

Problem 12 (Ch. 2)

Elementary School offers 3 language classes  
Spanish, French, German

100 students in school (classes open to all)

There are 28 students in Spanish

" " 26 " " French

" " 16 " " German.

" " 12 " " S + ~~S~~ F

" " 4 " " S + G

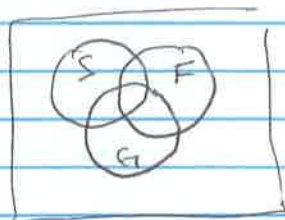
" " 6 " " F + G

" " 2 " " F + S + G

a) If a student is chosen randomly, what is the probability he/she is not in a language class?

$$P(S \cup F \cup G) = P(S) + P(F) + P(G) - P(SF) - P(SG) - P(FG) + P(SFG)$$

} inclusion  
exclusion



$$= \frac{28}{100} + \frac{26}{100} + \frac{16}{100} - \frac{12}{100} - \frac{4}{100} - \frac{6}{100} + \frac{2}{100}$$

$$= \frac{\del{40} 50}{100}$$

So

$$P((S \cup F \cup G)^c) = 1 - \frac{50}{100} = \frac{50}{100} = \frac{1}{2}$$

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A Venn diagram with three overlapping circles labeled S, F, and G. The counts for each region are: S only (14), F only (10), G only (8), S and F (10), S and G (2), F and G (4), and S and F and G (2). The total count is 50.

50

not in any  
language since  
there are 100  
total students

b) If a student is chosen randomly, what is the probability he/she is taking exactly one language class?

$$P(\text{only } S) = P(S) - P(S \cap F) - P(S \cap G) + P(S \cap F \cap G)$$

$$P(\text{only } F) = P(F) - P(S \cap F) - P(G \cap F) + P(S \cap F \cap G)$$

$$P(\text{only } G) = P(G) - P(G \cap F) - P(G \cap S) + P(S \cap F \cap G)$$

sum

$$= 28 + 26 + 16 - 2(12) - 2(4) - 2(6) + 3(2)$$

100

$$P(\text{only } S) + P(\text{only } F) + P(\text{only } G)$$

$$= \frac{70 - 24 - 8 - 12 + 6}{100} = \frac{32}{100} = .32$$

c) If 2 students are chosen randomly, what is the probability that at least one is taking a language class?

$$P(\text{neither is taking language}) = \frac{\text{\# of outcomes with no language}}{\text{total \# of outcomes}}$$

$$= \frac{\binom{50}{2}}{\binom{100}{2}} \leftarrow \text{choose 2 of 50 not in lang.}$$

$$\leftarrow \text{choose 2 of 100 students}$$

$$= \frac{50 \cdot 49}{100 \cdot 99} = \frac{49}{198} \rightarrow \boxed{50 \cdot P(\text{at least one lang.}) = 1 - \frac{49}{198} = \frac{149}{198}}$$

Assume we don't mean that we could pick the same student twice.



intuition?

Assumptions

- all days equally likely
- no birthdays on Feb. 29 (giving 365 possible days out of 366 actual days)

(45)

# Example 5i (p.37)

If  $n$  people are present in a room, what is the probability that no two of them celebrate their birthday on the same day of the year?

total with  $n$  different dates

$$P(\text{all birthdays differ}) = \frac{365 \cdot 364 \cdot \dots \cdot (365 - n + 1)}{365 \cdot 365 \cdot \dots \cdot 365}$$

$$= \frac{365!}{(365 - n)! \cdot 365^n}$$

total # of possibilities

| $n$          | $P(\text{different})$ |
|--------------|-----------------------|
| 10           | 0.883                 |
| 15           | 0.747                 |
| 20           | 0.589                 |
| 21           | 0.556                 |
| 22           | 0.524                 |
| 23           | 0.493                 |
| 25           | 0.431                 |
| 30           | 0.294                 |
| 40           | 0.109                 |
| 50           | 0.0296                |
| 60           | 0.00588               |
| 70           | 0.000840              |
| 80           | 0.0000857             |
| 90           | $6.15 \times 10^{-6}$ |
| 100          | $3.07 \times 10^{-7}$ |
| $\vdots$     |                       |
| $n \geq 365$ | 0                     |

← 47.6% chance of a match

← 50.7% " " "

← ~90% chance of a match

99.91% chance of a match

← 99.91% chance of a match

- Pigeonhole principle!

Example 5j (p. 37)

A deck of 52 playing cards is shuffled. Cards turned up one at a time until the first ace appears. Is the card following the first ace more likely to be the ace of spades or the two of clubs?

• total # of orderings of 52 cards =  $52!$

want: # of Orderings resulting in As following first ace.

note: # of Ordering of the 51 other cards =  $51!$

~~only one of these~~

note, getting As ~~first~~ would not be a way As could follow first ace

each one of these  $51!$  orderings has only one way to put the As after the first ace. So

$$P(\text{As after } A\#1) = \frac{51! \cdot 1}{52!} = \left( \frac{1}{52} \right)$$

The same argument would apply if we ordered 51 ~~cards~~ cards excluding the 2c and then inserting the 2c after first ace. So

$$P(\text{2c after } A\#1) = \frac{51!}{52!} = \left( \frac{1}{52} \right)$$

both events are equally-likely.



