Probability

- 1. a) Write out the sample space when flipping one coin. H, T
 - b) What is the probability of flipping a head? $\frac{1}{2}$
 - c) What is the probability of flipping a tail? $\frac{1}{2}$
- 2. a) Write out the sample space when flipping two coins. HH, HT, TH, TT
 - b) What is the probability of flipping two heads? $H \Rightarrow H = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{4}$
 - c) What is the probability of flipping a head and then a tail in that order? $H \Rightarrow T = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{4}$
 - d) What is the probability of flipping a head and a tail? $H \Rightarrow T = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{4} + T \Rightarrow H = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{4} \ge \frac{2}{4}$
 - e) What is the probability of flipping two tails? $T \Rightarrow T = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{4}$
- 3. a) Write out the sample space when flipping three coins. HHH, HHT, HTH, THH, HTT, THT, TTH, TTT
 - b) What is the probability of flipping three heads? $H \Rightarrow H \Rightarrow H = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \triangleright \frac{1}{8}$
 - c) What is the probability of flipping two heads and then a tail? $H \Rightarrow H \Rightarrow T = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \triangleright \frac{1}{8}$
 - d) What is the probability of flipping a head, then a tail and then a head? $H \Rightarrow T \Rightarrow H = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \triangleright \frac{1}{8}$
 - e) What is the probability of flipping two heads and a tail? $H \Rightarrow H \Rightarrow T = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} + H \Rightarrow T \Rightarrow H = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} + T \Rightarrow H \Rightarrow H = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} > \frac{3}{8}$
 - f) What is the probability of flipping anything but three tails? $T \Rightarrow T \Rightarrow T = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \triangleright \frac{1}{8}$
- 4. a) Write out the sample space when rolling one die. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
 - b) What is the probability of rolling a three? $\frac{1}{6}$
 - c) What is the probability of rolling a five? $\frac{1}{6}$
 - d) What is the probability of rolling an even number? $\frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2}$

- e) What is the probability of rolling an odd number? $\frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2}$
- f) What is the probability of rolling a prime number? Prime Numbers = $2,3,5 \Rightarrow \frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2}$
- 5. a) Write out the sample space when rolling two dice? 2 1, 3 2, 4 3, 5 4, 6 5, 7 - 6, 8 - 5, 9 - 4, 10 – 3, 11 - 2, 12 - 1
 - b) What is the probability of rolling a ten? $\frac{3}{36} = \frac{1}{12}$
 - c) What is the probability of rolling a six? $\frac{5}{36}$
 - d) What is the probability of rolling a prime number? Prime Numbers = 2,3,5,7,11 $\Rightarrow \frac{15}{36} = \frac{5}{12}$
 - e) What is the probability of rolling a number greater than seven? Greater than seven = $8,9,10,11,12 = \frac{15}{36}$
 - f) What is the probability of rolling a number greater than 4 but less than or equal to 10? $4 < x \le 10 = \frac{27}{36} = \frac{3}{4}$
 - g) What is the probability of rolling a number that is even? 2,4,6,8,10,12 = $\frac{18}{36} = \frac{1}{2}$
- 6. A box contains 6 red, 4 green and 4 blacks marbles. What is the probability of drawing the following: total outcomes = 14, no replacement
 - a) a red marble?, $\frac{6}{14} = \frac{3}{7}$ a green marble? $\frac{4}{14} = \frac{2}{7}$, a black marble?
 - $\frac{4}{14} = \frac{2}{7}$, a white marble? $\frac{0}{14} = 0$, a marble that is either red, green or black? $\frac{14}{14} = 1$
 - b) a red then a green marble? $R \Rightarrow G = \frac{6}{14} \cdot \frac{4}{13} = \frac{12}{91}$
 - c) a red and a green marble?

$$R \Rightarrow G = \frac{6}{14} \cdot \frac{4}{13} + G \Rightarrow R = \frac{4}{14} \cdot \frac{6}{13} \triangleright \frac{12}{91} + \frac{12}{91} = \frac{24}{91}$$

d) a red, green and black marble in that order (with replacement)? Without

with replacement
$$R \Rightarrow G \Rightarrow B = \frac{6}{14} \cdot \frac{4}{14} \cdot \frac{4}{14}$$

replacement?
without replacement $R \Rightarrow G \Rightarrow B = \frac{6}{14} \cdot \frac{4}{13} \cdot \frac{4}{12}$

- e) Write out the ways in which a red, a green and a black marble may be drawn from the box replacement?, without replacement? same for both *RGB*, *RBG*, *BRG*, *BGR*, *GRB*, *GBR*
- f) of drawing a red, a green and a black in any order (with replacement)?, without replacement?

