

# RECAP

- ▶ Probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$
- ▶ Axioms of probability
- ▶ Sigma-algebra's as domain  $\mathcal{F}$
- ▶ Borel-Sigma algebras
- ▶ Conditional probability
- ▶ Law of total probability & Bayes rule

# Independence

- ▶ Independence of events
- ▶ Mutually exclusive events
- ▶ Conditional independence
- ▶ Zero probability events and independence
- ▶ Counting (HW)
- ▶ Motivate Random variables

# Independence

- ▶ Consider the experiment of tossing a coin and a dice simultaneously.
- ▶ Identify its underlying probability space.
- ▶ What is  $\mathbb{P}(\{H, 6\})$ ?
- ▶ What is  $\mathbb{P}(\{T, \text{odd}\}) = \mathbb{P}(\{\cup_{i=1,3,5} \{T, i\}\})$ ?
- ▶ In both cases above we have  $\mathbb{P}(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B)$ .
- ▶ This implies that  $\mathbb{P}(A/B) = \mathbb{P}(A)$ .

- ▶ Two events  $A, B$  are independent iff  $P(A/B) = P(A)$  and  $P(B/A) = P(B)$ .
- ▶ Two events  $A, B$  are independent iff  $P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B)$ .

# Independence

▶ Two events  $A, B$  are independent if and only if  $P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B)$ .

- ▶ If  $A$  and  $B$  are independent, then are  $A^c$  and  $B^c$  independent?
- ▶ What about  $A$  and  $B^c$ ? Are they independent?
- ▶ If  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$  are independent, then prove that

$$P(\cup_{i=1}^n A_i) = 1 - \prod_{i=1}^n [1 - P(A_i)]$$

# Mutual and Pairwise Independence

- ▶ A collection of events  $\{A_i, i \in I\}$  are said to be **mutually independent** if the  $P(\cap_{j \in J} A_j) = \prod_{j \in J} P(A_j)$  for any subset  $J$  of  $I$ .
- ▶ A collection of events  $\{A_i, i \in I\}$  are said to be **pairwise independent** if any pair of events from the collection are independent.
- ▶ Mutual independence implies pairwise independence but not the other way around.
- ▶ HW: Find an example where pairwise independence does not imply mutual independence.

# Independence - Example

- ▶ Pick a number randomly from the set  $\{1, \dots, 10\}$ .
- ▶ Event  $A$  says that the number is less than 7.
- ▶ Event  $B$  says that the number is less than 8.
- ▶ Event  $C$  says that the number is even.
- ▶ Are the events mutually independent?
- ▶ Which pair of event is independent?

# Correlation between events

- ▶ Two events  $A, B$  are independent iff  $P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B)$ .
- ▶ Two events  $A$  and  $B$  are positively correlated iff  $P(A/B) > P(A)$ .
- ▶ Two events  $A$  and  $B$  are negatively correlated iff  $P(A/B) < P(A)$ .
- ▶  $A$  and  $B$  have the same correlation as  $A^c$  and  $B^c$ .
- ▶  $A$  and  $B$  have the opposite correlation as  $A$  and  $B^c$ .

# Mutually exclusive and Independence

- ▶ Two events  $A$  and  $B$  are mutually exclusive if occurrence of one implies that the other event cannot occur. Are they independent?
- ▶ If  $A$  and  $B$  are mutually exclusive, then they are not independent (and vice versa). This can be seen as follows.

## A and B are Mutually Exclusive

- ▶  $P(A \cap B) = 0$
- ▶  $P(A/B) = 0$
- ▶  $P(A/B^c) = \frac{P(A \cap B^c)}{P(B^c)} = \frac{P(A)}{P(B^c)}$

## A and B are Independent

- ▶  $P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B)$
- ▶  $P(A/B) = P(A)$
- ▶  $P(A/B^c) = P(A)$

- ▶ If  $A \subseteq B$ , then two events are neither mutually exclusive nor independent.



# Zero probability events and Independence

Zero probability events are always independent!