(46.1)

$P(\text{A spades after first ace})$

$$= \frac{(51!) \cdot (1)}{52!}$$

Number of permutations of all cards

Number of permutations of 51 cards

(A spades temporarily removed)

or any other  
card for that  
matter

# of ways the  
A spades can  
follow the first  
ace.

Note: if we didn't care where we put the  
Ace of spades the "1" would be 52  
and the ratio would just be  $\frac{52!}{52!} = 1$

i.e. the probability of getting  
any ordering of the 52 cards...

## Ch. 2 solutions

48.1

Problem 1, 2, 4

(see Denis notes)

Problem 8: Suppose  
A and B are mutually exclusive events.

$$P(A) = 0.3$$

$$P(B) = 0.5$$

What is the probability that...

a) either A or B occurs

$$P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(AB)$$

$$P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) \quad \text{since A, B are mutually exclusive}$$

$$= 0.3 + 0.5$$

$$= 0.8$$

b) A occurs but B does not

$$P(A) = 0.3$$

note "B does not" is  $B^c$

~~in order for A to occur, B~~  
~~must not occur~~

$B^c$  and A are not mutually exclusive and so the question is simply what is the probability that A occurs.

$$0.3$$

c) both A and B occur.

$$P(AB) = 0 \quad \text{since A, B are mutually exclusive.}$$

Problem 36 (p.51)

Two cards chosen at random from a deck of 52 cards.  
What is the probability that then

a) are both aces?

$$\underbrace{\frac{4}{52}}_{\text{1st card}} \cdot \underbrace{\frac{3}{51}}_{\text{2nd card}} = \frac{12}{52 \cdot 51} = \boxed{\frac{1}{13} \cdot \frac{1}{17}}$$

b) have the same value

$$\frac{52}{52} \cdot \frac{3}{51} = \left( \frac{3}{51} \right)$$

$\uparrow$                        $\uparrow$   
 any card              must  
 works                  match  
                                  1st card

same.

or

$$\left( \frac{4}{52} \cdot \frac{3}{51} \right) \times 13 = \left( \frac{3}{51} \right)$$

$\uparrow$   
 works for  
 any of  
 the 13 cards



Ch. 2 Problem 45

A woman has  $n$  keys, one of which opens her door.

a) If she tries the keys at random, discarding those that do not work, what is the probability that she will open the door on her  $k^{\text{th}}$  try?

b) What if she does not discard previously tried keys?

a)  $k=1$  :  $P(k=1) = \frac{1}{n}$

$k=2$  :  $P(k=2) = \frac{n-1}{n} \cdot \frac{1}{n-1} = \frac{1}{n}$

$k=3$  :  $P(k=3) = \frac{n-1}{n} \cdot \frac{n-2}{n-1} \cdot \frac{1}{n-2} = \frac{1}{n}$

In general

$$P(k) = \frac{n-1}{n} \cdot \frac{n-2}{n-1} \cdots \frac{n-(k-1)}{n-(k-1)} \cdot \frac{1}{n-(k-1)}$$

right key not chosen
right key chosen of the remaining  $n-k+1$  keys

$$P(k) = \frac{1}{n}$$

b)  $P(k) = \underbrace{\left(\frac{n-1}{n}\right)^{k-1}}_{\text{wrong key } k-1 \text{ times}} \cdot \underbrace{\frac{1}{n}}_{\text{right key}}$

Note:  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} P(k) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{n-1}{n}\right)^{k-1} \cdot \frac{1}{n}$

$$= \frac{1}{n} \left[ \frac{1}{1 - \left(\frac{n-1}{n}\right)} \right] = 1$$

Probability = 1 she eventually gets in door.

2.28

Urn: 5 red  
6 blue  
8 green

19 total

Set of 3 balls randomly selected. What is the probability that each ball will be

a) of the same colour?

NO REPLACEMENT

$$3 \text{ red: } P_{3R} = \frac{\binom{5}{3}}{\binom{19}{3}} = \frac{10}{969} = \frac{10}{969}$$

$$P_{3B} = \frac{\binom{6}{3}}{\binom{19}{3}} = \frac{20}{969}$$

$$P_{3G} = \frac{\binom{8}{3}}{\binom{19}{3}} = \frac{56}{969}$$

$$\text{So } P_{3R} + P_{3B} + P_{3G} = P_{\text{SAME}} = \frac{10 + 20 + 56}{969} = \boxed{\frac{86}{969}}$$

b) of different colours?