replacement *RGB*, *RBG*, *BRG*, *BGR*, *GRB*, *GBR*

 $\frac{6}{14} \cdot \frac{4}{14} \cdot \frac{4}{14} + \frac{6}{14} \cdot \frac{4}{14} + \frac{4}{14} \cdot \frac{6}{14} \cdot \frac{4}{14} + \frac{4}{14} \cdot \frac{4}{14} \cdot \frac{6}{14} + \frac{4}{14} \cdot \frac{6}{14} \cdot \frac{4}{14} + \frac{4}{14} \cdot \frac{4}{14} \cdot \frac{6}{14} + \frac{4}{14} \cdot \frac{4}{14} \cdot \frac{6}{14} + \frac{4}{14} \cdot \frac{4}{14} \cdot \frac{6}{14} \cdot \frac{4}{14} \cdot \frac{6}{14} + \frac{4}{14} \cdot \frac{4}{14} \cdot \frac{6}{14} \cdot \frac{4}{14} \cdot \frac{6}{14} \cdot \frac{4}{14} \cdot \frac{6}{14} \cdot \frac{4}{14} \cdot \frac{6}{13} \cdot \frac{4}{12} + \frac{4}{14} \cdot \frac{4}{13} \cdot \frac{6}{12} + \frac{4}{14} \cdot \frac{6}{13} \cdot \frac{4}{12} + \frac{4}{14} \cdot \frac{4}{13} \cdot \frac{6}{12} + \frac{4}{14} \cdot \frac{6}{13} \cdot \frac{4}{12} + \frac{4}{14} \cdot \frac{4}{13} \cdot \frac{6}{12} + \frac{4}{14} \cdot \frac{6}{13} \cdot \frac{4}{12} + \frac{4}{14} \cdot \frac{4}{13} \cdot \frac{6}{12} + \frac{4}{14} \cdot \frac{6}{13} \cdot \frac{4}{12} + \frac{4}{14} \cdot \frac{4}{13} \cdot \frac{6}{12} + \frac{4}{14} \cdot \frac{6}{13} \cdot \frac{4}{12} + \frac{4}{14} \cdot \frac{4}{13} \cdot \frac{6}{12} + \frac{4}{14} \cdot \frac{6}{13} \cdot \frac{4}{12} + \frac{4}{14} \cdot \frac{4}{13} \cdot \frac{6}{12} + \frac{4}{14} \cdot \frac{6}{13} \cdot \frac{4}{12} + \frac{4}{14} \cdot \frac{4}{13} \cdot \frac{6}{12} + \frac{4}{14} \cdot \frac{6}{13} \cdot \frac{4}{12} + \frac{4}{14} \cdot \frac{4}{13} \cdot \frac{6}{12} + \frac{4}{14} \cdot \frac{6}{13} \cdot \frac{4}{12} + \frac{4}{14} \cdot \frac{4}{13} \cdot \frac{6}{12} + \frac{4}{14} \cdot \frac{6}{13} \cdot \frac{4}{12} + \frac{4}{14} \cdot \frac{4}{13} \cdot \frac{6}{12} + \frac{4}{14} \cdot \frac{6}{13} \cdot \frac{4}{12} + \frac{4}{14} \cdot \frac{4}{13} \cdot \frac{6}{12} + \frac{4}{14} \cdot \frac{6}{13} \cdot \frac{4}{12} + \frac{4}{14} \cdot \frac{4}{13} \cdot \frac{6}{12} + \frac{4}{14} \cdot \frac{6}{13} \cdot \frac{4}{12} + \frac{4}{14} \cdot \frac{6}{13} \cdot \frac{6}{12} + \frac{4}{14} \cdot \frac{6}{13} \cdot \frac{4}{12} + \frac{4}{14} \cdot \frac{6}{13} \cdot \frac{6}{12} + \frac{4}{14} \cdot \frac{6}{13} \cdot \frac{4}{12} + \frac{4}{14} \cdot \frac{6}{13} \cdot \frac{6}{12} + \frac{4}{14} \cdot \frac{6}{13} \cdot \frac{6}{12} + \frac{4}{14} \cdot \frac{6}{13} \cdot \frac{6}{12} + \frac{6}{14} \cdot \frac{6}{13} \cdot \frac{6}{12} + \frac{6}{14}$

