

M211 Quiz 2

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1. There are 7 cans of cola: 3 regular colas and 4 diet colas. If 3 cans of cola are selected at random, what is the probability that all 3 are regular colas?

Solution: Our experiment is selecting 3 cans of cola from 7, so

$$n(S) = C(7, 3) = \frac{7 \times 6 \times 5}{3 \times 2} = 35.$$

Let E be the event that all the 3 cans selected are regular. As there are 3 regular colas in total, the number of ways to choose 3 regular colas from those 3 will be $C(3, 3) = 1$. That is, $n(E) = 1$.

So

$$\Pr[E] = \frac{n(E)}{n(S)} = \frac{1}{35}.$$

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