

Probability

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This Video Completely covers the problems on “Probability” which is more than sufficient for all kind of placement Exams eg: TCS/WIPRO/AMCAT/ELITMUS/CoCubes and all other placement Exams.

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Probability

Know About Factorials:

$$n! = n * (n-1) * (n-2) * (n-3) * \dots * 1$$

$$5! = 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 = 120$$

Below factorials need to keep in mind:

$$0! = 1 \quad 7! = 5040$$

$$1! = 1 \quad 8! = 40320$$

$$2! = 2$$

$$3! = 6$$

$$4! = 24$$

$$5! = 120$$

$$6! = 720$$

Probability

Probability formulas:

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Where $n(S)$ = total outcome

And $n(E)$ = favorable outcome

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$$\Rightarrow \left[P(\text{Head}) = \frac{1}{2} = 50\% \right]$$

Cricket

$$P(E) = \frac{4}{3} \times 1 \times$$

$$P(E) = \frac{100}{100} = 1$$

$$P(E) = \frac{n(E)}{n(S)}$$

Event

$n(S)$ = total outcome

$n(E)$ = fav. outcome

Rain (Event)

→ accident
→ wedding

$$0 \leq P(E) \leq 1$$

Universal truth

* $P(E) = 0$ ✓
Sun will rise from west.

* $P(E) = 1$ ✓
Sun rise East

Probability

nCr

- nCr is used to know number of ways to choose r objects from n number of objects. for example I have 3 balls b_1, b_2, b_3 and I want to choose 2 out of them so how will i choose?
- I can either choose b_1, b_2 or b_2, b_3 or b_3, b_1 . so that means i have 3 ways to choose. this same thing can be done using nCr here $n=3$ i.e total no of objects and $r=2$ i.e no of objects i need to choose so putting values of n and r in formulae $3C_2 = 3!/(3-2)! \cdot 2! = 3$

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nCr ← combination

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$$nCr = \frac{n!}{r! \times (n-r)!}$$

$$3C_2 = \frac{3!}{2! \times (3-2)!} = \frac{6}{2 \times 1} = 3$$

$$10C_2 = \frac{10!}{2! \times (10-2)!} = \frac{10!}{2! \times 8!} = \frac{10 \times 9 \times 8!}{2 \times 8!} = 45$$

$$52C_2 = \frac{52!}{2! \times 50!} = \frac{52 \times 51 \times 50!}{2 \times 50!} = 1326$$

$26 \times (50+1) = 1300 + 26 = 1326$

Probability

Questions based on Coins:

Q1. If we toss a single coin in the air the probability of getting Head?

a. $\frac{1}{2}$ b. $\frac{2}{3}$ c. $\frac{1}{3}$ d. $\frac{3}{4}$

Solutions:

coin:

50%

{H, T}

$$P(E) = \frac{n(E)}{n(S)} = \frac{1}{2}$$

(1) If you toss 1 coin = $2^1 = 2 = \{H, T\}$

(2) If you toss 2 coins or 1 coin twice = $2^2 = \{HH, TT, HT, TH\}$

(3) If you toss 3 coins or 1 coin 3 times = $2^3 = 8$

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Questions based on Coins:

Q2. If we toss three coins in the air the probability of getting 2 Heads.

A. $\frac{1}{16}$ B. $\frac{1}{2}$ C. $\frac{3}{16}$ D. $\frac{3}{8}$ E. None

Solutions:

$$\Rightarrow 2^3 = 8 = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{HHH, TTT, HTT, THH} \\ \text{HTH, THT, TTH, HHT} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$P(2 \text{ Head}) = \frac{n(E)}{n(S)} = \frac{3}{8}$$

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Questions based on Coins:

Q3. If we toss three coins in the air the probability of getting at least 2 Heads.