- ▶ Let  $E$  be a zero probability event, i.e.  $P(E) = 0$ .
- ▶ Then for any set  $F$ , we want to show that  $P(E \cap F) = 0$ .
- ▶ Note that  $E \cap F \subseteq E$ .
- ▶ This implies that  $P(E \cap F) \leq P(E)$ .

# Conditional independence

- ▶ Recall :  $P(A/B) = \frac{P(AB)}{P(B)}$ .
- ▶ Also recall :  $P(A/BC) = \frac{P(AB/C)}{P(B/C)}$
- ▶ This implies  $P(AB/C) = P(A/BC)P(B/C)$ .

Two events  $A$  and  $B$  are said to be conditionally independent of event  $C$  ( $P(C) > 0$ ) if  $P((AB)/C) = P(A/C).P(B/C)$

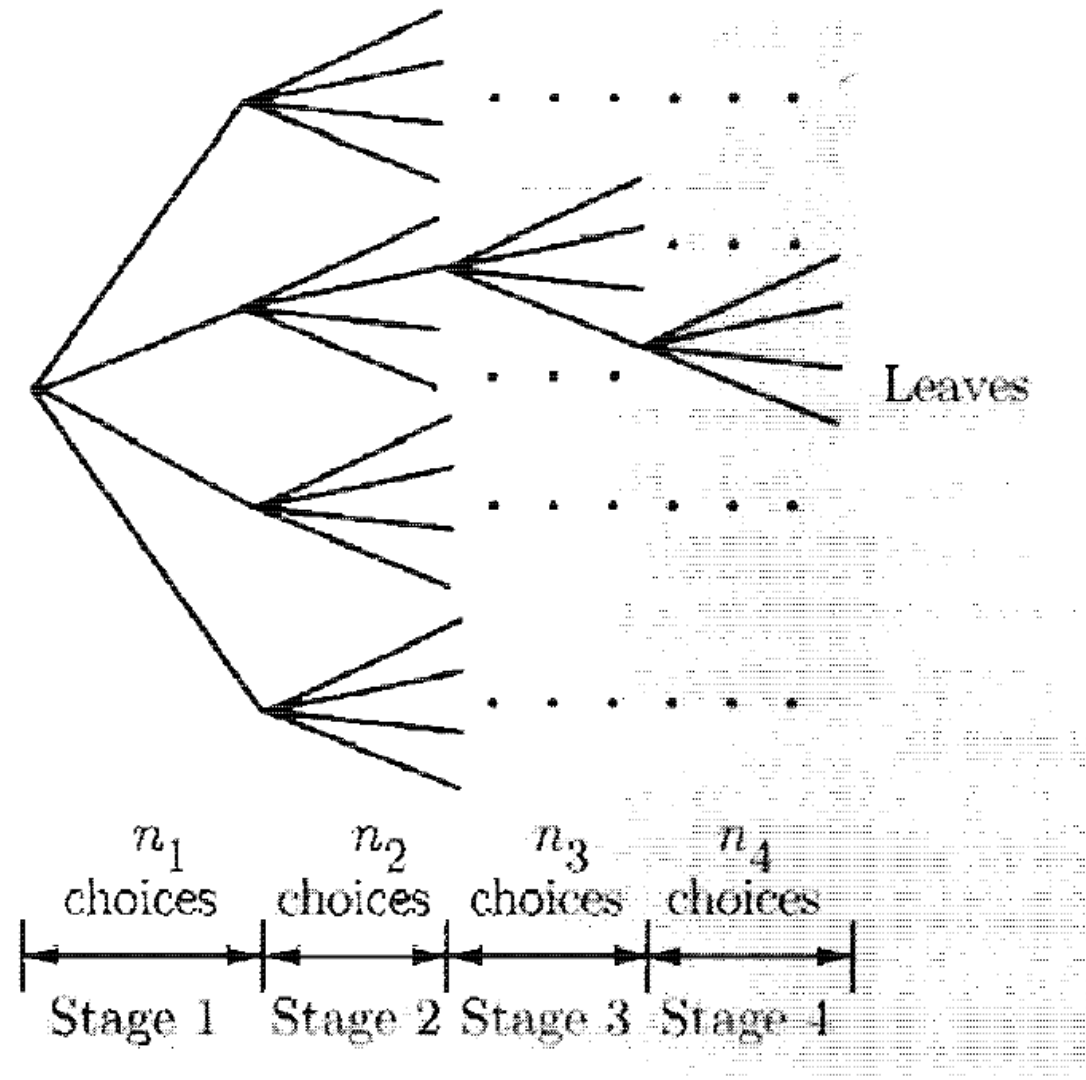
- ▶ As a consequence  $P(A/BC) = P(A/C)$

