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Volume I of a two-part series, this book features a broad spectrum of 100 challenging problems related to probability theory and combinatorial analysis. Most can be solved with elementary mathematics. Complete solutions.

A First Look at Rigorous Probability Theory Abrazol Publishing  
Winner of the 2012 PROSE Award for Mathematics from The American Publishers Awards for Professional and Scholarly Excellence. "A great book, one that I will certainly add to my personal library."  
—Paul J. Nahin, Professor Emeritus of Electrical Engineering, University of New Hampshire Classic Problems of Probability presents a lively account of the most intriguing aspects of statistics. The

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book features a large collection of more than thirty classic probability problems which have been carefully selected for their interesting history, the way they have shaped the field, and their counterintuitive nature. From Cardano's 1564 Games of Chance to Jacob Bernoulli's 1713 Golden Theorem to Parrondo's 1996 Perplexing Paradox, the book clearly outlines the puzzles and problems of probability, interweaving the discussion with rich historical detail and the story of how the mathematicians involved arrived at their solutions. Each problem is given an in-depth treatment, including detailed and rigorous mathematical proofs as needed. Some of the fascinating topics discussed by the author include: Buffon's Needle problem and its ingenious treatment by Joseph Barbier, culminating into a discussion of invariance

Various paradoxes raised by Joseph Bertrand Classic problems in decision theory, including Pascal's Wager, Kraitichik's Neckties, and Newcomb's problem The Bayesian paradigm and various philosophies of probability Coverage of both elementary and more complex problems, including the Chevalier de M é r é problems, Fisher and the lady testing tea, the birthday problem and its various extensions, and the Borel-Kolmogorov paradox Classic Problems of Probability is an eye-opening, one-of-a-kind reference for researchers and professionals interested in the history of probability and the varied problem-solving strategies employed throughout the ages. The book also serves as an insightful supplement for courses on mathematical probability and introductory probability and statistics at the

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undergraduate level.

## **The Humongous Book of Statistics Problems**

World Scientific

Introduction to Probability

Models, Tenth Edition,

provides an introduction to elementary probability theory and stochastic

processes. There are two approaches to the study of probability theory. One

is heuristic and nonrigorous, and attempts to develop in

students an intuitive feel for the subject that

enables him or her to think probabilistically. The

other approach attempts a rigorous development

of probability by using the tools of measure theory.

The first approach is employed in this text. The

book begins by introducing basic concepts of probability

theory, such as the random variable, conditional probability, and conditional expectation. This is

followed by discussions of stochastic processes, including Markov chains and Poisson processes.

The remaining chapters cover queuing, reliability

theory, Brownian motion, and simulation. Many

examples are worked out throughout the text, along

with exercises to be solved by students. This

book will be particularly useful to those interested

in learning how probability theory can be applied to

the study of phenomena in fields such as

engineering, computer science, management

science, the physical and social sciences, and

operations research.

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Ideally, this text would be used in a one-year course in probability models, or a one-semester course in introductory probability theory or a course in elementary stochastic processes. New to this Edition: 65% new chapter material including coverage of finite capacity queues, insurance risk models and Markov chains Contains compulsory material for new Exam 3 of the Society of Actuaries containing several sections in the new exams Updated data, and a list of commonly used notations and equations, a robust ancillary package, including a ISM, SSM, and test bank Includes SPSS PASW Modeler and SAS JMP software packages which are

widely used in the field  
Hallmark features:  
Superior writing style  
Excellent exercises and examples covering the wide breadth of coverage of probability topics Real-world applications in engineering, science, business and economics  
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Fifty Challenging Problems in Probability with Solutions  
Courier Corporation  
**Fifty Challenging Problems in Probability, with Solutions**  
Cambridge University Press  
This classic introduction to probability theory for beginning graduate students covers laws of large numbers, central limit theorems, random walks, martingales, Markov chains, ergodic theorems, and Brownian motion. It is a

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comprehensive treatment concentrating on the results that are the most useful for applications. Its philosophy is that the best way to learn probability is to see it in action, so there are 200 examples and 450 problems. The fourth edition begins with a short chapter on measure theory to orient readers new to the subject.

50 Challenging Problems in probability with solutions John Wiley & Sons

Some probability problems are so difficult that they stump the smartest mathematicians. But even the hardest of these problems can often be solved with a computer and a Monte Carlo

simulation, in which a random-number generator simulates a physical process, such as a million rolls of a pair of dice. This is what Digital Dice is all about: how to get numerical answers to difficult probability problems without having to solve complicated mathematical equations. Popular-math writer Paul Nahin challenges readers to solve twenty-one difficult but fun problems, from determining the odds of coin-flipping games to figuring out the behavior of elevators. Problems build from relatively easy (deciding whether a dishwasher who breaks most of

