

P31- Probability And and Or Rules

OCR

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He then takes another sweet at random from the bag and eats it.

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or = +

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5	4	1

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$$\frac{5}{10} \text{ and } \frac{4}{9} = \frac{20}{90} = \frac{2}{9} \checkmark$$

Adam did $\frac{5}{10} \times \frac{5}{10} = \frac{25}{100}$
x

[2]

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$$\begin{aligned} & (\text{Ch and L}) \text{ or } (\text{Ch and Or}) \text{ or } (\text{L and C}) \text{ or } (\text{L and O}) \text{ or } (\text{O and C}) \text{ or } (\text{O and L}) \\ & \left(\frac{5}{10} \times \frac{4}{9}\right) + \left(\frac{5}{10} \times \frac{1}{9}\right) + \left(\frac{4}{10} \times \frac{5}{9}\right) + \left(\frac{4}{10} \times \frac{1}{9}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{10} \times \frac{5}{9}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{10} \times \frac{4}{9}\right) \\ & \frac{20}{90} + \frac{5}{90} + \frac{20}{90} + \frac{4}{90} + \frac{5}{90} + \frac{4}{90} \end{aligned}$$

(b) $\frac{58}{90}$ [4]

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Lucy, Mel and Tom each dropped the drawing pin a number of times.

The table shows the number of times the drawing pin landed point down and the number of times the drawing pin landed point up for each person.

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point down	31	53	16
point up	14	27	9

Rachael is going to drop the drawing pin once.

- (a) Whose results will give the best estimate for the probability that the drawing pin will land point up?
Give a reason for your answer.

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Total
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50

150

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⊗

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Mel, because she has had most trials

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$$\frac{50}{150} \times \frac{100}{150} = \frac{2}{9} \checkmark$$

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Kevin takes at random a counter from the bag.

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A45 Lethna takes at random a counter from the bag.
She puts the counter back in the bag.

The probability that both counters are red or that both counters are yellow is $\frac{13}{36}$

The probability that the first counter is red and the second counter is not red is $\frac{1}{4}$

Seb takes at random a counter from the bag.

Work out the probability that Seb takes a yellow counter.

You must show all your working.

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(Total for Question 21 is 5 marks)

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$$\text{Red and Not Red} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$x \times (1-x) = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$x(1-x) = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$x - x^2 = \frac{1}{4}$$

Red and Red or Yellow and Y

$$(x \times x) \text{ or } (y \times y) = \frac{13}{36} = \frac{13}{36}$$
$$x^2 + y^2 = \frac{13}{36}$$

(Total for Question 21 is 5 marks)

$$x^2 + y^2 = \frac{13}{36}$$

$$4ac \\ 4x - 1x - \frac{1}{4} \\ +1$$

$$x - x^2 = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0$$

$$-x^2 + 1x - \frac{1}{4} = 0$$

$$a = -1$$

$$b = 1$$

$$c = -\frac{1}{4}$$

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$x = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1 - 1}}{-2}$$

$$x = \frac{-1 \pm 0}{-2} = \frac{-1}{-2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$x^2 + y^2 = \frac{13}{36}$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + y^2 = \frac{13}{36}$$

$$\frac{1}{4} + y^2 = \frac{13}{36}$$

$$y^2 = \frac{13}{36} - \frac{1}{4}$$

$$y^2 = \frac{1}{9}$$

$$y = \sqrt{\frac{1}{9}}$$

$$y = \frac{1}{3} \checkmark$$

yellow

21 There are 12 counters in a bag.

There is an equal number of red counters, blue counters and yellow counters in the bag.

There are no other counters in the bag.

3 counters are taken at random from the bag.

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$$R : B : Y$$

$$4 : 4 : 4$$

Red and Red and Red

$$\frac{4}{12} \times \frac{3}{11} \times \frac{2}{10} = \frac{24}{1320} = \frac{1}{55} = 0.018$$

The 3 counters are put back into the bag.

Some more counters are now put into the bag.

There is still an equal number of red counters, blue counters and yellow counters in the bag.

There are no counters of any other colour in the bag.

3 counters are taken at random from the bag.

(b) Is it now less likely or equally likely or more likely that the 3 counters will be red?

You must show how you get your answer.

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1 extra of each
goes in

R : B : Y

5 : 5 : 5

More likely ss

$$0.0219 > 0.018$$

Red x Red x Red

$$\frac{5}{15} \times \frac{4}{14} \times \frac{3}{13} = \frac{2}{91} = 0.0219$$

(2)

(Total for Question 21 is 4 marks)

20 50 people were asked if they speak French or German or Spanish.

Of these people,

- P28 31 speak French
- 2 speak French, German and Spanish
- P31 4 speak French and Spanish but not German
- 7 speak German and Spanish
- 8 do not speak any of the languages
- all 10 people who speak German speak at least one other language

Two of the 50 people are chosen at random.

