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## Probability

### Short Answer Type Questions

**Q. 1** For a loaded die, the probabilities of outcomes are given as under

$$P(1) = P(2) = 0.2, P(3) = P(5) = P(6) = 0.1 \text{ and } P(4) = 0.3.$$

The die is thrown two times. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be the events, 'same number each time' and 'a total score is 10 or more', respectively. Determine whether or not  $A$  and  $B$  are independent.

#### 💡 Thinking Process

First, find  $P(A)$ ,  $P(B)$  and  $P(A \cap B)$  and then use the concept that two events  $A$  and  $B$  are called independent events, if  $P(A \cap B) = P(A) \cdot P(B)$ .

**Sol.** For a loaded die, it is given that

$$P(1) = P(2) = 0.2, \\ P(3) = P(5) = P(6) = 0.1 \text{ and } P(4) = 0.3$$

Also, die is thrown two times.

Here,  $A$  = Same number each time and  $B$  = Total score is 10 or more

$$\therefore A = \{(1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3), (4, 4), (5, 5), (6, 6)\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So, } P(A) &= [P(1, 1) + P(2, 2) + P(3, 3) + P(4, 4) + P(5, 5) + P(6, 6)] \\ &= [P(1) \cdot P(1) + P(2) \cdot P(2) + P(3) \cdot P(3) + P(4) \cdot P(4) + P(5) \cdot P(5) + P(6) \cdot P(6)] \\ &= [0.2 \times 0.2 + 0.2 \times 0.2 + 0.1 \times 0.1 + 0.3 \times 0.3 + 0.1 \times 0.1 + 0.1 \times 0.1] \\ &= 0.04 + 0.04 + 0.01 + 0.09 + 0.01 + 0.01 = 0.20 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{and } B = \{(4, 6), (6, 4), (5, 5), (5, 6), (6, 5), (6, 6)\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore P(B) &= P(4, 6) + P(6, 4) + P(5, 5) + P(5, 6) + P(6, 5) + P(6, 6) \\ &= P(4) \cdot P(6) + P(6) \cdot P(4) + P(5) \cdot P(5) + P(5) \cdot P(6) + P(6) \cdot P(5) + P(6) \cdot P(6) \\ &= 0.3 \times 0.1 + 0.1 \times 0.3 + 0.1 \times 0.1 + 0.1 \times 0.1 + 0.1 \times 0.1 + 0.1 \times 0.1 \\ &= 0.03 + 0.03 + 0.01 + 0.01 + 0.01 + 0.01 = 0.10 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Also, } A \cap B = \{(5, 5), (6, 6)\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore P(A \cap B) &= P(5, 5) + P(6, 6) = P(5) \cdot P(5) + P(6) \cdot P(6) \\ &= 0.1 \times 0.1 + 0.1 \times 0.1 = 0.01 + 0.01 = 0.02 \end{aligned}$$

We know that, for two events  $A$  and  $B$ , if  $P(A \cap B) = P(A) \cdot P(B)$ , then both are independent events.

$$\text{Here, } P(A \cap B) = 0.02 \text{ and } P(A) \cdot P(B) = 0.20 \times 0.10 = 0.02$$

$$\text{Thus, } P(A \cap B) = P(A) \cdot P(B) = 0.02$$

Hence,  $A$  and  $B$  are independent events.

**Q. 2** Refer to question 1 above. If the die were fair, determine whether or not the events  $A$  and  $B$  are independent.

**Thinking Process**

*In a fair die, we have equally likely outcomes. So, with the given events  $A$  and  $B$ , we first find  $P(A)$ ,  $P(B)$  and  $P(A \cap B)$  and then check whether they are dependent or independent.*

**Sol.** Referring to the above solution, we have

$$\Rightarrow \quad A = \{(1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3), (4, 4), (5, 5), (6, 6)\}$$

$$n(A) = 6 \text{ and } n(S) = 6^2 = 36 \quad [\text{where, } S \text{ is sample space}]$$

$$\therefore \quad P(A) = \frac{n(A)}{n(S)} = \frac{6}{36} = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$\text{and} \quad B = \{(4, 6), (6, 4), (5, 5), (6, 5), (5, 6), (6, 6)\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad n(B) = 6 \text{ and } n(S) = 6^2 = 36$$

$$\therefore \quad P(B) = \frac{n(B)}{n(S)} = \frac{6}{36} = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$\text{Also,} \quad A \cap B = \{(5, 5), (6, 6)\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad n(A \cap B) = 2 \text{ and } n(S) = 36$$

$$\therefore \quad P(A \cap B) = \frac{2}{36} = \frac{1}{18}$$

$$\text{Also,} \quad P(A) \cdot P(B) = \frac{1}{36}$$

$$\text{Thus,} \quad P(A \cap B) \neq P(A) \cdot P(B) \quad \left[ \because \frac{1}{18} \neq \frac{1}{36} \right]$$

So, we can say that both  $A$  and  $B$  are not independent events.

**Q. 3** The probability that atleast one of the two events  $A$  and  $B$  occurs is 0.6. If  $\bar{A}$  and  $\bar{B}$  occur simultaneously with probability 0.3, evaluate  $P(\bar{A}) + P(\bar{B})$ .

**Sol.** We know that,  $A \cup B$  denotes the occurrence of atleast one of  $A$  and  $B$  and  $A \cap B$  denotes the occurrence of both  $A$  and  $B$ , simultaneously.

$$\text{Thus,} \quad P(A \cup B) = 0.6 \text{ and } P(A \cap B) = 0.3$$

$$\text{Also,} \quad P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad 0.6 = P(A) + P(B) - 0.3$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad P(A) + P(B) = 0.9$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad [1 - P(\bar{A})] + [1 - P(\bar{B})] = 0.9 \quad [\because P(A) = 1 - P(\bar{A}) \text{ and } P(B) = 1 - P(\bar{B})]$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad P(\bar{A}) + P(\bar{B}) = 2 - 0.9 = 1.1$$

**Q. 4** A bag contains 5 red marbles and 3 black marbles. Three marbles are drawn one by one without replacement. What is the probability that atleast one of the three marbles drawn be black, if the first marble is red?

**Sol.** Let  $R = \{5 \text{ red marbles}\}$  and  $B = \{3 \text{ black marbles}\}$

For atleast one of the three marbles drawn be black, if the first marble is red, then the following three conditions will be followed

(i) Second ball is black and third is red ( $E_1$ ).

(ii) Second ball is black and third is also black ( $E_2$ ).

(iii) Second ball is red and third is black ( $E_3$ ).

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore P(E_1) &= P(R_1) \cdot P(B_1 / R_1) \cdot P(R_2 / R_1 B_1) = \frac{5}{8} \cdot \frac{3}{7} \cdot \frac{4}{6} = \frac{60}{336} = \frac{5}{28} \\ P(E_2) &= P(R_1) \cdot P(B_1 / R_1) \cdot P(B_2 / R_1 B_1) = \frac{5}{8} \cdot \frac{3}{7} \cdot \frac{2}{6} = \frac{30}{336} = \frac{5}{56} \\ \text{and } P(E_3) &= P(R_1) \cdot P(R_2 / R_1) \cdot P(B_1 / R_1 R_2) = \frac{5}{8} \cdot \frac{4}{7} \cdot \frac{3}{6} = \frac{60}{336} = \frac{5}{28} \\ \therefore P(E) &= P(E_1) + P(E_2) + P(E_3) = \frac{5}{28} + \frac{5}{56} + \frac{5}{28} \\ &= \frac{10 + 5 + 10}{56} = \frac{25}{56} \end{aligned}$$

**Q. 5** Two dice are thrown together and the total score is noted. The events  $E$ ,  $F$  and  $G$  are 'a total of 4', 'a total of 9 or more' and 'a total divisible by 5', respectively. Calculate  $P(E)$ ,  $P(F)$  and  $P(G)$  and decide which pairs of events, if any are independent.

**Sol.** Two dice are thrown together i.e., sample space (S) = 36  $\Rightarrow n(S) = 36$

$$\begin{aligned} E &= \text{A total of 4} = \{(2, 2), (3, 1), (1, 3)\} \\ \Rightarrow n(E) &= 3 \\ F &= \text{A total of 9 or more} \\ &= \{(3, 6), (6, 3), (4, 5), (4, 6), (5, 4), (6, 4), (5, 5), (5, 6), (6, 5), (6, 6)\} \\ \Rightarrow n(F) &= 10 \\ G &= \text{a total divisible by 5} = \{(1, 4), (4, 1), (2, 3), (3, 2), (4, 6), (6, 4), (5, 5)\} \\ \Rightarrow n(G) &= 7 \end{aligned}$$

Here,

Also,

$\Rightarrow$

$\therefore$

$$\begin{aligned} (E \cap F) &= \phi \text{ and } (E \cap G) = \phi \\ (F \cap G) &= \{(4, 6), (6, 4), (5, 5)\} \\ n(F \cap G) &= 3 \text{ and } (E \cap F \cap G) = \phi \\ P(E) &= \frac{n(E)}{n(S)} = \frac{3}{36} = \frac{1}{12} \end{aligned}$$

$$P(F) = \frac{n(F)}{n(S)} = \frac{10}{36} = \frac{5}{18}$$

$$P(G) = \frac{n(G)}{n(S)} = \frac{7}{36}$$

$$P(F \cap G) = \frac{3}{36} = \frac{1}{12}$$

and

$$P(F) \cdot P(G) = \frac{5}{18} \cdot \frac{7}{36} = \frac{35}{648}$$

Here, we see that  $P(F \cap G) \neq P(F) \cdot P(G)$

[since, only  $F$  and  $G$  have common events, so only  $F$  and  $G$  are used here]

Hence, there is no pair which is independent.

**Q. 6** Explain why the experiment of tossing a coin three times is said to have Binomial distribution.

**Sol.** We know that, a random variable  $X$  taking values  $0, 1, 2, \dots, n$  is said to have a binomial distribution with parameters  $n$  and  $p$ , if its probability distribution is given by

$$P(X = r) = {}^n C_r p^r q^{n-r}$$

where,

$$q = 1 - p$$

and

$$r = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$$

Similarly, in an experiment of tossing a coin three times, we have  $n = 3$  and random variable  $X$  can take values  $r = 0, 1, 2$  and  $3$  with  $p = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $q = \frac{1}{2}$

$X$	0	1	2	3
$P(X)$	${}^3C_0 q^3$	${}^3C_1 Pq^2$	${}^3C_2 P^2q$	${}^3C_3 P^3$

So, we see that in the experiment of tossing a coin three times, we have random variable  $X$  which can take values  $0, 1, 2$  and  $3$  with parameters  $n = 3$  and  $P = \frac{1}{2}$ .

Therefore, it is said to have a Binomial distribution.

**Q. 7** If  $A$  and  $B$  are two events such that

$$P(A) = \frac{1}{2}, P(B) = \frac{1}{3} \text{ and } P(A \cap B) = \frac{1}{4}, \text{ then find}$$

- (i)  $P(A/B)$ . (ii)  $P(B/A)$ .  
 (iii)  $P(A'/B)$ . (iv)  $P(A'/B')$ .

**Sol.** Here,  $P(A) = \frac{1}{2}, P(B) = \frac{1}{3}$  and  $P(A \cap B) = \frac{1}{4}$

$$(i) P(A/B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} = \frac{1/4}{1/3} = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$(ii) P(B/A) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(A)} = \frac{1/4}{1/2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$(iii) P(A'/B) = 1 - P(A/B) = 1 - \frac{3}{4} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\text{or } P(A'/B) = \frac{P(A' \cap B)}{P(B)} = \frac{P(B) - P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} = \frac{\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4}}{\frac{1}{3}} = \frac{\frac{12}{36} - \frac{9}{36}}{\frac{12}{36}} = \frac{3}{12} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$(iv) P(A'/B') = \frac{P(A' \cap B')}{P(B')} = \frac{1 - P(A \cup B)}{1 - P(B)} = \frac{1 - [P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)]}{1 - P(B)}$$

$$= \frac{1 - \left[ \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} \right]}{1 - \frac{1}{3}} = \frac{1 - \left[ \frac{5}{6} - \frac{1}{4} \right]}{\frac{2}{3}} = \frac{1 - \frac{10}{12} + \frac{3}{12}}{\frac{2}{3}} = \frac{1 - \frac{7}{12}}{\frac{2}{3}} = \frac{\frac{5}{12}}{\frac{2}{3}} = \frac{5}{12} \times \frac{3}{2} = \frac{15}{24} = \frac{5}{8}$$

**Q. 8** Three events  $A, B$  and  $C$  have probabilities  $\frac{2}{5}, \frac{1}{3}$  and  $\frac{1}{2}$ , respectively. If,

$$P(A \cap C) = \frac{1}{5} \text{ and } P(B \cap C) = \frac{1}{4}, \text{ then find the values of } P(C/B) \text{ and } P(A' \cap C')$$

**Sol.** Here,  $P(A) = \frac{2}{5}, P(B) = \frac{1}{3}, P(C) = \frac{1}{2}, P(A \cap C) = \frac{1}{5}$  and  $P(B \cap C) = \frac{1}{4}$

$$\therefore P(C/B) = \frac{P(B \cap C)}{P(B)} = \frac{1/4}{1/3} = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$\text{and } P(A' \cap C') = 1 - P(A \cup C) = 1 - [P(A) + P(C) - P(A \cap C)]$$

$$= 1 - \left[ \frac{2}{5} + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{5} \right] = 1 - \left[ \frac{4 + 5 - 2}{10} \right] = 1 - \frac{7}{10} = \frac{3}{10}$$

**Q. 9** Let  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  be two independent events such that  $P(E_1) = P_1$  and  $P(E_2) = P_2$ . Describe in words of the events whose probabilities are

- (i)  $P_1P_2$  (ii)  $(1 - P_1)P_2$   
 (iii)  $1 - (1 - P_1)(1 - P_2)$  (iv)  $P_1 + P_2 - 2P_1P_2$

**Sol.**

$$P(E_1) = P_1 \text{ and } P(E_2) = P_2$$

(i)  $P_1P_2 \Rightarrow P(E_1) \cdot P(E_2) = P(E_1 \cap E_2)$

So,  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  occur.

(ii)  $(1 - P_1)P_2 = P(E_1)' \cdot P(E_2) = P(E_1' \cap E_2)$

So,  $E_1$  does not occur but  $E_2$  occurs.

(iii)  $1 - (1 - P_1)(1 - P_2) = 1 - P(E_1)'P(E_2)' = 1 - P(E_1' \cap E_2')$   
 $= 1 - [1 - P(E_1 \cup E_2)] = P(E_1 \cup E_2)$

So, either  $E_1$  or  $E_2$  or both  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  occurs.

(iv)  $P_1 + P_2 - 2P_1P_2 = P(E_1) + P(E_2) - 2P(E_1) \cdot P(E_2)$   
 $= P(E_1) + P(E_2) - 2P(E_1 \cap E_2)$   
 $= P(E_1 \cup E_2) - P(E_1 \cap E_2)$

So, either  $E_1$  or  $E_2$  occurs but not both.