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the dishes at a restaurant during a given week is clumsy or just the victim of randomness) to the very difficult (tackling branching processes of the kind that had to be solved by Manhattan Project mathematician Stanislaw Ulam). In his characteristic style, Nahin brings the problems to life with interesting and odd historical anecdotes. Readers learn, for example, not just how to determine the optimal stopping point in any selection process but that astronomer Johannes Kepler selected his second wife by interviewing eleven women. The book shows readers how to write elementary computer codes using any common programming language, and provides solutions and line-by-line walk-throughs of a MATLAB code for each problem. Digital Dice will appeal to anyone who enjoys popular math or computer science. In a new preface, Nahin wittily addresses some of the responses he received to the first edition. **Statistics** Courier Corporation

A comprehensive introduction to statistics that teaches the fundamentals with real-life scenarios, and covers histograms, quartiles, probability, Bayes'

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theorem, predictions, in addition to many approximations, random samples, and related topics. Introduction to Probability Princeton University Press For the first two editions of the book Probability (GTM 95), each chapter included a comprehensive and diverse set of relevant exercises. While the work on the third edition was still in progress, it was decided that it would be more appropriate to publish a separate book that would comprise all of the exercises from previous editions,

new exercises. Most of the material in this book consists of exercises created by Shiryaev, collected and compiled over the course of many years while working on many interesting topics. Many of the exercises resulted from discussions that took place during special seminars for graduate and undergraduate students. Many of the exercises included in the book contain helpful hints and other relevant information. Lastly, the author has included an

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appendix at the end of the book that contains a summary of the main results, notation and terminology from Probability Theory that are used throughout the present book. This Appendix also contains additional material from Combinatorics, Potential Theory and Markov Chains, which is not covered in the book, but is nevertheless needed for many of the exercises included here.

40 Puzzles and Problems in Probability and Mathematical Statistics CRC Press

This book of problems is designed to challenge students learning probability. Each chapter is divided into three parts: Problems, Hints, and Solutions. All Problems sections include expository material, making the book self-contained. Definitions and statements of important results are interlaced with relevant problems. The only prerequisite is basic algebra and calculus.

**Head First Statistics**

Cambridge University Press  
Taken literally, the title "All of Statistics" is an exaggeration. But in spirit, the title is apt, as the book does cover a much broader range of topics than a



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typical introductory book on mathematical statistics. This book is for people who want to learn probability and statistics quickly. It is suitable for graduate or advanced undergraduate students in computer science, mathematics, statistics, and related disciplines. The book includes modern topics like non-parametric curve estimation, bootstrapping, and classification, topics that are usually relegated to follow-up courses. The reader is presumed to know calculus and a little linear algebra. No previous knowledge of probability and statistics is required. Statistics, data mining, and machine learning are all concerned with

collecting and analysing data.

**One Thousand Exercises in Probability** McGraw-Hill Companies  
Developed from celebrated Harvard statistics lectures, *Introduction to Probability* provides essential language and tools for understanding statistics, randomness, and uncertainty. The book explores a wide variety of applications and examples, ranging from coincidences and paradoxes to Google PageRank and Markov chain Monte Carlo (MCMC).  
*Additional Challenging Mathematical Problems with*

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*Elementary Solutions* Springer Science & Business Media  
Over 300 unusual problems, ranging from easy to difficult, involving equations and inequalities, Diophantine equations, number theory, quadratic equations, logarithms, more. Detailed solutions, as well as brief answers, for all problems are provided.

*Elementary Probability* John Wiley & Sons  
The ideas of probability are all around us. Lotteries, casino gambling, the al

most non-stop polling which seems to mold public policy more and more these are a few of the areas where principles of probability impinge in a direct way on the lives and fortunes of the general public. At a more re moved level there is modern science which uses probability and its offshoots like statistics and the theory of random processes to build descriptions of the real world. In fact, twentieth-century physics, in embrac ing quantum mechanics, has a

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world view that is mathematical at its core background in probabilistic in elementary algebra nature, contrary to to this world of the deterministic probability, to one of classical the way of thinking physics. In typical of addition to all probability, and this muscular the kinds of evidence of the problems to which importance of probability can be applied. I have probability ideas used examples from it should also be a wide variety of said that fields to motivate probability can be the discussion of lots of fun. It is concepts. a subject where you Problems in can start thinking Probability Academic about amusing, interesting, and Press often difficult This book will help problems with very you learn probability little mathematical way possible - through background. In this problem solving. It book, I wanted to contains over 200 introduce a reader probability with with at least a detailed solutions for fairly decent each. Most of the

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problems require very little mathematical background to solve. A good grasp of algebra is all that is required. Some prior exposure to probability or combinatorics will make things easier but the book has enough introductory material to cover any deficiency in those areas. There are sections that review the basics of discrete probability and combinatorics. There are also sections on advance topics in discrete probability that are helpful in solving the more difficult and interesting problems. The problems range widely in difficulty and variety. They begin very easy and increase in difficulty as you go. The first few are warm up

problems to wake up your probability neurons and get you ready for what's to come. Some of the later problems can be quite challenging and may take some effort to solve. There are problems on letters and words, dice and coin problems, card problems, sports problems, Bayesian problems, collection problems, birthday problems and many many more. The almost endless variety of probability problems is one of the things that makes them so stimulating and fun to solve.

