

# 01. COMBINATORIAL ANALYSIS

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## The Basic Principle of Counting

- combinatorial analysis** → the mathematical theory of counting
- basic principle of counting** → Suppose that two experiments are performed. If exp1 can result in any one of  $m$  possible outcomes and if, for each outcome of exp1, there are  $n$  possible outcomes of exp2, then together there are  $mn$  possible outcomes of the two experiments.
- generalized basic principle of counting** → If  $r$  experiments are performed such that the first one may result in any of  $n_1$  possible outcomes and if for each of these  $n_1$  possible outcomes, and if ..., then there is a total of  $n_1 \cdot n_2 \cdot \dots \cdot n_r$  possible outcomes of  $r$  experiments.

## Permutations

**factorials** -  $1! = 0! = 1$

**N1** - if we know how to count the number of different ways that an event can occur, we will know the probability of the event.

**N2** - there are  $n!$  different arrangements for  $n$  objects.

**N3** - there are  $\frac{n!}{n_1! n_2! \dots n_r!}$  different arrangements of  $n$  objects, of which  $n_1$  are alike,  $n_2$  are alike, ...,  $n_r$  are alike.

## Combinations

**N4** -  $\binom{n}{r} = \frac{n!}{(n-r)! r!}$  represents the number of different groups of size  $r$  that could be selected from a set of  $n$  objects when the order of selection is not considered relevant.

**N4b** -  $\binom{n}{r} = \binom{n-1}{r-1} + \binom{n-1}{r}$ ,  $1 \leq r \leq n$

*Proof.* If object 1 is chosen  $\Rightarrow \binom{n-1}{r-1}$  ways of choosing the remaining objects.

If object 1 is not chosen  $\Rightarrow \binom{n-1}{r}$  ways of choosing the remaining objects.

**N5 - The Binomial Theorem** -  $(x + y)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} x^k y^{n-k}$

*Proof.* by mathematical induction:  $n = 1$  is true; expand; sub dummy variable; combine using N4b; combine back to final term

## Multinomial Coefficients

**N6** -  $\binom{n}{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_r} = \frac{n!}{n_1! n_2! \dots n_r!}$  represents the number of possible divisions of  $n$  distinct objects into  $r$  distinct groups of respective sizes  $n_1, n_2, \dots, n_r$ , where  $n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_r = n$

*Proof.* using basic counting principle,

$$\begin{aligned} &= \binom{n}{n_1} \binom{n-n_1}{n_2} \binom{n-n_1-n_2}{n_3} \dots \binom{n-n_1-n_2-\dots-n_{r-1}}{n_r} \\ &= \frac{n!}{(n-n_1)! n_1!} \times \frac{(n-n_1)!}{(n-n_1-n_2)! n_2!} \times \dots \times \frac{(n-n_1-n_2-\dots-n_{r-1})!}{0! n_r!} \\ &= \frac{n!}{n_1! n_2! \dots n_r!} \end{aligned}$$

**N7 - The Multinomial Theorem:**  $(x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_r)^n = \sum_{(n_1, \dots, n_r): n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_r = n} \frac{n!}{n_1! n_2! \dots n_r!} x_1^{n_1} x_2^{n_2} \dots x_r^{n_r}$

## Number of Integer Solutions of Equations

**N8** - there are  $\binom{n-1}{r-1}$  distinct *positive* integer-valued vectors  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_r)$  satisfying  $x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_r = n$ ,  $x_i > 0$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, r$

! cannot be directly applied to N8 as 0 value is not included

**N9** - there are  $\binom{n+r-1}{r-1}$  distinct *non-negative* integer-valued vectors

$(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_r)$  satisfying  $x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_r = n$

