

1. (Hypergeometric distribution) Imagine a clown car with 50 clowns; suppose that 20 of them are happy clowns and 30 of them are sad clowns.
 - i. If 10 clowns exit the car sequentially and at random, what is the probability that exactly 3 are sad clowns?
 - ii. If 10 clowns exit the car sequentially and at random, what is the probability that exactly k are sad clowns? (Assume $0 \leq k \leq 10$.)
 - iii. If n clowns exit the car sequentially and at random, what is the probability that exactly k are sad clowns? (Assume $0 \leq k \leq n$ and $n < 50$.)
 - iv. If the car contains N happy clowns and M sad clowns and $n \leq N + M$ exit the car sequentially and at random, what is the probability that k are happy clowns (for $0 \leq k \leq n$)?

2. Consider rolling two six-sided dice. The sample space is $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}^2$. Assuming the dice are fair, each outcome (i, j) has equal probability p . Consider the event that the dice sum to k : $E_k = \{(i, j) \in S : i + j = k\}$.
- Find $|S|$ and p .
 - Find $|E_k|$ in terms of k .
 - Make a table of the probabilities $P(E_k)$.
 - Interpret the event $\bigcup_{k=1}^m E_k$ in words and find $P(\bigcup_{k=1}^m E_k)$ (assuming $1 \leq m \leq 12$).
 - Find the probability of rolling a sum smaller than or equal to 8.

Hint: you may find the proof of SWR2 helpful in answering part (ii); however, there are multiple ways to solve the problem.

3. Verify the following identities.

i. $\binom{n}{k} = \frac{k+1}{n-k} \binom{n}{k+1}$

ii. $\binom{n+m}{m} = \binom{n+m}{n}$

iii. $\binom{n}{1} = \binom{n}{n-1} = n$

iv. $\binom{n}{k} = \binom{n}{n-k}$

v. $\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n}{k} \binom{n-1}{k-1}$

4. Consider a lottery where players can choose 12 numbers between 0 and 50 (including 0 and 50) and one winning combination is drawn by randomly selecting one number at a time. Suppose there are three prizes: the biggest prize is awarded to a match of all numbers in the winning combination in sequence; the second biggest prize is awarded to a match of all numbers in the winning combination, but not in sequence; and a smaller cash prize is awarded for matching all but one number in the winning combination, and not necessarily in sequence.
- What is the probability of winning each prize if player selections (and the winning combination) can include each number no more than once?
 - What is the probability of winning each prize if player selections (and the winning combination) can include any number multiple times?
 - What is the probability of winning any of the prizes under each of the scenarios in (i) and (ii)?

5. (Matching problem) Suppose that you have n letters addressed to distinct recipients and n envelopes addressed accordingly, and the letters are placed in the envelopes at random and mailed. Let $A_i = i$ th letter is placed in the correct envelope.
- Find the probability that the i th letter is placed in the correct envelope: determine $P(A_i)$.
 - Find the probability that the i th and j th letters are placed in the correct envelopes: determine $P(A_i \cap A_j)$ assuming $1 \leq i < j \leq n$.
 - Find $\sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} P(A_i \cap A_j)$. (*Hint*: how many ways are there to choose two letters?)
 - Find the probability that the i th, j th, and k th letters are placed in the correct envelopes: determine $P(A_i \cap A_j \cap A_k)$ assuming $1 \leq i < j < k \leq n$.
 - Find $\sum_{1 \leq i < j < k \leq n} P(A_i \cap A_j \cap A_k)$. (*Hint*: how many ways are there to choose three letters?)
 - Find the probability that an arbitrary subcollection of i letters (say, letters j_1, \dots, j_i) are all placed in the right envelopes: determine $P(A_{j_1} \cap A_{j_2} \cap \dots \cap A_{j_i})$ assuming $1 \leq j_1 < \dots < j_i \leq n$.
 - Find $\sum_{1 \leq j_1 < \dots < j_i \leq n} P(A_{j_1} \cap \dots \cap A_{j_i})$.
 - Use the inclusion-exclusion formula to find the probability that at least one letter is mailed to the correct recipient. What is the limit of this probability as $n \rightarrow \infty$?