Fifty Challenging Problems in Probability with Solutions Courier Corporation

Remarkable puzzlers, graded in difficulty, illustrate elementary and advanced aspects

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of probability. These problems were selected for originality, general interest, or because they demonstrate valuable techniques. Also includes detailed solutions.

Challenging  
Mathematical  
Problems with  
Elementary Solutions

Princeton University Press

What is most valuable about this book is the very high quality of the model solutions. It is a problem book for those teaching or learning a first course in mathematical statistics. This one is outstandingly good and highly recommended. Goeff Cohen, University of Edinburgh,

Scotland. The authors of this useful book take the view that the ability to solve practical problems is fundamental to an understanding of statistical techniques. The book is designed to be read alongside a standard text. I expect it is likely to be most useful to the teacher or to the able student forced to work largely alone. David Green. This book not only provides a solution to each problem set but gives notes about that solution. These notes should help students to understand the reasoning behind the techniques used, so giving them confidence to deal

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with problems of a similar nature This book should prove a valuable addition to the library of students and teachers of statistics. M J G Ansell Hatfield Polytechnic The book consists of a series of examples, each followed by one or more alternative solutions and accompanying notes. The solutions themselves are useful models. The notes go one stage further and explain why particular techniques were chosen to solve each problem. This approach may help to overcome the common difficulty of deciding which method to choose when answering examination questions

easy to read and suitable for individual study. Richard J Field These notes provide fascinating insights into the process that experienced statisticians go through in order to solve a problem. Students (and maybe some instructors) will benefit greatly from going through the solutions and the notes in this book. Gudmund R Iversen Swarthmore College The approach of the authors is to improve a student's understanding of statistics, and to help students appreciate which techniques might be appropriate for any problem. Zentralblatt

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Math., 2001  
*GMAT Official  
Advanced Questions*  
World Scientific  
The Russian version  
of A collection of  
problems in  
probability theory  
contains a chapter  
devoted to  
statistics. That  
chapter has been  
omitted in this  
translation  
because, in the  
opinion of the  
editor, its content  
deviates somewhat  
from that which is  
suggested by the  
title: problems in  
probability  
theory. The  
original Russian  
version contains  
some errors; an  
attempt was made to  
correct all errors

found, but perhaps  
a few still remain.  
An index has been  
added for the  
convenience of the  
reader who may be  
searching for a  
definition, a  
classical problem,  
or whatever. The  
index lists pages  
as well as problems  
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much "Russian  
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Foreword to the Russian edition of This Collection of problems in probability theory is primarily intended for university students in physics and mathematics departments. Its goal is to help the student of probability theory to master the theory more profoundly and to acquaint him with the application of probability theory methods to the solution of practical problems. This collection is geared basically to the third edition of the GNEDENKO textbook Course in

probability theory, Fizmatgiz, Moscow (1961), Probability theory, Chelsea (1965). *Game Theory* Wiley-IEEE Press  
What are your chances of dying on your next flight, being called for jury duty, or winning the lottery? We all encounter probability problems in our everyday lives. In this collection of twenty-one puzzles, Paul Nahin challenges us to think creatively about the laws of probability as they apply in playful, sometimes deceptive, ways to



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a fascinating array of speculative situations. Games of Russian roulette, problems involving the accumulation of insects on flypaper, and strategies for determining the odds of the underdog winning the World Series all reveal intriguing dimensions to the workings of probability. Over the years, Nahin, a veteran writer and teacher of the subject, has collected these and other favorite puzzles designed to instruct and entertain math enthusiasts of all backgrounds. If idiots A and B alternately take aim at each other with a six-shot revolver containing one bullet, what is the probability idiot A will win? What are the chances it will snow on your birthday in any given year? How can researchers use coin flipping and the laws of probability to obtain honest answers to embarrassing survey questions? The solutions are presented here in detail, and many contain a profound element of

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surprise. And some puzzles are beautiful illustrations of basic mathematical concepts: "The Blind Spider and the Fly," for example, is a clever variation of a "random walk" problem, and "Duelling Idiots" and "The Underdog and the World Series" are straightforward introductions to binomial distributions. Written in an informal way and containing a plethora of interesting historical material, Duelling Idiots is ideal for

those who are fascinated by mathematics and the role it plays in everyday life and in our imaginations.

**Challenging Problems in Algebra**

American Mathematical Soc. This text is designed for an introductory probability course at the university level for sophomores, juniors, and seniors in mathematics, physical and social sciences, engineering, and computer science. It presents a thorough treatment of ideas and techniques necessary for a firm understanding of the subject.

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**Collection of problems in probability theory**  
Springer Science & Business Media  
This text introduces engineering students to probability theory and stochastic processes. Along with thorough mathematical development of the subject, the book presents intuitive explanations of key points in order to give students the insights they need to apply math to practical engineering problems. The first seven chapters contain the core material that is essential to any introductory course. In one-semester

undergraduate courses, instructors can select material from the remaining chapters to meet their individual goals. Graduate courses can cover all chapters in one semester.