*Proof.* let  $y_k = x_k + 1 \Rightarrow y_1 + y_2 + \dots + y_r = n + r$

# 02. AXIOMS OF PROBABILITY

## Sample Space and Events

- sample space** → The *set* of all outcomes of an experiment (where outcomes are not predictable with certainty)
- event** → Any *subset* of the sample space
- union** of events  $E$  and  $F \rightarrow E \cup F$  is the event that contains all outcomes that are either in  $E$  or  $F$  (or both).
- intersection** of events  $E$  and  $F \rightarrow E \cap F$  or  $EF$  is the event that contains all outcomes that are both in  $E$  and in  $F$ .
- complement** of  $E \rightarrow E^c$  is the event that contains all outcomes that are *not* in  $E$ .
- subset** →  $E \subset F$  if all of the outcomes in  $E$  that are also in  $F$ .
  - $E \subset F \wedge F \subset E \Rightarrow E = F$

## DeMorgan's Laws

$$\left( \bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i \right)^c = \bigcap_{i=1}^n E_i^c$$

*Proof.* to show  $LHS \subset RHS$ : let  $x \in \left( \bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i \right)^c$   
 $\Rightarrow x \notin \bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i \Rightarrow x \notin E_1$  and  $x \notin E_2 \dots$  and  $x \notin E_n$   
 $\Rightarrow x \in E_1^c$  and  $x \in E_2^c \dots$  and  $x \in E_n^c$   
 $\Rightarrow x \in \bigcap_{i=1}^n E_i^c$   
 to show  $RHS \subset LHS$ : let  $x \in \bigcap_{i=1}^n E_i^c$

$$\left( \bigcap_{i=1}^n E_i \right)^c = \bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i^c$$

*Proof.* using the first law of DeMorgan, negate LHS to get RHS

## Axioms of Probability

### definition 1: relative frequency

$$P(E) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n(E)}{n}$$

problems with this definition:

- $\frac{n(E)}{n}$  may not converge when  $n \rightarrow \infty$
- $\frac{n(E)}{n}$  may not converge to the same value if the experiment is repeated

### definition 2: Axioms

Consider an experiment with sample space  $S$ . For each event  $E$  of the sample space  $S$ , we assume that a number  $P(E)$  is defined and satisfies the following 3 axioms:

- $0 \leq P(E) \leq 1$
- $P(S) = 1$
- For any sequence of mutually exclusive events  $E_1, E_2, \dots$  (i.e., events for which  $E_i E_j = \emptyset$  when  $i \neq j$ ),

$$P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(E_i)$$

$P(E)$  is the probability of event  $E$ .

## Simple Propositions

**N1** -  $P(\emptyset) = 0$

**N2** -  $P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n P(E_i)$  (aka axiom 3 for a finite  $n$ )

**N3 - strong law of large numbers** - if an experiment is repeated over and over again, then with probability 1, the proportion of time during which any specific event  $E$  occurs will be equal to  $P(E)$ .

**N6** - the definitions of probability are mathematical definitions. They tell us which set functions can be called **probability functions**. They do not tell us what value a probability function  $P(\cdot)$  assigns to a given event  $E$ .

probability function  $\iff$  it satisfies the 3 axioms.

**N7** -  $P(E^c) = 1 - P(E)$

**N8** - if  $E \subset F$ , then  $P(E) \leq P(F)$

**N9** -  $P(E \cup F) = P(E) + P(F) - P(E \cap F)$

**N10** - Inclusion-Exclusion identity where  $n = 3$

$$\begin{aligned} P(E \cup F \cup G) &= P(E) + P(F) + P(G) \\ &\quad - P(EF) - P(EG) - P(FG) \\ &\quad + P(EFG) \end{aligned}$$

**N11 - Inclusion-Exclusion identity** -

$$\begin{aligned} P(E_1 \cup E_2 \cup \dots \cup E_n) &= \sum_{i=1}^n P(E_i) - \sum_{i_1 < i_2} P(E_{i_1} E_{i_2}) + \dots \\ &\quad + (-1)^{r+1} \sum_{i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_r} P(E_{i_1} E_{i_2} \dots E_{i_r}) + \dots \\ &\quad + (-1)^{n+1} P(E_1 E_2 \dots E_n) \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Suppose an outcome with probability  $\omega$  is in exactly  $m$  of the events  $E_i$ , where  $m > 0$ . Then

