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Week 5 Reading Questions

1. What is the size of the sample space?
  - a. 6 -- (Bur, Bur), (Bur, Red), (Bur, White), (Red, Red), (Red, White), (White, White)
2. Given the scenario description, how many ways are there to collect two acorns of the *same species*?
  - a. 3 of the six
3. Given the scenario description, how many ways can you collect two acorns of *different species*?
  - a. Also 3 of the six
4. What is the probability that the acorn in your *left pocket* is *Q. alba*?
  - a. 33% or 1 in 3
5. What is the probability that the acorn in your *right pocket* is *Q. macrocarpa*?
  - a. 33 % or 1 in 3
6. If you already know that the acorn in your left pocket is *Q. alba*, what is the probability that the acorn in your *right pocket* is also *Q. alba*?
  - a. 33% or 1 in 3
7. What is the probability that both acorns are *Q. rubra*?
  - a. 11% or 1 in 9
8. What is the probability that you collected exactly one each of *Q. alba* and *Q. rubra*?
  - a. 22% or 2 in 9
9. What is the probability that the acorn in your *left pocket* is *Q. alba* and you have an acorn of *Q. rubra* in your *right pocket*?
  - a. 11 % or 1 in 9
10. Consider a Poisson distribution with  $\lambda=6$ . What is the size of the sample space of this distribution?
  - a.  $\infty$
11. Consider a Binomial distribution with  $n=10$  and  $p=0.6$ . What is the size of the sample space of this distribution?
  - a. 11 ( $n + 1$ )
12. Which common characteristics of the Binomial and Poisson distributions make them good models for counts?
  - a. Both Binomial and Poisson distributions are discrete (they only use integers). Additionally, they both have sample spaces that are/can approach infinity.
13. Describe a scenario in which a Binomial distribution may be a better count model than a Poisson distribution.
  - a. A binomial distribution may be a better count model than a Poisson distribution if you are collecting presence/absence data, or if there the sample space for the count only has two events for whatever reason. It may also be better if your sample space is small.