**Q. 10** A discrete random variable  $X$  has the probability distribution as given below

<b>X</b>	0.5	1	1.5	2
<b>P(X)</b>	$k$	$k^2$	$2k^2$	$k$

- (i) Find the value of  $k$ .  
 (ii) Determine the mean of the distribution.

**Sol.** We have,

<b>X</b>	0.5	1	1.5	2
<b>P(X)</b>	$k$	$k^2$	$2k^2$	$k$

(i) We know that,  $\sum_{i=1}^n P_i = 1$ , where  $P_i \geq 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow P_1 + P_2 + P_3 + P_4 &= 1 \\ \Rightarrow k + k^2 + 2k^2 + k &= 1 \\ \Rightarrow 3k^2 + 2k - 1 &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow 3k^2 + 3k - k - 1 &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow 3k(k+1) - 1(k+1) &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow (3k-1)(k+1) &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow k = 1/3 \Rightarrow k &= -1 \\ \text{Since, } k \text{ is } \geq 0 \Rightarrow k &= 1/3 \end{aligned}$$

(ii) Mean of the distribution ( $\mu$ ) =  $E(X) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i P_i$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 0.5(k) + 1(k^2) + 1.5(2k^2) + 2(k) = 4k^2 + 2.5k \\ &= 4 \cdot \frac{1}{9} + 2.5 \cdot \frac{1}{3} \\ &= \frac{4 + 7.5}{9} = \frac{23}{18} \end{aligned}$$

$$\left[ \because k = \frac{1}{3} \right]$$

**Q. 11** Prove that

$$(i) P(A) = P(A \cap B) + P(A \cap \bar{B})$$

$$(ii) P(A \cup B) = P(A \cap B) + P(A \cap \bar{B}) + P(\bar{A} \cap B)$$

**Sol.** (i)  $\therefore P(A) = P(A \cap B) + P(A \cap \bar{B})$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{RHS} &= P(A \cap B) + P(A \cap \bar{B}) \\ &= P(A) \cdot P(B) + P(A) \cdot P(\bar{B}) \\ &= P(A)[P(B) + P(\bar{B})] \\ &= P(A)[P(B) + 1 - P(B)] \\ &= P(A) = \text{LHS} \end{aligned}$$

$$[\because P(\bar{B}) = 1 - P(B)]$$

Hence proved.

(ii)  $\therefore P(A \cup B) = P(A \cap B) + P(A \cap \bar{B}) + P(\bar{A} \cap B)$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{RHS} &= P(A) \cdot P(B) + P(A) \cdot P(\bar{B}) + P(\bar{A}) \cdot P(B) \\ &= P(A) \cdot P(B) + P(A) \cdot [1 - P(B)] + [1 - P(A)] P(B) \\ &= P(A) \cdot P(B) + P(A) - P(A) \cdot P(B) + P(B) - P(A) \cdot P(B) \\ &= P(A) + P(B) - P(A) \cdot P(B) \\ &= P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B) \\ &= P(A \cup B) = \text{LHS} \end{aligned}$$

Hence proved.

**Q. 12** If  $X$  is the number of tails in three tosses of a coin, then determine the standard deviation of  $X$ .

**Thinking Process**

First get the values of  $P(X)$  at  $x=0, 1, 2, 3$  and then use the formula of standard deviation of  $X = \sqrt{\text{Var}(X)}$ , where  $\text{Var}(X) = E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2 = \sum X^2 P(X) - [\sum X P(X)]^2$

**Sol.** Given that, random variable  $X$  is the number of tails in three tosses of a coin.

So,  $X = 0, 1, 2, 3$ .

$$\Rightarrow P(X = x) = {}^n C_x (p)^x q^{n-x},$$

where  $n = 3, p = 1/2, q = 1/2$  and  $x = 0, 1, 2, 3$

$X$	0	1	2	3
$P(X)$	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{1}{8}$
$XP(X)$	0	$\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{3}{8}$
$X^2 P(X)$	0	$\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{3}{2}$	$\frac{9}{8}$

We know that,  $\text{Var}(X) = E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2$  ... (i)

where,  $E(X^2) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 P(x_i)$  and  $E(X) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i P(x_i)$

$$\therefore E(X^2) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 P(x_i) = 0 + \frac{3}{8} + \frac{3}{2} + \frac{9}{8} = \frac{24}{8} = 3$$

$$\text{and } [E(X)]^2 = \left[ \sum_{i=0}^n x_i^2 P(x_i) \right]^2 = \left[ 0 + \frac{3}{8} + \frac{3}{4} + \frac{3}{8} \right]^2 = \left[ \frac{12}{8} \right]^2 = \frac{9}{4}$$

$$\therefore \text{Var}(X) = 3 - \frac{9}{4} = \frac{3}{4} \quad \text{[using Eq. (i)]}$$

and standard deviation of  $X = \sqrt{\text{Var}(X)} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{4}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$

**Q. 13** In a dice game, a player pays a stake of ₹ 1 for each throw of a die. She receives ₹ 5, if the die shows a 3, ₹ 2, if the die shows a 1 or 6 and nothing otherwise, then what is the player's expected profit per throw over a long series of throws?

**Thinking Process**

Take  $X$  as the random variable of profit per throw and at  $X = -1, 1$  and  $4$  get the values of  $P(X)$  and use the formula expected profit  $E(X) = \sum X P(X)$  to get the desired result.

**Sol.** Let  $X$  is the random variable of profit per throw.

<b>X</b>	-1	1	4
<b>P(X)</b>	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{6}$

Since, she loss ₹ 1 on getting any of 2, 4 or 5.

So, at  $X = -1$ , 
$$P(X) = \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6} = \frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Similarly, at  $X = 1$ , 
$$P(X) = \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6} = \frac{1}{3}$$
 [if die shows of either 1 or 6]

and at  $X = 4$ , 
$$P(X) = \frac{1}{6}$$
 [if die shows a 3]

$\therefore$  Player's expected profit =  $E(X) = \sum X P(X)$   

$$= -1 \times \frac{1}{2} + 1 \times \frac{1}{3} + 4 \times \frac{1}{6}$$

$$= \frac{-3 + 2 + 4}{6} = \frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2} = ₹ 0.50$$

**Q. 14** Three dice are thrown at the same time. Find the probability of getting three two's, if it is known that the sum of the numbers on the dice was six.

**Sol.** On a throw of three dice, we have sample space  $[n(S)] = 6^3 = 216$

Let  $E_1$  is the event when the sum of numbers on the dice was six and  $E_2$  is the event when three two's occurs.

$\Rightarrow E_1 = \{(1, 1, 4), (1, 2, 3), (1, 3, 2), (1, 4, 1), (2, 1, 3), (2, 2, 2), (2, 3, 1), (3, 1, 2), (3, 2, 1), (4, 1, 1)\}$

$\Rightarrow n(E_1) = 10$  and  $E_2 = \{2, 2, 2\}$

$\Rightarrow n(E_2) = 1$

Also,  $(E_1 \cap E_2) = 1$

$\therefore P(E_2 / E_1) = \frac{P \cdot (E_1 \cap E_2)}{P(E_1)} = \frac{1/216}{10/216} = \frac{1}{10}$

**Q. 15** Suppose 10000 tickets are sold in a lottery each for ₹ 1. First prize is of ₹ 3000 and the second prize is of ₹ 2000. There are three third prizes of ₹ 500 each. If you buy one ticket, then what is your expectation?

**Thinking Process**

Take  $X$  is the random variable for the prize, so at  $X = 0, 500, 2000$  and  $3000$ , get  $P(X)$  for each  $X$  and then use the formula of  $E(X) = \sum X P(X)$  to get the answer.

**Sol.** Let  $X$  is the random variable for the prize.

<b>X</b>	0	500	2000	3000
<b>P(X)</b>	$\frac{9995}{10000}$	$\frac{3}{10000}$	$\frac{1}{10000}$	$\frac{1}{10000}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Since, } E(X) &= \sum X P(X) \\
 \therefore E(X) &= 0 \times \frac{9995}{10000} + \frac{1500}{10000} + \frac{2000}{10000} + \frac{3000}{10000} \\
 &= \frac{1500 + 2000 + 3000}{10000} \\
 &= \frac{6500}{10000} = \frac{13}{20} = ₹ 0.65
 \end{aligned}$$

**Q. 16** A bag contains 4 white and 5 black balls. Another bag contains 9 white and 7 black balls. A ball is transferred from the first bag to the second and then a ball is drawn at random from the second bag. Find the probability that the ball drawn is white.

**Sol.** Here,  $W_1 = \{4 \text{ white balls}\}$  and  $B_1 = \{5 \text{ black balls}\}$   
and  $W_2 = \{9 \text{ white balls}\}$  and  $B_2 = \{7 \text{ black balls}\}$

Let  $E_1$  is the event that ball transferred from the first bag is white and  $E_2$  is the event that the ball transferred from the first bag is black.

Also,  $E$  is the event that the ball drawn from the second bag is white.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore P(E/E_1) &= \frac{10}{17}, P(E/E_2) = \frac{9}{17} \\
 \text{and } P(E_1) &= \frac{4}{9} \text{ and } P(E_2) = \frac{5}{9} \\
 \therefore P(E) &= P(E_1) \cdot P(E/E_1) + P(E_2) \cdot P(E/E_2) \\
 &= \frac{4}{9} \cdot \frac{10}{17} + \frac{5}{9} \cdot \frac{9}{17} \\
 &= \frac{40 + 45}{153} = \frac{85}{153} = \frac{5}{9}
 \end{aligned}$$

**Q. 17** Bag I contains 3 black and 2 white balls, bag II contains 2 black and 4 white balls. A bag and a ball is selected at random. Determine the probability of selecting a black ball.

**Sol.** Bag I =  $\{3B, 2W\}$ , Bag II =  $\{2B, 4W\}$

Let  $E_1$  = Event that bag I is selected

$E_2$  = Event that bag II is selected

and  $E$  = Event that a black ball is selected

$$\Rightarrow P(E_1) = 1/2, P(E_2) = \frac{1}{2}, P(E/E_1) = \frac{3}{5}, P(E/E_2) = \frac{2}{6} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore P(E) &= P(E_1) \cdot P(E/E_1) + P(E_2) \cdot P(E/E_2) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{3}{5} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{2}{6} = \frac{3}{10} + \frac{2}{12} \\
 &= \frac{18 + 10}{60} = \frac{28}{60} = \frac{7}{15}
 \end{aligned}$$



**Q. 18** A box has 5 blue and 4 red balls. One ball is drawn at random and not replaced. Its colour is also not noted. Then, another ball is drawn at random. What is the probability of second ball being blue?

**Sol.** A box = {5 blue, 4 red}

Let  $E_1$  is the event that first ball drawn is blue,  $E_2$  is the event that first ball drawn is red and  $E$  is the event that second ball drawn is blue.

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore P(E) &= P(E_1) \cdot P(E/E_1) + P(E_2) \cdot P(E/E_2) \\ &= \frac{5}{9} \cdot \frac{4}{8} + \frac{4}{9} \cdot \frac{5}{8} = \frac{20}{72} + \frac{20}{72} = \frac{40}{72} = \frac{5}{9} \end{aligned}$$

**Q. 19** Four cards are successively drawn without replacement from a deck of 52 playing cards. What is the probability that all the four cards are king?

**Sol.** Let  $E_1, E_2, E_3$  and  $E_4$  are the events that the first, second, third and fourth card is king, respectively.

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore P(E_1 \cap E_2 \cap E_3 \cap E_4) &= P(E_1) \cdot P(E_2/E_1) \cdot P(E_3/E_1 \cap E_2) \cdot P[E_4/(E_1 \cap E_2 \cap E_3 \cap E_4)] \\ &= \frac{4}{52} \cdot \frac{3}{51} \cdot \frac{2}{50} \cdot \frac{1}{49} = \frac{24}{52 \cdot 51 \cdot 50 \cdot 49} \\ &= \frac{1}{13 \cdot 17 \cdot 25 \cdot 49} = \frac{1}{270725} \end{aligned}$$

**Q. 20** If a die is thrown 5 times, then find the probability that an odd number will come up exactly three times.

**Sol.** Here,  $n = 5, p = \left(\frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6}\right) = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $q = 1 - p = 1 - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$

Also,  $r = 3$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore P(X = r) &= {}^n C_r (p)^r (q)^{n-r} = {}^5 C_3 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{5-3} \\ &= \frac{5!}{3!2!} \cdot \frac{1}{8} \cdot \frac{1}{4} = \frac{10}{32} = \frac{5}{16} \end{aligned}$$

**Q. 21** If ten coins are tossed, then what is the probability of getting atleast 8 heads?

**💡 Thinking Process**

*For getting atleast 8 heads, take random variable  $X$  for getting head on tossing a coin. So, get sum of  $P(8), P(9)$  and  $P(10)$  to get the answer.*

**Sol.** In this case, we have to find out the probability of getting atleast 8 heads. Let  $X$  is the random variable for getting a head.

Here,  $n = 10, r \geq 8,$

i.e.,  $r = 8, 9, 10, p = \frac{1}{2}, q = \frac{1}{2}$

We know that,  $P(X = r) = {}^n C_r p^r q^{n-r}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore P(X=r) &= P(r=8) + P(r=9) + P(r=10) \\
 &= {}^{10}C_8 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^8 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{10-8} + {}^{10}C_9 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^9 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{10-9} + {}^{10}C_{10} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{10} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{10-10} \\
 &= \frac{10!}{8!2!} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{10} + \frac{10!}{9!1!} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{10} + \frac{10!}{0!10!} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{10} \\
 &= \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{10} \left[ \frac{10 \times 9}{2} + 10 + 1 \right] \\
 &= \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{10} \cdot 56 = \frac{1}{2^7 \cdot 2^3} \cdot 56 = \frac{7}{128}
 \end{aligned}$$

**Q. 22** The probability of a man hitting a target is 0.25. If he shoots 7 times, then what is the probability of his hitting atleast twice?

**Thinking Process**

Using Binomial distribution  $P(X=r)$  to get the answer. Here,

$$P(X=r) = 1 - [P(r=0) + P(r=1)]$$

**Sol.** Here,  $n = 7$   $p = 0.25 = \frac{1}{4}$   $q = 1 - \frac{1}{4} = \frac{3}{4}$   $r \geq 2$ ,

where,  $P(X) = {}^nC_r (p)^r (q)^{n-r}$

In this case for easy approach we shall first find out the probability of his hitting atleast once (i.e.,  $r = 0, 1$ ) and then subtract this probability from 1 to get the desired probability.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore P(X=r) &= 1 - [P(r=0) + P(r=1)] \\
 &= 1 - \left[ {}^7C_0 \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^0 \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^{7-0} + {}^7C_1 \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^1 \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^{7-1} \right] \\
 &= 1 - \left[ \frac{7!}{0!7!} \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^7 + \frac{7!}{1!6!} \left(\frac{1}{4}\right) \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^6 \right] \\
 &= 1 - \left[ \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^6 \left(\frac{3}{4} \cdot 1 + \frac{1}{4} \cdot 7\right) \right] \\
 &= 1 - \left[ \frac{3^6}{4^6} \left(\frac{10}{4}\right) \right] = 1 - \left[ \frac{3^6 \times 10}{4^7} \right] = 1 - \left[ \frac{27 \cdot 27 \cdot 10}{64 \cdot 256} \right] \\
 &= 1 - \left[ \frac{7290}{16384} \right] = 1 - \frac{3645}{8192} = \frac{4547}{8192}
 \end{aligned}$$

**Q. 23** A lot of 100 watches is known to have 10 defective watches. If 8 watches are selected (one by one with replacement) at random, then what is the probability that there will be atleast one defective watch?

