

PROBABILITY AND STATISTICS, Homework Exercises 1.

1. A group of 10 people orders 5 beers, 3 coffees and 2 cakes in a restaurant (each of them orders one item and there is only one flavour of beer, coffee, and cake available). The absent-minded waiter forgets who ordered what, and hence, he randomly gives to each person an item. What is the probability that everybody gets what he/she had wanted.
2. Classical problem of noble man De Méré: How the probabilities below are related to each other? Compare the numerical values.
 - (a) Casting a fair die 4 times, find the probability that at least one of the outcomes is the number 6.
 - (b) Casting two fair dice 24 times, find the probability that at least one of the outcomes is a double 6.
3. Consider a randomly selected two-children family from a population where the gender of children is independent of each other, but the boy – girl probability is a little bit different from the $1/2 - 1/2$. How the probabilities below are related to each other? How the difference between the two behaves if we get farther and farther from the $1/2 - 1/2$ ratio?
 - (a) The two children have the same gender.
 - (b) The two children have distinct genders.
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 - (a) A red and a green fair dice are rolled. What is the conditional probability that the red one leads to 6 given that the sum of the dice is k ? Compute for all possible values of $2 \leq k \leq 12$.
 - (b) Two red dice are rolled. Find the probability that the maximum of the two numbers is k ($k=1,2,3,4,5,6$). Then find the probability that the minimum of the two numbers is k ($k=1,2,3,4,5,6$).
5. Three cooks, A, B, and C bake a special kind of cake, and with respective probabilities 0.03, 0.05, and 0.06 it fails to rise. In the restaurant where they work, A bakes 50 per cent of these cakes, B 30 per cent, and C 20 per cent. What is the average proportion of failures? What proportion of “failures” is caused by A? by B? by C?