

# Bernoulli Trials Problems for 2016

- 1:** There are exactly  $10!$  seconds in 6 weeks.
- 2:** The product of any three consecutive integers, the middle of which is a perfect cube, is a multiple of 504.
- 3:** The number 6 is the only squarefree perfect number.
- 4:** The only positive integer solution to the equation  $x^2 + 7 = y^3$  is  $(x, y) = (1, 2)$ .
- 5:** For all nonzero rational numbers  $a$  and  $b$ , if  $c = \frac{ab}{a+b}$  then  $\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}$  is rational.
- 6:**  $\tan^2 \frac{\pi}{7} + \tan^2 \frac{2\pi}{7} + \tan^2 \frac{3\pi}{7} \leq 20$ .
- 7:**  $\sqrt{e} < \pi^2/6$ .
- 8:** For every positive integer  $n$  and every matrix  $A \in M_n(\mathbf{C})$  which is not a constant multiple of the identity matrix, the vector space  $U = \{X \in M_n(\mathbf{C}) \mid AX = XA\}$  is spanned by the set  $\{I, A, A^2, A^3, \dots\}$ .
- 9:** Two players,  $A$  and  $B$ , take turns, beginning with  $A$ , filling in the entries of a  $25 \times 25$  matrix with real numbers. Player  $A$  wins if the final matrix is not invertible and player  $B$  wins if it is invertible. In this game, player  $B$  has a winning strategy.
- 10:** There exists a bijective map  $f : \mathbf{Z}^+ \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}^+$  such that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{f(n)}{n^2}$  converges.
- 11:** There exists a bijective map  $f : \mathbf{Z}^+ \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}^+$  such that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{nf(n)}$  diverges.
- 12:**  $\int_0^{\pi/2} \tan x |\ln(\sin x)| dx > \frac{\pi}{8}$ .
- 13:** The function  $f : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  given by  $f(0) = 0$  and  $f(x) = \sin \frac{1}{x}$  for  $x \neq 0$  has an antiderivative.
- 14:** Let  $f_1(x) = x$  and  $f_{n+1}(x) = x^{f_n(x)}$  for  $n \geq 1$ . Then the function  $g(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{f_n(x)}$  is continuous for  $x > 1$ .
- 15:** In the symmetric group  $S_5$ , the identity element is equal to the composite of the 10 distinct transpositions, listed in some order.
- 16:** There exists a function  $f : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  such that  $f$  is differentiable in a dense set  $A \subseteq \mathbf{R}$  and  $f$  is discontinuous in a dense set  $B \subseteq \mathbf{R}$ .
- 17:** The set of rational numbers is equal to the disjoint union of countably many sets, each of which is dense in the set of real numbers.
- 18:** Ann and Bob each flip a coin 10 times. The probability that Ann and Bob flip the same number of heads as each other is greater than  $\frac{1}{6}$ .