Work out the probability that they both only speak Spanish.

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(Total for Question 20 is 5 marks)

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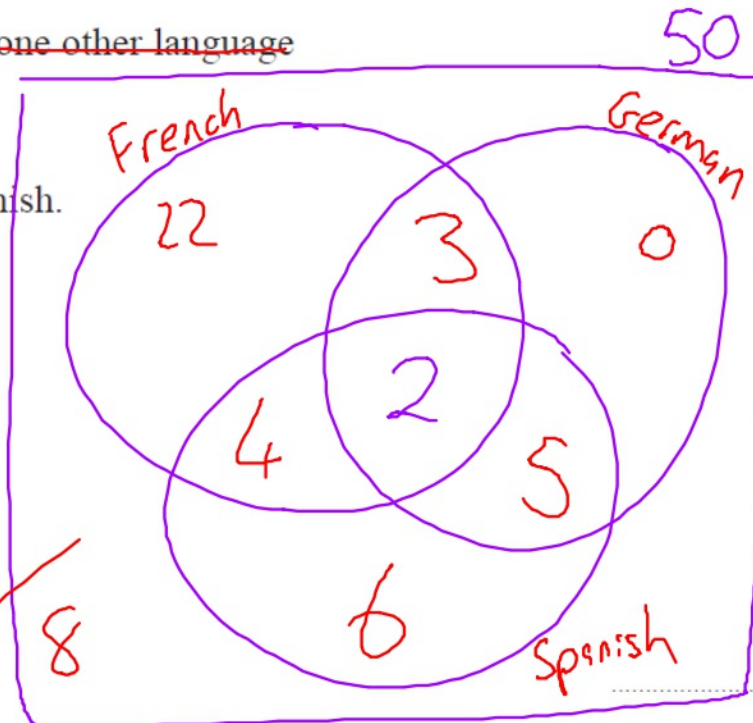
$$31 - 9 = 22$$

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Pick 1 and Pick 2nd

$$\frac{6}{50} \times \frac{5}{49} = \frac{3}{245}$$



(Total for Question 20 is 5 marks)

22 There are only green pens and blue pens in a box.

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A54 There are three more blue pens than green pens in the box.

P31 There are more than 12 pens in the box.

P33 Simon is going to take at random two pens from the box.

The probability that Simon will take two pens of the same colour is $\frac{27}{55}$

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$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \rightarrow \text{green} = x \\ \quad \quad \quad + \\ \text{blue} = x + 3 \end{array} \right\} \text{Total } 2x + 3$$

green & green or blue and blue

$$\left(\frac{x}{2x+3} \times \frac{x-1}{2x+2} \right) + \left(\frac{x+3}{2x+3} \times \frac{x+2}{2x+2} \right) = \frac{27}{55}$$

$$(2x+3)(2x+2)$$

$$4x^2 + 4x + 6x + 6$$

$$4x^2 + 10x + 6$$

$$(x+3)(x+2)$$

$$x^2 + 5x + 6$$

$$55(2x^2 + 4x + 6) = 27(4x^2 + 10x + 6)$$

$$\frac{x^2 - x}{4x^2 + 10x + 6} + \frac{x^2 + 5x + 6}{4x^2 + 10x + 6} = \frac{27}{55}$$

$$110x^2 + 220x + 330 = 108x^2 + 270x + 162$$

$$162$$

$$2x^2 + 4x + 6 = \frac{27}{55}$$

$$110x^2 - 108x^2 + 220x - 270x + 330 - 162 = 0$$

$$2x^2 - 50x + 168 = 0$$

$$x^2 - 25x + 84 = 0$$

$$(x - 21)(x - 4) = 0$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{array}{l} x = 21 \\ x = 4 \end{array}$$

21 ✓

(Total for Question 22 is 6 marks)

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Joe puts the counter back into the bag.

Mary takes at random a counter from the bag.

She puts the counter back into the bag.

(a) What is the probability that Joe and Mary take counters of different colours?

