

## Probability Report #1

## Tutorial problems

1. Sally & Molly have a box of 9 chocolates. 3 of them contain deadly poison. They pick in turn.

What's the probability of ~~Sally~~ ~~surviving~~

1) What's the probability of Sally surviving if she picks first.

$$P(S \text{ 1st survive}) = \frac{2}{3}$$

2) Sally surviving if she picks second and Molly is still alive.

$$\frac{6-1 \text{ (nondeadly)}}{9-1 \text{ (all chocolates)}} = \frac{5}{8}$$

3) Sally surviving if she has to pick second & Molly is dead (Molly picks 1st  $\rightarrow$  dies. game continues  $\Rightarrow$  will Sally ~~survive~~ survive 2<sup>nd</sup> turn)

$$\frac{6 \text{ (nondeadly)}}{9-1 \text{ (all)}} = \frac{3}{4}$$

4) Will Sally's chances of survival be higher if she picks 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> (game takes 2 turns regardless of deaths)

1. If she picks first  $\Rightarrow P(\text{survival}) = \frac{2}{3}$

2. If she picks second

2.1 Molly survives  $\Rightarrow$  2)  $\Rightarrow P_1(\text{survival}) = \frac{5}{8}$

2.2 Molly dies  $\Rightarrow$  3)  $\Rightarrow P_2(\text{survival}) = \frac{3}{4}$

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow P(\text{survival } 2^{\text{nd}}) &= \frac{2}{3} P_1(\text{survival}) + \frac{1}{3} P_2(\text{survival}) = \\ &= \frac{2}{3}\end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow$  It doesn't matter

2. In a shuffled deck with no Jokers, what's the probability of drawing a king if you've already drawn two in a row

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} = \frac{\frac{13}{52} \cdot \frac{12}{51} \cdot \frac{11}{50}}{\frac{13}{52} \cdot \frac{12}{51}} = \frac{11}{50}$$