

Basic probability

Practice problems

1. A card is drawn from a pack of 52 cards what is the probability that the card is either queen or club

Ans: $4/13$

2. A and B are two players rolling the dice. If A throws 10 find the probability that B throws more than A.

Ans: $1/12$

3. Two dice are rolled. Find the probability of getting an even number on the first die or total of 8.

Ans: $5/9$

4. 60% of the employees are college graduates of these 10 % are in sales department. Of the employees who did not graduate from the college 80% are with sales department. What is the probability that the

(i) An employee selected at random is in sales department

(ii) An employee selected at random is neither in sales nor a college graduate.

Ans: (i) 0.38 (ii) 0.02

5. If A and B are two independent events such that $P(A^c) = 0.7$, $P(B^c) = K$ and $P(A \cup B) = 0.8$. Find the value of K

Ans: $2/7$

6. A bag contains 10 gold and 8 silver coins. Two successive drawings of 4 coins are made such that (i) coins are replaced before second trial

(ii) coins are not replaced before second trial

Determine the probability that the first drawing will give 4 gold and second 4 silver coins

Ans: (i) (independent events) $P(A \text{ and } B) = P(A)P(B)$, ${}^{10}C_4 / ({}^{18}C_4) * {}^8C_4 / ({}^{18}C_4)$

(ii) dependent $P(A \text{ and } B) = P(A)P(B/A)$, ${}^{10}C_4 / ({}^{18}C_4) * {}^8C_4 / ({}^{14}C_4)$

7. 'A' speaks truth 4 out of 5 times. A die is rolled he reports there is 6.

What is the chance actually was 6.

Ans: $4/9$