Math Preliminaries STAT-S520

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Sets

- ▶ The universe is the collection of all objects of interest
 - ▶ It is denoted by *S*
- Set: A collection of objects. We use uppercase letters, e.g., A, B, C,...
 - ▶ If A is a set, all the objects in A are in S, so $A \subset S$

Some sets:
$$S = \{ \text{ the natural numbers} \} = \underbrace{\mathbb{N}} = \{x : x \in \mathbb{N} \}$$
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It's often easier to visualize the sets if there is an underlying experiment. For example, if the experiment is to roll a six sided fair die and we observe the top face, then

While we could have used numbers here too, the objects can be represented differently. Some sets:

$$\underline{A = \{ \odot, \odot, \boxtimes \}}, \underline{B = \{ \boxtimes \}},$$

$$\textit{C} = \{ \text{ odd number of pips} \} = \{ \boxdot, \boxdot, \boxdot, \boxdot \}$$

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\triangleright S = \{ Marvel Movies \}
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Some sets:

 $A = \{ Directed by Jon Favreau \},$

 $B = \{ \text{ Includes Spiderman} \},$

 $C = \{$ Box office, worldwide, was greater than 1 billion dollars $\}$

Some definitions

- If x is an object that is part of set A, we say that x is in A and write $x \in A$. Otherwise, x is not in A and we write $x \notin A$
 - The set of all the elements that are not in A is call the complement of A and we write A^c . So, $A^c = \{x : x \notin A\}$
- lacktriangle A set with no object is called the empty set and we write \emptyset
 - ▶ Observe that $S^c = \emptyset$
- ▶ If all the objects in A are also objects in B, we say the A is a subset of B and write $A \subset B$
 - ▶ Observe that $A \subset S$ for any set A

More definitions

- ▶ A and B are disjoint or mutually exclusive if $A \cap B = \emptyset$
- ▶ By convention, for any sets A and B:

$$\emptyset \subset (A \cap B) \subset A \subset A \cup B) \subset S$$

Common operations with sets

For any two sets A, B, these are common operations

- ▶ The union: $\underline{A \cup B} = \{x : x \in A \text{ or } x \in B\}$
- ▶ The intersection: $A \cap B = \{x : x \in A \text{ and } x \in B\}$

Exercise 1

Counting: Multiplication Principle

From ISI page 29:

Suppose that two decisions are to be made and that there are n_1 possible outcomes of the first decision. If, for each outcome of the first decision, there are n_2 possible outcomes of the second decision, then there are $n_1 \cdot n_2$ possible outcomes of the pair of decisions.

Exercise 2

Assume that 30 students want to be part of a committee of 3 people. Use the multiplication principle to determine the number of ways to form the committee in the following cases:

- The committee needs 1 president, 1 vicepresident, and 1 secretary.
- b. The committee needs 3 members without any given roles.
- c. The committee needs a committee chair and 2 additional members.

members.
a)
$$30 \cdot 29 \cdot 28 \cdot 27 \cdot 26 \cdot \dots \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 = \frac{30!}{(39-3)!}$$
b, a, c, b
a, c, b

b)
$$30.79.28 \cdot 1$$
, $30!$, $\frac{1}{3!} = \frac{30!}{(30-3)!3!} \cdot \frac{1}{3!} = \frac{30!}{(30-3)!3!} \cdot \frac{1}{3!} \cdot \frac{1}{3!}$

Permutations

The number of permutations (ordered choices) of r objects from n objects is

$$P(n,r) = n \times (n-1) \times \cdots \times (n-r+1) = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!}$$

Combinations

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The number of permutations (unordered choices) of r objects from n objects is

Check also ISI examples 2.4 and 2.5

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

$$n \leq hoose r$$

$$\frac{7a}{10} = \frac{4}{4} = \frac$$

Functions

A function is a rule that assigns labels to objects

3 questions:

- ► What are the objects?
- What are the labels?
- Domain Image (Range)
- What is the assignment rule?

Notation

Function are denote by letters, often times Greek letters. Sometimes we

Let the function $\phi: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$, i.e. the *objects* are real numbers and the *labels* are also real numbers. The rule of assignment is given by

So
$$\phi(3) = 45$$
 and $\phi(\sqrt{2}) = 10$

$$5.3^{2}$$

$$\phi(x) = 5x^{2}$$

$$5(\sqrt{2})^{2} = 10$$

Exercises (and definitions)

Inverse function:

Image of subset:

$$\phi^{-1}([5,20]) = [-2,-1] \cup [1,2]$$

Graphs of functions

Let's graph the function $f: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$, given by:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}x & 0 \le x < 2\\ \frac{1}{3}x & 2 \le x < 3\\ \frac{7-x}{2}x & 4 \le x < 5\\ x \ge 5 \end{cases}$$