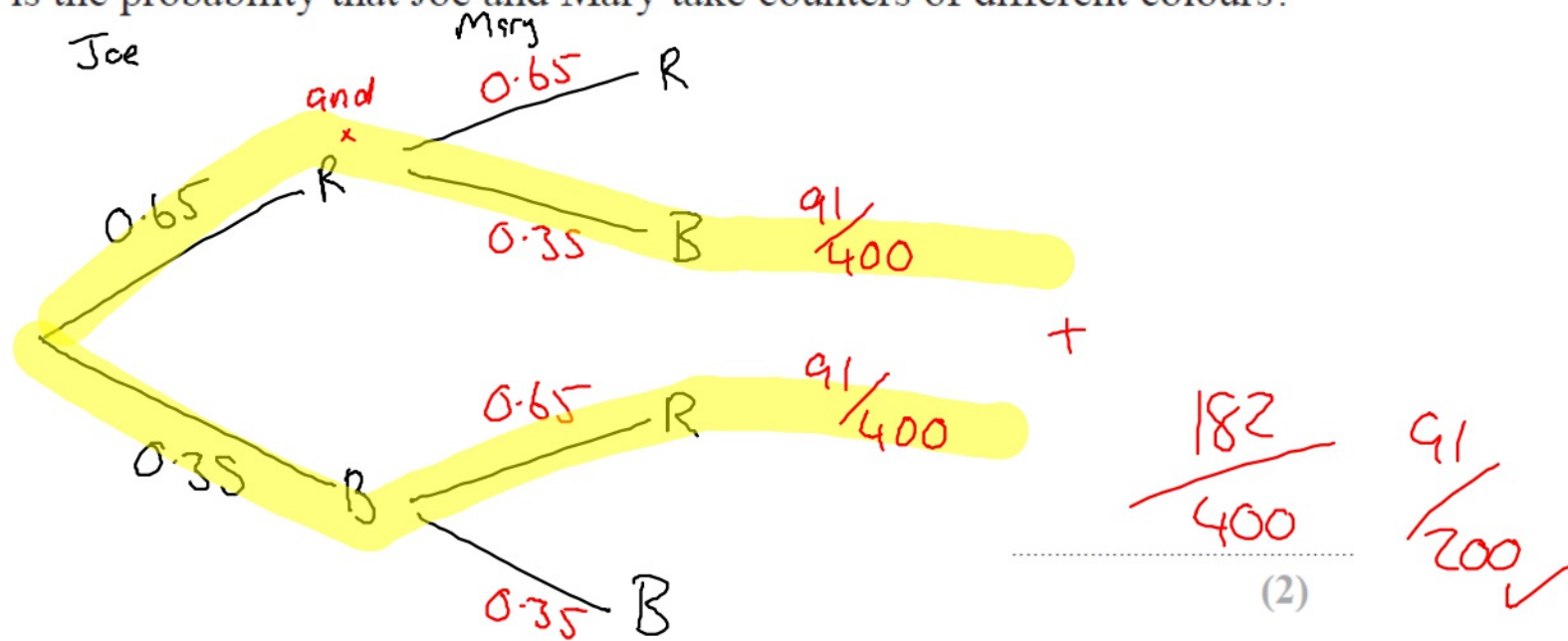
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$$\begin{array}{l} \overline{0.35} \\ \div 13 \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 0.65 = 78 \text{ counters} \\ 0.05 = \\ 0.35 = 42 \end{array} \right. \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 42 \\ \hline \checkmark^{(2)} \end{array}$$

AQA

18 A bag contains 20 discs.
10 are red, 7 are blue and 3 are green.

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18 (a) Marnie takes a disc at random before putting it back in the bag.
Nick then takes a disc at random before putting it back in the bag.
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Work out the probability that they all take a red disc.

[2 marks]

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Work out the probability that they all take a red disc.

$$\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{8} \quad \text{[2 marks]}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} R & \text{and} & R & \text{and} & R & & \\ \hline \frac{10}{20} & \times & \frac{10}{20} & \times & \frac{10}{20} & & \end{array}$$

Answer $\frac{1}{8}$

18 (b) All 20 discs are in the bag.

Reggie takes three discs at random, one after the other.

After he takes a disc he does **not** put it back in the bag.

Reggie's first disc is blue.

Work out the probability that all three discs are different colours.

[3 marks]

Answer _____

18 (b)

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10 Red
7 blue
3 Green

$$B \left(R \quad G \right) \quad \text{or} \quad B \left(G \quad R \right)$$
$$\frac{7}{20} \left(\frac{10}{19} \times \frac{3}{18} \right) \quad + \quad \left(\frac{3}{19} \times \frac{10}{18} \right)$$
$$\frac{5}{57} \quad + \quad \frac{5}{57}$$

[3 marks]

Answer

$$\frac{10}{57} \checkmark$$

- 16** In a running club there are 50 females and 80 males.
If a female is chosen at random, the probability she has blue eyes is 0.38
- P31** If a male is chosen at random, the probability he has blue eyes is 0.6

One person is chosen at random.

Show that the probability the person has blue eyes is **more than** 0.5

[4 marks]

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[4 marks]

(female and blue) or (Male and blue)

$$\left(\frac{50}{130} \times 0.38\right) + \left(\frac{80}{130} \times 0.6\right)$$

$$\frac{67}{130}$$

$$\frac{67}{130} > \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{as } \frac{65}{130} = \frac{1}{2}$$