NO REPLACEMENT

= 0.08875

$$P_{RGB} = \frac{\binom{5}{1} \binom{6}{1} \binom{8}{1}}{\binom{19}{3}} = \boxed{\frac{240}{969}} = 0.2477$$

repeat = 2.28 with replacement

$$a) P_{3R} = \left(\frac{5}{19}\right)^3$$

$$P_{3B} = \left(\frac{6}{19}\right)^3$$

$$P_{3G} = \left(\frac{8}{19}\right)^3$$

$$P_3 = \left(\frac{5}{19}\right)^3 + \left(\frac{6}{19}\right)^3 + \left(\frac{8}{19}\right)^3$$

$$= \frac{125 + 216 + 512}{6859} = \frac{853}{6859}$$

$$= 0.1244$$

$$b) P_{RGB} = \left(\frac{5}{19}\right)\left(\frac{6}{19}\right)\left(\frac{8}{19}\right) 3! = \frac{240 \cdot 6}{6859} = \underline{0.2099}$$

$$= \frac{1440}{6859}$$

this accounts  
for 6 possible  
orders of these  
3 colors being  
drawn.



**2.35**

Seven balls randomly withdrawn from urn containing

12 red

16 blue

18 green

46 total

balls.

- a) Find the probability that 3 red, 2 blue, and 2 green balls are withdrawn. (without replacement)

$$\frac{\binom{12}{3} \binom{16}{2} \binom{18}{2}}{\binom{46}{7}} = \frac{\frac{12!}{9!3!} \cdot \frac{16!}{14!2!} \cdot \frac{18!}{16!2!}}{\frac{46!}{39!7!}}$$

$$\frac{\frac{39!}{9!14!16!} \cdot \frac{7!}{3!2!2!}}{\frac{46!}{12!16!18!}}$$

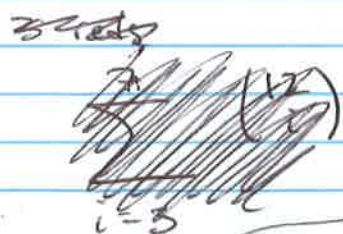
$$\frac{(\text{pick 3 red})(\text{pick 2 blue})(\text{pick 2 green})}{(\text{pick 7 total})}$$

∴ # of arrangements where 3r, 2b, 2g can be in 7 selected spots and the other 9 red, 14 blue, 16 green can be in the other 39 spots

divided by # of arrangements of 46 items in 3 groups of 12, 16, 18.

b) At least two red balls withdrawn

3 reds



$$= 1 - P(\text{no red}) - P(\text{one red})$$

$$P(\text{at least } 2R) = 1 - \sum_{i=0}^7 \frac{\binom{12}{0} \binom{16}{i} \binom{18}{7-i}}{\binom{46}{7}} - \sum_{i=0}^6 \frac{\binom{12}{1} \binom{16}{i} \binom{18}{6-i}}{\binom{46}{7}}$$

c) All withdrawn balls are the same color

$$P_{all R} = \frac{\binom{12}{7} \binom{16}{0} \binom{18}{0}}{\binom{46}{7}} = \frac{\binom{12}{7}}{\binom{46}{7}}$$

$$P_{all B} = \frac{\binom{12}{0} \binom{16}{7} \binom{18}{0}}{\binom{46}{7}} = \frac{\binom{16}{7}}{\binom{46}{7}}$$

$$P_{all G} = \frac{\binom{12}{0} \binom{16}{0} \binom{18}{7}}{\binom{46}{7}} = \frac{\binom{18}{7}}{\binom{46}{7}}$$

$$P_{all same} = P_{all R} + P_{all B} + P_{all G}$$

d) either exactly 3 red or exactly 3 blue

$$P_{3R} = \sum_{i=0}^4 \frac{\binom{12}{3} \binom{16}{i} \binom{18}{4-i}}{\binom{46}{7}}$$

$$P_{3B} = \sum_{i=0}^4 \frac{\binom{12}{i} \binom{16}{3} \binom{18}{4-i}}{\binom{46}{7}}$$

Note that the  $i=3$  case is counted twice so

$$P = P_{3R} + P_{3B} - \frac{\binom{12}{3} \binom{16}{3} \binom{18}{1}}{\binom{46}{7}}$$



More generally...

choose  $R$  red,  
 $B$  blue,  
 $G$  green

bells from urn with

$N_R$  red bells

$N_B$  blue bells

$N_G$  green bells

• without replacement...

$$P_{RBG} = \frac{\binom{N_R}{R} \binom{N_B}{B} \binom{N_G}{G}}{\binom{N_R + N_B + N_G}{R + B + G}}$$

$$N_T = \text{total} = N_R + N_B + N_G$$

e.g. one of each

$$\frac{\binom{N_R}{1} \binom{N_B}{1} \binom{N_G}{1}}{\binom{N_R + N_B + N_G}{3}}$$

• with replacement...

$$P_{RBG} = \left( \frac{N_R}{N_T} \right)^R \cdot \left( \frac{N_B}{N_T} \right)^B \cdot \left( \frac{N_G}{N_T} \right)^G \cdot \frac{(R+B+G)!}{R! B! G!}$$