**LHS:** the outcome is in  $E_1 \cup E_2 \cup \dots \cup E_n$  and  $\omega$  will be counted once in  $P(E_1 \cup E_2 \cup \dots \cup E_n)$

**RHS:**

- the outcome is in exactly  $m$  of the events  $E_i$  and  $\omega$  will be counted exactly  $\binom{m}{1}$  times in  $\sum_{i=1}^n P(E_i)$

- the outcome is contained in  $\binom{m}{2}$  subsets of the type  $E_{i_1} E_{i_2}$  and  $\omega$  will be counted  $\binom{m}{2}$  times in  $\sum_{i_1 < i_2} P(E_{i_1} E_{i_2})$

- ... and so on

hence  $RHS = \binom{m}{1} \omega - \binom{m}{2} \omega + \binom{m}{3} \omega - \dots \pm \binom{m}{m} \omega$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \omega \sum_{i=0}^m \binom{m}{i} (-1)^i = \text{binomial theorem where } x = -1, y = 1 \\ &= 0 = LHS \end{aligned}$$

e.g. For an outcome with probability  $\omega$  and  $n = 3$

- Case 1.**  $w = P(E_1 E_2)$   
 LHS =  $\omega$   
 RHS =  $(\omega + \omega + 0) - (\omega + 0 + 0) + 0 = \omega$
- Case 2.**  $\omega = P(E_1 \cap E_2 \cap E_3)$   
 LHS =  $\omega$   
 RHS =  $(\omega + \omega + \omega) - (\omega + \omega + \omega) + \omega = \omega$

**N12** -

- $P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i\right) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n P(E_i)$
- $P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i\right) \geq \sum_{i=1}^n P(E_i) - \sum_{j < i} P(E_i E_j)$
- $P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i\right) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n P(E_i) - \sum_{j < i} P(E_i E_j) + \sum_{k < j < i} P(E_i E_j E_k)$
- and so on.

*Proof.*  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i = E_1 \cup E_1^c E_2 \cup E_1^c E_2^c E_3 \cup \dots \cup E_1^c E_2^c \dots E_{n-1}^c E_n$

$$P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i\right) = P(E_1) + P(E_1^c E_2) + P(E_1^c E_2^c E_3) + \dots + P(E_1^c E_2^c \dots E_{n-1}^c E_n)$$

## Sample Space having Equally Likely Outcomes

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Consider an experiment with sample space  $S = \{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n\}$ . Then  $P(\{e_1\}) = P(\{e_2\}) = \dots = P(\{e_n\}) = \frac{1}{n}$  or  $P(\{e_i\}) = \frac{1}{n}$ .

**N1** - for any event  $E$ ,  $P(E) = \frac{\# \text{ of outcomes in } E}{\# \text{ of outcomes in } S} = \frac{\# \text{ of outcomes in } E}{n}$

**increasing sequence** of events  $\{E_n, n \geq 1\} \rightarrow$

$E_1 \subset E_2 \subset \dots \subset E_n \subset E_{n+1} \subset \dots$

lim\_{n -> infinity} E\_n = union\_{i=1}^infinity E\_i

decreasing sequence of events {E\_n, n >= 1} -> E\_1 supset E\_2 supset ... supset E\_n supset E\_{n+1} supset ...

lim\_{n -> infinity} E\_n = intersection\_{i=1}^infinity E\_i

03. CONDITIONAL PROBABILITY AND INDEPENDENCE

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Conditional Probability

- N1 - if P(F) > 0. then P(E|F) = (P(E intersection F)) / P(F)
- N2 - multiplication rule - P(E\_1 E\_2 ... E\_n) = P(E\_1)P(E\_2|E\_1)P(E\_3|E\_1 E\_2) ... P(E\_n|E\_1 E\_2 ... E\_{n-1})
- N3 - axioms of probability apply to conditional probability