A. $\frac{1}{16}$ B. $\frac{1}{2}$ C. $\frac{3}{16}$ D. $\frac{3}{8}$ E. None

Solutions:

$$\text{Total outcome } 2^3 = 8 : \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{HHH, TTT, HTH, THT} \\ \text{HHT, TTH, THH, HTT} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$P(\text{min 2 Head}) = \frac{n(E)}{n(S)}$$

at least 2 Head

= min^m. 2 Head
max^m - NO rest

$$= \frac{4}{8} = \frac{1}{2}$$

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Questions based on Coins:

Q4. If we toss three coins in the air the probability of getting atmost 2Tail.

A. $1/16$ B. $1/2$ C. $3/16$ D. $11/16$ E. $7/8$

Solutions:

Total outcome = $2^3 = 8 = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{HHH, } \cancel{\text{TTT}}, \text{HTH, } \cancel{\text{THT}} \\ \text{HHT, } \cancel{\text{THH}}, \text{TTT, } \cancel{\text{HTT}} \end{array} \right\}$ ✓

$$P(E) = \frac{n(E)}{n(S)}$$

= $\frac{7}{8}$

atmost \Rightarrow maxim 2 tail
min no restrictions = 0 ✓
0T, 1T, 2T

Probability

Questions based on Coins:

Q5. A fair coin is tossed 4 times. What is the probability of getting at least 2 tails?

A. $1/16$ B. $1/2$ C. $3/16$ D. $11/16$ E. $3/8$

Solutions:

$$P(E) = \frac{n(E)}{n(S)} = \frac{11}{16}$$

[16 outcomes]

at least 2 tail

Total outcome = $2^4 = 16$

$n(S) = 16$

[min = 2 tails
max = no restriction]

{ T H H H, H T H H, ~~H H T H~~,
H H H T, H H H H }

✓ $16 - 5 = 11$ outcomes
 at least 2 tails
 2 tails | 3 tails | 4 tails

5 outcomes: 0 or 1 tails ✓

Probability

Directions (6 – 8): A bag contains 6 red balls and 8 green balls. Two balls are drawn at random one after one with replacement.

What is the probability that-

With replacement ✓

[Balls]

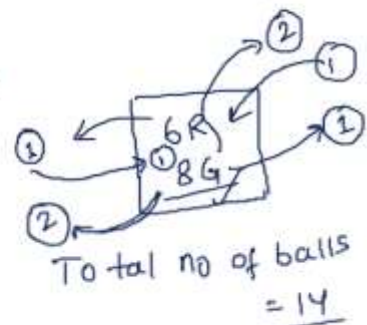
Q6. Both the balls are green]

(a) $13/49$ (b) $15/49$ (c) $16/49$ (d) $17/49$ (e) None of these

$$P(E) = \frac{n(E)}{n(S)} = \frac{{}^8C_1}{{}^{14}C_1} \times \frac{{}^8C_1}{{}^{14}C_1}$$

$\leftarrow n_C \leftarrow$
 $\times \Rightarrow$ And
 $+ \Rightarrow$

$$= 4 \times \frac{8}{14} \times \frac{8}{14} = \frac{16}{49}$$



Probability

Directions (6 – 8): A bag contains 6 red balls and 8 green balls.

Two balls are drawn at random one after one with replacement. What is the probability that-

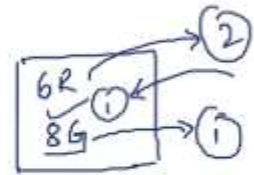
Q7 First one is green and second one is red

(a) 16/49 (b) 14/49 (c) 11/49 (d) 12/49 (e) None of these

$$P(E) = \frac{n(E)}{n(S)} \Rightarrow P(1G) \times P(2R)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{{}^8C_1}{{}^{14}C_1} \times \frac{{}^6C_1}{{}^{14}C_1} \Rightarrow \frac{48}{147} \times \frac{63}{147}$$

$$\frac{12}{49}$$



Total no of balls = 14

Probability

Directions (6 – 8): A bag contains 6 red balls and 8 green balls. Two balls are drawn at random one after one with replacement.

