

# Probability

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## Combination Based Examples

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➤ **Example 1:** A bag contains 6 white and 4 red and 10 black balls. 2 balls are drawn at random. What is the probability that both of them are black?

■ **Solution:**

■ Total number of balls =  $6 + 4 + 10 = 20$

2 balls can be drawn from 20 balls in  ${}^{20}C_2$  ways =  $\frac{20!}{2! \times (20-2)!}$

$$= \frac{20 \times 19 \times 18!}{2 \times 18!} = 190 \text{ ways} \quad (\text{Total No. of possible Events})$$

Similarly, 2 ball from 10 black balls can be drawn in  ${}^{10}C_2$  ways =  $\frac{10!}{2! \times (10-2)!}$

$$= \frac{10 \times 9 \times 8!}{2 \times 8!} = 45 \text{ ways} \quad (\text{No. of Favourable Events})$$

Therefore, the probability that two balls drawn are black =  $45/190 = 0.24 \text{ Ans}$

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➤ **Example 2:** A bag contains 8 white and 4 red balls. 5 balls are drawn at random. What is the probability that 2 of them are red and 3 are white?

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■ **Solution:**

■ Total number of balls =  $8 + 4 = 12$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{5 balls can be drawn from 12 balls in } & 12C_5 \text{ ways} = \frac{12!}{5! \times (12-5)!} \\ = & \frac{12 \times 11 \times 10 \times 9 \times 8 \times 7!}{5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 7!} = 792 \text{ ways} \quad (\text{Total No. of possible Cases}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Similarly, 2 ball from 4 red balls can be drawn in } & 4C_2 \text{ ways} = \frac{4!}{2! \times (4-2)!} \\ = & \frac{4 \times 3 \times 2!}{2 \times 2!} = 6 \text{ ways} \end{aligned}$$

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Similarly, 3 ball from 8 white balls can be drawn in  $8C_3$  ways =  $\frac{8!}{3! \times (8-3)!}$

$$= \frac{8 \times 7 \times 6 \times 5!}{3 \times 2 \times 5!} = 56 \text{ ways}$$

Therefore, the probability that two balls drawn are red and 3 black

$$\frac{\text{No. of Favourable Cases}}{\text{Total No. of possible Cases}} = \frac{4C_2 \times 8C_3}{12C_5}$$
$$= \frac{6 \times 56}{792} = \frac{14}{33} = \mathbf{0.424 \text{ Ans}}$$