Math 351, Probability Problem Set 3 Due September 20, 2012 in class

1. If the letters of the word GOLDIN are arranged randomly in a row, what is the probability that none of the letters in the chosen word is in the same position in which it appears in GOLDIN?

Hint. Consider the event E_1 that G is in the right place, the event E_2 that O is in the right place, etc. How do you calculate the probability of each E_i ? Their union? What is the relationship between the probability you want to calculate and the probability that one of the E_i will happen?

- 2. Two cards are chosen at random from a deck of 52 cards. What is the probability that they
 - (a) are from different suits?
 - (b) are both 4s?
- 3. Find a formula for the number of functions from 1,2,...,k onto 1,2,...,n.

Hint: For i = 1, 2, ..., n, let k_i be the number of functions that do not contain i in their ranges. Use inclusion-exclusion.

- 4. How many people need to be in a room in order that the probability that at least two of them have the same birthday is at least 0.8?
- 5. Compute the probability that a bridge hand (13 cards) has at least two cards from every suit.
- 6. A coin is flipped until heads has appeared four times. What is the probability that the fourth head appears on the tenth flip?
- 7. A blue die and a red die are rolled. What is the probability that
 - (a) their sum is at least 6, given that the red die is even?
 - (b) the red die is 3, given that their sum is at least 6?
- 8. Two cards are randomly chosen without replacement from an ordinary deck of 52 cards. Let B be the event that both cards are hearts. Let A be the event that the ace of hearts is chosen, and H the event that at least one heart is chosen.

- (a) Find P(B).
- (b) Find P(B|A).
- (c) Find P(B|H).