

Two numbers are selected at random from the integers 1 to 9. If the sum of the two numbers is even, find the probability that both numbers are odd?

Solⁿ:- A = event that sum of two numbers is even.

B = event that both numbers are odd.

We have to find conditional probability $P(B|A)$

$$\text{We know } P(B|A) = \frac{P(B \cap A)}{P(A)}$$

$$P(B) = \text{Probability of selecting two numbers which are odd} = \frac{{}^5C_2}{{}^9C_2}$$

$$P(A) = \text{Probability of sum of 2 numbers is even} = \frac{{}^5C_2 + {}^4C_2}{{}^9C_2}$$

[\because There are 5 odd numbers & 4 even numbers
Sum of 2 odd numbers is even & Sum of 2 even numbers is even]

$$P(B \cap A) = \frac{{}^5C_2}{{}^9C_2} \quad (\because A = [{}^5C_2 + {}^4C_2], B = {}^5C_2 \text{ so } A \cap B = {}^5C_2)$$

So $P(B|A) =$ Probability of selecting 2 odd numbers so that sum is even

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{{}^5C_2}{{}^9C_2} = \frac{{}^5C_2}{{}^5C_2 + {}^4C_2} = \frac{\frac{5!}{3! \cdot 2!}}{\frac{5!}{3! \cdot 2!} + \frac{4!}{2! \cdot 2!}} = \frac{\frac{5 \times 4}{2}}{\frac{5 \times 4}{2} + \frac{4 \times 3}{2}} \\ &= \frac{20}{20 + 12} = \frac{20}{32} = \frac{10}{16} = \frac{5}{8} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So } P(B|A) = \frac{5}{8}$$