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P(B) = q	P(AandB) = 2pq	$P(2AandB) = 3p^2q$
	$P(BB) = q^2$	$P(Aand 2B) = 3pq^2$
		$P(BBB) = q^3$

4 Events

 $P(AAAA) = p^{4}$ $P(3AandB) = 4 p^{3}q$ $P(2Aand 2B) = 6 p^{2}q^{2}$ $P(Aand 3B) = 4 pq^{3}$ $P(BBBB) = q^{4}$

If an event is repeated *n* times and P(X) = pand $P(\overline{X}) = q$ then the probability that *X* will occur exactly *k* times is;

$$P(X=k) = {}^{n}C_{k}q^{n-k}p^{k}$$

Note: X = k, means X will occur exactly k times

- e.g.(i) A bag contains 30 black balls and 20 white balls. Seven drawings are made (with replacement), what is the probability of drawing; Let X be the number of black balls drawn b) 4 black balls?
- a) All black balls?

$$P(X = 7) = {}^{7}C_{7}\left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^{0}\left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^{7} \qquad P(X = 4) = {}^{7}C_{4}\left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^{3}\left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^{4}$$
$$= \frac{{}^{7}C_{7}3^{7}}{5^{7}} = \frac{2187}{78125} = \frac{4536}{15625}$$

- (ii) At an election 30% of voters favoured Party A. If at random an interviewer selects 5 voters, what is the probability that;
- a) 3 favoured Party A? Let *X* be the number favouring Party A

$$P(3A) = {}^{5}C_{3} \left(\frac{7}{10}\right)^{2} \left(\frac{3}{10}\right)^{3}$$
$$= \frac{{}^{5}C_{3}7^{2}3^{3}}{10^{5}} = \frac{1323}{10000}$$

b) majority favour A?

$$P(X \ge 3) = {}^{5}C_{3} \left(\frac{7}{10}\right)^{2} \left(\frac{3}{10}\right)^{3} + {}^{5}C_{4} \left(\frac{7}{10}\right)^{1} \left(\frac{3}{10}\right)^{4} + {}^{5}C_{5} \left(\frac{7}{10}\right)^{0} \left(\frac{3}{10}\right)^{5}$$
$$= \frac{{}^{5}C_{3}7^{2}3^{3} + {}^{5}C_{4}7 \cdot 3^{4} + {}^{5}C_{5}3^{5}}{10^{5}}$$
$$= \frac{4077}{25000}$$

c) at most 2 favoured A?

$$P(X \le 2) = 1 - P(X \ge 3)$$
$$= 1 - \frac{4077}{25000}$$
$$= \frac{20923}{25000}$$

2005 Extension 1 HSC Q6a)

There are five matches on each weekend of a football season. Megan takes part in a competition in which she earns 1 point if she picks more than half of the winning teams for a weekend, and zero points otherwise.

The probability that Megan correctly picks the team that wins in any given match is $\frac{2}{3}$

(i) Show that the probability that Megan earns one point for a given weekend is 0.7901, correct to four decimal places.

Let *X* be the number of matches picked correctly

$$P(X \ge 3) = {}^{5}C_{3} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{2} \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{3} + {}^{5}C_{4} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{1} \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{4} + {}^{5}C_{5} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{0} \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{5}$$
$$= \frac{{}^{5}C_{3}2^{3} + {}^{5}C_{4}2^{4} + {}^{5}C_{5}2^{5}}{3^{5}}$$

= 0.7901

(ii) Hence find the probability that Megan earns one point every week of the eighteen week season. Give your answer correct to two decimal places.

Let *Y* be the number of weeks Megan earns a point

 $P(Y = 18) = {}^{18}C_{18} (0 \cdot 2099)^0 (0 \cdot 7901)^{18}$ $= 0 \cdot 01 \text{ (to } 2 \text{ dp)}$

(iii) Find the probability that Megan earns at most 16 points during the eighteen week season. Give your answer correct to two decimal places.

$$P(Y \le 16) = 1 - P(Y \ge 17)$$

= $1 - {}^{18}C_{17} (0 \cdot 2099)^{1} (0 \cdot 7901)^{17} - {}^{18}C_{18} (0 \cdot 2099)^{0} (0 \cdot 7901)^{18}$
= $0 \cdot 92$ (to 2 dp)

2007 Extension 1 HSC Q4a)

In a large city, 10% of the population has green eyes.

(i) What is the probability that two randomly chosen people have green eyes?

$$P(2 \text{ green}) = 0.1 \times 0.1$$

= 0.01

(ii) What is the probability that exactly two of a group of 20 randomly chosen people have green eyes? Give your answer correct to three decimal eyes.

Let *X* be the number of people with green eyes

$$P(X = 2) = {}^{20}C_2 (0.9)^{18} (0.1)^2$$

= 0.2851...
= 0.285 (to 3 dp)

(iii) What is the probability that more than two of a group of 20 randomly chosen people have green eyes? Give your answer correct to two decimal places.

$$P(X > 2) = 1 - P(X \le 2)$$

= $1 - {}^{20}C_2 (0.9)^{18} (0.1)^2 - {}^{20}C_1 (0.9)^{19} (0.1)^1 - {}^{20}C_0 (0.9)^{20} (0.1)^0$
= $0.3230...$
= 0.32 (to 2 dp)

