

## Review(1.3 Methods of Enumeration)

- Multiplication principle.
- Permutation and combination.
- Sampling with/without replacement.
- Ordered/unordered sample.

### Summary

The number of possibilities to sample with or without replacement in order or unordered  $r$  elements from a set of  $n$  distinct elements are summarized in the following table:

Sampling	in order	without order
without replacement	$\frac{n!}{(n-r)!}$	$\binom{n}{r}$
with replacement	$n^r$	$\binom{n+r-1}{r}$

## Distinguishable Permutation

Suppose that a set contains  $n$  objects or two types,  $r$  of one type and  $n - r$  of the other type. What is the number of distinguishable permutations of these  $n$  objects? \_\_\_\_\_  $\binom{n}{r}$  or  ${}_nC_r$

Special case : 2 red balls, 2 blue balls,  $n = 4, r = 2$ .

$$\binom{4}{2} = {}_4C_2 = \frac{4 \times 3}{1 \times 2} = 6$$

*Definition:* Each of the  ${}_nC_r$  permutations of  $n$  objects,  $r$  of one type and  $n - r$  of another type, is called a *distinguishable permutation*

## Binomial Coefficients

Binomial Coefficients:  ${}_nC_r = \binom{n}{r}$

$$(a + b)^n = \sum_{r=0}^n \binom{n}{r} b^r a^{n-r}$$

- $\binom{n}{r} = \binom{n}{n-r}$
- $0 = \sum_{r=0}^n (-1)^r \binom{n}{r}$ .
- $2^n = \sum_{r=0}^n \binom{n}{r}$ .

Example: What is the coefficient of  $x^3y^4$  in the expansion of  $(x + y)^7$ .

$$\binom{7}{3}$$

## Multinomial Coefficients

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$$\binom{n}{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_r} = \frac{n!}{n_1! n_2! \dots n_r!}$$

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$$\binom{10}{1, 1, 2, 3, 3} = \frac{10!}{1! 1! 2! 3! 3!}$$

1 A  
 1 C  
 2 I  
 3 S  
 3 T

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$$\binom{18}{5, 6, 7}$$

Example: In how many ways can the set of nucleotides (A, A, G, G, G, G, C, C, C, T, T, T, T, T, T) be arranged in a sequence of 15 letters?\_\_\_\_\_

$$\binom{15}{2, 4, 3, 3, 3}$$

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## Today's lecture: 2.1 Discrete Random Variables

- Random variable, space.
- Discrete random variable, probability mass function and its properties.
- Bar graph, probability histogram.

### Random variable

Definition: Given a random experiment with an outcome space  $S$ , a function  $X$  that assigns to each element  $s$  in  $S$  one and only one real number  $X(s) = x$  is called a *random variable*. The random variable  $X$  is discrete if the set of real values it can take is finite or countable, e.g.  $\{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, \}$ .

Example: Paul went to the car dealer and buy a car from Ferrari, Porsche, or BMW.

Random experiment: which car?

Random variable:  $X$  gives numbers to the possible outcomes.

$$\text{Ferrari} \Rightarrow X = 1$$

$$\text{Porsche} \Rightarrow X = 2$$

$$\text{BMW} \Rightarrow X = 3$$

Definition: The space (support) of  $X$  is the set of real numbers  $\{x : X(s) = x, s \in S\}$ . In the book, the space of  $X$  is denoted by  $S$ , same as sample space.

- Space of  $X = S = \{x : x = 1, 2, 3\}$  (pick a car)

In many instances, one can think of the space of  $X$  as being the outcome space, but  $\dots$

Example: Wheel of fortune.

One spins a wheel and look at the angle of the pointer. If the angle is within  $[0^\circ, 180^\circ)$ , then one gets 1000 dollars, otherwise he/she gets 0 dollars. Let  $X$  be the dollar amount the person gets.

- What is the outcome space ?

$[0^\circ, 360^\circ)$

- What is the space for  $X$  ?

$\{x : x = 1000, 0\}$

- Is  $X$  a discrete random variable?

Yes

## Probability mass function

The probability mass function (p.m.f.)  $f(x)$ , for a discrete random variable  $X$ , is given by

$$f(x) = P(X = x), \quad x \in S$$

Example: Which car?

Outcome $x$	Ferrari	Porsche	BMW
	1	2	3
$f(x) = P(X = x)$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{4}{6}$

Or  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 1/6 & \text{if } x = 1 \\ 1/6 & \text{if } x = 2 \\ 4/6 & \text{if } x = 3 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

## Properties of probability mass function

- $0 \leq f(x) \leq 1$  for all  $x$ .
- $\sum_{x \in S} f(x) = 1$ .
- $P(X \in A) = \sum_{x \in A} f(x)$ .

e.g. in the car example,  $P(X \in \{1, 2\}) = \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6} = \frac{2}{6}$

For each of the following, determine the constant  $c$  so that  $f(x)$  is a p.m.f. for some random variable  $X$ .

