

1. (10pts) In 2012, elections are held for 33 Senate seats. The table below breaks down the current make-up of the senate by party affiliation and whether the senator does not face an election this year, is running for re-election, or is retiring from the Senate.

Party	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
No election	30	0	37
Incumbent running	15	1	3
Incumbent retiring	6	1	7

If a current random senator is selected, what is the probability that the senator  
a) is a Democrat? b) is an incumbent running?  
c) a retiring Republican?  
d) does not face an election in 2012?

Total: 100

a)  $\frac{30+15+6}{100} = \frac{51}{100}$     b)  $\frac{15+1+3}{100} = \frac{19}{100}$     c)  $\frac{7}{100}$     d)  $\frac{30+37}{100} = \frac{67}{100}$

[d] may also be interpreted to have answer  $\frac{30+37+6+1+7}{100} = \frac{81}{100}$

2. (20pts) Write the probabilities and odds against and in favor of the following events (show any work needed below):

Event	probability	odds against	odds in favor
a) Drawing a jack from a deck of cards	$\frac{4}{52} = \frac{1}{13}$	48:4 = 12:1	1:12
b) Rolling an odd number on a die	$\frac{3}{6}$	3:3 = 1:1	1:1
c) Drawing a black odd-number card from a deck of cards	$\frac{10}{52} = \frac{5}{26}$	42:10 = 21:5	5:21
d) Getting exactly one tail on three coin tosses	$\frac{3}{8}$	5:3	3:5
e) Getting numbers 1 apart on a roll of two dice (e.g., 3 and 4)	$\frac{10}{36} = \frac{5}{18}$	26:10 = 13:5	5:13

a) 4 jacks in a deck of 52 cards

b) Odd numbers = 1, 3, 5

c) Odd numbers: 1, 3, 5, 7, 9  
Two suits of black means 10 odd numbers

d) There are eight outcomes:  $\begin{array}{ccc} \_ & \_ & \_ \\ \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow \\ \_ & \_ & \_ \end{array}$   
2 choices each  
 $2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 = 8$   
Exactly one tail is THH, HTH or HHT

e) Numbers one apart are:

$\begin{array}{cc} 1,2 & 2,1 \\ 2,3 & 3,2 \\ 3,4 & 4,3 \\ 4,5 & 5,4 \\ 5,6 & 6,5 \end{array}$  } 10 pairs

3. (4pts) The odds against that a certain tree loses its leaves before Nov. 1st are 7-to-5.

- a) What is the probability the tree loses its leaves before Nov. 1st?  
 b) What is the probability the tree doesn't lose its leaves before Nov. 1st?

7 ways it doesn't happen  
 5 ways it does

a)  $\frac{5}{12}$       b)  $\frac{7}{12}$

4. (4pts) 36% of all readers' comments on a news website are obnoxious.

- a) What are the odds in favor of randomly choosing an obnoxious comment?  
 b) What are the odds against randomly choosing an obnoxious comment?

36 ways it happens (of 100)  
 - 64 it doesn't

a)  $36:64 = 9:16$   
 b)  $64:36 = 16:9$

5. (12pts) Two dice are rolled. What is the probability that

- a) sum is 3 or 8?  
 b) numbers on the dice are equal or both are odd?  
 c) at least one of the numbers is even?

a)  $P(\text{sum } 3 \text{ OR } \text{sum } 8) = P(\text{sum } 3) + P(\text{sum } 8)$  (since they are mutually exclusive)

↑	2,6
1,2	3,5
2,1	4,4
	5,3
	6,2

$$= \frac{2}{36} + \frac{5}{36} = \frac{7}{36} = 0.194444$$

b)  $P(\text{numbers equal OR both odd}) = P(\text{numbers equal}) + P(\text{both odd}) - P(\text{numbers equal AND both odd})$

1,1	1,1
2,2	3,2
3,3	5,5
4,4	
5,5	
6,6	

$\frac{6}{36} + \frac{9}{36} - \frac{3}{36} = \frac{12}{36} = \frac{1}{3}$

$\begin{array}{c} \text{3 dice each} \\ 3 \cdot 3 = 9 \end{array}$

c)  $P(\text{at least one is even}) = 1 - P(\text{both are odd}) = 1 - \frac{9}{36} = \frac{36-9}{36} = \frac{27}{36} = \frac{3}{4}$

6. (10pts) At the KDQ department store, 42% of apparel items are discounted, 13% have been in the store less than a month, and 51% of items are discounted or have been in the store less than a month. What is the probability that a randomly chosen apparel item

- a) is discounted and has been in the store less than a month?  
 b) is not discounted or it hasn't been in the store less than a month?

a)  $P(\text{discounted OR } < 1 \text{ mo}) = P(\text{disc.}) + P(< 1 \text{ mo}) - P(\text{disc. AND } < 1 \text{ mo})$

$$0.51 = 0.42 + 0.13 - P(\text{disc. AND } < 1 \text{ mo}) - 0.55$$

$$-0.04 = -P, \quad P(\text{disc. AND } < 1 \text{ mo}) = 0.04$$

b)  $P(\text{not disc. OR not } < 1 \text{ mo}) = 1 - P(\text{disc. AND } < 1 \text{ mo})$

$$= 1 - 0.04 = 0.96$$