

Ex1: Bob has 20 different dress shirts in his wardrobe

(a) In how many ways can he select 7 shirts to pack for his business trip?

(b) In how many ways can he select 5 of those 7 dress shirts: one - for Monday, ..., one - for Friday?

Answer: (a) ${}_{20}C_7$, (b) ${}_7P_5$

Ex2: See Ex 4 from Lecture 35.

Ex2': Same q-s as in Ex 2, but when tossing a coin 9 times instead of 3.

Ex3: Bob rolls dice twice. Find the probability of the following events:

(a) E_1 : "Both dice show 1 or 2 dots at the end"

(b) E_2 : "At least one dice has 1 or 2 dots".

Answer: (a) $1/9$, (b) $5/9$.

Def: Two events are said to be independent events if the occurrence of one event does not affect the probability of the occurrence of the other event.

! When events E and F are independent, the probability that both occur is the product of their respective probabilities.

$$P_r(E \text{ and } F) = P_r(E) \cdot P_r(F)$$

the multiplication principle for independent events

Ex 5 (Exercise 16.3.49) An honest coin is tossed 10 times in a row. The result of each toss (H or T) is observed.

Find the probability of the event $E =$ "a T comes up at least once"

$$1 - \frac{1}{2^{10}} = \frac{1023}{1024}$$

Idea: $\frac{1}{2^{10}}$ is the probability of the complementary event.

Def: Let E be an arbitrary event. If F denotes the number of ways the event E can occur, while U denotes the number of ways that E does not occur, then the

• odds of the event E are given by $F:U$

• odds against the event E are given by $U:F$.

Note: $P_r(E) = \frac{F}{F+U}$

Ex 4: Find the odds of an event E with $P_r(E) = \frac{7}{11}$.