

3. Probability Problems

$$1) \underbrace{\frac{1}{15}}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{prob no student has to answer more than 1 Q}}} \times \frac{14}{15} \times \frac{13}{15} \times \frac{12}{15} \times \frac{11}{15} \times \frac{10}{15} \times \frac{9}{15} \times \frac{8}{15} = 0.101 \quad \boxed{10.124\%}$$

$$2) \underbrace{\frac{5}{10} \times \frac{4}{9}}_{\text{odd}} \times \frac{7}{8} \times \frac{6}{7} \times \underbrace{\frac{5}{10}}_{\text{even}} = \frac{1200}{105} \text{ for 1 randomly generated var}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 5 \text{ nums meet criteria: } 0.042^5 &= 1.307 \times 10^{-7} \\ 3 \text{ nums don't meet criteria: } (1-0.042)^3 &= 0.879 \end{aligned} \quad \times \quad = \boxed{1.149 \times 10^{-7}}$$

3) A and B are independent if

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A) \cdot P(B)$$

P(A): 2 dice show 4 or above

$$= P(2 \text{ dice show } 4+) + P(3 \text{ dice show } 4+) \\ = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \cdot 3 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 = \frac{4}{8} = \frac{1}{2}$$

P(B): all 3 dice show the same value:

$$1: \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{6} = \frac{1}{36}$$

P(A ∩ B): all 3 dice show 4 or above (same value)

$$P(\text{all 4's}) + P(\text{all 5's}) + P(\text{all 6's})$$

$$= \frac{3}{6^3} = \frac{3}{216} = \frac{1}{72}$$

$$P(A) \cdot P(B) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{36} = \frac{1}{72} \quad \text{equal}$$

Independent

4) Prob of a flush: 5-card hand of the same suit

$$1 \text{ suit: } {}_{15}^C_5 = 1287$$

$$4 \text{ suits: } 4 \cdot 1287 = 5148$$

$$\text{possible 5-card hands: } {}_{52}^C_5 = 2598960$$

$$P(\text{flush}) = \frac{5148}{2598960}$$

$$P(\text{play } k \text{ hands \& get flush at } k\text{th hand}) = (1-p)^{k-1} p$$

$$E[X] = \sum_k k \cdot P(k) = \frac{1}{p} = \frac{2598960}{5148} = \boxed{505 \text{ hands}}$$

$$5) P(\text{win} | \text{superstar plays}) = 70\%$$

$$P(\text{win} | \text{superstar doesn't play}) = 50\%$$

$$P(\text{superstar plays}) = 75\%$$

$$P(\text{win 4/5 games} | \text{superstar plays}) = {}_5C_4 \cdot 0.7^4 \cdot 0.3 = 0.360$$

$$P(\text{win 4/5 games} | \text{superstar doesn't play}) = {}_5C_4 \cdot 0.5^5 = 0.156$$

$$P(\text{win 4/5}) = 0.360 \cdot 0.75 + 0.156 \cdot 0.25 = 0.309$$

$$P(\text{superstar plays} | \text{win 4/5}) = \frac{P(\text{win 4/5} | \text{superstar plays}) \cdot P(\text{superstar plays})}{P(\text{win 4/5})}$$

$$= \frac{0.360 \cdot 0.75}{0.309} = \underline{\underline{0.874}}$$