

A new car salesperson knows that she sells a car to one customer out of 20 who enter the showroom. Find the probability that she'll sell a car to exactly two of the next three customers.

- A. 0.9939
- B. 0.0075
- C. 0.0071
- D. 0.1354

**Solution.**

1. Let  $A$  be the event of selling a car to a customer. Then, according to the conditions  $P(A) = 1/20 = 0.05$  and  $P(\bar{A}) = 1 - P(A) = 0.95$ .

2. Let  $B$  be the event of selling a car to two customers out of the next three ones. Then

$$B = \bar{A}AA + A\bar{A}A + AA\bar{A}.$$

As the events  $\bar{A}AA, A\bar{A}A, AA\bar{A}$  are incompatible then

$$P(B) = P(\bar{A}AA) + P(A\bar{A}A) + P(AA\bar{A})$$

and

$$P(B) = 3P(\bar{A}AA) = 3P(\bar{A})P(A)P(A) = 3 * 0.95 * 0.05 * 0.05 = 0.007125.$$

**Answer:** 0.007125.