7. Using a regular bridge deck (52 cards), determine the probability of the following:

- a) drawing a heart?, $H = \frac{13}{52} = \frac{1}{4}$ a diamond? $D = \frac{13}{52} = \frac{1}{4}$
- b) drawing a black card? $B = \frac{26}{52} = \frac{1}{2}$

c) drawing a queen?,
$$Q = \frac{1}{52} = \frac{1}{13}$$
 ten? $10 = \frac{1}{52} = \frac{1}{13}$ an ace?, $A = \frac{1}{52} = \frac{1}{13}$
a seven? $7 = \frac{4}{52} = \frac{1}{13}$

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- d) drawing a red card on the first card and a black card on the second? $RB = \frac{26}{52} \cdot \frac{26}{51} = \frac{13}{51}$
- e) drawing a queen on the first card and a ten on the second card? $Q10 = \frac{4}{52} \cdot \frac{4}{51} = \frac{1}{13} \cdot \frac{4}{51}$
- f) drawing a face card on the first card and a two on the second card? $F2 = \frac{12}{52} \cdot \frac{4}{51} = \frac{3}{13} \cdot \frac{4}{51} = \frac{1}{13} \cdot \frac{4}{17}$ g) drawing a two, three or five on the first
- card? 2 or 3 or 5 = $\frac{4}{52} + \frac{4}{52} + \frac{4}{52} = \frac{12}{52} = \frac{3}{13}$
- f) drawing a king or queen on the first card and a four or seven on the second card? $KG = \frac{4}{52} + \frac{4}{52} = \frac{8}{52}$ and $47 = \frac{4}{52} + \frac{4}{52} = \frac{8}{52} \Rightarrow \frac{8}{52} \cdot \frac{8}{52} = \frac{2}{13} \cdot \frac{2}{13} = \frac{4}{169}$

- 8. If the probability of Norman passing Math 30 is 4/7, of Bill passing Math 30 is 3/5 and of Joan passing math 30 is 7/9, find the probability that:
 - a) that all three will pass? $NBJ = \frac{4}{7} \cdot \frac{3}{5} \cdot \frac{7}{9}$
 - b) Norman will pass but Bill and Joan will not? $N\overline{BJ} = \frac{4}{7} \cdot \frac{2}{5} \cdot \frac{2}{9}$
 - c) Joan will pass but Norman and Bill will not? $\overline{NBJ} = \frac{3}{7} \cdot \frac{2}{5} \cdot \frac{7}{9}$
 - b) that no one will pass? $\overline{NBJ} = \frac{3}{7} \cdot \frac{2}{5} \cdot \frac{2}{9}$
 - c) Write out the possibilities of only one passing. $N\overline{BJ}$ or \overline{NBJ} or \overline{NBJ}
 - d) that only one will pass?

 $N\overline{B}\overline{J} \text{ or } \overline{N}B\overline{J} \text{ or } \overline{N}\overline{B}J = \frac{4}{7} \cdot \frac{2}{5} \cdot \frac{2}{9} + \frac{3}{7} \cdot \frac{3}{5} \cdot \frac{2}{9} + \frac{3}{7} \cdot \frac{2}{5} \cdot \frac{7}{9} \Rightarrow \frac{16}{315} + \frac{18}{315} + \frac{42}{315}$

- e) that two out of the three will pass? $NB\overline{J} \text{ or } N\overline{B}J \text{ or } \overline{N}BJ = \frac{4}{7} \cdot \frac{3}{5} \cdot \frac{2}{9} + \frac{4}{7} \cdot \frac{2}{5} \cdot \frac{7}{9} + \frac{3}{7} \cdot \frac{3}{5} \cdot \frac{7}{9} = \frac{24}{315} + \frac{56}{315} + \frac{63}{315}$
- 9. If the probability that the snow will melt today is 3/7,
 - a) what is the probability that it will not melt today? $\overline{S} = \frac{4}{7}$
 - b) what are the odds of the snow melting? $\frac{S}{\overline{S}} = \frac{\frac{3}{7}}{\frac{4}{4}} = \frac{3}{4}$

c) what are the odds of the snow not melting?
$$\frac{\overline{S}}{\overline{S}} = \frac{\frac{4}{7}}{\frac{3}{7}} = \frac{4}{3}$$

10. If the odds of being successful in this class are 6/11:

a) What is the probability of being successful?

since the odds are $\frac{6}{11}$ of beginning successful, the ratio must be:

 $\frac{S}{\overline{S}} = \frac{6}{11} = \frac{\frac{6}{17}}{\frac{11}{17}} \Rightarrow \text{ the denominator is } 17 \text{ - the sum of the num and den of the odds}$ $S = \frac{6}{17}$

b) What is the probability of not being successful? from part (a) $\overline{S} = \frac{11}{17}$