- $f(x) = x/c, x = 1, 2, \dots, 10$ .

$$\frac{1}{c}(1+2+\dots+10)=1 \Rightarrow c=55$$

- $f(x) = c(1/3)^x, x = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

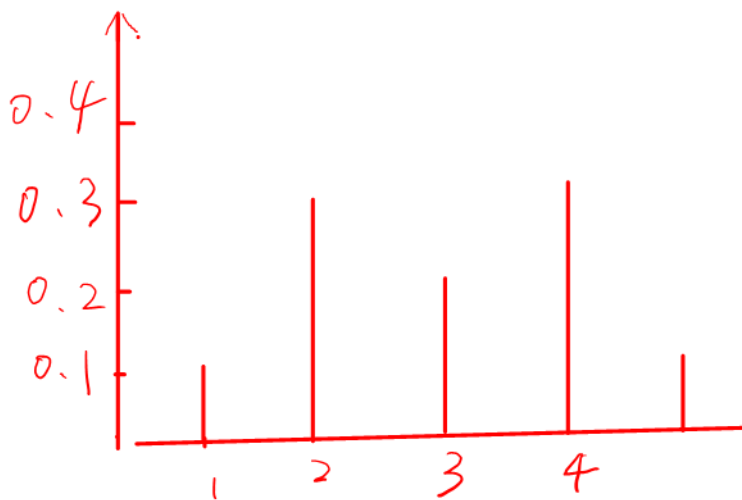
$$c \times \left( \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \dots \right) = 1 \Rightarrow c = 2$$

## Bar graph and probability histogram

Draw a bar graph and a probability histogram for the probability mass function

$x$	1	2	3	4	5
$f(x)$	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.1

Bar graph:



Probability histogram

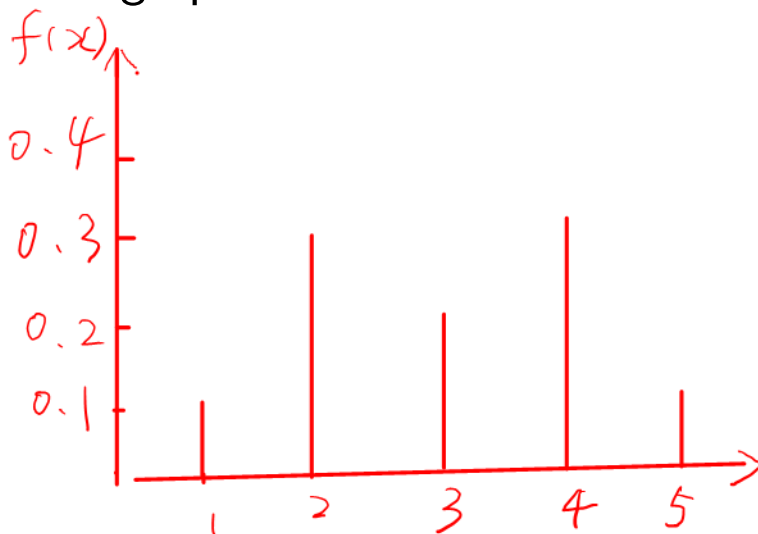


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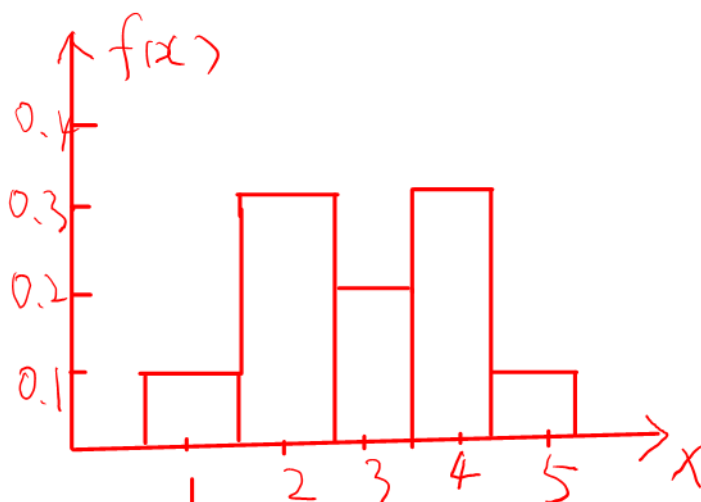
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Bar graph:



$$\sum \text{height} = 1.$$

Probability histogram



$$\sum \text{area} = 1$$

## Discrete R.V. Examples

- *Discrete Uniform example* : Let  $X$  be the result of tossing a fair die. The probability mass function of  $X$  is:

$x$	1	2	3	4	5	6
$P(X = x)$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{6}$

- *Discrete nonuniform example*: Roll two dice
  - $X_1$  - number on the first die
  - $X_2$  - number on the second die
  - $X = X_1 + X_2$  - total number of points  
( a function of random variables is again a random variable)

$(X_1, X_2)$	$X$	$(X_1, X_2)$	$X$	$(X_1, X_2)$	$X$
(1,1)	2	(3,1)	4	(5,1)	6
(1,2)	3	(3,2)	5	(5,2)	7
(1,3)	4	(3,3)	6	(5,3)	8
(1,4)	5	(3,4)	7	(5,4)	9
(1,5)	6	(3,5)	8	(5,5)	10
(1,6)	7	(3,6)	9	(5,6)	11
(2,1)	3	(4,1)	5	(6,1)	7
(2,2)	4	(4,2)	6	(6,2)	8
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(2,4)	6	(4,4)	8	(6,4)	10
(2,5)	7	(4,5)	9	(6,5)	11
(2,6)	8	(4,6)	10	(6,6)	12

$x$	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
$P(X = x)$	$\frac{1}{36}$	$\frac{2}{36}$	$\frac{3}{36}$	$\frac{4}{36}$	$\frac{5}{36}$	$\frac{6}{36}$	$\frac{5}{36}$	$\frac{4}{36}$	$\frac{3}{36}$	$\frac{2}{36}$	$\frac{1}{36}$