Assignment 2

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PROBLEM 11.16.4.9

- **9.** If 4-digit numbers greater than 5,000 are randomly formed from the digits 0,1,3,5, and 7, what is the probability of forming a number divisible by 5 when
 - 1) the digits are repeated?
 - 2) the repetition of digits is not allowed?

SOLUTION:

Let X be a random variable denoting four digit number formed from the digits 0,1,3,5,7.

1) digits are repeated

In this case, X can take values 500 values between 1000 to 7777.

$$\Pr\left(X\right) = \frac{1}{500} \tag{1}$$

Probability required:

$$Pr((X \ mod \ 5 = 0)|(X > 5000)) \tag{2}$$

There are 4 digits in the number, number of numbers greater than 5000 is given by:

$$2 \times 5 \times 5 \times 5 - 1 = 249'$$
 (3)

$$\Pr\left(X > 5000\right) = \frac{249}{500} \tag{4}$$

Of these, numbers which are divisible by 5 are given by:

$$2 \times 5 \times 5 \times 2 - 1 = 99 \tag{5}$$

$$\Pr\left((X \ mod \ 5)(X > 5000)\right) = \frac{99}{500} \tag{6}$$

$$Now, \Pr(A|B) = \frac{\Pr(AB)}{\Pr(B)}$$
 (7)

$$\Pr(X \bmod 5 = 0 | X > 5000) = \tag{8}$$

$$\frac{\Pr((X \bmod 5 = 0)(X > 5000))}{\Pr(X > 5000)} \tag{9}$$

Hence required probability is:

$$\frac{99}{249} = \frac{33}{83} \tag{10}$$

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2) digits are not repeated

In this case, X takes 96 different values between 1035 and 7531. Number of numbers greater than 5000 is given by:

$$4 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 = 96 \tag{11}$$

$$\Pr(X) = \frac{1}{96}$$
 (12)

Number of numbers greater than 5000 is given by:

$$2 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 = 48 \tag{13}$$

$$\Pr(X > 5000) = \frac{48}{96} \tag{14}$$

To find $Pr((X \ mod \ 5)(X > 5000))$:

a) Case 1

When leading digit is 5, number of possible numbers is:

$$1 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 = 6 \tag{15}$$

b) Case 2

When leading digit is 7, number of possible numbers is:

$$1 \times 3 \times 2 \times 2 = 12 \tag{16}$$

Thus, total number of numbers are 12+6 = 18.

$$Pr((X \ mod \ 5)(X > 5000)) = (17)$$

$$\frac{18}{96} \tag{18}$$

Thus $Pr((X \ mod \ 5)|(X > 5000)) =$

$$\frac{\Pr((X \bmod 5 = 0)(X > 5000))}{\Pr(X > 5000)} \tag{19}$$

$$=\frac{18}{48} = \frac{3}{8} \tag{20}$$