

Lecture 1. Probability of an event

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- Probability theory is a branch of mathematics that has been developed to deal with uncertainty.
- Today, probability theory is recognized as one of the most interesting and also one of the most useful areas of mathematics. It provides the basis for the science of statistical inference through experimentation and data analysis – an area of crucial importance in an increasingly quantitative world.
- Through its applications to problems such as the assessment of system reliability, the interpretation of measurement accuracy, and the maintenance of suitable quality controls, probability theory is particularly relevant to the engineering sciences today.

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where H and T correspond to heads and tails, respectively.

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Khi ta tung 2 con súc sắc cùng lúc thì có 36 biến cố sơ cấp đồng khả năng có thể xảy ra, cụ thể:

$$\begin{aligned} W = \{ & (A_1, B_1); (A_1, B_2); \dots; (A_1, B_6) \\ & (A_2, B_1); (A_2, B_2); \dots; (A_2, B_6) \\ & \dots \quad \quad \quad \dots \quad \quad \quad \dots \quad \quad \dots \\ & (A_6, B_1); (A_6, B_2); \dots; (A_6, B_6) \} \end{aligned}$$

Và có 6 biến cố thuận lợi cho biến cố A:

$$(A_1, B_6); (A_2, B_5); (A_3, B_4); (A_4, B_3); (A_5, B_2); (A_6, B_1)$$

$$\Rightarrow P(A) = \frac{6}{36} = \frac{1}{6}$$

Ví dụ 6. Một người gọi điện thoại nhưng quên 2 số cuối của điện thoại, chỉ nhớ 2 số đó là khác nhau. Tính xác suất để người đó chỉ bấm số 1 lần đúng số cần gọi.

Ví dụ 7. Một hộp gồm 6 bi xanh và 4 bi vàng. Lấy ngẫu nhiên 2 bi từ hộp. Tính xác suất để: a) có 1 bi xanh; b) có 2 bi xanh.

Ví dụ 8. Một hộp đựng 20 quả cầu trong đó có 14 quả màu đỏ và 6 quả màu trắng. Lấy ngẫu nhiên không hoàn lại 5 quả từ trong hộp. Tính xác suất để trong 5 quả lấy ra có 3 quả màu đỏ. Biết các quả cầu cân đối và giống nhau.

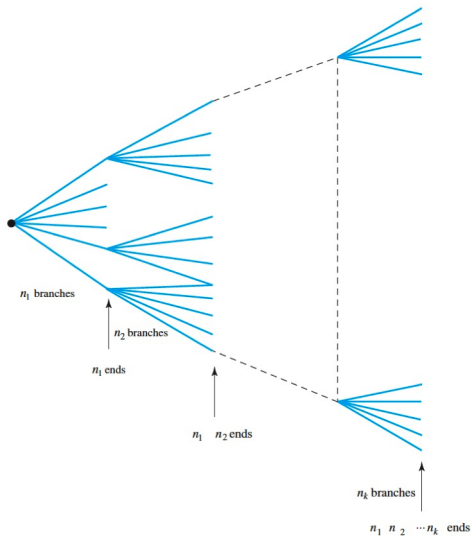
COUNTING TECHNIQUES

Multiplication Rule

In many cases, we shall be able to solve a probability problem by counting the number of points in the sample space without actually listing each element. The fundamental principle of counting, often referred to as the **multiplication rule**. The generalized multiplication rule covering k operations is stated in the following.

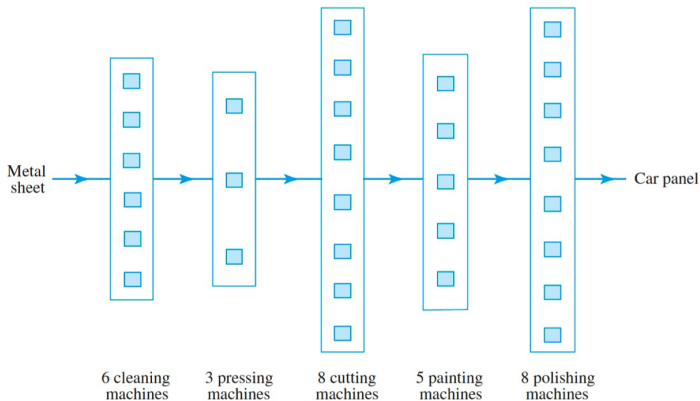
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Example. Experimental configurations for fiber coatings.



Total number of pathways is $6 \times 3 \times 8 \times 5 \times 8 = 5760$.

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Notice that for any non-negative integer n , “ n factorial” is defined as $n! = n \cdot (n - 1) \cdot \dots \cdot 2 \cdot 1$ with special case $0! = 1$. We have the following theorem.

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Solution. Since the awards are distinguishable, it is a permutation problem. The total number of sample points is

$$P_{25}^3 = \frac{25!}{(25-3)!} = 13800.$$

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Solution. The number of ways of selecting 3 cartridges from 10 is $C_{10}^3 = 10!/3!(10-3)! = 120$. The number of ways of selecting 2 cartridges from 5 is $C_5^2 = 5!/2!.3! = 10$.

Using the multiplication rule we have $120 \cdot 10 = 1200$ ways.

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