

CS 182: Homework 8

Problem 1. (30=3*10 points)

Suppose you have a set S of 40 objects, split into four classes (C_1, C_2, C_3 , and C_4) of 10 objects each. Objects within a class are identical

- You pick one object from S at random. What is the probability that the object belongs to the class C_4 ?

$$|S| = \text{Total Number of Ways of Picking 1 Object at random} = C(40,1)$$

$$|E| = \text{Total Ways of that the picked object belongs to } C_4 = C(10,1)$$

$$P(E) = \frac{|E|}{|S|} = \frac{C(10,1)}{C(40,1)} = \frac{1}{4} = 0.25$$

- You pick three objects at random, one at a time, with replacement. What is the probability that all three belong to the class C_4 ?

Picking with Replacement: Yes

$$P(\text{All Three Objects Belong to } C_4) = \frac{1}{4} * \frac{1}{4} * \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{64}$$

- You pick three objects at random, one at a time, *without* replacement. What is the probability that all three belong to the class C_1 ?

Picking with Replacement: No

$$P(\text{All Three Objects Belong to } C_1) = \left(\frac{10}{40}\right) * \left(\frac{9}{39}\right) * \left(\frac{8}{38}\right) = 0.01215$$

Problem 2. (40=5*8 points)

What is the probability of each of the following events:

- What is the probability that a card chosen from an ordinary deck of 52 cards belongs to a red suit?

$$P(E) = \frac{|E|}{|S|}$$

$$P(E) = \frac{26 \text{ (Cards in Red Suit)}}{52 \text{ (Total Cards)}} = \frac{1}{2} = 0.5$$

- What is the probability that the sum of two randomly selected integers chosen from the first 200 positive integers 1,2,3, ...,200 is even?

S = Set of all two integer subsets from 1 – 200

E = Set of two integer subsets whose sum is even

Lemma: a + b is even iff a & b are both even or both odd

E₁: Choosing Odd Numbers between 1 – 200

E₂: Choosing Even Numbers between 1 – 200

Case 1: Even + Even

$$P(E_1) = \frac{100}{200} * \frac{100}{200} = \frac{1}{4}$$

Case 2: Odd + Odd

$$P(E_2) = \frac{100}{200} * \frac{100}{200} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$P(E) = P(E_1) + P(E_2) = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{2} = 0.5$$

- What is the probability that the sum of the numbers on four dice rolled is even?

E: Sum of numbers on four dice rolled is even

Even Sum: 3 Possibilities in Total: Number of Dices with an Odd number

$$\text{Possibility 1: } 0000 = \binom{4}{4} = 1$$

$$\text{Possibility 2: } 00EE = \binom{4}{2} = 6$$

$$\text{Possibility 3: } EEEE = \binom{4}{0} = 1$$

|S| = 2⁴ = 16 Total Possibilities

$$P(E) = \frac{|E|}{|S|} = \frac{8}{16} = \frac{1}{2} = 0.5$$

- What is the probability that a fair coin lands heads exactly 15 times out of 18 flips?

E: 15 Heads out of 18 Flips

$$P(E) = C(18, 15) * \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{15} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 \text{ by Bernoulli/Binomial Distribution}$$

- If a biased coin has a probability of heads that is twice the probability of tails and is flipped 100 times, what is the probability of exactly ten heads?

$$2x + x = 1 \Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{3}. \text{ Therefore, } P(\text{Heads}) = \frac{2}{3}$$

E: Exactly 10 Heads out of 100 flips.

$$P(E) = C(100, 10) * \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{10} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{90} \text{ by Bernoulli/Binomial Distribution}$$

Problem 3. (30=3*10 points)

1. A group of 15 undergraduate and 15 graduate students are in a room. If 10 of the 30 students are selected at random and called sequentially by the instructor (order matters). What is the probability that all 10 are graduate students or all 10 are undergraduate students?

E_1 : All picked students are graduate students

E_2 : All picked students are undergraduate students

E : Either E_1 or E_2

Therefore, $P(E) = P(E_1) + P(E_2) - 0$

$$P(E) = \frac{C(15,10) * C(15,0)}{C(30,10)} + \left(\frac{C(15,0) * C(15,10)}{C(30,10)} \right)$$

$$P(E) = \left(\frac{2 * C(15,10)}{C(30,10)} \right) = 1.999 * 10^{-4}$$

2. Select uniformly at random a permutation of $\{1, 2, \dots, 100\}$. What is the probability that in the selected permutation all numbers are in ascending order?

S : Set of random permutations between 1 – 100

$$|S| = 100!$$

E : The Chosen permutation is in ascending order

$$|E| = 1$$

$$P(E) = \frac{|E|}{|S|} = \frac{1}{100!}$$

3. A group of 40 women and 40 men are in a room. A committee of 15 is chosen at random. Find the probability that the committee consists only of women.

$$|S| = \text{Total Ways of Selecting People} = C(80, 15)$$

E : Only Women selected

$$P(E) = \left(\frac{C(40,15) * C(40,0)}{C(80,15)} \right) = 6.062 * 10^{-6}$$