

Homework 9

Mathematics in Computer Science

1. What is the expected time to draw the integer 1 from the set $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ with replacement?
2. What is the expected time to draw all integers from 1 to n with replacement?
3. In a random hand of five cards in poker, what is the probability of having (a flush) five cards of the same suit?
4.
 - (a) Role a k -sided dice three times. How many possible outcomes are there?
 - (b) What is the probability of the same face (number) of the k -sided dice appearing exactly two times in the three roles?
 - (c) If it were a 6-sided dice what is the probability of the same face appearing exactly two times?
 - (d) What is the probability of the same face appearing three times?
 - (e) What is the probability of the no face ever appearing twice?
 - (f) What is the sum of the above three probabilities?
5. If E and F are independent events, prove that \overline{E} and \overline{F} are independent events.
6.
 - (a) What is the probability that two people chosen at random were born on the same day of the week?
 - (b) What is the probability the in a group of n people chosen at random, there are at least two born on the same day of the week?
 - (c) How many people chosen at random are needed to make the probability greater than $1/2$ that there are at least two people born in the same month of the year?
7. Suppose that 8% of players use steroids, that a player tested for steroids who is on steroids tests positive 96% of the time, and that a player not on steroids tests positive 9% of the time. What is the probability of a player who tests positive actually takes steroids?
8. Give three events A , B , and C where each pair of events are statistically independent but the three events are not three way independent?
9. For a set of n events what is the difference between the events being independent and the events being pairwise independent?