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## Solutions

- Solution:** Sum of  $P(x) = k(1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2) + k(4 + 5) = k(14) + k(9) = 23k = 1 \Rightarrow k = 1/23$ .
- Solution:**  $P(X \geq 3) = 1 - [P(X = 1) + P(X = 2)] = 1 - [1/2 + (1/2)^2] = 1 - 3/4 = 1/4$ .
- Solution:** Total balls = 10. Drawn = 3.  ${}^{10}C_3 = 120$ .  $P(0) = \frac{{}^6C_3}{{}^{120}} = \frac{20}{120} = \frac{1}{6}$ ;  $P(1) = \frac{{}^4C_1 \cdot {}^6C_2}{{}^{120}} = \frac{60}{120} = \frac{1}{2}$ ;  $P(2) = \frac{{}^4C_2 \cdot {}^6C_1}{{}^{120}} = \frac{36}{120} = \frac{3}{10}$ ;  $P(3) = \frac{{}^4C_3}{{}^{120}} = \frac{4}{120} = \frac{1}{30}$ .
- Solution:**  $\sum P(x) = k[{}^3C_0 {}^5C_2 + {}^3C_1 {}^5C_1 + {}^3C_2 {}^5C_0] = k[10 + 15 + 3] = 28k = 1 \Rightarrow k = 1/28$ .
- Solution:**  $P = 1/2^3 + 1/2^6 + 1/2^9 + \dots = \frac{1/8}{1-1/8} = \frac{1/8}{7/8} = 1/7$ .
- Solution:**  $a[2/3 + (2/3)^2 + \dots] = a \left[ \frac{2/3}{1-2/3} \right] = a(2) = 1 \Rightarrow a = 1/2$ .
- Solution:** Face cards = 12. Non-face = 40. Total ways =  ${}^{52}C_2$ .  $P(X = 1) = \frac{{}^{12}C_1 \cdot {}^{40}C_1}{{}^{52}C_2} = \frac{12 \times 40}{1326} = \frac{480}{1326} = \frac{80}{221}$ .
- Solution:**  $k[1/0! + 1/1! + 1/2! + 1/3!] = k[1 + 1 + 0.5 + 0.166] = k[8/3] = 1 \Rightarrow k = 3/8$ .
- Solution:**  $P(\text{Spade}) = 1/4, P(\text{Other}) = 3/4$ .  $E(X) = 5(1/4) + (-2)(3/4) = 5/4 - 6/4 = -1/4$ .
- Solution:**  $k/2 + k/4 + k/6 + k/8 + k/10 = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{k}{2} [1 + 1/2 + 1/3 + 1/4 + 1/5] = 1$ .  $k(137/120) = 1 \Rightarrow k = 120/137$ . Even  $x$  are 2, 4.  $P = k/4 + k/8 = 3k/8$ .
- Solution:** Sum 9 on 2 dice: (3,6), (4,5), (5,4), (6,3).  $p = 4/36 = 1/9, q = 8/9$ .  $P(x) = {}^3C_x (1/9)^x (8/9)^{3-x}$ .
- Solution:**  $k = \sum_{x=0}^n (x+1) = 1 + 2 + \dots + (n+1) = \frac{(n+1)(n+2)}{2}$ .
- Solution:**  $P(0) = \frac{{}^5C_2}{{}^8C_2} = \frac{10}{28}$ ;  $P(1) = \frac{{}^5C_1 \cdot {}^3C_1}{{}^{28}} = \frac{15}{28}$ ;  $P(2) = \frac{{}^3C_2}{{}^{28}} = \frac{3}{28}$ .
- Solution:**  $2P(5) = P(4) + P(6) \Rightarrow 2\binom{n}{5} = \binom{n}{4} + \binom{n}{6}$ . Solving gives  $n = 7$  or 14. (Standard result for  ${}^n C_r$  in AP).
- Solution:**  $k[2^{-1} + 2^0 + 2^{-1}] = k[1/2 + 1 + 1/2] = 2k = 1 \Rightarrow k = 1/2$ .
- Solution:**  $E(X) = 1(1/6) + 2(1/3) + 3(1/2) = 1/6 + 2/3 + 3/2 = (1+4+9)/6 = 14/6 = 7/3$ .
- Solution:** For  $X = 3$ , one defective must be in first two draws, and the 2nd defective must be at the 3rd draw.  $P = P(D, ND, D) + P(ND, D, D) = (2/6 \cdot 4/5 \cdot 1/4) + (4/6 \cdot 2/5 \cdot 1/4) = 8/120 + 8/120 = 16/120 = 2/15$ .
- Solution:**  $\sum \frac{{}^n C_x}{2^n} = \frac{1}{2^n} \sum {}^n C_x = \frac{2^n}{2^n} = 1$ .
- Solution:**  $1 - P(0) = 1 - (3/4)^4 = 1 - 81/256 = 175/256$ .
- Solution:**  $P(2) = P(1)/2, P(3) = P(1)/4, \dots, P(k) = P(1)/2^{k-1}$ . Sum =  $P(1)[1 + 1/2 + 1/4 + \dots] = 1 \Rightarrow P(1) \cdot 2 = 1 \Rightarrow P(1) = 1/2$ .