HW: Verify if events  $A$  and  $B$  are conditionally independent of event  $C$  (in the experiment of picking number randomly in  $\{1, \dots, 10\}$ )

# Conditional independence – example

- ▶ There are two coins, one fair and other fake (both heads). The experiment is to choose a coin uniformly and toss twice.
- ▶ Event A: First coin toss results in H. What is its probability?  $P(A) = 3/4$ .
- ▶ Event B: Second coin toss results in H. What is its probability?  $P(B) = 3/4$ .
- ▶ Event C: Coin 1 is chosen.
- ▶ What is  $P(A/C)$  and  $P(B/C)$ ?  $1/2$
- ▶ What is  $P((A \cap B)/C)$ ?  $1/4$  Hence A and B are conditionally independent given C.
- ▶ Are A and B independent? HW

# First principle of counting



# Principle of counting

- ▶ Given  $n$  objects, in how many ways can you arrange them?  $n!$
- ▶ Given  $n$  objects, how many distinct pairs can you form?  
 ${}^nC_2 = \binom{n}{2} = \frac{n!}{n-2!2!}.$
- ▶ In general, given  $n$  objects, we can make  ${}^nC_k = \binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{n-k!k!}$  distinct combination of  $k$  objects.
- ▶ Note that in each combination or group of  $k$  objects, the ordering within each group is immaterial. What if we also want to count this?
- ▶  ${}^nP_k = {}^nC_k \times k!$

# Experiments with Sampling

- ▶ Sampling: Sampling from a set means choosing an element from the set.
- ▶ Sampling uniformly at random: All items in the set have equal probability of being chosen.
- ▶ Sampling can be with replacement or without replacement.
- ▶ Sampling can be ordered or unordered.
- ▶ In ordered sampling,  $(a, b, c) \neq (c, b, a)$ .
- ▶ This leaves us with 4 combinations.
  1. Ordered sampling with replacement
  2. Ordered sampling without replacement
  3. Unordered sampling with replacement
  4. Unordered sampling without replacement

# Ordered sampling with replacement

- ▶ Suppose you want to sample  $k$  out of  $n$  objects with replacement and where the ordering of the  $k$  objects matters.
- ▶ Because we sample with replacement, repetition is allowed.
- ▶ How many ways can you choose  $k$  objects out of  $n$  this way?
- ▶ a)  $nk$ ?      b)  $\binom{n}{k}$       c)  $k^n$       d)  $n^k$  ?
- ▶ There are  $k$  positions and  $n$  choices for every position.
- ▶ Total  $n^k$ .

# Ordered sampling without replacement

- ▶ Suppose you want to sample  $k$  out of  $n$  objects now without replacement and where the ordering of the  $k$  objects matters.
- ▶ Because we sample without replacement, repetition is not allowed.
- ▶ How many ways can you choose  $k$  objects out of  $n$  this way?
- ▶ a)  $nk$ ?      b)  $\binom{n}{k}$       c)  $k^n$       d) none ?
- ▶ There are  $k$  positions and  $n - i + 1$  choices for every  $i^{th}$  position.
- ▶ Total  $n \times (n - 1) \times \dots (n - k + 1) = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!} = {}^n P_k$ .



# Unordered sampling without replacement

- ▶ Here you want to sample  $k$  out of  $n$  objects without replacement and the ordering of the  $k$  objects does not matter.
- ▶ Because we sample without replacement, repetition is not allowed.
- ▶ How many ways can you choose  $k$  objects out of  $n$  this way?
- ▶ a)  $nk$ ?      b)  $\binom{n}{k}$       c)  $k^n$       d) none ?
- ▶ Essentially we want to count distinct  $k$  sized subsets from  $n$  objects without caring for ordering.
- ▶  ${}^nC_k$ .