What is the probability that-

Q8. Both the balls are red

(a) 14/49 (b) 9/49 (c) 11/49 (d) 12/49 (e) None of these

$$P(\text{Both Red}) = \frac{n(E)}{n(S)}$$

$$\frac{{}^6C_1}{{}^{14}C_1} \times \frac{{}^6C_1}{{}^{14}C_1} = \frac{6!}{1! \times 5!} \times \frac{6!}{1! \times 5!} = \frac{6 \times 5!}{5!} \times \frac{6 \times 5!}{5!} = 6 \times 6 = 36$$

Total = 14

$$\frac{36}{147} \times \frac{63}{147} = \frac{9}{49}$$



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Q9 From a group of 3 men, 4 women and 2 children, 4 people are to be chosen to form a committee. What is the probability that the committee contains at least 1 each of men, women and children?

(a) 4/15 (b) 12/21 (c) 4/19 (d) 11/31 (e) None of these

Solution:

$$n(S) = {}^9C_4$$

$$\frac{72}{21}$$

Combination

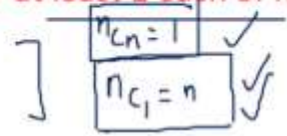
$$M_1W_1C_1 + (2M_1W_1C_1) + (1M_1W_1C_2)$$

$$n(E) \Rightarrow {}^3C_1 \times {}^4C_2 \times {}^2C_1 + {}^3C_2 \times {}^4C_1 \times {}^2C_1 + {}^3C_1 \times {}^4C_1 \times {}^2C_2$$

$$n(E) \Rightarrow 3 \times 6 \times 2 + 3 \times 4 \times 2 + 3 \times 4 \times 1$$

$$n(E) \Rightarrow 36 + 24 + 12 = 72$$

$$P(E) = \frac{n(E)}{n(S)} = \frac{72}{9C4} = \frac{72}{120} = \frac{3}{5}$$



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Q10 There are 4 black balls and 6 white balls. 2 balls are drawn one by one without replacement. What is the probability that the balls are same in color?

- (a) 9/21 (b) 8/17 (c) 5/14 (d) 7/15 (e) 9/19

Solution:

$$P(\text{Both are Black} + \text{Both are white}) = \frac{n(E)}{n(S)}$$

$4C_1 = 4$ $3C_1 = 3$

$$\Rightarrow \left[\frac{4C_1}{10C_1} \times \frac{3C_1}{9C_1} + \frac{6C_1}{10C_1} \times \frac{5C_1}{9C_1} \right]$$

$$\left[\frac{12}{90} + \frac{30}{90} \right] = \frac{42}{90} = \frac{7}{15}$$

4B
6W
Total = 10 ✓

Probability

Q11 A bag contains 6 white and 4 black balls. 2 balls are drawn at random. Find the probability that they are of same colour

- (a) 1/2 (b) 7/15 (c) 8/15 (d) 1/9

Solution:

$$P(\text{Both white or Both Black}) = \frac{n(E)}{n(S)}$$

$10C_2$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{6C_2}{10C_2} + \frac{4C_2}{10C_2}$$

$$\frac{15}{45} + \frac{6}{45} = \frac{21}{45} = \frac{7}{15}$$

$6C_2 = \frac{6!}{2! \times 4!} = \frac{3 \times 2 \times 1 \times 5 \times 4 \times 3}{2 \times 1 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1} = 15$

6W
4B
Total no = 10
 $n(S) = 10C_2$

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Q12 A box contains 5 green, 4 yellow and 3 white marbles. Three marbles are drawn at random. What is the probability that all they are not of the same colour?

- (a) 3/44

- (c) 52/55

- (b) 3/55

- (d) 41/44

Solution:

$$\Rightarrow 1 - [\text{All are of same colour}] =$$

$$P(\text{all are of same colour}) = \frac{n(E)}{n(S)} \Rightarrow \frac{3G + 3Y + 3W}{12C_3}$$

$$1 - \left[\frac{5C_3}{12C_3} + \frac{4C_3}{12C_3} + \frac{3C_3}{12C_3} \right]$$

$$1 - \left[\frac{10}{220} + \frac{4}{220} + \frac{1}{220} \right] = 1 - \frac{15}{220} = \frac{205}{220} = \frac{41}{44}$$

$12C_3 = \frac{12!}{3! \times 9!} = \frac{12 \times 11 \times 10}{6} = 220$

5G
4Y
3W
Total = 12
 $n(S) = 12C_3$

Probability

Q13 Ram Speaks Truth 40% of the time and Laxman Speaks truth 60% of the time. Percentage of cases Ram and Laxman are likely to contradict each other?

