

Solutions for STAT 270 assignment 2

38.

$$a. P(\text{selecting 2 - 75 watt bulbs}) = \frac{\binom{6}{2} \binom{9}{1}}{\binom{15}{3}} = \frac{15 \cdot 9}{455} = .2967$$

$$b. P(\text{all three are the same}) = \frac{\binom{4}{3} + \binom{5}{3} + \binom{6}{3}}{\binom{15}{3}} = \frac{4 + 10 + 20}{455} = .0747$$

$$c. \binom{4}{1} \binom{5}{1} \binom{6}{1} = \frac{120}{455} = .2637$$

Example 2: Probability

- d. To examine exactly one, a 75 watt bulb must be chosen first. (6 ways to accomplish this). To examine exactly two, we must choose another wattage first, then a 75 watt. (9×6 ways). Following the pattern, for exactly three, $9 \times 8 \times 6$ ways; for four, $9 \times 8 \times 7 \times 6$; for five, $9 \times 8 \times 7 \times 6 \times 6$.

$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{examine at least 6 bulbs}) &= 1 - P(\text{examine 5 or less}) \\ &= 1 - P(\text{examine exactly 1 or 2 or 3 or 4 or 5}) \\ &= 1 - [P(\text{one}) + P(\text{two}) + \dots + P(\text{five})] \end{aligned}$$

$$= 1 - \left[\frac{6}{15} + \frac{9 \times 6}{15 \times 14} + \frac{9 \times 8 \times 6}{15 \times 14 \times 13} + \frac{9 \times 8 \times 7 \times 6}{15 \times 14 \times 13 \times 12} + \frac{9 \times 8 \times 7 \times 6 \times 6}{15 \times 14 \times 13 \times 12 \times 11} \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 1 - [.4 + .2571 + .1582 + .0923 + .0503] \\ &= 1 - .9579 = .0421 \end{aligned}$$

$$44. \binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!k!} = \binom{n}{n-k}$$

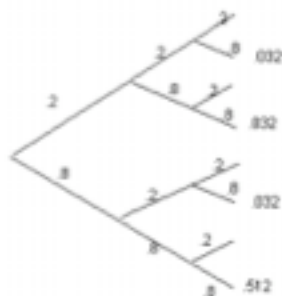
The number of subsets of size k = the number of subsets of size $n-k$, because to each subset of size k there corresponds exactly one subset of size $n-k$ (the $n-k$ objects not in the subset of size k).

77. Let A_1 = older pump fails, A_2 = newer pump fails, and $x = P(A_1 \cap A_2)$. Then $P(A_1) = .10 + x$, $P(A_2) = .05 + x$, and $x = P(A_1 \cap A_2) = P(A_1) \cdot P(A_2) = (.10 + x)(.05 + x)$. The resulting quadratic equation, $x^2 - .85x + .005 = 0$, has roots $x = .0059$ and $x = .8441$. Hopefully the smaller root is the actual probability of system failure.

92.

a. $(.8)(.8)(.8) = .512$

b.



$$.512 + .032 + .023 + .023 = .608$$

c. $P(1 \text{ sent} \mid 1 \text{ received}) = \frac{P(1 \text{ sent} \cap 1 \text{ received})}{P(1 \text{ received})} = \frac{.4256}{.5432} = .7835$

98.

a. $P(\text{both + ve}) = P(\text{carrier} \cap \text{both + ve}) + P(\text{not a carrier} \cap \text{both + ve})$
 $= P(\text{both + ve} \mid \text{carrier}) \times P(\text{carrier})$
 $+ P(\text{both + ve} \mid \text{not a carrier}) \times P(\text{not a carrier})$
 $= (.90)^2(.01) + (.05)^2(.99) = .01058$
 $P(\text{both - ve}) = (.10)^2(.01) + (.95)^2(.99) = .89358$
 $P(\text{tests agree}) = .01058 + .89358 = .90416$

b. $P(\text{carrier} \mid \text{both + ve}) = \frac{P(\text{carrier} \cap \text{both positive})}{P(\text{both positive})} = \frac{(.90)^2(.01)}{.01058} = .7656$