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Random Babies – Three Moms

Let's return to the random baby problem, but this time, let's assume that only 3 babies were born that night. List all the sample space (all possible outcomes) for a *single trial*. Here's a suggestion: Suppose the mothers' names were SMITH, JONES, WILLIAMS. You might number the babies 1 (Sam Smith), 2 (Joe Jones), 3 (Willy Williams). Assume that Mrs. Smith is in BED 1, Mrs. Jones is in BED 2, and Mrs. Williams is in BED 3.

Bed 1 (Smith)

Bed 2 (Jones)

Bed 3 (Williams)

Thus if all babies went to the right mother, we might list them as 1 (baby 1 to Bed 1); 2 (baby 2 to bed two); or 3 (baby 3 to bed 3), or simply 1 2 3. This is an outcome with 3 matches. Another outcome might be: 3 2 1. (Baby 3 to bed 1, baby 2 to bed 2, baby 1 to bed 3.) This outcome has 1 match.

- Interpret this outcome in words: 2 3 1
- How many matches does it have?
- List the entire sample space below (including the outcomes mentioned above).
(Hint: there are a total of 6 outcomes).
- What is the probability that all babies are given to the right mother?
- What is the probability that at least one baby is given to the correct mother?
- What is the probability that no babies are given to the correct mother?
- Is it possible for exactly two babies to be given to the correct mother?