STA2001 Probability and Statistics (I)

Lecture 2

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Review

- Random experiment, Sample space, Event and An event has occurred
- Set Theory
- $P(A) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{\mathcal{N}(A)}{n}$
- ▶ Probability function is a function that assigns P(A) to an event A, $A \subseteq S$
 - 1. $P(A) \ge 0$
 - 2. P(S) = 1
 - 3. A_1, A_2, \cdots are countable and mutually exclusive events

$$P(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \cdots) = P(A_1) + P(A_2) + \cdots$$

Section 1.2 Method of Enumeration (Permutation and Combination)

Motivation

Why enumeration?

For some cases, to define and calculate P(A) can be converted to count the number of outcomes in $A \to$ counting techniques.

Assumption 1: S contains m possible outcomes

$$e_k, \quad k=1,2,\cdots,m, \quad i.e., \quad S=\{e_1,e_2,\cdots,e_m\}.$$

Assumption 2: The *m* outcomes are "equally likely"

$$P(\lbrace e_k\rbrace) = \frac{1}{m}, \quad k = 1, \cdots, m.$$

Extension of rolling die example.

$$S=\{1,2,3,4,5,6\}, P(\{k\})=\frac{1}{6}, k=1,\cdots,6.$$



Motivation



Then

$$P(A) = \frac{N(A)}{N(S)},$$

where N(X) is the number of outcomes in $X \subseteq S$.

- ▶ It can be verified P(A) is a well-defined probability function that satisfies the probability axioms.
- ▶ To calculate $P(A) \Leftrightarrow$ to count the number of elements in A and in S under Assumptions $1\&2 \Rightarrow$ links to the counting techniques, e.g., the method of enumeration.

Counting Techniques

Problem

To develop techniques for counting the number of outcomes associated with the events of random experiments:

- permutation
- combination
- distinguishable permutation

Assumption: a random experiment can be done by a sequential implementation of two or more sub-experiments.

Multiplication Principle

Problem

Consider that an experiment E can be done by a sequential implementation of 2 sub-experiments E_1 and E_2 .



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 Experiment E_1 $ightarrow$ n_1 outcomes

$$\rightarrow$$
 Experiment E_2 \rightarrow n_2 outcomes

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 Experiment E_1 $ightharpoonup$ Experiment E_2 $ightharpoonup n_1 n_2$ possible outcomes sequential implementation

E: Test drugs A, B and placebo on rats.

 E_1 : select a rat from the cage which is either male or female,

 $n_1 = 2$

 E_2 : for each selected rat either drug A, drug B or placebo, $n_2=3$

In total there are $n_1 \cdot n_2 = 2 \times 3 = 6$ outcomes.

Then the outcomes for the experiment are denoted by

ordered pair:
$$(F,A)$$
, (F,B) , (F,P) in total $6 = 2 \times 3$

Permutation of *n* objects

Problem

Consider that n positions are to be filled with n different objects.

The task can be handled by multiplication principle.

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 position 1 $ightarrow$ pos.2 $ightarrow$ $ightarrow$ pos.n $ightarrow$ 1

in total $n! = n(n-1) \cdots 2 \cdot 1$ arrangements (0! = 1)

Definition: each of the n! arrangements of n different objects is called a **permutation of** n **objects**

Permutation of n objects taken r at a time

Problem

Consider that only r positions are to be filled with objects selected from n different objects.

By multiplication principle

in total ${}_{n}P_{r}=n(n-1)\cdots(n-r+1)=\frac{n!}{(n-r)!}$ arrangements.

Definition: Each of the ${}_{n}P_{r}$ arrangements is called a **permutation** of n objects taken r at a time.

The number of possible 4-English letter words with different letters

$$_{26}P_4 = 26 \times 25 \times 24 \times 23 = \frac{26!}{22!}$$

Ordered Sample and Sampling

Definition[Ordered sample of size r]

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

Definition[Sampling with replacement]

Occurs when an object is selected and then replaced before the next object is selected (n^r) .

Definition[Sampling without replacement]

Occurs when an object is not replaced after it has been selected $({}_{n}P_{r})$.

Example 2 (Revisited)

The number of 4-letter words with different letters

 $_{26}P_4 \longrightarrow$ sampling without replacement

The number of 4-letter words which can have the same letters

 $26^4 \longrightarrow sampling with replacement$

Combination of n objects taken r at a time

Motivation

Sometimes, the order of selection is not important and we are only interested in the number of subsets of size r, i.e., **unordered sample of size** r, taken from a set of n different objects.

Instead to solve the problem in a direct way, we solve the problem in an indirect way and we consider permutation of n objects taken r at a time by multiplication principle.

Combination of n objects taken r at a time

$$1. \ \rightarrow \boxed{\mathsf{pos}.1} \rightarrow \boxed{\mathsf{pos}.2} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow \boxed{\mathsf{pos}.r} \rightarrow_{n} P_{r}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \rightarrow & \boxed{\text{unordered subset of size r}} & \rightarrow \\ & X \\ \hline \text{permutation of r objects} \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow X \times r! =_{n} P_{r} \Rightarrow X = \frac{{}_{n}P_{r}}{r!} = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!} \stackrel{\Delta}{=}_{n}C_{r}$$
$$= \binom{n}{r} = \binom{n}{n-r} =_{n}C_{n-r}$$

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

$$_{5}P_{2}=5\times 4.$$

Alternatively,

$$\binom{5}{2} \times 2! = \frac{5!}{3!2!} \times 2! = 5 \times 4$$

The number of possible 5-card hands drawn from a deck of 52 playing cards is

$$_{52}C_5=\binom{52}{5}$$

The number $\binom{n}{r}$ is often called binomial coefficients, because in binomial expansion

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

Distinguishable Permutation of objects of two types



Consider permutation of n objects of two types: r of one type and (n-r) of the other type.

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Distinguishable Permutation

$$1. \ \rightarrow \boxed{\mathsf{pos.1}} \rightarrow \boxed{\mathsf{pos.2}} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow \boxed{\mathsf{pos.n}} \rightarrow \qquad \mathsf{n!}$$

Definition: Each of the ${}_{n}C_{r}$ permutations of n objects of two types

with r of one type and (n-r) of the other type.

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The number of possible 10 tuples with 4 heads and 6 tails is $\binom{10}{4}$ because it is a distinguishable permutation of 10 objects of two types: 4 of one type and 6 of the other type.

Distinguishable permutation of objects of m types

Consider a set of n objects of m types:

 n_1 of one type, n_2 of one type, \cdots , n_m of one type, where

$$n_1 + n_2 + \cdots + n_m = n$$

What's the number of distinguishable permutation of these n objects?

Distinguishable permutation of objects of *m* types

1. permutation of n different objects n!

2.

$$\rightarrow \boxed{\mathsf{pos.1}} \rightarrow \boxed{\mathsf{pos.2}} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow \boxed{\mathsf{pos.n}} \rightarrow \qquad \mathsf{n!}$$

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 permute n objects of m types $ightarrow$ $ightarrow$ $ightarrow$ permute n_1 objects of type 1 $ightarrow$ $ightarrow$

 $n_m!$

$$n! = X \cdot n_1! \cdots n_m! \Rightarrow X = \frac{n!}{n_1! \cdots n_m!}$$