

## Chapter 1.3 Methods of Enumeration

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

## Multiplication Principle

In general, if there are  $p$  experiments and the first has  $N_1$  possible outcomes, the second  $N_2$ , ..., and the  $p$ th  $N_p$  possible outcomes, then there are a total of  $N_1 \times N_2 \times \dots \times N_p$  possible outcomes for the  $p$  experiments.

Example:

A DNA molecule is a sequence of four types of nucleotides, denoted by  $A$ ;  $G$ ;  $C$  and  $T$ . For a molecule 1 million ( $10^6$ ) units long, how many different possible sequences?

## Permutation

Example: Suppose that 3 positions are to be filled with 3 different objects ( $O_1, O_2, O_3$ ). How many possible arrangements are there?

In general, there are  $n!$  ways to fill in  $n$  positions with  $n$  different objects, where

$$n! = n \times (n - 1) \times \dots \times 2 \times 1; 0! = 1.$$

Definition: Each of the  $n!$  arrangements of  $n$  different objects is called a **permutation** of the  $n$  objects.

$${}_nP_r$$

If only  $r$  positions are to be filled with objects selected from  $n$  different objects,  $r \leq n$ , the number of possible ordered arrangements is

$${}_nP_r = n(n - 1)(n - 2) \cdots (n - r + 1) = \frac{n!}{(n - r)!}$$

- Each of the  ${}_nP_r$  arrangements is called a **permutation of the  $n$  objects taken  $r$  at a time.**

## Example

There are 5 seats in a classroom and 3 students registered for the class. How many seating arrangements do we have?

- Using Multiplication rule:
- E1: S1 has 5 choices ,
- E2: S2 has 4 choices,
- E3: S3 has 3 choices
- # of arrangements for composite events E1E2E3 is:
- $5 \times 4 \times 3 = 5!/2! = 5!/(5-3)! = 60$ .
- There are only 3 seats in a classroom and 5 students are registered for the class. How many seating arrangements do we have?

## With or without replacement

- Sampling with replacement:** an object is selected and then replaced (put it back) before the next object is selected.

Example: In Illinois, license plates have seven numbers. How many distinct such plates are possible?

- Sampling without replacement:** an object is NOT replaced (put it back) after it has been selected.

Example: How many four-letter code words are possible using the letters in HOPE if the letters may not be repeated.

## Ordered or unordered sample

- If  $r$  objects are selected from a set of  $n$  objects, and *the order of selection is noted*, the selected set of  $r$  objects is called an **ordered sample of size  $r$** .

Example: the number of ways of selecting a president, a vice president in a club which has 5 members.  
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- If the *order of the selection is not noted*, the selected set is called **unordered sample of size  $r$** .

Example: the number of ways of selecting two presidents in a club which has 5 members.  
 $20/2=10$

	President	VP
[1,]	"member1"	"member2"
[2,]	"member1"	"member3"
[3,]	"member1"	"member4"
[4,]	"member1"	"member5"
[5,]	"member2"	"member1"
[6,]	"member2"	"member3"
[7,]	"member2"	"member4"
[8,]	"member2"	"member5"
[9,]	"member3"	"member1"
[10,]	"member3"	"member2"
[11,]	"member3"	"member4"
[12,]	"member3"	"member5"
[13,]	"member4"	"member1"
[14,]	"member4"	"member2"
[15,]	"member4"	"member3"
[16,]	"member4"	"member5"
[17,]	"member5"	"member1"
[18,]	"member5"	"member2"
[19,]	"member5"	"member3"
[20,]	"member5"	"member4"
	President	President

## Combination (Unordered Sample)

Example: If you select 5 cards from a card deck of 54, you are typically only interested in the cards you have, not in the order in which you received them. How many different *combinations of 5 cards out of 54* are there?

In general, the number of subsets of size  $r$  that can be selected from  $n$  different objects is

$${}_nC_r = \binom{n}{r} = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$$

Each of the  ${}_nC_r$  unordered subsets is called a *combination of  $n$  objects taken  $r$  at a time*.