(a) 50%

(b) 53%

(c) 52%

(d) 60%

[TCS NQT 2020]

Solution:

$$R_T = \frac{40}{100} = \frac{2}{5}$$

$$R_L = \frac{60}{100} = \frac{3}{5}$$

$$L_T = \frac{60}{100} = \frac{3}{5}$$

$$L_L = \frac{40}{100} = \frac{2}{5}$$

$$\rightarrow [R_T \times L_L + R_L \times L_T] \Rightarrow \frac{2}{5} \times \frac{2}{5} + \frac{3}{5} \times \frac{3}{5}$$

$$= \frac{4}{25} + \frac{9}{25} = \frac{13}{25}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{13}{25} \times 100 = 52\%$$

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Know About Cards:

- (1) Total number of card are 52.
- (2) There are 13 cards of each suit named Diamond, Hearts, Clubs and Spade.
- (3) Out of which Hearts and diamonds are red cards.
- (4) Spades and Clubs are black cards
- (5) There are four face cards each in number four King, Queen and Jack

Black Suit Card- (26)

- i) Spade (13)
- ii) Club (13)

Red Suit Card-(26)

- i) Diamond (13)
- ii) Heart (13)

(6) Each Spade, Club, Diamond, Heart has 9 digit cards 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10

(7) There are 4 Honors cards each Spade, Club, Diamond, Heart contains 4 numbers of Honours cards Ace, King, Queen and Jack

Total face card : 12 and Total honor card : 16



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[Playing cards]

Black Suit Card- (26)

- i) Spade (13) → 4 → 3
- ii) Club (13) → 4 → 3

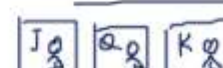
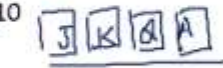
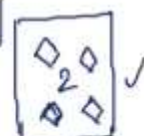
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Q14. Two cards are drawn at random from a pack of 52 cards. what is the probability that either both are black or both are queen?

- A) 55/221 B) 55/190 C) 55/121 D) 19/221

$$P(\text{Both are Black} + \text{Both are Queen}) = \frac{26C_2}{52C_2} + \frac{4C_2}{52C_2} - \frac{2C_2}{52C_2}$$

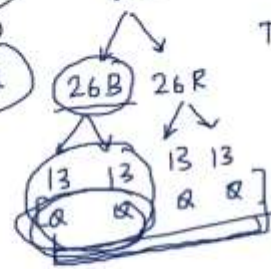
$$\Rightarrow \frac{325}{1326} + \frac{6}{1326} - \frac{1}{1326}$$

Very very good:

$$\frac{330}{1326} = \frac{55}{221}$$

Placement

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$$P(E) = \frac{n(E)}{n(S)}$$

Total no of cards = 52

$$n(S) = \frac{52C_2}{\checkmark}$$

J, K & A

$$[52C_2 = 1326]$$

$$26C_2 = \frac{26!}{13! \times 13!} = \frac{26 \times 25}{2 \times 1} = 325$$

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Q15. One card is drawn at random from a pack of 52 cards. What is the probability that the card drawn is a face card (Jack, Queen and King only)?

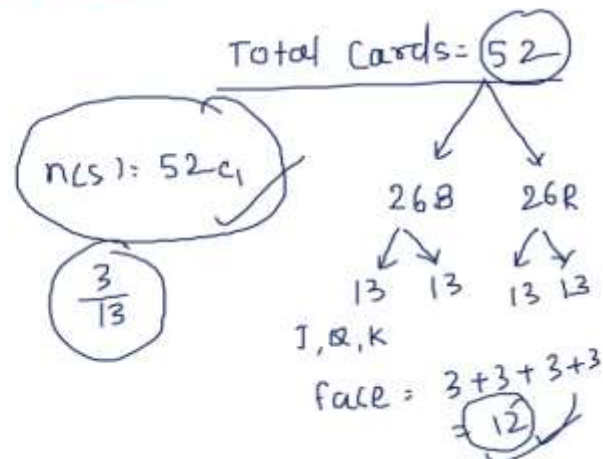
- A) 3/13 B) 1/13 C) 3/52 D) 9/52 E) None of these

$$P(E) = \frac{n(E)}{n(S)}$$

$$n_c = n$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{12C_1}{52C_1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{12}{52} = \frac{3}{13}$$



