Answer on Question #59818 - Math - Statistics and Probability

Question

A marble is drawn at random from a box containing 10 red, 30 white, 20 blue and 15 orange marbles. Find probability that it is

- (i) Orange or red;
- (ii) Not red or blue;
- (iii) Not blue;
- (iv) Red, white or blue.

Solution

Total amount of marbles is 10 + 30 + 20 + 15 = 75. A marble is drawn at random from a box containing 10 red, 30 white, 20 blue and 15 orange marbles

(i) Probability of the event 'it is orange or red' is

$$P = (15 + 10)/75 = 25/75 = 1/3 \approx 0.33$$
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(ii) Probability of the event 'it is not red or blue (then it is white or orange)' is

$$P = (30 + 15)/75 = 45/75 = 9/15 = 3/5 = 0.6.$$

(iii) Probability of the event 'it is not blue (then it is red, white or orange)' is

P('it is not blue') =1-P('it is blue')=1-20/75=
$$(75 - 20)/75 = 55/75 = 11/15 \approx 0.733$$
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(iv) Probability of the event 'it is red, white or blue' is

$$P = (10 + 30 + 20)/75 = 60/75 = 12/15 = 4/5 = 0.8.$$

Answer: (i) 1/3; (ii) 0.6; (iii) 11/15; (iv) 0.8.