# Unordered sampling with replacement

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- ▶ Because we sample with replacement, repetition is allowed.
- ▶ How many ways can you choose  $k$  objects out of  $n$  this way?
- ▶ In any such sampling, any object  $i$  can appear at most  $k$  times.
- ▶ Let  $x_i$  denote the number of times object  $i$  is chosen in  $k$  samples.
- ▶ Then any sampling satisfies  $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i = k$
- ▶ How many solutions to the above equation tells you how many ways you can do the above sampling.
- ▶  $\binom{n+k-1}{k}$  Think(HW).

# Example 1

- ▶ How many different 7-plate licenses are possible if the first 3 places are to be occupied by letters and the final 4 by numbers?
- ▶ ANS:  $26^3 10^4$ .
- ▶ What if the alphabets and numbers are not to repeat?

## Example 2

- ▶ How many functions defined on  $n$  points are possible if each functional value is either 0 or 1?
- ▶ ANS:  $2^n$

## Example 3

- ▶ How many different letter arrangements can be formed using the letters PEPPER?
- ▶ If the P's and E's are distinguished as  $P_1, P_2, P_3$  and  $E_1, E_2, R$  then  $6!$ .
- ▶ But we don't want to distinguish the P's and E's.
- ▶ For every indistinguishable arrangement, say PPPREE, there are  $3! \times 2!$  different distinguished arrangements.
- ▶ Using principles of counting, the number of indistinguishable arrangements are  $\frac{6!}{3!2!1!}$

## Example 4

- ▶ How many different permutations of  $n$  objects can be formed when  $n_1$  are alike,  $n_2$  are alike, ...,  $n_r$  are alike?
- ▶ ANS:  $\frac{n!}{n_1!n_2!\dots n_r!}$  where  $\sum_{i=1}^r n_i = n$ .
- ▶ When  $r = 2$ , we have  $\frac{n!}{n_1!n-n_1!} = {}^nC_{n_1} = {}^nC_{n-n_1}$ .
- ▶ Now suppose there are  $n$  distinct items and you want to divide them in  $r$  groups where group  $i$  has size  $n_i$  and where  $\sum_{i=1}^r n_i = n$ . How many ways can you do this in?
- ▶ ANS:  $\binom{n}{n_1} \binom{n-n_1}{n_2} \dots \binom{n-n_1-n_2-\dots-n_{r-1}}{n_r}$
- ▶ This is same as  $\frac{n!}{n_1!n_2!\dots n_r!}$

## Example 5

- ▶ There are  $n$  red balls and  $r$  bins. How many ways can you put these balls in bins such that no bin is empty ?
- ▶ ANS: This is same as finding the number of solutions to  $\sum_{i=1}^r x_i = n$  where  $x_i > 0$ .
- ▶ Arrange all  $n$  balls in a line.
- ▶ There are  $n - 1$  spaces between these  $n$  balls where you want to place  $r - 1$  partitions (or sticks).
- ▶ No two partitions can be in the same space else that would mean a bin is empty.
- ▶ Select  $r - 1$  out of  $n - 1$  (unordered without replacement)
- ▶  $\binom{n-1}{r-1}$ .

## Example 6

- ▶ There are  $n$  red balls and  $r$  bins. How many ways can you put these balls in bins such that bins can be empty ?
- ▶ ANS: This is same as finding the number of solutions to  $\sum_{i=1}^r x_i = n$  where  $0 \leq x_i \leq n$ .
- ▶ This is same as finding the number of solutions to  $\sum_{i=1}^r y_i = n + r$  where  $0 < y_i < n$ . (substitute  $y_i = x_i + 1$  above!)
- ▶  $\binom{n+r-1}{r-1}$ .



