

Probability and Statistics

Lec 02 Notes

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1 Cartesian Product of Sets

Definition - Cartesian Product of two sets $A = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m\}$ and $B = \{b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n\}$ denoted by $A \times B$ is defined as follows

$$A \times B = \bigcup_{i,j} \{(a_i, b_j)\}$$

2 Partition of a Set

A collection of non-empty sets A_1, A_2, \dots , is a **partition** of a set A if they are **disjoint** and their union is A

3 Demorgan and Distributive Laws

3.1 De Morgan's Laws

- For any sets A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n , we have

$$\begin{aligned}(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_n)^c &= A_1^c \cap A_2^c \cap \dots \cap A_n^c \\ (A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_n)^c &= A_1^c \cup A_2^c \cup \dots \cup A_n^c\end{aligned}$$

3.2 Distributive Law

- $A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$
- $A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$

3.3 Rule of Sum using Set language

Rule of sum- If there is a set A with k elements, a set B with n elements and these sets do not have common elements, then the set $A \cup B$ has $n+k$ elements

Remark of Rule of Sum -

- if we consider $|A| + |B|$ as in sum rule, then we will be wrong

- We will count elements that belong to both A and B twice
- $|A \cup B| = |A| + |B| - |A \cap B|$ (By the principle of inclusion-exclusion)

3.3.1 Example

Number of Paths -

Suppose there are several points connected by arrows. There is a starting point s (called source) and a final point t (called sink). How many different ways are there to get from s to t?

Solution -

Counting can be done recursively

for each node count the number of paths from s to this node (sum rule will be used)

4 Product Rule

Definition - If there are k objects of the first type and n objects of the second type then there are $k \cdot n$ pairs of objects, the first of first type and the second of the second type

4.1 Rule of Products using Sets

If there is a finite set A and a finite set B, then there are $|A| \cdot |B|$ pairs of objects, the first from A and the second from B

4.2 Tuples : Application of Product Rule

How many different 5-symbol passwords can we create using lower case Latin letters only? (the size of the alphabet)

- How many different 1-letter passwords are possible?
- What about 2-letters?
- How many different 3-letter words are possible

4.2.1 Tuples with restrictions

Combine Sum and Product rule -

Question: How many integer numbers are there between 0 and 9999 that have only one 5 digit?

5 Permutations

Definition - Tuples of length k without repetitions are called **k-permutations**

Question - Suppose we have a set of n symbols. How many different sequences of length k we can form out of these symbols if we are not allowed to use the same symbol twice?

- Observe that if $n < k$ then there are no k -permutations: there are simply not enough different letters
- So it is enough to solve the problem for the case $k \leq n$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 1 & 2 & 3 & \dots & k \\ * & * & * & \dots & * \\ n & n-1 & n-2 & \dots & \end{array}$$

- Hence there are

$$n \cdot (n-1) \cdot (n-2) \cdot \dots \cdot (n-k+1)$$

k -permutations, which is $n!/(n-k)!$

- Examples - In how many ways we can arrange n different books in n different bins on shelf?

6 Combinations

Definition - For a set S , a **k-combination** is a subset of size k

The **number of k-combinations** of an n element set is denoted by $\binom{n}{k}$

Pronounced: "n choose k"

The number of k -combinations of an n -element set is given by

$$\frac{n!}{(n-k)!}$$

7 Pascal Triangle

Question - There are n students. What is the number of ways of forming a team of k students out of them?

Answer - $\binom{n}{k}$

A result - $\binom{n}{k} = \binom{n-1}{k-1} + \binom{n-1}{k}$