**Sol.** Probability of defective watch from a lot of 100 watches  $= \frac{10}{100} = \frac{1}{10}$

$\therefore p = 1/10, q = \frac{9}{10}, n = 8$  and  $r \geq 1$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore P(r \geq 1) &= 1 - P(r=0) = 1 - {}^8C_0 \left(\frac{1}{10}\right)^0 \left(\frac{9}{10}\right)^{8-0} \\
 &= 1 - \frac{8!}{0!8!} \cdot \left(\frac{9}{10}\right)^8 = 1 - \left(\frac{9}{10}\right)^8
 \end{aligned}$$

**Q. 24** Consider the probability distribution of a random variable  $X$ .

<b>X</b>	0	1	2	3	4
<b>P(X)</b>	0.1	0.25	0.3	0.2	0.15

Calculate

(i)  $V\left(\frac{X}{2}\right)$

(ii) Variance of  $X$ .

**Sol.** We have,

<b>X</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>P(X)</b>	0.1	0.25	0.3	0.2	0.15
<b>XP(X)</b>	0	0.25	0.6	0.6	0.60
<b>X<sup>2</sup>P(X)</b>	0	0.25	1.2	1.8	2.40

$$\text{Var}(X) = E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2$$

where,  $E(X) = \mu = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i P_i(x_i)$

and  $E(X^2) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 P(x_i)$

$\therefore E(X) = 0 + 0.25 + 0.6 + 0.6 + 0.60 = 2.05$

$E(X^2) = 0 + 0.25 + 1.2 + 1.8 + 2.40 = 5.65$

(i)  $V\left(\frac{X}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{4}V(X) = \frac{1}{4}[5.65 - (2.05)^2]$

$= \frac{1}{4}[5.65 - 4.2025] = \frac{1}{4} \times 1.4475 = 0.361875$

(ii)  $V(X) = 1.4475$

**Q. 25** The probability distribution of a random variable  $X$  is given below

<b>X</b>	0	1	2	3
<b>P(X)</b>	$k$	$\frac{k}{2}$	$\frac{k}{4}$	$\frac{k}{8}$

(i) Determine the value of  $k$ .

(ii) Determine  $P(X \leq 2)$  and  $P(X > 2)$ .

(iii) Find  $P(X \leq 2) + P(X > 2)$ .

**Sol.** We have,

<b>X</b>	0	1	2	3
<b>P(X)</b>	$k$	$\frac{k}{2}$	$\frac{k}{4}$	$\frac{k}{8}$

(i) Since,  $\sum_{i=1}^n P_i = 1, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  and  $P_i \geq 0$

$\therefore k + \frac{k}{2} + \frac{k}{4} + \frac{k}{8} = 1$

$\Rightarrow 8k + 4k + 2k + k = 8$

$\therefore k = \frac{8}{15}$

$$(ii) P(X \leq 2) = P(0) + P(1) + P(2) = k + \frac{k}{2} + \frac{k}{4}$$

$$= \frac{(4k + 2k + k)}{4} = \frac{7k}{4} = \frac{7}{4} \cdot \frac{8}{15} = \frac{14}{15}$$

and  $P(X > 2) = P(3) = \frac{k}{8} = \frac{1}{8} \cdot \frac{8}{15} = \frac{1}{15}$

$$(iii) P(X \leq 2) + P(X > 2) = \frac{14}{15} + \frac{1}{15} = 1$$

**Q. 26** For the following probability distribution determine standard deviation of the random variable  $X$ .

<b>X</b>	2	3	4
<b>P(X)</b>	0.2	0.5	0.3

**Sol.** We have,

<b>X</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>P(X)</b>	0.2	0.5	0.3
<b>XP(X)</b>	0.4	1.5	1.2
<b>X<sup>2</sup>P(X)</b>	0.8	4.5	4.8

We know that, standard deviation of  $X = \sqrt{\text{Var } X}$

where,

$$\text{Var } X = E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 P(x_i) - \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n x_i P_i \right]^2$$

$$\therefore \text{Var } X = [0.8 + 4.5 + 4.8] - [0.4 + 1.5 + 1.2]^2$$

$$= 10.1 - (3.1)^2 = 10.1 - 9.61 = 0.49$$

$$\therefore \text{Standard deviation of } X = \sqrt{\text{Var } X} = \sqrt{0.49} = 0.7$$

**Q. 27** A biased die is such that  $P(4) = \frac{1}{10}$  and other scores being equally likely. The die is tossed twice. If  $X$  is the 'number of fours seen', then find the variance of the random variable  $X$ .

**Sol.** Since,  $X$  = Number of fours seen

On tossing two die,  $X = 0, 1, 2$ .

Also,  $P_{(4)} = \frac{1}{10}$  and  $P_{(\text{not } 4)} = \frac{9}{10}$

So,  $P(X = 0) = P_{(\text{not } 4)} \cdot P_{(\text{not } 4)} = \frac{9}{10} \cdot \frac{9}{10} = \frac{81}{100}$

$$P(X = 1) = P_{(\text{not } 4)} \cdot P_{(4)} + P_{(4)} \cdot P_{(\text{not } 4)} = \frac{9}{10} \cdot \frac{1}{10} + \frac{1}{10} \cdot \frac{9}{10} = \frac{18}{100}$$

$$P(X = 2) = P_{(4)} \cdot P_{(4)} = \frac{1}{10} \cdot \frac{1}{10} = \frac{1}{100}$$

Thus, we get following table

<b>X</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>P(X)</b>	$\frac{81}{100}$	$\frac{18}{100}$	$\frac{1}{100}$
<b>XP(X)</b>	0	18/100	2/100
<b>X<sup>2</sup>P(X)</b>	0	18/100	4/100

$$\begin{aligned}
\therefore \text{Var}(X) &= E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2 = \sum X^2 P(X) - [\sum X P(X)]^2 \\
&= \left[ 0 + \frac{18}{100} + \frac{4}{100} \right] - \left[ 0 + \frac{18}{100} + \frac{2}{100} \right]^2 \\
&= \frac{22}{100} - \left( \frac{20}{100} \right)^2 = \frac{11}{50} - \frac{1}{25} \\
&= \frac{11-2}{50} = \frac{9}{50} = \frac{18}{100} = 0.18
\end{aligned}$$

**Q. 28** A die is thrown three times. Let  $X$  be the 'number of twos seen', find the expectation of  $X$ .

**Sol.** We have,  $X$  = number of twos seen

So, on throwing a die three times, we will have  $X = 0, 1, 2, 3$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
\therefore P(X=0) &= P_{(\text{not } 2)} \cdot P_{(\text{not } 2)} \cdot P_{(\text{not } 2)} = \frac{5}{6} \cdot \frac{5}{6} \cdot \frac{5}{6} = \frac{125}{216} \\
P(X=1) &= P_{(\text{not } 2)} \cdot P_{(\text{not } 2)} \cdot P_{(2)} + P_{(\text{not } 2)} \cdot P_{(2)} \cdot P_{(\text{not } 2)} + P_{(2)} \cdot P_{(\text{not } 2)} \cdot P_{(\text{not } 2)} \\
&= \frac{5}{6} \cdot \frac{5}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{6} + \frac{5}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{5}{6} + \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{5}{6} \cdot \frac{5}{6} = \frac{25}{36} \cdot \frac{3}{6} = \frac{25}{72} \\
P(X=2) &= P_{(\text{not } 2)} \cdot P_{(2)} \cdot P_{(2)} + P_{(2)} \cdot P_{(2)} \cdot P_{(\text{not } 2)} + P_{(2)} \cdot P_{(\text{not } 2)} \cdot P_{(2)} \\
&= \frac{5}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{5}{6} + \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{5}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{6} \\
&= \frac{1}{36} \cdot \left[ \frac{15}{6} \right] = \frac{15}{216} \\
P(X=3) &= P_{(2)} \cdot P_{(2)} \cdot P_{(2)} = \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{6} = \frac{1}{216}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{We know that, } E(X) &= \sum X P(X) = 0 \cdot \frac{125}{216} + 1 \cdot \frac{25}{72} + 2 \cdot \frac{15}{216} + 3 \cdot \frac{1}{216} \\
&= \frac{75 + 30 + 3}{216} = \frac{108}{216} = \frac{1}{2}
\end{aligned}$$

**Q. 29** Two biased dice are thrown together. For the first die  $P(6) = \frac{1}{2}$ , the other scores being equally likely while for the second die  $P(1) = \frac{2}{5}$  and the other scores are equally likely. Find the probability distribution of 'the number of one's seen'.

**Sol.** For first die,  $P(6) = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $P(6') = \frac{1}{2}$

$$\Rightarrow P(1) + P(2) + P(3) + P(4) + P(5) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow P(1) = \frac{1}{10} \text{ and } P(1') = \frac{9}{10} \quad [\because P(1) = P(2) = P(3) = P(4) = P(5)]$$

$$\text{For second die, } P(1) = \frac{2}{5} \text{ and } P(1') = 1 - \frac{2}{5} = \frac{3}{5}$$

Let  $X$  = Number of one's seen

$$\text{For } X = 0, \quad P(X = 0) = P(1') \cdot P(1') = \frac{9}{10} \cdot \frac{3}{5} = \frac{27}{50} = 0.54$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(X = 1) &= P(1') \cdot P(1) + P(1) \cdot P(1') = \frac{9}{10} \cdot \frac{2}{5} + \frac{1}{10} \cdot \frac{3}{5} \\ &= \frac{18}{50} + \frac{3}{50} = \frac{21}{50} = 0.42 \end{aligned}$$

$$P(X = 2) = P(1) \cdot P(1) = \frac{1}{10} \cdot \frac{2}{5} = \frac{2}{50} = 0.04$$

Hence, the required probability distribution is as below

<b>X</b>	0	1	2
<b>P(X)</b>	0.54	0.42	0.04

**Q. 30** Two probability distributions of the discrete random variables  $X$  and  $Y$  are given below.

<b>X</b>	0	1	2	3
<b>P(X)</b>	$\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{2}{5}$	$\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{1}{5}$

<b>Y</b>	0	1	2	3
<b>P(Y)</b>	$\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{3}{10}$	$\frac{2}{5}$	$\frac{1}{10}$

Prove that  $E(Y^2) = 2E(X)$ .

**Sol.**

<b>X</b>	0	1	2	3
<b>P(X)</b>	$\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{2}{5}$	$\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{1}{5}$

<b>Y</b>	0	1	2	3
<b>P(Y)</b>	$\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{3}{10}$	$\frac{2}{5}$	$\frac{1}{10}$

Since, we have to prove that,  $E(Y^2) = 2E(X)$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore E(X) &= \sum X P(X) \\ &= 0 \cdot \frac{1}{5} + 1 \cdot \frac{2}{5} + 2 \cdot \frac{1}{5} + 3 \cdot \frac{1}{5} = \frac{7}{5} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2E(X) = \frac{14}{5} \quad \dots(i)$$

$$\begin{aligned} E(Y^2) &= \sum Y^2 P(Y) \\ &= 0 \cdot \frac{1}{5} + 1 \cdot \frac{3}{10} + 4 \cdot \frac{2}{5} + 9 \cdot \frac{1}{10} \\ &= \frac{3}{10} + \frac{8}{5} + \frac{9}{10} = \frac{28}{10} = \frac{14}{5} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow E(Y^2) = \frac{14}{5} \quad \dots(ii)$$

From Eqs. (i) and (ii),

$$E(Y^2) = 2E(X)$$

Hence proved.

**Q. 31** A factory produces bulbs. The probability that any one bulb is defective is  $\frac{1}{50}$  and they are packed in 10 boxes. From a single box,

find the probability that

- (i) none of the bulbs is defective.
- (ii) exactly two bulbs are defective.
- (iii) more than 8 bulbs work properly.

**Sol.** Let  $X$  is the random variable which denotes that a bulb is defective.

Also,  $n = 10, p = \frac{1}{50}$  and  $q = \frac{49}{50}$  and  $P(X = r) = {}^nC_r p^r q^{n-r}$

(i) None of the bulbs is defective *i.e.*,  $r = 0$

$$\therefore P(X = r) = P_{(0)} = {}^{10}C_0 \left(\frac{1}{50}\right)^0 \left(\frac{49}{50}\right)^{10-0} = \left(\frac{49}{50}\right)^{10}$$

(ii) Exactly two bulbs are defective *i.e.*,  $r = 2$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore P(X = r) = P_{(2)} &= {}^{10}C_2 \left(\frac{1}{50}\right)^2 \left(\frac{49}{50}\right)^8 \\ &= \frac{10!}{8!2!} \left(\frac{1}{50}\right)^2 \cdot \left(\frac{49}{50}\right)^8 = 45 \times \left(\frac{1}{50}\right)^2 \times (49)^8 \end{aligned}$$

(iii) More than 8 bulbs work properly *i.e.*, there is less than 2 bulbs which are defective.

So,  $r < 2 \Rightarrow r = 0, 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore P(X = r) = P(r < 2) &= P(0) + P(1) \\ &= {}^{10}C_0 \left(\frac{1}{50}\right)^0 \left(\frac{49}{50}\right)^{10-0} + {}^{10}C_1 \left(\frac{1}{50}\right)^1 \left(\frac{49}{50}\right)^{10-1} \\ &= \left(\frac{49}{50}\right)^{10} + \frac{10!}{1!9!} \cdot \frac{1}{50} \cdot \left(\frac{49}{50}\right)^9 \\ &= \left(\frac{49}{50}\right)^{10} + \frac{1}{5} \cdot \left(\frac{49}{50}\right)^9 = \left(\frac{49}{50}\right)^9 \left(\frac{49}{50} + \frac{1}{5}\right) \\ &= \left(\frac{49}{50}\right)^9 \left(\frac{59}{50}\right) = \frac{59(49)^9}{(50)^{10}} \end{aligned}$$

**Q. 32** Suppose you have two coins which appear identical in your pocket. You know that, one is fair and one is 2 headed. If you take one out, toss it and get a head, what is the probability that it was a fair coin?

**Sol.** Let  $E_1$  = Event that fair coin is drawn

$E_2$  = Event that 2 headed coin is drawn

$E$  = Event that tossed coin get a head

$$\therefore P(E_1) = 1/2, P(E_2) = 1/2, P(E/E_1) = 1/2 \text{ and } P(E/E_2) = 1$$

$$\text{Now, using Baye's theorem } P(E_1/E) = \frac{P(E_1) \cdot P(E/E_1)}{P(E_1) \cdot P(E/E_1) + P(E_2) \cdot P(E/E_2)}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2}}{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot 1} = \frac{\frac{1}{4}}{\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2}} = \frac{\frac{1}{4}}{\frac{3}{4}} = \frac{1}{3}$$

**Q. 33** Suppose that 6% of the people with blood group O are left handed and 10% of those with other blood groups are left handed, 30% of the people have blood group O. If a left handed person is selected at random, what is the probability that he/she will have blood group O?

