

5.4) Tree diagrams

Worked example

There are three red and nine yellow counters in a bag. A counter is taken from the bag at random and not replaced. A second counter is then taken from the bag.

Determine the probability that:

- a) Both counters are green.
- b) The counters are different colours.

Your turn

There are seven green and five blue beads in a bag. A bead is taken from the bag at random and not replaced. A second bead is then taken from the bag.

Determine the probability that:

- a) Both beads are green.
- b) The beads are different colours.

a) $\frac{7}{22}$

b) $\frac{35}{66}$

Worked example

There are 5 blue and 4 red beads in a bag. I take two beads at random. Determine the probability that:

- a) They are of the same colour.
- b) They are of different colours.

Your turn

There are 3 yellow and 2 green counters in a bag. I take two counters at random.

Determine the probability that:

- a) They are of the same colour.
- b) They are of different colours.

a) $\frac{2}{5}$

b) $\frac{3}{5}$

Worked example

A bag contains 15 tokens, 3 coloured blue, 5 coloured red and 7 coloured yellow.

Three tokens are drawn from the bag without replacement.

Find the probability that the third token is yellow, given that the first two are yellow.

Your turn

A bag contains 14 tokens, 4 coloured purple, 7 coloured orange and 3 coloured green.

Three tokens are drawn from the bag without replacement.

Find the probability that the third token is purple, given that the first two are purple.

$$\frac{2}{12} = \frac{1}{6}$$

Worked example

A bag contains 15 tokens, 3 coloured blue, 5 coloured red and 7 coloured yellow.

Three tokens are drawn from the bag without replacement.

Find the probability that all three tokens are different colours.

Your turn

A bag contains 14 tokens, 4 coloured purple, 7 coloured orange and 3 coloured green.

Three tokens are drawn from the bag without replacement.

Find the probability that all three tokens are different colours.

$$\frac{3}{13}$$

Worked example

The probability I hit a target on each shot is 0.4. I keep firing until I hit the target. Determine the probability I hit the target on the 6th shot.

Your turn

The probability I hit a target on each shot is 0.3. I keep firing until I hit the target. Determine the probability I hit the target on the 5th shot.

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