

1. Cards are dealt from a shuffled, standard deck until the first red card appears. For the following you may leave your answers in unsimplified form.

- (a) What is the probability that exactly 3 deals are required?  
 (b) What is the probability that 3 or fewer deals are required?

$x = n$  cards until first red cards  
 $x = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 27$

(a)  $P(\text{Exactly 3 deals}) = P(BBR) =$   
 $= P(B) \cdot P(B|B) \cdot P(B|BB) =$

$= \frac{26}{52} \cdot \frac{25}{51} \cdot \frac{26}{50}$  ✓

(b)  $P(3 \text{ or fewer}) = 1 - P(4 \text{ or more}) = 1 - P(\text{first three black})$   
 $= 1 - \frac{26}{52} \cdot \frac{25}{51} \cdot \frac{24}{50}$  ✓ ;  $P(3 \text{ or fewer}) = P(1) + P(2) + P(3)$

2. A fair coin is tossed  $n$  times. Given that at most 1 heads occurred, what is the probability that no heads occurred at all?

$P(\text{no Hs} | \text{at most 1 H}) = \frac{P(\text{no Hs} \cap \text{at most 1 H})}{P(\text{at most 1 H})} = \frac{P(\text{no Hs})}{P(\text{at most 1 H})}$

$= \frac{P(\text{No Hs})}{P(\text{No Hs}) + P(1 H)} = \frac{(\frac{1}{2})^n}{(\frac{1}{2})^n + n(\frac{1}{2})^{n-1}} = \frac{(\frac{1}{2})^n}{(\frac{1}{2})^{n-1}(n+1)} = \frac{1}{n+1}$  ✓

$n =$  number of tickets

3. Suppose that a randomly chosen airline passenger fails to show up for her flight with probability .04. What is the maximum number of tickets that the airline can sell for a flight with 200 seats, if it wants to be 95% sure that it will have seats for all the passengers that do show up? (Recall that  $\Phi(-2, 2) = .95$ .) Just set up the proper quadratic equation. Let  $X =$  "# of passengers that show".  $X \sim \text{Bin}(n, .04)$

$P(X \leq 200) = .95 \Rightarrow \sum_{i=0}^{200} \binom{n}{i} (.4)^i (.6)^{n-i} = .95$ . Use Normal approx:

$P\left(\frac{X - \mu}{\sigma} \leq \frac{200 - n \cdot p}{\sigma}\right) = .95 \Rightarrow P\left(Z \leq \frac{200 - n \cdot p}{\sigma}\right) = .95$  ;  $Z_0 = \frac{200 - n \cdot p}{\sigma} = \frac{200 - np}{\frac{\sqrt{n}}{2}}$

$\Rightarrow Z_0 = \frac{2(200 - np)}{\sqrt{n}} \Rightarrow Z_0 \sqrt{n} = 400 - 2np$

4. In professional women's tennis, a match is won by the winner of 2 out of three sets. Suppose that two players, A and B, play a match, and player A has probability  $p$  of winning an individual set.

- (a) What is the probability (in terms of  $p$  and  $q = 1 - p$ ) that player A wins the match?  
 (b) What is the probability that the match goes three sets?

(a)  $P(A \text{ wins}) = P(WW \text{ or } WLW \text{ or } LWL) = p^2 + 2p^2q$

(b)  $P(\text{match goes to three sets}) = P(ABA \text{ or } BAA \text{ or } BAB \text{ or } ABB)$   
 $= p^2q + qp^2 + q^2p + pq^2 = 2p^2q + 2pq^2 = 2pq(p+q)$  ✓  
 $= 2pq$  since  $p+q=1$