

QUESTION

A box contains 10 computer disks. If it is known that exactly 1 of the disks is faulty what is the probability that none of the first three disks taken from the box, without replacement, are faulty?

ANSWER

$$\begin{aligned} & p(\text{first 3 not faulty}) \\ &= p(\text{first not faulty and second not faulty and third not faulty}) \\ &= \frac{9}{10} \times \frac{8}{9} \times \frac{7}{8} = \frac{7}{10} \end{aligned}$$