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PROBABILITY

IMPORTANT FORMULAS & CONCEPTS

PROBABILITY

Experimental or empirical probability P(E) of an event E is

$$P(E) = \frac{\text{Number of trials in which the event happened}}{\text{Total number of trials}}$$

The theoretical probability (also called classical probability) of an event A, written as P(A), is defined as

$$P(A) = \frac{\text{Number of outcomes favourable to A}}{\text{Number of all possible outcomes of the experiment}}$$

Two or more events of an experiment, where occurrence of an event prevents occurrences of all other events, are called **Mutually Exclusive Events.**

COMPLIMENTARY EVENTS AND PROBABILITY

We denote the event 'not E' by $\overline{E}$. This is called the **complement** event of event E.

So, P(E) + P(not E) = 1

i.e., P(E) + P($\overline{E}$) = 1, which gives us P($\overline{E}$) = 1 – P(E).

In general, it is true that for an event E, P($\overline{E}$) = 1 – P(E)

- ☞ The probability of an event which is impossible to occur is 0. Such an event is called an **impossible event**.
- ☞ The probability of an event which is sure (or certain) to occur is 1. Such an event is called a **sure event** or a **certain event**.
- ☞ The probability of an event E is a number P(E) such that $0 \leq P(E) \leq 1$
- ☞ An event having only one outcome is called an elementary event. The sum of the probabilities of all the elementary events of an experiment is 1.

DECK OF CARDS AND PROBABILITY

A deck of playing cards consists of 52 cards which are divided into 4 suits of 13 cards each. They are black spades (♠) red hearts (♥), red diamonds (♦) and black clubs (♣).

The cards in each suit are Ace, King, Queen, Jack, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3 and 2. Kings, Queens and Jacks are called face cards.

Example set of 52 poker playing cards

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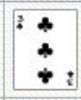
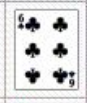
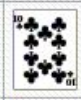
Clubs													
Diamonds													
Hearts													
Spades													

Equally likely events : Two or more events are said to be equally likely if each one of them has an equal chance of occurrence.

Mutually Exclusive events : Two or more events are mutually exclusive if the occurrence of each event prevents the every other event.

Complementary events : Consider an event has few outcomes. Event of all other outcomes in the sample survey which are not in the favourable event is called Complementary event.

Exhaustive events : All the events are exhaustive events if their union is the sample space.

Sure events : The sample space of a random experiment is called sure or certain event as any one of its elements will surely occur in any trail of the experiment.

Impossible event : An event which will occur on any account is called an impossible event.

MCQ WORKSHEET-I
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1. There are 6 marbles in a box with number 1 to6 marked on each of them . What is the probability of drawing a marble with number 2 ?

(a) $\frac{1}{6}$ (b) $\frac{1}{5}$ (c) $\frac{1}{3}$ (d) 1

2. A coin is flipped to decide which team starts the game . What is the probability of your team will start ?

(a) $\frac{1}{4}$ (b) $\frac{1}{2}$ (c) 1 (d) 0

3. A die is thrown once . What will be the probability of getting a prime number ?

(a) $\frac{1}{6}$ (b) $\frac{1}{2}$ (c) 1 (d) 0

Cards are marked with numbers 1 to 25 are placed in the box and mixed thoroughly. One card is drawn at random from the box. Answer the following questions (Q4-Q13)

4. What is the probability of getting a number 5?

(a) 1 (b) 0 (c) $\frac{1}{25}$ (d) $\frac{1}{5}$

5. What is the probability of getting a number less than 11?

(a) 1 (b) 0 (c) $\frac{1}{5}$ (d) $\frac{2}{5}$

6. What is the probability of getting a number greater than 25?

(a) 1 (b) 0 (c) $\frac{1}{5}$ (d) $\frac{2}{5}$

7. What is the probability of getting a multiple of 5?

(a) 1 (b) 0 (c) $\frac{1}{25}$ (d) $\frac{1}{5}$

8. What is the probability of getting an even number?

(a) 1 (b) 0 (c) $\frac{12}{25}$ (d) $\frac{13}{25}$

9. What is the probability of getting an odd number?

(a) 1 (b) 0 (c) $\frac{12}{25}$ (d) $\frac{13}{25}$

10. What is the probability of getting a prime number?

(a) $\frac{8}{25}$ (b) $\frac{9}{25}$ (c) $\frac{12}{25}$ (d) $\frac{13}{25}$

11. What is the probability of getting a number divisible by 3?

(a) $\frac{8}{25}$ (b) $\frac{9}{25}$ (c) $\frac{12}{25}$ (d) $\frac{13}{25}$

12. What is the probability of getting a number divisible by 4?

(a) $\frac{8}{25}$ (b) $\frac{9}{25}$ (c) $\frac{6}{25}$ (d) $\frac{3}{25}$

13. What is the probability of getting a number divisible by 7?

(a) $\frac{8}{25}$ (b) $\frac{9}{25}$ (c) $\frac{6}{25}$ (d) $\frac{3}{25}$

14. A bag has 4 red balls and 2 yellow balls. A ball is drawn from the bag without looking into the bag. What is probability of getting a red ball?

(a) $\frac{1}{6}$ (b) $\frac{2}{3}$ (c) $\frac{1}{3}$ (d) 1

15. A bag has 4 red balls and 2 yellow balls. A ball is drawn from the bag without looking into the bag. What is probability of getting a yellow ball?

(a) $\frac{1}{6}$ (b) $\frac{2}{3}$ (c) $\frac{1}{3}$ (d) 1