## Example 6 – Alternative solution

- ▶ There are  $n$  red balls and  $r$  bins. How many ways can you put these balls in bins such that bins can be empty ?
- ▶ ANS: This is same as finding the number of solutions to  $\sum_{i=1}^r x_i = n$  where  $0 \leq x_i \leq n$ .
- ▶ Represent  $x_i$  by that many vertical lines.
- ▶ Total  $n$  vertical lines and  $r - 1$  + signs.
- ▶  $n + r - 1$  objects where  $n$  are alike and  $r - 1$  are alike.
- ▶  $\binom{n+r-1}{r-1}$ .

## Example 7

- ▶ Toss a biased coin  $n$  times with  $p$  as the probability of head. What is the probability that you have  $k$  heads ?
- ▶ ANS:  $\binom{n}{k} p^k (1 - p)^{n-k}$ .
- ▶ When  $p = 1$  and  $k = n$ , we will have the convention that  $0^0 = 1!$ . Check the following link
- ▶ [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zero\\_to\\_the\\_power\\_of\\_zero](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zero_to_the_power_of_zero)
- ▶ What is the probability that you will get head for the first time at the  $r^{th}$  toss where  $r \leq n$ ?
- ▶ ANS:  $(1 - p)^{r-1} p$ .

## Example 8

- ▶ Suppose you roll a dice  $n$  times, what is probability that half of them show 1 and remaining half show 6? ( $n$  is even)
- ▶ ANS:  $\binom{n}{n/2} \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^n$
- ▶ What is the probability that  $n_1$  of them show 1 and  $n_2$  show 6?
- ▶  $\frac{n!}{n_1!n_2!(n-n_1-n_2)!} \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^{n_1} \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^{n_2} \left(\frac{4}{6}\right)^{(n-n_1-n_2)}$

# Example: Monty Hall

- ▶ There are 3 doors, 2 goats and 1 car.
- ▶ Please choose one door! Suppose you choose Door 1.
- ▶ As a presenter, I open a door which has a goat (say door 2) and give you an option to change your choice. Will you ?
- ▶ Sol: Let  $C_i$  denote the event that door  $i$  conceals a car and  $G$  denote the event that a goat is shown at door 2.
- ▶  $P(G) = 1$  since the presenter has shown a goat behind door 2.
- ▶ What is  $P(C_3/G)$ ? Verify if the following is correct.
- ▶ 
$$P(C_3/G) = \frac{P(C_3 \cap G|C_1)P(C_1) + P(C_3 \cap G|C_1^c)P(C_1^c)}{P(G)} = 2/3 > P(C_3)$$

# Motivation to random variables

# Random variable

- ▶ Given a random experiment with associated  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ , it is sometimes difficult to deal directly with  $\omega \in \Omega$ . eg. rolling a dice ten times.
- ▶ Notice that each sample point  $\omega \in \Omega$  is not a number but a sequence of numbers.
- ▶ Also, we may be interested in functions of these sample points rather than samples themselves. eg: Number of times 6 appears in the 10 rolls.
- ▶ In either case, it is often convenient to work in a new *simpler* probability space rather than the original space.
- ▶ Random variable is a device which precisely helps us make this mapping from  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  to a 'simpler'  $(\Omega', \mathcal{F}', P_X)$ .
- ▶  $P_X$  is called as an induced probability measure on  $\Omega'$ .

# Random variable as a measurable function

A random variable  $X$  is a function  $X : \Omega \rightarrow \Omega'$  that transforms the probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  to  $(\Omega', \mathcal{F}', P_X)$  and is ‘ $(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{F}')$ -measurable’.

- ▶ The map  $X : \Omega \rightarrow \Omega'$  implies  $X(\omega) \in \Omega'$  for all  $\omega \in \Omega$ .
- ▶ For event  $B \in \mathcal{F}'$ , the pre-image  $X^{-1}(B)$  is defined as 
$$X^{-1}(B) := \{\omega \in \Omega : X(\omega) \in B\}$$

The ‘ $(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{F}')$ -measurability’ implies that for every  $B \in \mathcal{F}'$ , we have  $X^{-1}(B) \in \mathcal{F}$ .