

Key

AFM Unit 7 Probability Review

1. How many subcommittees of 2 Democrats and 3 Republicans can be formed from a committee whose membership is 6 Democrats and 8 Republicans?

Combination

$${}^6C_2 \cdot {}^8C_3 = 15 \cdot 56 = \boxed{840}$$

2. In how many ways can 5 people be seated in a room containing 2 chairs?

Permutation

$${}^5P_2 = \frac{5 \cdot 4}{1} = \boxed{20}$$

3. A quality control engineer must inspect a sample of 3 fuses from a box of 100. How many different samples can he choose?

Combination

$${}^{100}C_3 = \boxed{161,700}$$

4. How many numbers of three or fewer digits can be formed from the digits 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6? Assume there is no repetition of digits.

$$\underline{5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3} \text{ OR } \underline{5 \cdot 4} \text{ OR } \underline{5} = \boxed{85}$$

5. How many three-digit numbers can be formed from the digits 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6 if repetitions are allowed?

$$\underline{5 \cdot 5 \cdot 5} = \boxed{125}$$

6. A witness to a holdup reports that the license of the getaway car consisted of 6 different digits. He remembers the first three but has forgotten the rest. How many licenses do the police have to check?

$$\underbrace{10 \cdot 9 \cdot 8}_{\text{knows}} \cdot \underbrace{7 \cdot 6 \cdot 5}_{\text{last 3}}$$

$$7 \cdot 6 \cdot 5 = \boxed{210}$$

7. In how many ways can the letters from the word **television** be arranged?

$$\frac{10!}{2!2!} = 907,200$$

8. How many ways can 8 people be seated at a round table?

$$(8-1)! \quad 7! = 5040$$

9. A clown has 8 balloons, each a different color. There are 6 children. How many ways can the clown give each child a balloon?

$8P_6$ order matters $8 \cdot 7 \cdot 6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 = 20,160$

10. How many 9-member baseball teams can be formed from 15 players if only 3 pitch while the others play the remaining 8 positions?

${}^{12}C_8 \cdot 3C_3$ 12 Reg. Players 3 pitchers $(495)(3) = 1485$

11. A photographer is taking a picture of a bride and a groom together with 6 attendants. How many ways can he arranged the 8 people in a line if the bride and groom stand in the middle?

$$6! \cdot 2! = 1440$$

$$\frac{6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4}{2!} \cdot \frac{2 \cdot 1 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}{2!}$$

12. Two dice are rolled. What is the probability that their sum is 6 or 8?

$$P(\text{sum } 6) = \frac{5}{36}$$

$$P(\text{sum } 8) = \frac{5}{36}$$

$$P(\text{sum } 6 \text{ or } 8)$$

$$= \frac{5}{36} + \frac{5}{36} = \frac{10}{36} = \frac{5}{18}$$

13. A bag contains 4 red balls and 2 white balls. If two different balls are selected at random, what is the probability of getting: (a) both red; (b) one of each color?

order does not matter

$$\frac{{}^4C_2}{{}^6C_2} = \frac{6}{15} = \frac{2}{5}$$

(b) one of each color? (1R1W)

$$\frac{{}^4C_1 \cdot {}^2C_1}{{}^6C_2} = \frac{8}{15}$$

14. A committee of 5 is selected from a group of 9 people (6 women and 3 men). What is the probability that it will have exactly 3 women and 2 men?

3w2m

$$\frac{{}^6C_3 \cdot {}^3C_2}{{}^9C_5} = \frac{60}{126} = \frac{10}{21}$$

15. Find the probability of drawing two aces from a deck of cards if the first card is not replaced before the second is drawn.

P(2 Aces)

$$\frac{{}^4C_2}{{}^{52}C_2} = \frac{6}{1326} = \frac{1}{221}$$

16. A box contains 10 red, 8 green, and 12 blue tickets. Two successive tickets are drawn without replacement. Find the probability of drawing (without regard to order):

30 TOTAL

a) one blue and one green ticket

a) 1 Blue 1 Green

$$\frac{{}^{12}C_1 \cdot {}^8C_1}{{}^{30}C_2} = \frac{32}{435}$$

b) two red tickets

b) $\frac{{}^{10}C_2}{{}^{30}C_2} = \frac{3}{29}$

c) no blue ticket

1 - (both blue OR 1 Blue)

$$1 - \left(\frac{{}^{12}C_2 + {}^{12}C_1 \cdot {}^{18}C_1}{{}^{30}C_2} \right)$$

$$= 1 - \left(\frac{66 + 216}{435} \right) = 1 - \frac{282}{435}$$

$$\frac{435}{435} - \frac{282}{435} = \frac{153}{435} = \frac{51}{145}$$

17. Solve using the binomial probability theorem: What is the probability of getting exactly 2 "fives" in 4 rolls of a die?

$$n=4 \quad r=2 \quad P(5) = \frac{1}{6} \quad 4C_2 \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^2 \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^2 = \frac{25}{216}$$

18. A coin is tossed 4 times. Find the probability of getting the same number of heads and tails.

$$n=4 \quad 2 \text{ Heads} \quad r=2 \quad P(H) = .5 \quad \frac{4C_2 (.5)^2 (.5)^2}{4C_2 (.5)^2 (.5)^2} = \frac{3}{8}$$

19. A coin is flipped eight times. Find the probability of getting exactly six heads.

$$n=8 \quad r=6 \quad P(H) = .5 \quad 8C_6 (.5)^6 (.5)^2 = \frac{7}{64}$$

20. Assume that $\frac{3}{4}$ of all drivers use seat belts on long trips. If 4 cars are checked on the highway, find the probability that seat belts are used by at most two drivers.

