\frac{\text{total even #'s w/ criteria}}{\text{total 5-digit unique #'s}}$$

→ using the binomial distribution, calculate the probability of exactly 5 out of 8 #'s meeting the criteria

Calculation:

Probability of one # meeting criteria = $\frac{5 * 4 * 5 * 4 * 3}{10 * 9 * 8 * 7 * 6}$

Probability of exactly 5 out of 8 =

$\text{binom.pmf}(5, 8, \text{Probability of one \# meeting criteria})$
 $= 4.8801 * 10^{-6}$

Final Answer: the probability is approx = $4.8801 * 10^{-6}$
 or 0.00048801%

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Solution

- Count the # of outcomes where at least 2 dice show 4 or above
- Count the # of outcomes where all dice show the same value (6 possibilities)
- Calculate the probability of each event
- events A & B are indep. if $P(A \& B) = P(A) * P(B)$

Calculation:

Probability of event A & B was calculated

Found that $P(A \& B) \neq P(A) * P(B)$

Final Answer: events A & B are not indep

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Solution:

- the total # of 5-card hands is $\binom{52}{5}$
- the # of flush hands (same suit) is $\binom{13}{5}$ for each suit, multiplied by 4 for each suit
- the probability of getting a flush in one hand is
$$\frac{\text{\# of flush hands}}{\text{total \# of 5-card hands}}$$
- the exp. # of hands to get a flush is the

Reciprical of the probability of getting a flush in one hand

Calculation:

$$\text{Probability of Flush} = \frac{4 \times \binom{13}{5}}{\binom{52}{5}}$$

$$\text{Exp \# of hands} = \frac{1}{\text{Probability of Flush}}$$

$$\text{Exp \# of hands} = 2019.39$$

Final Answer: the exp # of hands to get a flush is approx = 2019.39

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Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} &\rightarrow \text{use Bayes Theorem: } P(\text{Superstar Played} \mid 4 \text{ wins}) \\ &= \frac{P(4 \text{ wins} \mid \text{superstar played}) \times (\text{Superstar played})}{P(4 \text{ wins})} \end{aligned}$$

\rightarrow Calculate $P(4 \text{ wins} \mid \text{superstar played})$ & $P(4 \text{ wins} \mid \text{Superstar didn't Play})$ using the binomial distribution

→ Calculate $P(4 \text{ wins})$ as the weighted sum of these probabilities

Calculation:

$P(\text{superstar played} \mid 4 \text{ wins})$

$$= \frac{\text{binom. pmf}(4, 5, 0.70) * 0.75}{\text{binom. pmf}(4, 5, 0.70) * \text{binom. pmf}(4, 5, 0.50) * 0.25}$$

$$= 0.8737$$

Final Answer: the probability that the superstar played all 5 games given the team won 4 of them is approx = 0.8737 or 87.37%