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Q16. Two cards are drawn together from a pack of 52 cards. The probability that one is a spade and one is a heart, is:

- A) 3/20 B) 29/34 C) 47/100 D) 13/102 E) None of these

$$P(\text{one spade \& one heart}) = \frac{n(E)}{n(S)}$$

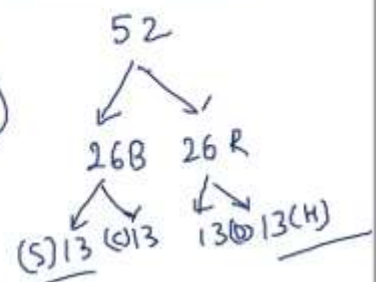
$$= \frac{13C_1 \times 13C_1}{52C_2}$$

$$= \frac{13 \times 13}{102} = \frac{13}{102}$$

$$= \frac{13}{102}$$

$$52 \text{ cards } \checkmark$$

$$n(S) = \frac{52C_2}{\checkmark}$$



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Know About Dice:

- When we roll a dice the outcome will be 6^1 : { 1,2,3,4,5,6 }
- When we roll two dice then the outcome will be $6^2= 36$



	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	(1, 1)	(1, 2)	(1, 3)	(1, 4)	(1, 5)	(1, 6)
2	(2, 1)	(2, 2)	(2, 3)	(2, 4)	(2, 5)	(2, 6)
3	(3, 1)	(3, 2)	(3, 3)	(3, 4)	(3, 5)	(3, 6)
4	(4, 1)	(4, 2)	(4, 3)	(4, 4)	(4, 5)	(4, 6)
5	(5, 1)	(5, 2)	(5, 3)	(5, 4)	(5, 5)	(5, 6)
6	(6, 1)	(6, 2)	(6, 3)	(6, 4)	(6, 5)	(6, 6)

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Q17. Two dice are thrown simultaneously. What is the probability of getting two numbers whose product is even? ✓ ✓

A) $\frac{3}{16}$ B) $\frac{1}{8}$ C) $\frac{3}{4}$ D) $\frac{1}{2}$ E) None of these

Solution:

$$P(E) = \frac{n(E)}{n(S)}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} 2 \times 3 = 6 \\ 2 \times 4 = 8 \end{array} \right\}$$

Two dice, total outcome: $6^2 = 36$

Even no \times Number: Even

	1	2	3	4	5	6	
1	(1, 1)	(1, 2)	(1, 3)	(1, 4)	(1, 5)	(1, 6)	3
2	(2, 1)	(2, 2)	(2, 3)	(2, 4)	(2, 5)	(2, 6)	6
3	(3, 1)	(3, 2)	(3, 3)	(3, 4)	(3, 5)	(3, 6)	3
4	(4, 1)	(4, 2)	(4, 3)	(4, 4)	(4, 5)	(4, 6)	6
5	(5, 1)	(5, 2)	(5, 3)	(5, 4)	(5, 5)	(5, 6)	3
6	(6, 1)	(6, 2)	(6, 3)	(6, 4)	(6, 5)	(6, 6)	6

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Q18. Two dice are thrown simultaneously. What is the probability of getting two numbers whose product is odd?

