

Assignment 2

AI1110: Probability and Random Variables

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10.15.2.3: A bag contains 5 red balls and some blue balls. If the probability of drawing a blue ball is double that of a red ball, determine the number of blue balls in the bag.

Solution:

Let's assume that there are x blue balls in the bag. The probability of drawing a red ball is:

$$\frac{5}{5+x}$$

since there are 5 red balls in the bag and a total of $5 + x$ balls.

The probability of drawing a blue ball is:

$$2\left(\frac{5}{5+x}\right)$$

since the probability of drawing a blue ball is double that of drawing a red ball.

We know that the sum of the probabilities of drawing a red ball and drawing a blue ball is equal to 1:

$$\frac{5}{5+x} + 2\left(\frac{5}{5+x}\right) = 1$$

$$\frac{5}{5+x} + \frac{10}{5+x} = 1$$

$$\frac{15}{5+x} = 1$$

$$5+x = 15$$

$$x = 10$$

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Therefore, there are 10 blue balls in the bag.