- 1. 0 <= P(E|F) <= 1
- 2. P(S|F) = 1 where S is the sample space
- 3. If E\_i (i in Z\_{>=1}) are mutually exclusive events, then

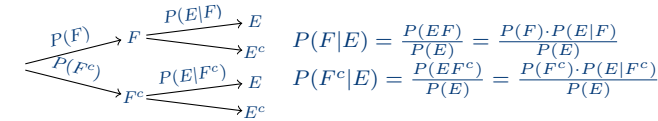
P(intersection\_{i=1}^infinity E\_i | F) = product\_{i=1}^infinity P(E\_i | F)

- N4 - If we define Q(E) = P(E|F), then Q(E) can be regarded as a probability function on the events of S, hence all results previously proved for probabilities apply.
- Q(E\_1 union E\_2) = Q(E\_1) + Q(E\_2) - Q(E\_1 E\_2)
- P(E\_1 union E\_2 | F) = P(E\_1 | F) + P(E\_2 | F) - P(E\_1 E\_2 | F)
- theorem of total probability: Q(E\_1) = Q(E\_1 | E\_2)Q(E\_2) + Q(E\_1 | E\_2^c)Q(E\_2^c)

Total Probability & Bayes' Theorem

conditioning formula - P(E) = P(E|F)P(F) + P(E|F^c)P(F^c)

tree diagram -



Total Probability

theorem of total probability - Suppose F\_1, F\_2, ..., F\_n are mutually exclusive events such that union\_{i=1}^n F\_i = S, then P(E) = sum\_{i=1}^n P(EF\_i) = sum\_{i=1}^n P(F\_i)P(E|F\_i)

Bayes Theorem

P(F\_j | E) = (P(EF\_j) / P(E)) = (P(F\_j)P(E|F\_j) / sum\_{i=1}^n P(F\_i)P(E|F\_i))

application of bayes' theorem

P(B\_1 | A) = (P(A|B\_1) \* P(B\_1)) / (P(A|B\_1) \* P(B\_1) + P(A|B\_2) \* P(B\_2))

Let A be the event that the person test positive for a disease.  
B\_1: the person has the disease. B\_2: the person does not have the disease.

true positives: P(B_1   A)	false negatives: P(A_bar   B_1)
false positives: P(A   B_2)	true negatives: P(A_bar   B_2)

Independent Events

- N1 - E and F are independent <=> P(EF) = P(E) \* P(F)
- N2 - E and F are independent <=> P(E|F) = P(E)
- N3 - if E and F are independent, then E and F^c are independent.
- N4 - if E, F, G are independent, then E will be independent of any event formed from F and G. (e.g. F union G)
- N5 - if E, F, G are independent, then P(EFG) = P(E)P(F)P(G)

N6 - if E and F are independent and E and G are independent, then E and FG are independent

N7 - For independent trials with probability p of success, probability of m successes before n failures, for m, n >= 1,

method 1

method 2

P\_{n,m} = sum\_{k=n}^{m+n-1} (m+n-1 choose k) p^k (1-p)^{m+n-1-k}

= P(exactly k successes in m+n-1 trials)

recursive approach to solving probabilities: see page 85 alternative approach

04. RANDOM VARIABLES

Random Variables

- random variable -> a real-valued function defined on the sample space
- X is a Bernoulli r.v. with parameter p if ->

p(x) = { p, x=1, ('success') ; 1-p, x=0, ('failure') }

<b>commutative</b>	$E \cup F = F \cup E$	$E \cap F = F \cap E$
<b>associative</b>	$(E \cup F) \cup G = E \cup (F \cup G)$	$(E \cap F) \cap G = E \cap (F \cap G)$
<b>distributive</b>	$(E \cup F) \cap G = (E \cap G) \cup (F \cap G)$	$(E \cap F) \cup G = (E \cup G) \cap (F \cup G)$
<b>DeMorgan's</b>	$(\bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i)^c = \bigcap_{i=1}^n E_i^c$	$(\bigcap_{i=1}^n E_i)^c = \bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i^c$