



# Grade 9/10 Math Circles

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## Probability II - Solutions

### In-Lesson Exercises

1. Dice rolls are independent.

$$(a) P(\text{even}) \cdot P(\text{odd}) = 1/2 \cdot 1/2 = 1/4$$

$$(b) P(1) \cdot P(1^C) = P(1) \cdot (1 - P(1)) = 1/6 \cdot (1 - 1/6) = 5/36$$

2. Choosing with replacement is independent.

$$(a) P(\text{red}) \cdot P(\text{green}) = 2/10 \cdot 3/10 = 6/100$$

$$(b) P(\text{blue}) \cdot P(\text{blue}) = 5/10 \cdot 5/10 = 25/100$$

3. Let's write  $D$  = you roll doubles and  $S$  = the rolls sum to at least 10.

There are six ways to roll doubles, out of 36 total rolls, so  $P(D) = 6/36 = 1/6$ .

There are two ways to roll doubles that sum to at least 10 (5/5 and 6/6), so  $P(D \cap S) = 2/36$ .

$$P(S|D) = \frac{P(D \cap S)}{P(D)} = \frac{2/36}{1/6} = 1/3$$

4. Since  $B \subseteq A$ , we know  $A \cap B = B$ .

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} = \frac{P(B)}{P(B)} = 1$$



5. We already found the probability of getting a pair of red socks in the lesson, so now we just need to find the probability of getting a pair of black socks and a pair of white socks. The probability of getting any pair will be the sum of the probabilities of getting a pair of each colour.

Let  $B1$  = the first sock is black,  $B2$  = the second sock is black,  $W1$  = the first sock is white, and  $W2$  = the second sock is white.

$$P(B1 \cap B2) = P(B1) \cdot P(B2|B1) = \frac{6}{20} \cdot \frac{5}{19} = \frac{30}{380}$$

$$P(W1 \cap W2) = P(W1) \cdot P(W2|W1) = \frac{4}{20} \cdot \frac{3}{19} = \frac{12}{380}$$

So, we see that

$$P(\text{pair}) = \frac{30}{380} + \frac{90}{380} + \frac{12}{380} = \frac{132}{380} \approx 35\%$$

6. Let  $B$  be the event that someone plays board games and let  $V$  be the event that someone plays video games. We know  $P(V|B) = 5/10$ ,  $P(V|B^C) = 2/10$ , and  $P(B) = 7/10$ . The complement rule says  $P(B^C) = 3/10$ . So,

$$P(V) = P(V|B) \cdot P(B) + P(V|B^C) \cdot P(B^C) = \frac{5}{10} \cdot \frac{7}{10} + \frac{2}{10} \cdot \frac{3}{10} = \frac{41}{100}$$

7. Let  $C$  mean someone likes cookies and  $B$  mean someone likes brownies. We want to find  $P(B|C)$ .

We know that  $P(C) = \frac{8}{10}$ ,  $P(B) = \frac{4}{10}$ , and  $P(C|B) = \frac{9}{10}$ . Using Bayes' Theorem,

$$P(B|C) = \frac{P(C|B) \cdot P(B)}{P(C)} = \frac{\frac{9}{10} \cdot \frac{4}{10}}{\frac{8}{10}} = \frac{36}{80} = 0.45$$