## Binomial coefficients

- The number  ${}_nC_r$  are also called **binomial coefficients**

$$(a+b)^n = (a+b)(a+b)\cdots(a+b)$$

Convert to math model:

We have  $n$  ball labeled by "a",  $n$  ball labeled by "b" and  $n$  boxes labeled by  $1, \dots, n$ . We randomly draw one ball each time and put it in one box so that each box only has exactly one ball. How many possible combinations for each?

		# combinations
We have all the black balls	$b^n$	1
We have one white ball and $n-1$ black balls	$ab^{n-1}$	${}_nC_1 = n$
....		
We have $r$ white ball and $n-r$ black ball	$a^r b^{n-r}$	${}_nC_r = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$

## Binomial coefficients (Cont'd)

- Properties of binomial coefficients

$$(x+y)^n = \sum_{r=0}^n \binom{n}{r} x^r y^{n-r}$$

$$\binom{n}{r} = \binom{n}{n-r} \quad \binom{n}{0} = \binom{n}{n} = 1 \quad \binom{n}{1} = \binom{n}{n-1} = n$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} = 2^n \quad \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k \binom{n}{k} = 0$$

- Pascal triangle (Homework 2)

## Distinguishable and indistinguishable

Example 1:

How many ordered arrangements are there of the letters in the word STATISTICS?

10 letters in total, 1 A, 1 C, 2 I, 3 S and 3 T.

$$\binom{10}{1} \binom{9}{1} \binom{8}{2} \binom{6}{3} \binom{3}{3} = 50400$$

(unordered, distinguishable, without replacement)

Example 2:

We have 5 black balls, 6 blue balls, and 7 yellow balls, we put them into 18 boxes (one balls in each box). How many possible arrangements?

$$\binom{18}{5} \binom{13}{6} \binom{7}{7} = \frac{18!}{5!6!7!}$$

(unordered, distinguishable, without replacement)

## Distinguishable and indistinguishable (Cont'd)

**Definition.** Given  $n$  objects with  $r$  of one type, and  $n-r$  of another type,

there are  ${}_nC_r$  **distinguishable permutations** of the  $n$  objects.

- In general, given  $n$  objects, of which  $n_1$  are of one type,  $n_2$  are of second type ... and  $n_k$  are of the last type, with  $n = n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_k$ .

The **number of distinguishable permutations** of is given by:

$$\binom{n}{n_1 n_2 n_3 \dots n_k} = \frac{n!}{n_1! n_2! n_3! \dots n_k!}$$

## Example

Suppose that of 100 applicants for a job 50 were women and 50 were men, all equally qualified. Further suppose that the company hired 2 women and 8 men. *How likely is this outcome under the assumption that the company does not discriminate?*

*Solution:* How many ways are there to choose

- 10 out of 100 applicants?
- 2 out of 50 female applicants and 8 out of 50 male applicants?
- Thus the chance of this event is \_\_\_\_\_.

## 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	$n^r$	$\binom{n+r-1}{r} \times$

※ Sampling with replacement, without order is optional. Derivation NOT required!

## Birthday Problem

What is the probability that at least two students have the same birthday in a classroom that has  $n$  students?

*Solution:* Let  $X$  be the number of students share the same birthday.

$$P(X \geq 2) = 1 - P(X < 2)$$

$$P(X < 2) = P(\text{ nobody share the same birthday}) = \frac{365 P_r}{365^r}$$

$$P(X \geq 2) = 1 - \frac{365 \times 364 \times \dots \times (365 - r + 1)}{365^r} = 1 - \left(1 - \frac{0}{365}\right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{365}\right) \times \dots \times \left(1 - \frac{r-1}{365}\right)$$

$$= 1 - \exp\left(\sum_{i=1}^r \log\left(1 - \frac{i-1}{365}\right)\right) \approx 1 - \exp\left(-\sum_{i=1}^r \frac{i-1}{365}\right) = 1 - \exp\left(-\frac{r(r-1)}{2 \times 365}\right)$$

For  $r=57$ ,  $P(X \geq 2) \approx 0.99$

Here, we applied  $\log(1 - x) = x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} + \dots$