Practice 1-6

Probability

- 1. You select a number at random from the sample space {1, 2, 3, 4, 5}. Find each theoretical probability.
 - **a.** P(the number is 2)

b. P(the number is even)

c. P(the number is prime)

- **d.** P(the number is less than 5)
- 2. In a class of 19 students, 10 study Spanish, 7 study French, and 2 study both French and Spanish. One student is picked at random. Find each probability.
 - **a.** P(studying Spanish but not French)

b. P(studying neither Spanish nor French)

c. P(studying both Spanish and French)

d. P(studying French)

- 3. In a telephone survey of 150 households, 75 respondents answered "Yes" to a particular question, 50 answered "No," and 25 were "Not sure." Find each experimental probability.
 - a. P(answer was "Yes")

b. P(answer was "No")

c. P(answer was "Not sure")

- **d.** P(answer was not "Not sure")
- 4. A wallet contains four bills with denominations of \$1, \$5, \$10, and \$20. You choose two of the four bills from the wallet at random and add the dollar amounts.
 - a. What is the sample space? How many outcomes are there?
 - **b.** What is the probability of getting \$15?
 - c. What is the probability of getting \$50?
 - d. What is the probability of getting at least \$25?
- 5. A basketball player has attempted 24 shots and made 13. Find the experimental probability that the player will make the next shot that she attempts.
- 6. A baseball player attempted to steal a base 70 times and was successful 47 times. Find the experimental probability that the player will be successful on his next attempt to steal a base.

For Exercises 7-8, define a simulation by telling how you represent correct answers, incorrect answers, and the quiz. Use your simulation to find each experimental probability.

- 7. If you guess the answers at random, what is the probability of getting at least three correct answers on a four-question true-false quiz?
- **8.** A five-question multiple-choice quiz has four choices for each answer. If you guess the answers at random, what is the probability of getting at least four correct answers?
- 9. A circular pool of radius 12 ft is enclosed within a rectangular yard measuring 50 ft by 100 ft. If a ball from an adjacent golf course lands at a random point within the yard, what is the probability that the ball lands in the pool?
- **10.** Five people each flip a coin. What is the theoretical probability that all five will get heads?

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