**Sol.**

	Blood group 'O'	Other than blood group 'O'
I. Number of people	30 %	70 %
II. Percentage of left handed people	6 %	10 %

$E_1$  = Event that the person selected is of blood group O

$E_2$  = Event that the person selected is of other than blood group O

$(E_3)$  = Event that selected person is left handed

$\therefore P(E_1) = 0.30, P(E_2) = 0.70$

$P(E_3 / E_1) = 0.06$  and  $P(E_3 / E_2) = 0.10$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{By using Baye's theorem, } P(E_1 / E_3) &= \frac{P(E_1) \cdot P(E_3 / E_1)}{P(E_1) \cdot P(E_3 / E_1) + P(E_2) \cdot P(E_3 / E_2)} \\ &= \frac{0.30 \times 0.06}{0.30 \cdot 0.06 + 0.70 \cdot 0.10} \\ &= \frac{0.0180}{0.0180 + 0.0700} \\ &= \frac{0.0180}{0.0880} = \frac{180}{880} = \frac{9}{44} \end{aligned}$$

**Q. 34** If two natural numbers r and s are drawn one at a time, without replacement from the set  $S = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$ , then find  $P(r \leq p / s \leq p)$ , where  $p \in S$ .

**Sol.**  $\therefore$  Set  $S = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore P(r \leq p/s \leq p) &= \frac{P(p \cap S)}{P(S)} \\ &= \frac{p-1}{n} \times \frac{n}{n-1} = \frac{p-1}{n-1} \end{aligned}$$

**Q. 35** Find the probability distribution of the maximum of the two scores obtained when a die is thrown twice. Determine also the mean of the distribution.

**Sol.** Let X is the random variable score obtained when a die is thrown twice.

$\therefore X = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6$

Here,  $S = \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (2, 1), (2, 2), (1, 3), (2, 3), (3, 1), (3, 2), (3, 3), \dots, (6, 6)\}$

$$\therefore P(X = 1) = \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{6} = \frac{1}{36}$$

$$P(X = 2) = \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{6} = \frac{3}{36}$$

$$P(X = 3) = \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{6} = \frac{5}{36}$$



Similarly,

$$P(X = 4) = \frac{7}{36}$$

$$P(X = 5) = \frac{9}{36}$$

$$P(X = 6) = \frac{11}{36}$$

So, the required distribution is,

<b>X</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>P(x)</b>	1/36	3/36	5/36	7/36	9/36	11/36

Also, we know that, Mean  $\{E(X)\} = \sum X P(X)$

$$= \frac{1}{36} + \frac{6}{36} + \frac{15}{36} + \frac{28}{36} + \frac{45}{36} + \frac{66}{36} = \frac{161}{36}$$

**Q. 36** The random variable  $X$  can take only the values 0, 1, 2. If

$$P(X = 0) = P(X = 1) = p \text{ and } E(X^2) = E[X],$$

then find the value of  $p$ .

**Sol.** Since,  $X = 0, 1, 2$  and  $P(X)$  at  $X = 0$  and  $1$  is  $p$ , let at  $X = 2$ ,  $P(X)$  is  $x$ .

$$\Rightarrow p + p + x = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 1 - 2p$$

We get, the following distribution.

<b>X</b>	0	1	2
<b>P(X)</b>	$p$	$p$	$1 - 2p$

$$\therefore E[X] = \sum X P(X)$$

$$= 0 \cdot p + 1 \cdot p + 2(1 - 2p)$$

$$= p + 2 - 4p = 2 - 3p$$

and

$$E(X^2) = \sum X^2 P(X)$$

$$= 0 \cdot p + 1 \cdot p + 4 \cdot (1 - 2p)$$

$$= p + 4 - 8p = 4 - 7p$$

Also, given that  $E(X^2) = E[X]$

$$\Rightarrow 4 - 7p = 2 - 3p$$

$$\Rightarrow 4p = 2 \Rightarrow p = \frac{1}{2}$$

**Q. 37** Find the variance of the following distribution.

<b>X</b>	0	1	2	3	4	5
<b>P(X)</b>	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{5}{18}$	$\frac{2}{9}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{9}$	$\frac{1}{18}$

**Sol.** We have,

<b>X</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>P(X)</b>	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{5}{18}$	$\frac{2}{9}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{9}$	$\frac{1}{18}$
<b>XP(X)</b>	0	$\frac{5}{18}$	$\frac{4}{9}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{4}{9}$	$\frac{5}{18}$
<b>X<sup>2</sup>P(X)</b>	0	$\frac{5}{18}$	$\frac{8}{9}$	$\frac{3}{2}$	$\frac{16}{9}$	$\frac{25}{18}$

$$\begin{aligned}
\therefore \text{Variance} &= E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2 = \sum X^2 P(X) - [\sum X P(X)]^2 \\
&= \left[ 0 + \frac{5}{18} + \frac{8}{9} + \frac{3}{2} + \frac{16}{9} + \frac{25}{18} \right] - \left[ 0 + \frac{5}{18} + \frac{4}{9} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{4}{9} + \frac{5}{18} \right]^2 \\
&= \left[ \frac{5 + 16 + 27 + 32 + 25}{18} \right] - \left[ \frac{5 + 8 + 9 + 8 + 5}{18} \right]^2 \\
&= \frac{105}{18} - \frac{35 \cdot 35}{18 \cdot 18} = \frac{18 \cdot 105 - 35 \cdot 35}{18 \cdot 18} \\
&= \frac{35}{18 \cdot 18} [54 - 35] = \frac{19 \cdot 35}{324} = \frac{665}{324}
\end{aligned}$$

**Q. 38**  $A$  and  $B$  throw a pair of dice alternately.  $A$  wins the game, if he gets a total of 6 and  $B$  wins, if she gets a total of 7. If  $A$  starts the game, then find the probability of winning the game by  $A$  in third throw of the pair of dice.

**Sol.** Let  $A_1 = A$  total of 6 =  $\{(2, 4), (1, 5), (5, 1), (4, 2), (3, 3)\}$   
and  $B_1 = A$  total of 7 =  $\{(2, 5), (1, 6), (6, 1), (5, 2), (3, 4), (4, 3)\}$

Let  $P(A)$  is the probability, if  $A$  wins in a throw  $\Rightarrow P(A) = \frac{5}{36}$

and  $P(B)$  is the probability, if  $B$  wins in a throw  $\Rightarrow P(B) = \frac{1}{6}$

$\therefore$  Required probability =  $P(\bar{A}) \cdot P(\bar{B}) \cdot P(A) = \frac{31}{36} \cdot \frac{5}{6} \cdot \frac{5}{36} = \frac{775}{216 \cdot 36} = \frac{775}{7776}$

**Q. 39** Two dice are tossed. Find whether the following two events  $A$  and  $B$  are independent  $A = \{(x, y) : x + y = 11\}$  and  $B = \{(x, y) : x \neq 5\}$ , where  $(x, y)$  denotes a typical sample point.

**Sol.** We have,  $A = \{(x, y) : x + y = 11\}$  and  $B = \{(x, y) : x \neq 5\}$

$\therefore A = \{(5, 6), (6, 5)\}$ ,  $B = \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (1, 3), (1, 4), (1, 5), (1, 6), (2, 1), (2, 2), (2, 3), (2, 4), (2, 5), (2, 6), (3, 1), (3, 2), (3, 3), (3, 4), (3, 5), (3, 6), (4, 1), (4, 2), (4, 3), (4, 4), (4, 5), (4, 6), (6, 1), (6, 2), (6, 3), (6, 4), (6, 5), (6, 6)\}$

$\Rightarrow n(A) = 2, n(B) = 30$  and  $n(A \cap B) = 1$

$\therefore P(A) = \frac{2}{36} = \frac{1}{18}$  and  $P(B) = \frac{30}{36} = \frac{5}{6}$

$\Rightarrow P(A) \cdot P(B) = \frac{5}{108}$  and  $P(A \cap B) = \frac{1}{36} \neq P(A) \cdot P(B)$

So,  $A$  and  $B$  are not independent.

**Q. 40** An urn contains  $m$  white and  $n$  black balls. A ball is drawn at random and is put back into the urn along with  $k$  additional balls of the same colour as that of the ball drawn. A ball is again drawn at random. Show that the probability of drawing a white ball now does not depend on  $k$ .

**Sol.** Let  $U = \{m \text{ white}, n \text{ black balls}\}$

$E_1 = \{\text{First ball drawn of white colour}\}$

$E_2 = \{\text{First ball drawn of black colour}\}$

and  $E_3 = \{\text{Second ball drawn of white colour}\}$

$$\therefore P(E_1) = \frac{m}{m+n} \text{ and } P(E_2) = \frac{n}{m+n}$$

Also,  $P(E_3/E_1) = \frac{m+k}{m+n+k}$  and  $P(E_3/E_2) = \frac{m}{m+n+k}$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore P(E_3) &= P(E_1) \cdot P(E_3/E_1) + P(E_2) \cdot P(E_3/E_2) \\ &= \frac{m}{m+n} \cdot \frac{m+k}{m+n+k} + \frac{n}{m+n} \cdot \frac{m}{m+n+k} \\ &= \frac{m(m+k) + nm}{(m+n+k)(m+n)} = \frac{m^2 + mk + nm}{(m+n+k)(m+n)} \\ &= \frac{m(m+k+n)}{(m+n+k)(m+n)} = \frac{m}{m+n} \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the probability of drawing a white ball does not depend on  $k$ .

## Long Answer Type Questions

**Q. 41** Three bags contain a number of red and white balls as follows Bag I : 3 red balls, Bag II : 2 red balls and 1 white ball and Bag III : 3 white balls. The probability that bag  $i$  will be chosen and a ball is selected from it is  $\frac{i}{6}$ , where  $i = 1, 2, 3$ . What is the probability that

- (i) a red ball will be selected?                      (ii) a white ball is selected?

**Sol.** Bag I : 3 red balls and 0 white ball.  
Bag II : 2 red balls and 1 white ball.  
Bag III : 0 red ball and 3 white balls.

Let  $E_1, E_2$  and  $E_3$  be the events that bag I, bag II and bag III is selected and a ball is chosen from it.

$$P(E_1) = \frac{1}{6}, P(E_2) = \frac{2}{6} \text{ and } P(E_3) = \frac{3}{6}$$

(i) Let  $E$  be the event that a red ball is selected. Then, probability that red ball will be selected

$$\begin{aligned} P(E) &= P(E_1) \cdot P(E/E_1) + P(E_2) \cdot P(E/E_2) + P(E_3) \cdot P(E/E_3) \\ &= \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{3}{3} + \frac{2}{6} \cdot \frac{2}{3} + \frac{3}{6} \cdot 0 \\ &= \frac{1}{6} + \frac{2}{9} + 0 \\ &= \frac{3+4}{18} = \frac{7}{18} \end{aligned}$$

(ii) Let  $F$  be the event that a white ball is selected.

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore P(F) &= P(E_1) \cdot P(F/E_1) + P(E_2) \cdot P(F/E_2) + P(E_3) \cdot P(F/E_3) \\ &= \frac{1}{6} \cdot 0 + \frac{2}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{3} + \frac{3}{6} \cdot 1 = \frac{1}{9} + \frac{3}{6} = \frac{11}{18} \end{aligned}$$

**Note**  $P(F) = 1 - P(E) = 1 - \frac{7}{18} = \frac{11}{18}$  [since, we know that  $P(E) + P(F) = 1$ ]

**Q. 42** Refer to question 41 above. If a white ball is selected, what is the probability that it came from

(i) Bag II?

(ii) Bag III?

**Sol.** Referring to the previous solution, using Bay's theorem, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(i) } P(E_2 / F) &= \frac{P(E_2) \cdot P(F / E_2)}{P(E_1) \cdot P(F / E_1) + P(E_2) \cdot P(F / E_2) + P(E_3) \cdot P(F / E_3)} \\ &= \frac{\frac{2}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{3}}{\frac{1}{6} \cdot 0 + \frac{2}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{3} + \frac{3}{6} \cdot 1} = \frac{\frac{2}{18}}{\frac{2}{18} + \frac{3}{6}} \\ &= \frac{2/18}{\frac{2+9}{18}} = \frac{2}{11} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(ii) } P(E_3 / F) &= \frac{P(E_3) \cdot P(F / E_3)}{P(E_1) \cdot P(F / E_1) + P(E_2) \cdot P(F / E_2) + P(E_3) \cdot P(F / E_3)} \\ &= \frac{\frac{3}{6} \cdot 1}{\frac{1}{6} \cdot 0 + \frac{2}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{3} + \frac{3}{6} \cdot 1} \\ &= \frac{\frac{3}{6}}{\frac{2}{18} + \frac{3}{6}} = \frac{3/6}{\frac{2}{18} + \frac{9}{18}} = \frac{9}{11} \end{aligned}$$

**Q. 43** A shopkeeper sells three types of flower seeds  $A_1$ ,  $A_2$  and  $A_3$ . They are sold as a mixture, where the proportions are 4 : 4 : 2, respectively. The germination rates of the three types of seeds are 45%, 60% and 35%. Calculate the probability

(i) of a randomly chosen seed to germinate.

(ii) that it will not germinate given that the seed is of type  $A_3$ .

(iii) that it is of the type  $A_2$  given that a randomly chosen seed does not germinate.

**Sol.** We have,  $A_1 : A_2 : A_3 = 4 : 4 : 2$

$$P(A_1) = \frac{4}{10}, P(A_2) = \frac{4}{10} \text{ and } P(A_3) = \frac{2}{10}$$

where  $A_1$ ,  $A_2$  and  $A_3$  denote the three types of flower seeds.

Let  $E$  be the event that a seed germinates and  $\bar{E}$  be the event that a seed does not germinate.

$$\therefore P(E / A_1) = \frac{45}{100}, P(E / A_2) = \frac{60}{100} \text{ and } P(E / A_3) = \frac{35}{100}$$

$$\text{and } P(\bar{E} / A_1) = \frac{55}{100}, P(\bar{E} / A_2) = \frac{40}{100} \text{ and } P(\bar{E} / A_3) = \frac{65}{100}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(i) } \therefore P(E) &= P(A_1) \cdot P(E / A_1) + P(A_2) \cdot P(E / A_2) + P(A_3) \cdot P(E / A_3) \\ &= \frac{4}{10} \cdot \frac{45}{100} + \frac{4}{10} \cdot \frac{60}{100} + \frac{2}{10} \cdot \frac{35}{100} \\ &= \frac{180}{1000} + \frac{240}{1000} + \frac{70}{1000} = \frac{490}{1000} = 0.49 \end{aligned}$$

$$(ii) P(\bar{E} / A_3) = 1 - P(E / A_3) = 1 - \frac{35}{100} = \frac{65}{100} \quad [\text{as given above}]$$

$$(iii) P(A_2 / \bar{E}) = \frac{P(A_2) \cdot P(\bar{E} / A_2)}{P(A_1) \cdot P(\bar{E} / A_1) + P(A_2) \cdot P(\bar{E} / A_2) + P(A_3) \cdot P(\bar{E} / A_3)}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{4}{10} \cdot \frac{40}{100}}{\frac{4}{10} \cdot \frac{55}{100} + \frac{4}{10} \cdot \frac{40}{100} + \frac{2}{10} \cdot \frac{65}{100}} = \frac{\frac{160}{1000}}{\frac{220}{1000} + \frac{160}{1000} + \frac{130}{1000}}$$

$$= \frac{160/1000}{510/1000} = \frac{16}{51} = 0.313725 = 0.314$$

**Q. 44** A letter is known to have come either from 'TATA NAGAR' or from 'CALCUTTA'. On the envelope, just two consecutive letters TA are visible. What is the probability that the letter came from 'TATA NAGAR'?