A) $\frac{3}{16}$ B) $\frac{1}{8}$ C) $\frac{3}{4}$ D) $\frac{1}{2}$ E) None of these ($\frac{1}{4}$)

Solution:

$$P(E) = \frac{n(E)}{n(S)}$$

$$= \frac{9}{36}$$

Two dice, outcome: 36

product as even no: (27)

Product as odd no ✓

$$36 - 27 = 9 \checkmark$$

	1	2	3	4	5	6	
1	(1, 1)	(1, 2)	(1, 3)	(1, 4)	(1, 5)	(1, 6)	→ 3
2	(2, 1)	(2, 2)	(2, 3)	(2, 4)	(2, 5)	(2, 6)	→ 0
3	(3, 1)	(3, 2)	(3, 3)	(3, 4)	(3, 5)	(3, 6)	→ 3
4	(4, 1)	(4, 2)	(4, 3)	(4, 4)	(4, 5)	(4, 6)	→ 6
5	(5, 1)	(5, 2)	(5, 3)	(5, 4)	(5, 5)	(5, 6)	→ 3
6	(6, 1)	(6, 2)	(6, 3)	(6, 4)	(6, 5)	(6, 6)	→ 0

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Q19. Two dice are thrown simultaneously. What is the probability of getting one number divisible by 2 and other number divisible by 3.

A) 9/52 B) 11/52 C) 13/52 D) None of these

Solution:

[Total outcome: $6^2 = 36$]

$$P(E) = \frac{n(E)}{n(S)} = \frac{11}{36}$$

$\frac{11}{36}$

* [1st no divisible by 2, 2nd no divisible by 3]

$$n(E) = 11$$

fav. outcome

11

	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	(1, 1)	(1, 2)	(1, 3)	(1, 4)	(1, 5)	(1, 6)
2	(2, 1)	(2, 2)	(2, 3)	(2, 4)	(2, 5)	(2, 6)
3	(3, 1)	(3, 2)	(3, 3)	(3, 4)	(3, 5)	(3, 6)
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Q20. Two finals are scheduled – The Wimbledon match and the World Cup Cricket at the same time. Anu wants to watch the Wimbledon finals and her brother Vinu wants to watch WCC final. They decide to roll a tetrahedral dice twice. The tetrahedral is numbered 1, 2, 3, 4 on its four sides and all numbers are equally likely to appear. Anu rolls first and then Vinu rolls. If the number on the first roll is strictly greater than the number on the second roll, Anu wins and gets to watch Wimbledon. What is the probability that Anu will get to watch Wimbledon? [TCS NQT 2020]

A) 7/16 B) 9/16 C) 3/8 D) 1/2

* When you roll tetrahedral dice = {1, 2, 3, 4} = 4

* " " " " " twice = $4^2 = 16$

$$P(\text{Anu will get to watch WM}) = \frac{n(E)}{n(S)} = \frac{6}{16} = \frac{3}{8}$$

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} (2, 1) (3, 1) (3, 2) \\ (4, 1) (4, 2) (4, 3) \end{array} \right\}$

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} (1, 1) (1, 2) (1, 3) (1, 4) \\ (2, 1) (2, 2) (2, 3) (2, 4) \\ (3, 1) (3, 2) (3, 3) (3, 4) \\ (4, 1) (4, 2) (4, 3) (4, 4) \end{array} \right\}$

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Q21. Find the probability that a leap year chosen at random will have 53 Sundays.

a. 1/7 b. 2/7 c. 1/49 d. 3/7

[TCS NQT]

* A non-leap year: 365 days \Rightarrow 52 weeks + 1 odd day.

* A leap year: 366 days \Rightarrow 52 week + 2 odd days

1 week = 7 days

[52 Sunday]

$$P(E) = \frac{n(E)}{n(S)}$$

=

$$\frac{2}{7}$$

$\left\{ (M, T), (T, W), (W, T), (T, F), (F, S), (S, S), (S, M) \right\}$

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Q22. Three dice are thrown together. Find the probability of getting a total of 5
a. $1/36$ b. $3/36$ c. $7/36$ d. $9/216$

When we roll 3 dice: $6^3 =$

$$216$$

$$n(S) = 216$$

$$n(E) = \{ (1, 1, 3), (1, 3, 1), (1, 2, 2), (2, 2, 1), (2, 1, 2), (3, 1, 1) \}$$

$$P(E) = \frac{n(E)}{n(S)} = \frac{6}{216} = \frac{1}{36}$$