

Probability Theory Homework 3

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1. How many sequences of 5 letters satisfy **all three** of the following conditions?

- All 5 letters must be distinct.
- At least one letter must be a consonant.
- At least one letter must be a vowel.

(There are 21 consonants and 5 vowels in the alphabet.)

2. A bag of marbles contains 6 red marbles and 10 blue marbles.

Suppose I tell you that I took 3 marbles out of the bag (without replacement), and they were all the same color. What is the probability that all 3 marbles were red?

3. You roll a fair six-sided die three times. What is the probability that you roll three different numbers in ascending order?

(For example, 1, 3, 6 counts, because $1 < 3 < 6$, but 3, 6, 1 does not count, because 6 is not less than 1, and 2, 2, 5 does not count, because 2 is not less than 2.)

4. You draw 4 cards from a standard 52-card deck. What is the probability that you draw one card of each suit if:

- (a) You draw a hand of 4 cards, so you are holding them all at once?
- (b) You draw 4 cards one at a time, putting each card back and shuffling before you draw the next?

(There are 4 suits in the deck; there are 13 cards of each suit.)

5. A biased coin has a $\frac{2}{3}$ probability of landing heads and a $\frac{1}{3}$ probability of landing tails.

You toss the coin 9 times. Which of the two options below is more likely to happen?

- The coin lands heads only 3 times, and lands tails 6 times.
- The coin lands heads all 9 times.