**Sol.** Let  $E_1$  be the event that letter is from TATA NAGAR and  $E_2$  be the event that letter is from CALCUTTA.

Also, let  $E_3$  be the event that on the letter, two consecutive letters TA are visible.

$$\therefore P(E_1) = \frac{1}{2} \text{ and } P(E_2) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{and } P(E_3 / E_1) = \frac{2}{8} \text{ and } P(E_3 / E_2) = \frac{1}{7}$$

[since, if letter is from TATA NAGAR, we see that the events of two consecutive letters visible are {TA, AT, TA, AN, NA, AG, GA, AR}. So,  $P(E_3 / E_1) = \frac{2}{8}$  and if letter is from CALCUTTA,

we see that the events of two consecutive letters to visible are {CA, AL, LC, CU, UT, TT, TA}.

$$\text{So, } P(E_3 / E_2) = \frac{1}{7}$$

$$\therefore P(E_1 / E_3) = \frac{P(E_1) \cdot P(E_3 / E_1)}{P(E_1) \cdot P(E_3 / E_1) + P(E_2) \cdot P(E_3 / E_2)}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{2}{8}}{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{2}{8} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{7}} = \frac{\frac{1}{8}}{\frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{14}} = \frac{1/8}{\frac{22}{8 \times 14}} = \frac{11}{56} = \frac{7}{11}$$

**Q. 45** There are two bags, one of which contains 3 black and 4 white balls while the other contains 4 black and 3 white balls. A die is thrown. If it shows up 1 or 3, a ball is taken from the Ist bag but it shows up any other number, a ball is chosen from the II bag. Find the probability of choosing a black ball.

**Sol.** Since, Bag I = {3 black, 4 white balls}, Bag II = {4 black, 3 white balls}

Let  $E_1$  be the event that bag I is selected and  $E_2$  be the event that bag II is selected.

Let  $E_3$  be the event that black ball is chosen.

$$\therefore P(E_1) = \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6} = \frac{1}{3} \text{ and } P(E_2) = 1 - \frac{1}{3} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\text{and } P(E_3 / E_1) = \frac{3}{7} \text{ and } P(E_3 / E_2) = \frac{4}{7}$$

$$\therefore P(E_3) = P(E_1) \cdot P(E_3 / E_1) + P(E_2) \cdot P(E_3 / E_2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{3}{7} + \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{4}{7} = \frac{11}{21}$$

**Q. 46** There are three urns containing 2 white and 3 black balls, 3 white and 2 black balls and 4 white and 1 black balls, respectively. There is an equal probability of each urn being chosen. A ball is drawn at random from the chosen urn and it is found to be white. Find the probability that the ball drawn was from the second urn.

**Sol.** Let  $U_1 = \{2 \text{ white, } 3 \text{ black balls}\}$   
 $U_2 = \{3 \text{ white, } 2 \text{ black balls}\}$   
 and  $U_3 = \{4 \text{ white, } 1 \text{ black balls}\}$   
 $\therefore P(U_1) = P(U_2) = P(U_3) = \frac{1}{3}$

Let  $E_1$  be the event that a ball is chosen from urn  $U_1$ ,  $E_2$  be the event that a ball is chosen from urn  $U_2$  and  $E_3$  be the event that a ball is chosen from urn  $U_3$ .

Also,  $P(E_1) = P(E_2) = P(E_3) = 1/3$

Now, let  $E$  be the event that white ball is drawn.

$\therefore P(E/E_1) = \frac{2}{5}, P(E/E_2) = \frac{3}{5}, P(E/E_3) = \frac{4}{5}$

Now, 
$$P(E_2/E) = \frac{P(E_2) \cdot P(E/E_2)}{P(E_1) \cdot P(E/E_1) + P(E_2) \cdot P(E/E_2) + P(E_3) \cdot P(E/E_3)}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{3}{5}}{\frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{2}{5} + \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{3}{5} + \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{4}{5}}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{3}{15}}{\frac{2}{15} + \frac{3}{15} + \frac{4}{15}} = \frac{3}{9} = \frac{1}{3}$$

**Q. 47** By examining the chest X-ray, the probability that TB is detected when a person is actually suffering is 0.99. The probability of an healthy person diagnosed to have TB is 0.001. In a certain city, 1 in 1000 people suffers from TB. A person is selected at random and is diagnosed to have TB. What is the probability that he actually has TB?

**Sol.** Let  $E_1$  = Event that person has TB  
 $E_2$  = Event that person does not have TB  
 $E$  = Event that the person is diagnosed to have TB

$\therefore P(E_1) = \frac{1}{1000} = 0.001, P(E_2) = \frac{999}{1000} = 0.999$

and  $P(E/E_1) = 0.99$  and  $P(E/E_2) = 0.001$

$\therefore P(E_1/E) = \frac{P(E_1) \cdot P(E/E_1)}{P(E_1) \cdot P(E/E_1) + P(E_2) \cdot P(E/E_2)}$

$$= \frac{0.001 \times 0.99}{0.001 \times 0.99 + 0.999 \times 0.001}$$

$$= \frac{0.000990}{0.000990 + 0.000999}$$

$$= \frac{990}{1989} = \frac{110}{221}$$

**Q. 48** An item is manufactured by three machines  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$ . Out of the total number of items manufactured during a specified period, 50% are manufactured on  $A$ , 30% on  $B$  and 20% on  $C$ . 2% of the items produced on  $A$  and 2% of items produced on  $B$  are defective and 3% of these produced on  $C$  are defective. All the items are stored at one godown. One item is drawn at random and is found to be defective. What is the probability that it was manufactured on machine  $A$ ?

**Sol.** Let  $E_1$  = Event that item is manufactured on  $A$ ,  
 $E_2$  = Event that an item is manufactured on  $B$ ,  
 $E_3$  = Event that an item is manufactured on  $C$ ,  
Let  $E$  be the event that an item is defective.

$$\therefore P(E_1) = \frac{50}{100} = \frac{1}{2}, P(E_2) = \frac{30}{100} = \frac{3}{10} \text{ and } P(E_3) = \frac{20}{100} = \frac{1}{5}$$

$$P\left(\frac{E}{E_1}\right) = \frac{2}{100} = \frac{1}{50}, P\left(\frac{E}{E_2}\right) = \frac{2}{100} = \frac{1}{50} \text{ and } P\left(\frac{E}{E_3}\right) = \frac{3}{100}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore P\left(\frac{E_1}{E}\right) &= \frac{P(E_1) \cdot P\left(\frac{E}{E_1}\right)}{P(E_1) \cdot P\left(\frac{E}{E_1}\right) + P(E_2) \cdot P\left(\frac{E}{E_2}\right) + P(E_3) \cdot P\left(\frac{E}{E_3}\right)} \\ &= \frac{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{50}}{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{50} + \frac{3}{10} \cdot \frac{1}{50} + \frac{1}{5} \cdot \frac{3}{100}} \\ &= \frac{\frac{1}{100}}{\frac{1}{100} + \frac{3}{500} + \frac{3}{500}} = \frac{\frac{1}{100}}{\frac{5+3+3}{500}} = \frac{5}{11} \end{aligned}$$

**Q. 49** Let  $X$  be a discrete random variable whose probability distribution is defined as follows.

$$P(X = x) = \begin{cases} k(x + 1), & \text{for } x = 1, 2, 3, 4 \\ 2kx, & \text{for } x = 5, 6, 7 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where,  $k$  is a constant. Calculate

(i) the value of  $k$ .

(ii)  $E(X)$ .

(iii) standard deviation of  $X$ .

**Sol.**  $P(X = x) = \begin{cases} k(x + 1), & \text{for } x = 1, 2, 3, 4 \\ 2kx, & \text{for } x = 5, 6, 7 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

Thus, we have following table

$X$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Otherwise
$P(X)$	$2k$	$3k$	$4k$	$5k$	$10k$	$12k$	$14k$	0
$XP(X)$	$2k$	$6k$	$12k$	$20k$	$50k$	$72k$	$98k$	0
$X^2P(X)$	$2k$	$12k$	$36k$	$80k$	$250k$	$432k$	$686k$	0

(i) Since,  $\sum P_i = 1$

$$\Rightarrow k(2 + 3 + 4 + 5 + 10 + 12 + 14) = 1 \Rightarrow k = \frac{1}{50}$$

(ii)  $\therefore E(X) = \sum XP(X)$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore E(X) &= 2k + 6k + 12k + 20k + 50k + 72k + 98k + 0 = 260k \\ &= 260 \times \frac{1}{50} = \frac{26}{5} = 5.2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\left[ \because k = \frac{1}{50} \right] \dots(i)$$

(iii) We know that,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(X) &= [E(X^2)] - [E(X)]^2 = \sum X^2 P(X) - [\sum \{XP(X)\}]^2 \\ &= [2k + 12k + 36k + 80k + 250k + 432k + 686k + 0] - [5.2]^2 \quad [\text{using Eq. (i)}] \\ &= [1498k] - 27.04 = \left[ 1498 \times \frac{1}{50} \right] - 27.04 \quad \left[ \because k = \frac{1}{50} \right] \\ &= 29.96 - 27.04 = 2.92 \end{aligned}$$

We know that, standard deviation of  $X = \sqrt{\text{Var}(X)} = \sqrt{2.92} = 1.7088 = 1.7$  (approx)

**Q. 50** The probability distribution of a discrete random variable  $X$  is given as under

<b>X</b>	1	2	4	2A	3A	5A
<b>P(X)</b>	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{3}{25}$	$\frac{1}{10}$	$\frac{1}{25}$	$\frac{1}{25}$

Calculate

(i) the value of  $A$ , if  $E(X) = 2.94$ .

(ii) variance of  $X$ .

**Sol.** (i) We have,  $\sum XP(X) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{5} + \frac{12}{25} + \frac{2A}{10} + \frac{3A}{25} + \frac{5A}{25}$

$$= \frac{25 + 20 + 24 + 10A + 6A + 10A}{50} = \frac{69 + 26A}{50}$$

Since,  $E(X) = \sum XP(X)$

$$\Rightarrow 2.94 = \frac{69 + 26A}{50}$$

$$\Rightarrow 26A = 50 \times 2.94 - 69$$

$$\Rightarrow A = \frac{147 - 69}{26} = \frac{78}{26} = 3$$

(ii) We know that,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(X) &= E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2 \\ &= \sum X^2 P(X) - [\sum XP(X)]^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{4}{5} + \frac{48}{25} + \frac{4A^2}{10} + \frac{9A^2}{25} + \frac{25A^2}{25} - [E(X)]^2 \\ &= \frac{25 + 40 + 96 + 20A^2 + 18A^2 + 50A^2}{50} - [E(X)]^2 \\ &= \frac{161 + 88A^2}{50} - [E(X)]^2 = \frac{161 + 88 \times (3)^2}{50} - [E(X)]^2 \quad [\because A = 3] \\ &= \frac{953}{50} - [2.94]^2 \quad [\because E(X) = 2.94] \\ &= 19.0600 - 8.6436 = 10.4164 \end{aligned}$$



**Q. 51** The probability distribution of a random variable  $x$  is given as under

$$P(X = x) = \begin{cases} kx^2, & x = 1, 2, 3 \\ 2kx, & x = 4, 5, 6 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where,  $k$  is a constant. Calculate

(i)  $E(X)$

(ii)  $E(3X^2)$

(iii)  $P(X \geq 4)$

**Sol.**

$X$	1	2	3	4	5	6	Otherwise
$P(X)$	$k$	$4k$	$9k$	$8k$	$10k$	$12k$	0

We know that,  $\sum P_i = 1$

$$\Rightarrow 44k = 1 \Rightarrow k = \frac{1}{44}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \sum XP(X) &= k + 8k + 27k + 32k + 50k + 72k + 0 \\ &= 190k = 190 \times \frac{1}{44} = \frac{95}{22} \end{aligned}$$

(i) So,  $E(X) = \sum XP(X) = \frac{95}{22} = 4.32$

(ii) Also,  $E(X^2) = \sum X^2P(X) = k + 16k + 81k + 128k + 250k + 432k$

$$= 908k = 908 \times \frac{1}{44}$$

$$\left[ \because k = \frac{1}{44} \right]$$

$$= 20.636 = 20.64 \text{ (approx)}$$

$$\therefore E(3X^2) = 3E(X^2) = 3 \times 20.64 = 61.92 = 61.9$$

(iii)  $P(X \geq 4) = P(X = 4) + P(X = 5) + P(X = 6)$

$$= 8k + 10k + 12k = 30k = 30 \cdot \frac{1}{44} = \frac{15}{22}$$

**Q. 52** A bag contains  $(2n + 1)$  coins. It is known that  $n$  of these coins have a head on both sides whereas the rest of the coins are fair. A coin is picked up at random from the bag and is tossed. If the probability that the toss results in a head is  $\frac{31}{42}$ , then determine the value of  $n$ .

**Sol.** Given,  $n$  coins have head on both sides and  $(n + 1)$  coins are fair coins.

Let  $E_1$  = Event that an unfair coin is selected

$E_2$  = Event that a fair coin is selected

$E$  = Event that the toss results in a head

$$\therefore P(E_1) = \frac{n}{2n+1} \text{ and } P(E_2) = \frac{n+1}{2n+1}$$

Also,  $P\left(\frac{E}{E_1}\right) = 1$  and  $P\left(\frac{E}{E_2}\right) = \frac{1}{2}$

$$\therefore P(E) = P(E_1) \cdot P\left(\frac{E}{E_1}\right) + P(E_2) \cdot P\left(\frac{E}{E_2}\right) = \frac{n}{2n+1} \cdot 1 + \frac{n+1}{2n+1} \cdot \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{31}{42} = \frac{2n+n+1}{2(2n+1)} \Rightarrow \frac{31}{42} = \frac{3n+1}{4n+2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 124n + 62 = 126n + 42$$

$$\Rightarrow 2n = 20 \Rightarrow n = 10$$

**Q. 53** Two cards are drawn successively without replacement from a well shuffled deck of cards. Find the mean and standard variation of the random variable  $X$ , where  $X$  is the number of aces.

