

Solutions to posted problems.

6. $S = \{QQ, QN, QP, QD, DN, DP, NP, NN, PP\}$. (a) $\{QP\}$; (b) $\{DN, DP, NN\}$; (c) \emptyset .

6. The probability that the first horse wins is $2/7$. The probability that the second horse wins is $3/10$. Since the events that the first horse wins and the second horse wins are mutually exclusive, the probability that either the first horse or the second horse will win is

$$\frac{2}{7} + \frac{3}{10} = \frac{41}{70}.$$

12. (a) False; toss a die and let $A = \{1, 2\}$, $B = \{2, 3\}$, and $C = \{1, 3\}$.

(b) False; toss a die and let $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$, $B = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$, $C = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$.

20. The equation has real roots if and only if $b^2 \geq 4c$. From the 36 possible outcomes for (b, c) , in the following 19 cases we have that $b^2 \geq 4c$: $(2, 1)$, $(3, 1)$, $(3, 2)$, $(4, 1)$, \dots , $(4, 4)$, $(5, 1)$, \dots , $(5, 6)$, $(6, 1)$, \dots , $(6, 6)$. Therefore, the answer is $19/36$.

11. There are $26^3 \times 10^2 = 1,757,600$ such codes; so the answer is positive.

18. $10 \times 9 \times 8 \times 7 = 5040$. (a) $9 \times 9 \times 8 \times 7 = 4536$; (b) $5040 - 1 \times 1 \times 8 \times 7 = 4984$.

17. $\frac{12!}{12^{12}} = 0.000054$.

27. In $\frac{52!}{13!13!13!13!} = \frac{52!}{(13!)^4}$ ways 52 cards can be dealt among four people. Hence the sample space contains $52!/(13!)^4$ points. Now in $4!$ ways the four different suits can be distributed among the players; thus the desired probability is $4!/[52!/(13!)^4] \approx 4.47 \times 10^{-28}$.