

MDM 4U

PROBABILITIES using COUNTING TECHNIQUES

RECALL FORMULAS for PERMUTATIONS & COMBINATIONS:

$$P(n, r) = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!} \text{ and } C(n, r) = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!} \text{ and other related formulas.}$$

1. A 12-sided die is tossed 3 times. Let F = a factor of 12 is tossed. Draw a probability tree diagram showing the different outcomes. What is the probability that...

- A) a factor of 12 shows twice?
- B) a factor of 12 never shows?
- C) a factor of 12 shows at least once?

2. Two cards are selected from a standard deck of cards. What is the probability that...

- A) the cards are a king and a queen?
- B) the 2 cards are face cards?

Let $A = \text{king}$; $B = \text{queen}$

$$n(A) = \binom{4}{1} = 4; \quad n(B) = \binom{4}{1} = 4$$

$$n(S) = \binom{52}{2} = 1326$$

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

Let $A = \text{face card}$

$$n(A) =$$

$$n(S) =$$

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

- C) if the 2 cards are face cards, they are a king and a queen?
- D) the 2 cards are a pair?
- E) if the cards are selected one at a time without replacement, the first card is a king and the second card is a queen?

3. Two marbles are selected, one at a time, from a bag containing 8 green marbles and 2 red marbles. Draw a probability tree diagram showing all possible outcomes. What are the odds in favour of...

A) both marbles are red?

Let A = first marble is red; B = second marble is red

$$n(A) = 2; n(B) = 1$$

$$n(S) = {}_{10}P_2 = 90$$

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

odds in favour of A and B =

B) the first marble is green and the second marble is red?

C) at least 1 red marble is chosen?

4. Most Ontario licence plates begin with 4 letters and end with 3 digits. What is the probability that ...

A) the licence plate begins with ASMP?

B) the licence plate contains only vowels [A, E, I, O, U] and odd numbers?

C) the licence plate contains no repeating letters and no repeating numbers?

D) if the licence begins with ASMP, it contains a 3 (with no repetition)?

5. Two friends, Brett and Katie, are equal in strength when it comes to playing squash. However, after 1 game, if Brett wins, his confidence builds and the chances he will win the next game increases to 70%. On the other hand, if Katie wins the first game, the chances she will win the next game improves to 60%. What is the probability that...

A) Brett wins the second game?

B) if Brett won the second game, he lost the first game?