**Sol.** Let  $X$  denotes a random variable of number of aces.

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore X &= 0, 1, 2 \\ \text{Now, } P(X=0) &= \frac{48}{52} \cdot \frac{47}{51} = \frac{2256}{2652} \\ P(X=1) &= \frac{48}{52} \cdot \frac{4}{51} + \frac{4}{52} \cdot \frac{48}{51} = \frac{384}{2652} \\ P(X=2) &= \frac{4}{52} \cdot \frac{3}{51} = \frac{12}{2652} \end{aligned}$$

$X$	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
$P(X)$	$\frac{2256}{2652}$	$\frac{384}{2652}$	$\frac{12}{2652}$
$XP(X)$	0	$\frac{384}{2652}$	$\frac{24}{2652}$
$X^2P(X)$	0	$\frac{384}{2652}$	$\frac{48}{2652}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{We know that, Mean } (\mu) &= E(X) = \sum XP(X) \\ &= 0 + \frac{384}{2652} + \frac{24}{2652} \\ &= \frac{408}{2652} = \frac{2}{13} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Also, } \text{Var}(X) &= E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2 = \sum X^2P(X) - [E(X)]^2 \\ &= \left[ 0 + \frac{384}{2652} + \frac{48}{2652} \right] - \left( \frac{2}{13} \right)^2 \quad \left[ \because E(X) = \frac{2}{13} \right] \\ &= \frac{432}{2652} - \frac{4}{169} = 0.1628 - 0.0236 = 0.1391 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \text{Standard deviation} = \sqrt{\text{Var}(X)} = \sqrt{0.1391} = 0.373 \text{ (approx)}$$

**Q. 54** A die is tossed twice. If a 'success' is getting an even number on a toss, then find the variance of the number of successes.

**Sol.** Let  $X$  be the random variable for a 'success' for getting an even number on a toss.

$$\therefore X = 0, 1, 2, \quad n = 2, \quad p = \frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2} \text{ and } q = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{At } X = 0, \quad P(X=0) = {}^2C_0 \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^0 \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^{2-0} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\text{At } X = 1, \quad P(X=1) = {}^2C_1 \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^1 \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^{2-1} = 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{At } X = 2, \quad P(X=2) = {}^2C_2 \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^2 \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^{2-2} = \frac{1}{4}$$

Thus,

<b>X</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>P(X)</b>	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{4}$
<b>XP(X)</b>	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
<b>X<sup>2</sup>P(X)</b>	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1

$$\therefore \Sigma XP(X) = 0 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 1 \quad \dots(i)$$

$$\text{and} \quad \Sigma X^2P(X) = 0 + \frac{1}{2} + 1 = \frac{3}{2} \quad \dots(ii)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{Var}(X) &= E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2 \\ &= \Sigma X^2P(X) - [\Sigma XP(X)]^2 = \frac{3}{2} - (1)^2 = \frac{1}{2} \quad [\text{using Eqs. (i) and (ii)}] \end{aligned}$$

**Q. 55** There are 5 cards numbered 1 to 5, one number on one card. Two cards are drawn at random without replacement. Let  $X$  denotes the sum of the numbers on two cards drawn. Find the mean and variance of  $X$ .

**Sol.** Here,  $S = \{(1, 2), (2, 1), (1, 3), (3, 1), (2, 3), (3, 2), (1, 4), (4, 1), (1, 5), (5, 1), (2, 4), (4, 2), (2, 5), (5, 2), (3, 4), (4, 3), (3, 5), (5, 3), (5, 4), (4, 5)\}$ .

$$\Rightarrow n(S) = 20$$

Let random variable be  $X$  which denotes the sum of the numbers on two cards drawn.

$$\therefore X = 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9$$

$$\text{At } X = 3, P(X) = \frac{2}{20} = \frac{1}{10}$$

$$\text{At } X = 4, P(X) = \frac{2}{20} = \frac{1}{10}$$

$$\text{At } X = 5, P(X) = \frac{4}{20} = \frac{1}{5}$$

$$\text{At } X = 6, P(X) = \frac{4}{20} = \frac{1}{5}$$

$$\text{At } X = 7, P(X) = \frac{4}{20} = \frac{1}{5}$$

$$\text{At } X = 8, P(X) = \frac{2}{20} = \frac{1}{10}$$

$$\text{At } X = 9, P(X) = \frac{2}{20} = \frac{1}{10}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{Mean, } E(X) &= \Sigma XP(X) = \frac{3}{10} + \frac{4}{10} + \frac{5}{5} + \frac{6}{5} + \frac{7}{5} + \frac{8}{10} + \frac{9}{10} \\ &= \frac{3 + 4 + 10 + 12 + 14 + 8 + 9}{10} = 6 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Also, } \Sigma X^2P(X) &= \frac{9}{10} + \frac{16}{10} + \frac{25}{5} + \frac{36}{5} + \frac{49}{5} + \frac{64}{10} + \frac{81}{10} \\ &= \frac{9 + 16 + 50 + 72 + 98 + 64 + 81}{10} = 39 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{Var}(X) &= \Sigma X^2P(X) - [\Sigma XP(X)]^2 \\ &= 39 - (6)^2 = 39 - 36 = 3 \end{aligned}$$

## Objective Type Questions

**Q. 56** If  $P(A) = \frac{4}{5}$  and  $P(A \cap B) = \frac{7}{10}$ , then  $P(B/A)$  is equal to

- (a)  $\frac{1}{10}$                       (b)  $\frac{1}{8}$                       (c)  $\frac{7}{8}$                       (d)  $\frac{17}{20}$

**Sol. (c)**  $\therefore P(A) = \frac{4}{5}, P(A \cap B) = \frac{7}{10}$   
 $\therefore P(B/A) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(A)} = \frac{7/10}{4/5} = \frac{7}{8}$

**Q. 57** If  $P(A \cap B) = \frac{7}{10}$  and  $P(B) = \frac{17}{20}$ , then  $P(A/B)$  equals to

- (a)  $\frac{14}{17}$                       (b)  $\frac{17}{20}$                       (c)  $\frac{7}{8}$                       (d)  $\frac{1}{8}$

**Sol. (a)** Here,  $P(A \cap B) = \frac{7}{10}$  and  $P(B) = \frac{17}{20}$   
 $\therefore P(A/B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} = \frac{7/10}{17/20} = \frac{14}{17}$

**Q. 58** If  $P(A) = \frac{3}{10}$ ,  $P(B) = \frac{2}{5}$  and  $P(A \cup B) = \frac{3}{5}$ , then  $P(B/A) + P(A/B)$  equals to

- (a)  $\frac{1}{4}$                       (b)  $\frac{1}{3}$                       (c)  $\frac{5}{12}$                       (d)  $\frac{7}{12}$

**Sol. (d)** Here,  $P(A) = \frac{3}{10}$ ,  $P(B) = \frac{2}{5}$  and  $P(A \cup B) = \frac{3}{5}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(B/A) + P(A/B) &= \frac{P(B \cap A)}{P(A)} + \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} \\
 &= \frac{P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cup B)}{P(A)} + \frac{P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cup B)}{P(B)} \\
 &= \frac{\frac{3}{10} + \frac{2}{5} - \frac{3}{5}}{\frac{3}{10}} + \frac{\frac{3}{10} + \frac{2}{5} - \frac{3}{5}}{\frac{2}{5}} \\
 &= \frac{\frac{1}{3}}{\frac{3}{10}} + \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{\frac{2}{5}} = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{7}{12}
 \end{aligned}$$

$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \because P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B) \\ \text{i.e., } P(A \cap B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cup B) \end{array} \right]$

**Q. 59** If  $P(A) = \frac{2}{5}$ ,  $P(B) = \frac{3}{10}$  and  $P(A \cap B) = \frac{1}{5}$ , then  $P(A'/B') \cdot P(B'/A')$  is equal to

- (a)  $\frac{5}{6}$                       (b)  $\frac{5}{7}$                       (c)  $\frac{25}{42}$                       (d) 1

**Sol. (c)** Here,  $P(A) = \frac{2}{5}$ ,  $P(B) = \frac{3}{10}$  and  $P(A \cap B) = \frac{1}{5}$

$$\begin{aligned} P(A'/B') &= \frac{P(A' \cap B')}{P(B')} = \frac{1 - P(A \cup B)}{1 - P(B)} \\ &= \frac{1 - [P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)]}{1 - P(B)} \\ &= \frac{1 - \left(\frac{2}{5} + \frac{3}{10} - \frac{1}{5}\right)}{1 - \frac{3}{10}} \\ &= \frac{1 - \left(\frac{4 + 3 - 2}{10}\right)}{\frac{7}{10}} = \frac{1 - \frac{1}{2}}{\frac{7}{10}} = \frac{5}{7} \end{aligned}$$

and 
$$\begin{aligned} P(B'/A') &= \frac{P(B' \cap A')}{P(A')} = \frac{1 - P(A \cup B)}{1 - P(A)} \\ &= \frac{1 - \frac{1}{2}}{1 - \frac{2}{5}} = \frac{1/2}{3/5} = \frac{5}{6} \end{aligned} \quad \left[ \because P(A \cup B) = \frac{1}{2} \right]$$

$$\therefore P(A'/B') \cdot P(B'/A') = \frac{5}{7} \cdot \frac{5}{6} = \frac{25}{42}$$

**Q. 60** If  $A$  and  $B$  are two events such that  $P(A) = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $P(B) = \frac{1}{3}$  and  $P(A/B) = \frac{1}{4}$ , then  $P(A' \cap B')$  equals to

- (a)  $\frac{1}{12}$                       (b)  $\frac{3}{4}$   
(c)  $\frac{1}{4}$                       (d)  $\frac{3}{16}$

**Sol. (c)** Here,  $P(A) = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $P(B) = \frac{1}{3}$  and  $P(A/B) = \frac{1}{4}$

$$\therefore P(A/B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$$

$$\Rightarrow P(A \cap B) = P(A/B) \cdot P(B) = \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{12}$$

Now, 
$$\begin{aligned} P(A' \cap B') &= 1 - P(A \cup B) \\ &= 1 - [P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)] \\ &= 1 - \left[ \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{12} \right] = 1 - \left[ \frac{6 + 4 - 1}{12} \right] \\ &= 1 - \frac{9}{12} = \frac{3}{12} = \frac{1}{4} \end{aligned}$$

**Q. 61** If  $P(A) = 0.4$ ,  $P(B) = 0.8$  and  $P(B/A) = 0.6$ , then  $P(A \cup B)$  is equal to

- (a) 0.24 (b) 0.3  
(c) 0.48 (d) 0.96

**Sol. (d)** Here,  $P(A) = 0.4$ ,  $P(B) = 0.8$  and  $P(A/B) = 0.6$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore P(B/A) &= \frac{P(B \cap A)}{P(A)} \\ \Rightarrow P(B \cap A) &= P(B/A) \cdot P(A) \\ &= 0.6 \times 0.4 = 0.24 \\ \therefore P(A \cup B) &= P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B) \\ &= 0.4 + 0.8 - 0.24 \\ &= 1.2 - 0.24 = 0.96 \end{aligned}$$

**Q. 62** If  $A$  and  $B$  are two events and  $A \neq \phi$ ,  $B \neq \phi$ , then

- (a)  $P(A/B) = P(A) \cdot P(B)$  (b)  $P(A/B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$   
(c)  $P(A/B) \cdot P(B/A) = 1$  (d)  $P(A/B) = P(A) / P(B)$

**Sol. (b)** If  $A \neq \phi$  and  $B \neq \phi$ , then  $P(A/B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$

**Q. 63** If  $A$  and  $B$  are events such that  $P(A) = 0.4$ ,  $P(B) = 0.3$  and  $P(A \cup B) = 0.5$ , then  $P(B' \cap A)$  equals to

- (a)  $\frac{2}{3}$  (b)  $\frac{1}{2}$   
(c)  $\frac{3}{10}$  (d)  $\frac{1}{5}$

**Sol. (d)** Here,  $P(A) = 0.4$ ,  $P(B) = 0.3$  and  $P(A \cup B) = 0.5$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore P(A \cup B) &= P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B) \\ \Rightarrow P(A \cap B) &= 0.4 + 0.3 - 0.5 = 0.2 \\ \therefore P(B' \cap A) &= P(A) - P(A \cap B) \\ &= 0.4 - 0.2 = 0.2 = \frac{1}{5} \end{aligned}$$

**Q. 64** If  $A$  and  $B$  are two events such that  $P(B) = \frac{3}{5}$ ,  $P(A/B) = \frac{1}{2}$  and

$P(A \cup B) = \frac{4}{5}$ , then  $P(A)$  equals to

- (a)  $\frac{3}{10}$  (b)  $\frac{1}{5}$  (c)  $\frac{1}{2}$  (d)  $\frac{3}{5}$

**Sol. (c)** Here,  $P(B) = \frac{3}{5}$ ,  $P(A/B) = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $P(A \cup B) = \frac{4}{5}$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore P(A/B) &= \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} &= \frac{P(A \cap B)}{3/5} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow P(A \cap B) &= \frac{3}{5} \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{3}{10} \\ \text{and } P(A \cup B) &= P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B) \\ \Rightarrow \frac{4}{5} &= P(A) + \frac{3}{5} - \frac{3}{10} \\ \therefore P(A) &= \frac{4}{5} - \frac{3}{5} + \frac{3}{10} = \frac{8-6+3}{10} = \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

**Q. 65** In question 64 (above),  $P(B/A')$  is equal to

- (a)  $\frac{1}{5}$                       (b)  $\frac{3}{10}$                       (c)  $\frac{1}{2}$                       (d)  $\frac{3}{5}$

**Sol. (d)** 
$$P(B/A') = \frac{P(B \cap A')}{P(A')} = \frac{P(B) - P(B \cap A)}{1 - P(A)}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{3}{5} - \frac{3}{10}}{1 - \frac{1}{2}} = \frac{\frac{6-3}{10}}{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{6-3}{10} = \frac{3}{5}$$

**Q. 66** If  $P(B) = \frac{3}{5}$ ,  $P(A/B) = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $P(A \cup B) = \frac{4}{5}$ , then

$P(A \cup B)' + P(A' \cup B)$  is equal to

- (a)  $\frac{1}{5}$                       (b)  $\frac{4}{5}$                       (c)  $\frac{1}{2}$                       (d) 1

**Sol. (d)** Here,  $P(B) = \frac{3}{5}$ ,  $P(A/B) = \frac{1}{2}$   
and  $P(A \cup B) = \frac{4}{5}$   
Since,  $P(A/B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$   
 $\Rightarrow P(A \cap B) = P(A/B) \cdot P(B)$ 

$$= \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{3}{5} = \frac{3}{10}$$
Also,  $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$   
 $\Rightarrow P(A) = \frac{4}{5} - \frac{3}{5} + \frac{3}{10} = \frac{1}{2}$   
 $\therefore P(A \cup B)' = 1 - P(A \cup B) = 1 - \frac{4}{5} = \frac{1}{5}$   
and  $P(A' \cup B) = 1 - P(A - B) = 1 - P(A \cap B')$ 

$$= 1 - P(A) \cdot P(B')$$

$$= 1 - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{2}{5} = \frac{4}{5}$$
  
 $\Rightarrow P(A \cup B)' + P(A' \cup B) = \frac{1}{5} + \frac{4}{5} = \frac{5}{5} = 1$

**Q. 67** If  $P(A) = \frac{7}{13}$ ,  $P(B) = \frac{9}{13}$  and  $P(A \cap B) = \frac{4}{13}$ , then  $P(A' / B)$  is equal to