$$n=4 \quad P(\text{seat belt}) = \frac{3}{4} \quad r = 0, 1, 2 \quad \text{calc } (4, \frac{3}{4}, \{0, 1, 2\}) \leftarrow \text{sum} = \frac{67}{256}$$

21. There are 6 women and 7 men on the committee for city park enhancement. A subcommittee of 5 members is being selected at random to study the feasibility of redoing the landscaping in one of the parks. What is the probability that the committee will have at least 3 women?

$$\frac{3W2M \quad \text{OR} \quad 4W1M \quad \text{OR} \quad 5W}{6C_3 \cdot 7C_2 + 6C_4 \cdot 7C_1 + 6C_5} = \frac{531}{1287} = \frac{59}{143}$$

22. In his pocket, Ben has 5 dimes, 6 nickels, and 4 pennies. He selects 3 coins. What is the probability that he selects exactly 2 dimes and 1 penny? *2 Dimes / Penny*

$$\frac{{}^5C_2 \cdot {}^4C_1}{{}^{15}C_3} = \frac{10 \cdot 4}{455} = \frac{40}{455} = \frac{8}{91}$$

23. How many ways can 8 charms be arranged on a bracelet with no clasp if 3 of the charms are identical?

$$\frac{(8-1)!}{3! \cdot 2!} \leftarrow \text{Reflective} = 420$$

24. A college library has three math books, 4 social science books and 3 biology books displayed on a shelf. In how many ways can the 10 books be arranged on the shelf if books on the same subject matter are together?

$$\underbrace{3!}_{\text{math}} \cdot \underbrace{4!}_{\text{soc. science}} \cdot \underbrace{3!}_{\text{Bio}} \cdot 3! = 5184$$

25. One card is drawn at random from a standard deck. What is the probability of drawing an ace or a red card?

$$\frac{4 + 26 - 2}{52} = \frac{28}{52} = \frac{7}{13}$$

26. Determine if the following is a fair game: Two dice are rolled. If the sum is less than 7, then player A wins \$5 from player B; otherwise, B wins \$4 from A.

	Sum < 7	Sum ≥ 7
A	5	-4
Prob	$\frac{15}{36}$	$\frac{21}{36}$

Expected value for A : $5 \left(\frac{15}{36} \right) - 4 \left(\frac{21}{36} \right) = \frac{-9}{36} = \frac{-1}{4} = -0.25$

Not Fair (should be zero)

27. Kay Paso, who is 3 years old, tears the labels off all 10 of the soup cans on her mother's shelf. Her mother knows that there were 2 cans of tomato soup and 8 cans of vegetable soup. She selects 4 cans at random. What is the probability that exactly one of the cans is tomato? 3VIT

$$\frac{{}^8C_3 \cdot {}^2C_1}{{}^{10}C_4} = \frac{112}{210} = \boxed{\frac{8}{15}}$$

28. A coin is tossed three times. What is the probability that not all three tosses are the same?

(a) $\frac{1}{8}$

(b) $\frac{3}{8}$

(c) $\frac{1}{4}$

(d) $\frac{3}{4}$

$1 - P(\text{same})$
 $1 - (HHH \text{ or } TTT)$

$$P(HHH) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{8}$$

$$P(TTT) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{8}$$

$$1 - \left(\frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{8}\right) = 1 - \frac{2}{8} = \frac{6}{8} = \boxed{\frac{3}{4}}$$

29. Five cards are dealt from a deck of 52 cards. Which of the following shows the probability that 4 aces will be dealt?

(a) $\frac{{}^4C_4}{{}^{12}C_5}$

(b) $\frac{{}^{52}C_4}{{}^{52}C_5}$

(c) $\frac{{}^4C_4 \cdot {}^{48}C_1}{{}^{52}C_5}$

(d) $\frac{{}^4C_4 \cdot {}^{52}C_1}{{}^{52}C_5}$

30. Two cards are drawn from a deck of 52 cards with the first card replaced before the second card is drawn. What is the probability that neither card is a spade?

(a) $\frac{9}{16}$

(b) $\frac{3}{4}$

(c) $\frac{1}{4}$

(d) $\frac{19}{34}$

$$P(\text{NOT SPADE}) \cdot P(\text{NOT SPADE}) = \frac{39}{52} \cdot \frac{39}{52} = \boxed{\frac{9}{16}}$$

31. A pair of dice is tossed. What is the probability that the sum of the faces showing on top is 10?

(a) $\frac{2}{9}$

(b) $\frac{1}{12}$

(c) $\frac{1}{9}$

(d) $\frac{1}{6}$

Sum	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	...
	$\frac{1}{36}$	$\frac{2}{36}$	$\frac{3}{36}$	$\frac{4}{36}$	$\frac{5}{36}$	$\frac{6}{36}$	$\frac{5}{36}$	$\frac{4}{36}$	$\frac{3}{36}$	



$$\frac{3}{36} = \frac{1}{12}$$

← 36 possible outcomes

↑
highest
↑

32. Suppose you play a game in which you make a bet and then draw a card from a standard deck of 52 cards as well as 2 jokers. If you draw a joker, you keep your bet and win \$5; if you draw a face card, you keep your bet and win \$2; and if you draw any other card, you lose your bet. What is your expected value on this game if you bet \$1?

	Joker	Face	any other
You	5	2	-1
Prob.	$\frac{2}{54}$	$\frac{12}{54}$	$\frac{40}{54}$

← always adds to 1

$$\text{expected value: } 5\left(\frac{2}{54}\right) + 2\left(\frac{12}{54}\right) - 1\left(\frac{40}{54}\right) = \frac{-6}{54} = -\frac{1}{9}$$

$$\approx -0.11$$

you will lose an average of 11¢ per game