Topic: Probability (Trees and Venns)



Topic/Skill	Definition/Tips	Example
1. Tree	Tree diagrams show all the possible	Bag A Bag B
Diagrams	outcomes of an event and calculate their	1 _ red
	probabilities.	1 3
		red 2
	All branches must add up to 1 when	black
	adding downwards.	1
	This is because the probability of	4 3 red
	something not happening is 1 minus the	black 3
	probability that it does happen.	black
	Multiply going across a tree diagram.	3
	whitepiy going across a nee diagram.	
	Add going down a tree diagram.	
2. Independent	The outcome of a previous event does not	An example of independent events
Events	influence/affect the outcome of a second	could be replacing a counter in a bag
	event.	after picking it.
3. Dependent	The outcome of a previous event does	An example of dependent events could
Events	influence/affect the outcome of a second	be not replacing a counter in a bag after
	event.	picking it.
4 B 1 1 11.	D(A) C	'Without replacement'
4. Probability	P(A) refers to the probability that event A	P(Red Queen) refers to the probability
Notation	will occur.	of picking a Red Queen from a pack of cards.
		cards.
	P(A') refers to the probability that event	P(Blue') refers to the probability that
	A will <u>not</u> occur.	you do not pick Blue.
		you do not pron 2100.
	$P(A \cup B)$ refers to the probability that	P(Blonde ∪ Right Handed) refers to the
	event A or B or both will occur.	probability that you pick someone who
		is Blonde or Right Handed or both.
	$P(A \cap B)$ refers to the probability that	P(Blonde ∩ Right Handed) refers to the
	both events A and B will occur.	probability that you pick someone who
5. Venn	A Venn Diagram shows the relationship	is both Blonde and Right Handed.
Diagrams	between a group of different things and	$A \longrightarrow B$ $A \longrightarrow B$
Diagrams	how they overlap.	
	The state of the s	
	You may be asked to shade Venn Diagrams	
	as shown below and to the right.	$(A \cap B)'$ $(A \cup B)'$
		A B A B
	$A \cup B$ $A \cap B$	
	$A \longrightarrow B \subseteq A \longrightarrow B \subseteq A$	
	The Union The Intersection	
	'A or B or Both' 'A and B'	

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		$A \cap B$ $A \cup B'$ B
6. Venn Diagram	∈ means ' element of a set ' (a value in the set)	Set A is the even numbers less than 10. $A = \{2, 4, 6, 8\}$
Notation	{ } means the collection of values in the set. ξ means the 'universal set' (all the values to consider in the question)	Set B is the prime numbers less than 10. $B = \{2, 3, 5, 7\}$
	A' means 'not in set A' (called complement) A ∪ B means 'A or B or both' (called Union)	$A \cup B = \{2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$ $A \cap B = \{2\}$
	A∩B means 'A and B (called Intersection)	
7. AND rule for Probability	When two events, A and B, are independent:	What is the probability of rolling a 4 and flipping a Tails?
	$P(A \ and \ B) = P(A) \times P(B)$	$P(4 \text{ and } Tails) = P(4) \times P(Tails)$ $= \frac{1}{6} \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{12}$
8. OR rule for Probability	When two events, A and B, are mutually exclusive:	What is the probability of rolling a 2 or rolling a 5?
	P(A or B) = P(A) + P(B)	$P(2 \text{ or } 5) = P(2) + P(5)$ $= \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6} = \frac{2}{6} = \frac{1}{3}$
9. Conditional Probability	The probability of an event A happening, given that event B has already happened.	1st Bead 2nd Bead
	With conditional probability, check if the numbers on the second branches of a tree diagram changes. For example, if you have 4 red beads in a bag of 9 beads and pick a red bead on the first pick, then there will be 3 red beads left out of 8 beads on the	$ \frac{4}{9} $ Red $ \frac{5}{8} $ Green $ \frac{4}{8} $ Red $ \frac{4}{8} $ Red
	second pick.	4/8 Green

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