



Term 2 Week 1 Revision

Topic: Permutations and Combinations and Probability

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The eleven letters in the word CORONAVIRUS are rearranged to form ‘words’ which may not make sense. Find the probability that

- (i) the two ‘R’s are together; [3]
- (ii) the vowels (O, A, I, U) are separated; [3]
- (iii) either the first letter is a ‘C’ or the last letter is an ‘S’ or both. [3]

Solution	
(i)	No. of ways where the two ‘R’s are together = $\frac{10!}{2!} = 1814400$
	Required probability = $\frac{1814400}{\frac{11!}{2!2!}} = \frac{1814400}{9979200} = \frac{2}{11}$ or 0.182
(ii)	No. of ways to arrange the consonants = $\frac{6!}{2!} = 360$
	No. of ways to slot in the vowels = ${}^7C_5 \times \frac{5!}{2!} = 1260$
	Required probability = $\frac{360 \times 1260}{\frac{11!}{2!2!}} = \frac{453600}{9979200} = \frac{1}{22}$ (or 0.0455)
(iii)	No of ways that the first letter is a C or last letter is an S = $\frac{10!}{2!2!} \times 2 = 1814400$
	No of ways that the first letter is a C and last letter is an S = $\frac{9!}{2!2!} = 90720$
	Required probability = $\frac{1814400 - 90720}{\frac{11!}{2!2!}} = \frac{1723680}{9979200} = \frac{19}{110}$ (or 0.173)

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A bag contains 4 red counters and 6 blue counters. 4 counters are drawn from the bag at random, without replacement.

(a) Calculate the probability that

- (i) all the counters drawn are blue, [1]
 - (ii) at least 3 blue counters are drawn, [2]
 - (iii) at least 1 counter of each colour is drawn, [2]
 - (iv) at least 3 blue counters are drawn, given that at least 1 of each colour is drawn. [2]
- (b) State with a reason whether or not the events “at least 3 blue counters are drawn” and “at least 1 counter of each colour is drawn” are independent. [1]

Solution

$$(a)(i) P(\text{all counters blue}) = \frac{{}^6C_4}{{}^{10}C_4} = \frac{1}{14} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{6}{10} \times \frac{5}{9} \times \frac{4}{8} \times \frac{3}{7}$$

$$(a)(ii) \text{ Case 1 : } P(3 \text{ blue, 1 red}) = \frac{{}^6C_3 \times {}^4C_1}{{}^{10}C_4} = \frac{8}{21} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{6}{10} \times \frac{5}{9} \times \frac{4}{8} \times \frac{4}{7} \times \frac{4!}{3!}$$

$$\text{Case 2 : } P(\text{all blue}) = \frac{1}{14}$$

$$P(\text{at least 3 blue}) = P(3 \text{ blue, 1 red}) + P(\text{all blue}) = \frac{8}{21} + \frac{1}{14} = \frac{19}{42}$$

$$(a)(iii) P(\text{all counters red}) = \frac{{}^4C_4}{{}^{10}C_4} = \frac{1}{210} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{4}{10} \times \frac{3}{9} \times \frac{2}{8} \times \frac{1}{7}$$

$$P(\text{at least 1 counter of each colour is drawn})$$

$$= 1 - P(\text{all blue}) - P(\text{all red})$$

$$= 1 - \frac{1}{14} - \frac{1}{210} = \frac{97}{105}$$

$$(a)(iv) P(\text{at least 3 blue} \mid \text{at least 1 of each colour})$$

$$= \frac{P(\text{at least 3 blue} \cap \text{at least 1 of each colour})}{P(\text{at least 1 of each colour})}$$

$$= \frac{P(3 \text{ blue, 1 red})}{P(\text{at least 1 of each colour})}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{8}{21}}{\frac{97}{105}} = \frac{40}{97}$$

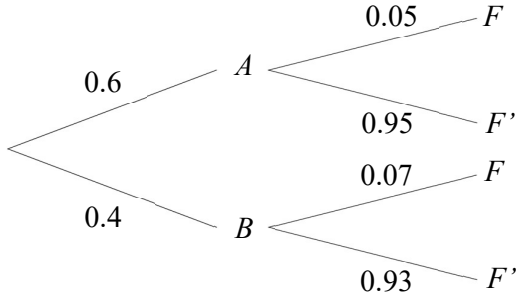
$$(b) \text{ Since } P(\text{at least 3 blue} \mid \text{at least 1 of each colour}) = \frac{40}{97} \neq \frac{19}{42} = P(\text{at least 3 blue}),$$

the two events are **not** independent.

3 9740/2011/02/Q9

Camera lenses are made by two companies, A and B . 60% of all lenses are made by A and the remaining 40% by B . 5% of the lenses made by A are faulty. 7% of the lenses made by B are faulty.

- (i) One lens is selected at random. Find the probability that
- (a) it is faulty, [2]
 (b) it was made by A , given that it is faulty. [1]
- (ii) Two lenses are selected at random. Find the probability that
- (a) exactly one of them is faulty, [2]
 (b) both were made by A , given that exactly one is faulty. [3]

Solution		
(i)	(a)	Let A denote the event that “the selected lens is made by A”. Let B denote the event that “the selected lens is made by B”. Let F denote the event that “the selected lens faulty”. Let F' denote the event that “the selected lens is not faulty”.  $P(F) = 0.6 \times 0.05 + 0.4 \times 0.07 = 0.058$
	(b)	$P(A F) = \frac{P(A \cap F)}{P(F)} = \frac{0.05 \times 0.6}{0.058} \approx 0.517$
(ii)	(a)	$P(\text{exactly one is faulty}) = 0.058 \times 0.942 \times 2 = 0.109272$ Note: This is an exact answer.
	(b)	$ \begin{aligned} &P(\text{both are made by } A \text{exactly one is faulty}) \\ &= \frac{P(\text{both are made by } A \cap \text{exactly one is faulty})}{P(\text{exactly one is faulty})} \\ &= \frac{P(A \cap F) \times P(A \cap F') \times 2!}{0.109272} \\ &= \frac{0.6 \times 0.05 \times 0.6 \times 0.95 \times 2!}{0.109272} \\ &\approx 0.313 \end{aligned} $

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For events X and Y , it is given that $P(X \cap Y') = \frac{1}{2}$, $P(X \cup Y') = \frac{3}{4}$ and $P(X|Y') = \frac{50}{63}$.

Find

(i) $P(Y')$, [2]

(ii) $P(X)$, [2]

(iii) $P(X \cap Y)$ and state with a reason whether X and Y are independent events. [3]

Solution	
(i)	$P(X Y') = \frac{P(X \cap Y')}{P(Y')}$ $P(Y') = \frac{P(X \cap Y')}{P(X Y')}$ $= \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)}{\left(\frac{50}{63}\right)}$ $= \frac{63}{100}$
(ii)	$P(X \cup Y') = P(X) + P(Y') - P(X \cap Y')$ $P(X) = P(X \cup Y') + P(X \cap Y') - P(Y')$ $= \frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{63}{100}$ $P(X) = \frac{31}{50}$
(iii)	$P(X) = P(X \cap Y) + P(X \cap Y')$ $P(X \cap Y) = P(X) - P(X \cap Y')$ $= \frac{31}{50} - \frac{1}{2}$ $= \frac{3}{25}$ Since $P(X \cap Y) = \frac{3}{25} \neq \frac{31}{50} \times \frac{37}{100} = P(X) \times P(Y)$, X and Y are not independent events OR Since $P(X) = \frac{31}{50} \neq \frac{50}{63} = P(X Y')$, X and Y' are not independent events So X and Y are not independent events