

5.5 Answers

GCSE Mathematics Probability

5.5.1 Solution to 5.2 Probability word sum

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{3}{11} \text{ and } \frac{4}{5} \text{ or } \frac{5}{11} \text{ and } \frac{3}{5} &= \frac{3}{11} \times \frac{4}{5} + \frac{5}{11} \times \frac{3}{5} \\ &= \frac{12}{55} + \frac{15}{55} \\ &= \frac{27}{55}\end{aligned}$$

5.5.2 Solution to 5.3 Example

(i)

$$\frac{3}{7} \times \frac{2}{7} = \frac{6}{49}$$

(ii)

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{7} \times \frac{1}{7} + \frac{3}{7} \times \frac{3}{7} + \frac{2}{7} \times \frac{2}{7} + \frac{1}{7} \times \frac{1}{7} &= \frac{1}{49} + \frac{9}{49} + \frac{4}{49} + \frac{1}{49} \\ &= \frac{15}{49}\end{aligned}$$

5.5.3 Solution to 5.4 Exercise

Answer 1

(i)

$$\frac{24}{40}$$

(ii)

$$\frac{37}{49}$$

(iii)

$$\frac{63}{77}$$

(iv)

$$\frac{30}{39}$$

Answer 2

(i)

$$\frac{2}{64}$$

(ii)

$$\frac{6}{64}$$

(iii)

$$\frac{18}{64}$$

Answer 3

(i)

$$\frac{1}{169}$$

(ii)

$$\frac{12}{169}$$

(iii)

$$\frac{30}{169}$$

Answer 4

(i)

$$\frac{1}{4}$$

(ii)

$$\frac{1}{8}$$

(iii)

$$\frac{1}{16}$$

(iv)

$$\dots, \frac{1}{32}, \frac{1}{64}, \frac{1}{128}, \dots,$$

Answer 5**(i)**

$$\frac{10}{11}$$

(ii)

$$\frac{98}{150}$$

(iii)

$$\frac{25}{49}$$

(iv)

$$\frac{79}{200}$$

Answer 6**(i)**

$$\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{6} = \frac{1}{24}$$

(ii)

$$\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{5}{6} \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{5}{24}$$

(iii)

$$\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{5}{6} \times \frac{5}{6} = \frac{25}{72}$$

Answer 7

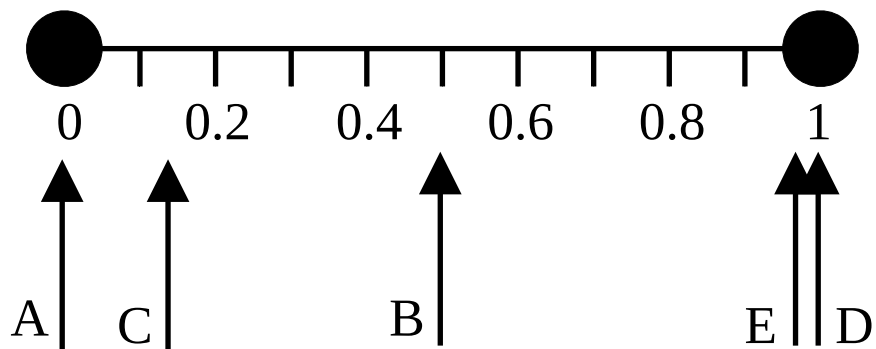
Fact 1 : zero

Fact 2 : zero

Fact 3 : one

Fact 4 : zero

Fact 5 : more

Answer 8**Answer 9****(i)**

$$\frac{1}{256}$$

(ii)

$$\frac{6}{256}$$

(iii)

$$\frac{144}{256}$$

Answer 10

- (i) It's harder to order the marks, or make other comparisons between them..
(ii) ... or spot mistakes.

$\frac{19}{20}$ is the mistake

- (iii) If you wanted to mentally square root $\frac{18}{8}$ it is easy if it's cancelled down;

$$\sqrt{\frac{18}{8}} = \sqrt{\frac{9}{4}} = \frac{3}{2}$$

If you want to add these two fractions,

$$\frac{8}{12} + \frac{10}{12}$$

it would made it harder to cancel down first,

$$\frac{2}{3} + \frac{5}{6}$$

In probability questions it's often best not to cancel down.