MATH 3160 - Probability - Fall 2018

Please write Your name:

You may leave your answer in terms of sums, products, factorials or binomial coefficients, and fractions. There is NO need to simplify. NO calculators are needed.

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(1) What is the probability that if we roll 2 dice, the sum is 3?

Answer: $\frac{2}{36} = \frac{1}{18}$

(2) What is the probability that if we roll 2 dice, the sum is 5?

Answer:
$$\frac{4}{36} = \frac{1}{9}$$

(3) What is the probability that if we roll 3 dice, the sum is 18?

Answer:
$$\frac{1}{6^3} = \frac{1}{216}$$

(4) If we choose 3 cards out of 52 at random. What is the probability that they are of the same color?

Answer:
$$\frac{\begin{pmatrix} 2\\1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 26\\3 \end{pmatrix}}{\begin{pmatrix} 52\\3 \end{pmatrix}}$$

(5) If we choose 3 cards out of 52 at random. What is the probability that their colors are all different?

Answer: 0

(6) Suppose we choose 6 balls at random from a box containing 9 red and 8 blue balls. What is the probability that, among these 6 balls, 4 are red and 2 are blue?

Answer:
$$\frac{\begin{pmatrix} 9\\4 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 8\\2 \end{pmatrix}}{\begin{pmatrix} 17\\6 \end{pmatrix}}$$