- (a)  $\frac{6}{13}$                       (b)  $\frac{4}{13}$                       (c)  $\frac{4}{9}$                       (d)  $\frac{5}{9}$

**Sol. (d)** Here,  $P(A) = \frac{7}{13}$ ,  $P(B) = \frac{9}{13}$  and  $P(A \cap B) = \frac{4}{13}$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore P(A' / B) &= \frac{P(A' \cap B)}{P(B)} = \frac{P(B) - P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} \\ &= \frac{\frac{9}{13} - \frac{4}{13}}{\frac{9}{13}} = \frac{\frac{5}{13}}{\frac{9}{13}} = \frac{5}{9} \end{aligned}$$

**Q. 68** If  $A$  and  $B$  are such events that  $P(A) > 0$  and  $P(B) \neq 1$ , then  $P(A' / B')$  equals to

- (a)  $1 - P(A / B)$               (b)  $1 - P(A' / B)$               (c)  $\frac{1 - P(A \cup B)}{P(B')}$               (d)  $P(A') / P(B')$

**Sol. (c)**  $\because P(A) > 0$  and  $P(B) \neq 1$

$$P(A' / B') = \frac{P(A' \cap B')}{P(B')} = \frac{1 - P(A \cup B)}{P(B')}$$

**Q. 69** If  $A$  and  $B$  are two independent events with  $P(A) = \frac{3}{5}$  and  $P(B) = \frac{4}{9}$ ,

then  $P(A' \cap B')$  equals to

- (a)  $\frac{4}{15}$                       (b)  $\frac{8}{45}$                       (c)  $\frac{1}{3}$                       (d)  $\frac{2}{9}$

**Sol. (d)**  $P(A' \cap B') = 1 - P(A \cup B)$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 1 - [P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)] \\ &= 1 - \left[ \frac{3}{5} + \frac{4}{9} - \frac{3}{5} \times \frac{4}{9} \right] \qquad \qquad \qquad [\because P(A \cap B) = P(A) \cdot P(B)] \\ &= 1 - \left[ \frac{27 + 20 - 12}{45} \right] = 1 - \frac{35}{45} = \frac{10}{45} = \frac{2}{9} \end{aligned}$$

**Q. 70** If two events are independent, then

- (a) they must be mutually exclusive  
 (b) the sum of their probabilities must be equal to 1  
 (c) Both (a) and (b) are correct  
 (d) None of the above is correct

**Sol. (d)** If two events  $A$  and  $B$  are independent, then we know that

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A) \cdot P(B), P(A) \neq 0, P(B) \neq 0$$

Since,  $A$  and  $B$  have a common outcome.

Further, mutually exclusive events never have a common outcome.

In other words, two independent events having non-zero probabilities of occurrence cannot be mutually exclusive and conversely, *i.e.*, two mutually exclusive events having non-zero probabilities of outcome cannot be independent.



**Q. 71** If  $A$  and  $B$  be two events such that  $P(A) = \frac{3}{8}$ ,  $P(B) = \frac{5}{8}$  and

$P(A \cup B) = \frac{3}{4}$ , then  $P(A/B) \cdot P(A'/B)$  is equal to

- (a)  $\frac{2}{5}$                       (b)  $\frac{3}{8}$                       (c)  $\frac{3}{20}$                       (d)  $\frac{6}{25}$

**Sol. (d)** Here,  $P(A) = \frac{3}{8}$ ,  $P(B) = \frac{5}{8}$  and  $P(A \cup B) = \frac{3}{4}$

$\therefore P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$

$\Rightarrow P(A \cap B) = \frac{3}{8} + \frac{5}{8} - \frac{3}{4} = \frac{3+5-6}{8} = \frac{2}{8} = \frac{1}{4}$

$\therefore P(A/B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} = \frac{1/4}{5/8} = \frac{8}{20} = \frac{2}{5}$

and  $P(A'/B) = \frac{P(A' \cap B)}{P(B)} = \frac{P(B) - P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$

$$= \frac{\frac{5}{8} - \frac{1}{4}}{\frac{5}{8}} = \frac{5-2}{5} = \frac{3}{5}$$

$\therefore P(A/B) \cdot P(A'/B) = \frac{2}{5} \cdot \frac{3}{5} = \frac{6}{25}$

**Q. 72** If the events  $A$  and  $B$  are independent, then  $P(A \cap B)$  is equal to

- (a)  $P(A) + P(B)$                       (b)  $P(A) - P(B)$   
 (c)  $P(A) \cdot P(B)$                       (d)  $P(A) / P(B)$

**Sol. (c)** If  $A$  and  $B$  are independent, then  $P(A \cap B) = P(A) \cdot P(B)$

**Q. 73** Two events  $E$  and  $F$  are independent. If  $P(E) = 0.3$  and  $P(E \cup F) = 0.5$ , then  $P(E/F) - P(F/E)$  equals to

- (a)  $\frac{2}{7}$                       (b)  $\frac{3}{35}$                       (c)  $\frac{1}{70}$                       (d)  $\frac{1}{7}$

**Sol. (c)** Here,  $P(E) = 0.3$  and  $P(E \cup F) = 0.5$

Let  $P(F) = x$

$\therefore P(E \cup F) = P(E) + P(F) - P(E \cap F)$

$$= P(E) + P(F) - P(E) \cdot P(F)$$

$\Rightarrow 0.5 = 0.3 + x - 0.3x$

$\Rightarrow x = \frac{0.5 - 0.3}{0.7} = \frac{2}{7} = P(F)$

$\therefore P(E/F) - P(F/E) = \frac{P(E \cap F)}{P(F)} - \frac{P(F \cap E)}{P(E)}$

$$= \frac{P(E \cap F) \cdot P(E) - P(F \cap E) \cdot P(F)}{P(E) \cdot P(F)}$$

$$= \frac{P(E \cap F) [P(E) - P(F)]}{P(E \cap F)} = P(E) - P(F)$$

$$= \frac{3}{10} - \frac{2}{7} = \frac{21 - 20}{70} = \frac{1}{70}$$

**Q. 74** A bag contains 5 red and 3 blue balls. If 3 balls are drawn at random without replacement, then the probability of getting exactly one red ball is

- (a)  $\frac{45}{196}$                       (b)  $\frac{135}{392}$                       (c)  $\frac{15}{56}$                       (d)  $\frac{15}{29}$

**Sol. (c)** Probability of getting exactly one red ( $R$ ) ball =  $P_R \cdot P_{\bar{R}} \cdot P_{\bar{R}} + P_{\bar{R}} \cdot P_R \cdot P_{\bar{R}} + P_{\bar{R}} \cdot P_{\bar{R}} \cdot P_R$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{5}{8} \cdot \frac{3}{7} \cdot \frac{2}{6} + \frac{3}{8} \cdot \frac{5}{7} \cdot \frac{2}{6} + \frac{3}{8} \cdot \frac{2}{7} \cdot \frac{5}{6} \\ &= \frac{15}{4 \cdot 7 \cdot 6} + \frac{15}{4 \cdot 7 \cdot 6} + \frac{15}{4 \cdot 7 \cdot 6} \\ &= \frac{5}{56} + \frac{5}{56} + \frac{5}{56} = \frac{15}{56} \end{aligned}$$

**Q. 75** Refer to question 74 above. If the probability that exactly two of the three balls were red, then the first ball being red, is

- (a)  $\frac{1}{3}$                       (b)  $\frac{4}{7}$                       (c)  $\frac{15}{28}$                       (d)  $\frac{5}{28}$

**Sol. (b)** Let  $E_1$  = Event that first ball being red  
and  $E_2$  = Event that exactly two of the three balls being red

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore P(E_1) &= P_R \cdot P_R \cdot P_R + P_R \cdot P_R \cdot P_{\bar{R}} + P_R \cdot P_{\bar{R}} \cdot P_R + P_{\bar{R}} \cdot P_R \cdot P_R \\ &= \frac{5}{8} \cdot \frac{4}{7} \cdot \frac{3}{6} + \frac{5}{8} \cdot \frac{4}{7} \cdot \frac{3}{6} + \frac{5}{8} \cdot \frac{3}{7} \cdot \frac{4}{6} + \frac{5}{8} \cdot \frac{3}{7} \cdot \frac{2}{6} \\ &= \frac{60 + 60 + 60 + 30}{336} = \frac{210}{336} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(E_1 \cap E_2) &= P_R \cdot P_{\bar{R}} \cdot P_R + P_R \cdot P_{\bar{R}} \cdot P_{\bar{R}} \\ &= \frac{5}{8} \cdot \frac{3}{7} \cdot \frac{4}{6} + \frac{5}{8} \cdot \frac{4}{7} \cdot \frac{3}{6} = \frac{120}{336} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore P(E_2 / E_1) = \frac{P(E_1 \cap E_2)}{P(E_1)} = \frac{120 / 336}{210 / 336} = \frac{4}{7}$$

**Q. 76** Three persons  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$ , fire at a target in turn, starting with  $A$ . Their probability of hitting the target are 0.4, 0.3 and 0.2, respectively. The probability of two hits is

- (a) 0.024                      (b) 0.188                      (c) 0.336                      (d) 0.452

**Sol. (b)** Here,  $P(A) = 0.4, P(\bar{A}) = 0.6, P(B) = 0.3, P(\bar{B}) = 0.7,$   
 $P(C) = 0.2$  and  $P(\bar{C}) = 0.8$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{Probability of two hits} &= P_A \cdot P_B \cdot P_{\bar{C}} + P_A \cdot P_{\bar{B}} \cdot P_C + P_{\bar{A}} \cdot P_B \cdot P_C \\ &= 0.4 \times 0.3 \times 0.8 + 0.4 \times 0.7 \times 0.2 + 0.6 \times 0.3 \times 0.2 \\ &= 0.096 + 0.056 + 0.036 = 0.188 \end{aligned}$$

**Q. 77** Assume that in a family, each child is equally likely to be a boy or a girl. A family with three children is chosen at random. The probability that the eldest child is a girl given that the family has atleast one girl is

- (a)  $\frac{1}{2}$                       (b)  $\frac{1}{3}$                       (c)  $\frac{2}{3}$                       (d)  $\frac{4}{7}$

**Sol. (d)** Here,  $S = \{(B, B, B), (G, G, G), (B, G, G), (G, B, G), (G, G, B), (G, B, B), (B, G, B), (B, B, G)\}$

$E_1$  = Event that a family has atleast one girl, then

$$E_1 = \{(G, B, B), (B, G, B), (B, B, G), (G, G, B), (B, G, G), (G, B, G), (G, G, G)\}$$

$E_2$  = Event that the eldest child is a girl, then

$$E_2 = \{(G, B, B), (G, G, B), (G, B, G), (G, G, G)\}$$

$$\therefore E_1 \cap E_2 = \{(G, B, B), (G, G, B), (G, B, G), (G, G, G)\}$$

$$\therefore P(E_2/E_1) = \frac{P(E_1 \cap E_2)}{P(E_1)} = \frac{4/8}{7/8} = \frac{4}{7}$$

**Q. 78** If a die is thrown and a card is selected at random from a deck of 52 playing cards, then the probability of getting an even number on the die and a spade card is

(a)  $\frac{1}{2}$

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

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

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

**Sol. (c)** Let  $E_1$  = Event for getting an even number on the die  
and  $E_2$  = Event that a spade card is selected

$$\therefore P(E_1) = \frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2} \text{ and } P(E_2) = \frac{13}{52} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\text{Then, } P(E_1 \cap E_2) = P(E_1) \cdot P(E_2) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{8}$$

**Q. 79** A box contains 3 orange balls, 3 green balls and 2 blue balls. Three balls are drawn at random from the box without replacement. The probability of drawing 2 green balls and one blue ball is

(a)  $\frac{3}{28}$

(b)  $\frac{2}{21}$

(c)  $\frac{1}{28}$

(d)  $\frac{167}{168}$

**Sol. (a)** Probability of drawing 2 green balls and one blue ball

$$= P_G \cdot P_G \cdot P_B + P_B \cdot P_G \cdot P_G + P_G \cdot P_B \cdot P_G$$

$$= \frac{3}{8} \cdot \frac{2}{7} \cdot \frac{2}{6} + \frac{2}{8} \cdot \frac{3}{7} \cdot \frac{2}{6} + \frac{3}{8} \cdot \frac{2}{7} \cdot \frac{2}{6}$$

$$= \frac{1}{28} + \frac{1}{28} + \frac{1}{28} = \frac{3}{28}$$

**Q. 80** A flashlight has 8 batteries out of which 3 are dead. If two batteries are selected without replacement and tested, then probability that both are dead is

(a)  $\frac{33}{56}$

(b)  $\frac{9}{64}$

(c)  $\frac{1}{14}$

(d)  $\frac{3}{28}$

**Sol. (d)** Required probability =  $P_D \cdot P_D = \frac{3}{8} \cdot \frac{2}{7} = \frac{3}{28}$

**Q. 81** If eight coins are tossed together, then the probability of getting exactly 3 heads is

(a)  $\frac{1}{256}$

(b)  $\frac{7}{32}$

(c)  $\frac{5}{32}$

(d)  $\frac{3}{32}$

**Sol. (b)** We know that, probability distribution  $P(X = r) = {}^nC_r (p)^r (q)^{n-r}$

Here,  $n = 8, r = 3, p = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $q = \frac{1}{2}$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \text{ Required probability} &= {}^8C_3 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{8-3} = \frac{8!}{5!3!} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^8 \\ &= \frac{8 \cdot 7 \cdot 6}{3 \cdot 2} \cdot \frac{1}{16 \cdot 16} = \frac{7}{32}\end{aligned}$$

**Q. 82** Two dice are thrown. If it is known that the sum of numbers on the dice was less than 6, the probability of getting a sum 3, is

- (a)  $\frac{1}{18}$                       (b)  $\frac{5}{18}$                       (c)  $\frac{1}{5}$                       (d)  $\frac{2}{5}$

**Sol. (c)** Let  $E_1$  = Event that the sum of numbers on the dice was less than 6  
and  $E_2$  = Event that the sum of numbers on the dice is 3

$$\therefore E_1 = \{(1, 4), (4, 1), (2, 3), (3, 2), (2, 2), (1, 3), (3, 1), (1, 2), (2, 1), (1, 1)\}$$

$$\Rightarrow n(E_1) = 10$$

$$\text{and } E_2 = \{(1, 2), (2, 1)\} \Rightarrow n(E_2) = 2$$

$$\therefore \text{ Required probability} = \frac{2}{10} = \frac{1}{5}$$

**Q. 83** Which one is not a requirement of a Binomial distribution?

- (a) There are 2 outcomes for each trial  
(b) There is a fixed number of trials  
(c) The outcomes must be dependent on each other  
(d) The probability of success must be the same for all the trials

**Sol. (c)** We know that, in a Binomial distribution,

- (i) There are 2 outcomes for each trial.  
(ii) There is a fixed number of trials.  
(iii) The probability of success must be the same for all the trials.

