

Lecture Worksheet 5

Task 1

- Give at least 3 examples of experiments with finite sample spaces
 - *Shooting a basketball:*
 $S = \{ \text{Goes inside hoop, Misses hoop} \}$
 - *Asking a person what their favorite sport is:*
 $S = \{ \text{Basketball, Soccer, Football, Ping Pong, ...} \}$
 - *Patient's status after a surgery:*
 $S = \{ \text{Alive, Dead} \}$
- Give at least 3 examples of experiments with finite sample space and equiprobable outcomes
 - *Buying a lottery ticket number out of several tickets:*
 $S = \{ \text{Lottery ticket numbers} \}$
 - *Choosing a card out of a "well-shuffled" deck:*
 $S = \{ \text{Cards in a deck} \}$
 - *Guessing an answer on a multiple-choice question:*
 $S = \{ \text{Answer Choices ie } \{A, B, C, D, \dots\} \}$
- Give at least 3 examples of experiments with finite sample space and non-equiprobable outcomes
 - *Recording the weather:*
 $S = \{ \text{Sunny, Rainy, Cloudy, ...} \}$
 - *Ranking people who are competing in some contest:*
 $S = \{ \text{First, Second, Third, ...} \}$
 - *Asking people what grade they got in Math 2B:*
 $S = \{ A, B, C, D, F \}$

Task 2

- What is the probability that 4 cards of identical value be found in a hand of 5 cards randomly picked from a deck of 52 cards?

Let E be the Event of having 4 cards of identical value out of a hand of 5 cards. There are various ways to try to find $\#E$.

One way is by doing:

$$\#E = \underbrace{\binom{13}{1} \cdot \binom{4}{4}}_{13 \text{ values, choose 1 and 4 suits, choose all 4}} \cdot \overbrace{\binom{48}{1}}^{48 \text{ cards left, choose 1}}$$

Let S be the Sample Space of choosing a group of 4 out of a total of 52 objects.

It follows that:

$$\#S = \binom{52}{5}$$

Using the principle of $\frac{\text{Favorable Outcomes}}{\text{Total Outcomes}}$

$$P(E) = \frac{\#E}{\#S} = \frac{\binom{13}{1} \cdot \binom{4}{4} \cdot \binom{48}{1}}{\binom{52}{5}} = 0.00024 \approx 0.024\%$$

Task 3

- What is the probability that there will be no partners in a group of 5 people randomly picked from a group of 10 couples?

Let E be the Event of there being no partners in a group of 5 people selected from a group of 10 couples

It follows that:

$$\#E = \underbrace{\binom{10}{5}}_{10 \text{ couples, choose 5}} \cdot \overbrace{\binom{2}{1}^5}^{2 \text{ partners, choose 1, do this } 5x}$$

Let S be the Sample Space of choosing a group of 5 from a total of 20 objects.

It follows that:

$$\#S = \binom{20}{5}$$

The probability of E occurring is given by:

$$P(E) = \frac{\#E}{\#S} = \frac{\binom{10}{5} \cdot \binom{2}{1}^5}{\binom{20}{5}} \approx 52\%$$

Task 4

Draw 3 balls from a bag containing 6 white balls and 5 black balls.

- What is the probability of obtaining 2 black and 1 white ball?

Let S be the Sample Space of choosing 3 balls from the bag of 11 balls

It follows that:

$$\#S = \binom{11}{3}$$

Let E be the Event of obtaining 2 black and 1 white ball.

It follows that:

$$\#E = \underbrace{\binom{5}{2}}_{5 \text{ blacks, choose } 2} \cdot \underbrace{\binom{6}{1}}_{6 \text{ whites, choose } 1}$$

The probability is given by:

$$P(E) = \frac{\#E}{\#S} = \frac{\binom{5}{2} \cdot \binom{6}{1}}{\binom{11}{3}} \approx 36\%$$

- What is the probability of obtaining {black,white,black} in that order?

Let F be the event of obtaining {black,white,black}

It follows that:

$$\#F = \underbrace{\binom{5}{1}}_{5 \text{ blacks, choose } 1} \cdot \underbrace{\binom{6}{1}}_{6 \text{ whites, choose } 1} \cdot \underbrace{\binom{4}{1}}_{4 \text{ blacks, choose } 1}$$

Here our Sample Space is now order-dependent. Since we're conducting 3 experiments (drawing a ball) we would multiply by the number of outcomes of each experiment.

$$\#S = 11 \cdot 10 \cdot 9$$

The probability is given by:

$$P(F) = \frac{\#F}{\#S} = \frac{\binom{5}{1} \cdot \binom{6}{1} \cdot \binom{4}{1}}{11 \cdot 10 \cdot 9} \approx 12\%$$