**Q. 84** If two cards are drawn from a well shuffled deck of 52 playing cards with replacement, then the probability that both cards are queens, is

- (a)  $\frac{1}{13} \cdot \frac{1}{13}$                       (b)  $\frac{1}{13} + \frac{1}{13}$                       (c)  $\frac{1}{13} \cdot \frac{1}{17}$                       (d)  $\frac{1}{13} \cdot \frac{4}{51}$

**Sol. (a)** Required probability =  $\frac{4}{52} \cdot \frac{4}{52} = \frac{1}{13} \times \frac{1}{13}$  [with replacement]

**Q. 85** The probability of guessing correctly atleast 8 out of 10 answers on a true false type examination is

- (a)  $\frac{7}{64}$                       (b)  $\frac{7}{128}$                       (c)  $\frac{45}{1024}$                       (d)  $\frac{7}{41}$

**Sol. (b)** We know that,  $P(X = r) = {}^nC_r (p)^r (q)^{n-r}$

Here,  $n = 10, p = \frac{1}{2}, q = \frac{1}{2}$

and  $r \geq 8$  i.e.,  $r = 8, 9, 10$

$$\begin{aligned}
\Rightarrow P(X=r) &= P(r=8) + P(r=9) + P(r=10) \\
&= {}^{10}C_8 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^8 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{10-8} + {}^{10}C_9 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^9 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + {}^{10}C_{10} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{10} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^0 \\
&= \frac{10!}{8!2!} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{10} + \frac{10!}{9!1!} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{10} + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{10} \\
&= \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{10} \cdot [45 + 10 + 1] = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{10} \cdot 56 \\
&= \frac{1}{16 \cdot 64} \cdot 56 = \frac{7}{128}
\end{aligned}$$

**Q. 86** If the probability that a person is not a swimmer is 0.3, then the probability that out of 5 persons 4 are swimmers is

- (a)  ${}^5C_4(0.7)^4(0.3)$  (b)  ${}^5C_1(0.7)(0.3)^4$   
(c)  ${}^5C_4(0.7)(0.3)^4$  (d)  $(0.7)^4(0.3)$

**Sol. (a)** Here,  $\bar{p} = 0.3 \Rightarrow p = 0.7$  and  $q = 0.3$ ,  $n = 5$  and  $r = 4$   
 $\therefore$  Required probability =  ${}^5C_4(0.7)^4(0.3)$

**Q. 87** The probability distribution of a discrete random variable  $X$  is given below

<b>X</b>	2	3	4	5
<b>P(X)</b>	$\frac{5}{k}$	$\frac{7}{k}$	$\frac{9}{k}$	$\frac{11}{k}$

The value of  $k$  is

- (a) 8 (b) 16 (c) 32 (d) 48

**Sol. (c)** We know that,  $\Sigma P(X) = 1$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{5}{k} + \frac{7}{k} + \frac{9}{k} + \frac{11}{k} = 1$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{32}{k} = 1$   
 $\therefore k = 32$

**Q. 88** For the following probability distribution.

<b>X</b>	-4	-3	-2	-1	0
<b>P(X)</b>	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2

$E(X)$  is equal to

- (a) 0 (b) -1 (c) -2 (d) -1.8

**Sol. (d)**  $E(X) = \Sigma X P(X)$   
 $= -4 \times (0.1) + (-3 \times 0.2) + (-2 \times 0.3) + (-1 \times 0.2) + (0 \times 0.2)$   
 $= -0.4 - 0.6 - 0.6 - 0.2 = -1.8$

**Q. 89** For the following probability distribution.

<b>X</b>	1	2	3	4
<b>P(X)</b>	$\frac{1}{10}$	$\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{3}{10}$	$\frac{2}{5}$

$E(X^2)$  is equal to

- (a) 3                      (b) 5                      (c) 7                      (d) 10

**Sol. (d)** 
$$E(X^2) = \sum X^2 P(X) = 1 \cdot \frac{1}{10} + 4 \cdot \frac{1}{5} + 9 \cdot \frac{3}{10} + 16 \cdot \frac{2}{5}$$

$$= \frac{1}{10} + \frac{4}{5} + \frac{27}{10} + \frac{32}{5}$$

$$= \frac{1 + 8 + 27 + 64}{10} = 10$$

**Q. 90** Suppose a random variable  $X$  follows the Binomial distribution with parameters  $n$  and  $p$ , where  $0 < p < 1$ . If  $P(x = r) / P(x = n - r)$  is independent of  $n$  and  $r$ , then  $p$  equals to

- (a)  $\frac{1}{2}$                       (b)  $\frac{1}{3}$                       (c)  $\frac{1}{5}$                       (d)  $\frac{1}{7}$

**Sol. (a)**  $\because P(X = r) = {}^n C_r (p)^r (q)^{n-r} = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!r!} (p)^r (1-p)^{n-r}$  [ $\because q = 1 - p$ ] ... (i)

$P(X = 0) = (1 - p)^n$

and  $P(X = n - r) = {}^n C_{n-r} (p)^{n-r} (q)^{n-(n-r)}$

$= \frac{n!}{(n-r)!r!} (p)^{n-r} (1-p)^r$  [ $\because q = 1 - p$ ] [ $\because {}^n C_r = {}^n C_{n-r}$ ] ... (ii)

Now, 
$$\frac{P(x = r)}{P(x = n - r)} = \frac{\frac{n!}{(n-r)!r!} p^r (1-p)^{n-r}}{\frac{n!}{(n-r)!r!} p^{n-r} (1-p)^r}$$
 [using Eqs. (i) and (ii)]

$$= \left(\frac{1-p}{p}\right)^{n-r} \times \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1-p}{p}\right)^r}$$

Above expression is independent of  $n$  and  $r$ , if  $\frac{1-p}{p} = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{p} = 2 \Rightarrow p = \frac{1}{2}$

**Q. 91** In a college, 30% students fail in Physics, 25% fail in Mathematics and 10% fail in both. One student is chosen at random. The probability that she fails in Physics, if she has failed in Mathematics is

- (a)  $\frac{1}{10}$                       (b)  $\frac{2}{5}$                       (c)  $\frac{9}{20}$                       (d)  $\frac{1}{3}$

**Sol. (b)** Here,  $P_{(Ph)} = \frac{30}{100} = \frac{3}{10}$ ,  $P_{(M)} = \frac{25}{100} = \frac{1}{4}$

and  $P_{(M \cap Ph)} = \frac{10}{100} = \frac{1}{10}$

$\therefore P\left(\frac{Ph}{M}\right) = \frac{P(Ph \cap M)}{P(M)} = \frac{1/10}{1/4} = \frac{2}{5}$

**Q. 92**  $A$  and  $B$  are two students. Their chances of solving a problem correctly are  $\frac{1}{3}$  and  $\frac{1}{4}$ , respectively. If the probability of their making a common error is,  $\frac{1}{20}$  and they obtain the same answer, then the probability of their answer to be correct is

- (a)  $\frac{1}{12}$                       (b)  $\frac{1}{40}$                       (c)  $\frac{13}{120}$                       (d)  $\frac{10}{13}$

**Sol. (d)** Let  $E_1$  = Event that both  $A$  and  $B$  solve the problem

$$\therefore P(E_1) = \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{12}$$

Let  $E_2$  = Event that both  $A$  and  $B$  got incorrect solution of the problem

$$\therefore P(E_2) = \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{3}{4} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Let  $E$  = Event that they got same answer

$$\text{Here, } P(E/E_1) = 1, P(E/E_2) = \frac{1}{20}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore P(E_1/E) &= \frac{P(E_1 \cap E)}{P(E)} = \frac{P(E_1) \cdot P(E/E_1)}{P(E_1) \cdot P(E/E_1) + P(E_2) P(E/E_2)} \\ &= \frac{\frac{1}{12} \times 1}{\frac{1}{12} \times 1 + \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{20}} = \frac{1/12}{\frac{10+3}{120}} = \frac{120}{12 \times 13} = \frac{10}{13} \end{aligned}$$

**Q. 93** If a box has 100 pens of which 10 are defective, then what is the probability that out of a sample of 5 pens drawn one by one with replacement atmost one is defective?

- (a)  $\left(\frac{9}{10}\right)^5$                       (b)  $\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{9}{10}\right)^4$   
 (c)  $\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{9}{10}\right)^4$                       (d)  $\left(\frac{9}{10}\right)^5 + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{9}{10}\right)^4$

**Sol. (d)** Here,  $n = 5, p = \frac{10}{100} = \frac{1}{10}$  and  $q = \frac{9}{10}$

$$r \leq 1$$

$$\Rightarrow r = 0, 1$$

$$\text{Also, } P(X = r) = {}^n C_r p^r q^{n-r}$$

$$\therefore P(X = r) = P(r = 0) + P(r = 1)$$

$$= {}^5 C_0 \left(\frac{1}{10}\right)^0 \left(\frac{9}{10}\right)^5 + {}^5 C_1 \left(\frac{1}{10}\right)^1 \left(\frac{9}{10}\right)^4$$

$$= \left(\frac{9}{10}\right)^5 + 5 \cdot \frac{1}{10} \cdot \left(\frac{9}{10}\right)^4$$

$$= \left(\frac{9}{10}\right)^5 + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{9}{10}\right)^4$$

## True/False

**Q. 94** If  $P(A) > 0$  and  $P(B) > 0$ . Then,  $A$  and  $B$  can be both mutually exclusive and independent.

**Sol.** *False*

**Q. 95** If  $A$  and  $B$  are independent events, then  $A'$  and  $B'$  are also independent.

**Sol.** *True*

**Q. 96** If  $A$  and  $B$  are mutually exclusive events, then they will be independent also.

**Sol.** *False*

**Q. 97** Two independent events are always mutually exclusive.

**Sol.** *False*

**Q. 98** If  $A$  and  $B$  are two independent events, then  $P(A \text{ and } B) = P(A) \cdot P(B)$ .

**Sol.** *True*

**Q. 99** Another name for the mean of a probability distribution is expected value.

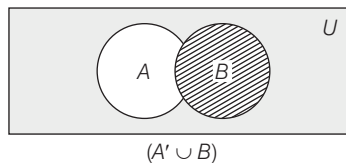
**Sol.** *True*

$$E(X) = \sum X P(X) = \mu$$

**Q. 100** If  $A$  and  $B'$  are independent events, then  $P(A' \cup B) = 1 - P(A) P(B')$ .

**Sol.** *True*

$$P(A' \cup B) = 1 - P(A \cap B') = 1 - P(A) P(B')$$



**Q. 101** If  $A$  and  $B$  are independent, then  $P(\text{exactly one of } A, B \text{ occurs}) = P(A) P(B') + P(B) P(A')$ .

**Sol.** *True*



**Q. 102** If A and B are two events such that  $P(A) > 0$  and  $P(A) + P(B) > 1$ ,

$$\text{then } P(B/A) \geq 1 - \frac{P(B')}{P(A)}$$

**Sol.** *False*

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore P(B/A) &= \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(A)} \\ &= \frac{P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cup B)}{P(A)} > \frac{1 - P(A \cup B)}{P(A)} \end{aligned}$$

**Q. 103** If A, B and C are three independent events such that

$$P(A) = P(B) = P(C) = p,$$

then  $P(\text{atleast two of A, B and C occur}) = 3p^2 - 2p^3$ .

**Sol.** *True*

$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{atleast two of A, B and C occur}) &= p \times p \times (1-p) + (1-p) \cdot p \cdot p + p(1-p) \cdot p + p \cdot p \cdot p \\ &= p^2[1-p + 1-p + 1-p + p] \\ &= p^2(3-3p) + p^3 \\ &= 3p^2 - 3p^3 + p^3 = 3p^2 - 2p^3 \end{aligned}$$

## Fillers

**Q. 104** If A and B are two events such that  $P(A/B) = p$ ,  $P(A) = p$ ,  $P(B) = \frac{1}{3}$

and  $P(A \cup B) = \frac{5}{9}$ , then p is equal to .....

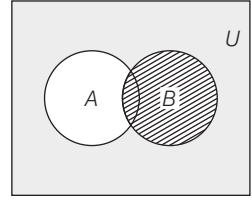
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Sol. Here, } P(A) &= p, P(B) = \frac{1}{3} \text{ and } P(A \cup B) = \frac{5}{9} \\ \therefore P(A/B) &= \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} = p \Rightarrow P(A \cap B) = \frac{p}{3} \\ \text{and } P(A \cup B) &= P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B) \\ \Rightarrow \frac{5}{9} &= p + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{p}{3} \Rightarrow \frac{5}{9} - \frac{1}{3} = \frac{2p}{3} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{5-3}{9} &= \frac{2p}{3} \Rightarrow p = \frac{2}{9} \times \frac{3}{2} = \frac{1}{3} \end{aligned}$$

**Q. 105** If A and B are such that  $P(A' \cup B') = \frac{2}{3}$  and  $P(A \cup B) = \frac{5}{9}$ , then

$P(A') + P(B')$  is equal to .....

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Sol. Here, } P(A' \cup B') &= \frac{2}{3} \text{ and } P(A \cup B) = \frac{5}{9} \\ P(A' \cup B') &= 1 - P(A \cap B) \\ \Rightarrow \frac{2}{3} &= 1 - P(A \cap B) \\ \Rightarrow P(A \cap B) &= 1 - \frac{2}{3} = \frac{1}{3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\therefore P(A) + P(B) &= 1 - P(A) + 1 - P(B) \\
&= 2 - [P(A) + P(B)] \\
&= 2 - [P(A \cup B) + P(A \cap B)] \\
&= 2 - \left(\frac{5}{9} + \frac{1}{3}\right) = 2 - \left(\frac{5+3}{9}\right) \\
&= \frac{18-8}{9} = \frac{10}{9}
\end{aligned}$$



**Q. 106** If X follows Binomial distribution with parameters  $n = 5$ ,  $p$  and  $P(X = 2) = 9P(X = 3)$ , then  $p$  is equal to .....

**Sol.**  $\therefore$   $P(X = 2) = 9 \cdot P(X = 3)$  (where,  $n = 5$  and  $q = 1 - p$ )

$$\Rightarrow {}^5C_2 p^2 (1-p)^3 = 9 \cdot {}^5C_3 p^3 (1-p)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{5!}{2!3!} p^2 (1-p)^3 = 9 \cdot \frac{5!}{3!2!} p^3 (1-p)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{p^2 (1-p)^3}{p^3 (1-p)^2} = 9$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(1-p)}{p} = 9 \Rightarrow 9p + p = 1$$

$$\therefore p = \frac{1}{10}$$

**Q. 107** If X be a random variable taking values  $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n$  with probabilities  $P_1, P_2, P_3, \dots, P_n$ , respectively. Then,  $\text{Var}(x)$  is equal to .....

**Sol.**  $\text{Var}(X) = E(X)^2 - [E(X)]^2$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n X^2 P(X) - \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n X P(X) \right]^2$$

$$= \sum P_i x_i^2 - (\sum P_i x_i)^2$$

**Q. 108** Let A and B be two events. If  $P(A/B) = P(A)$ , then A is ... of B.

**Sol.**  $\therefore P(A/B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$

$$\Rightarrow P(A) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$$

$$\Rightarrow P(A) \cdot P(B) = P(A \cap B)$$

So, A is independent of B.