

Lecture 22

• The Generalized Pigeonhole Principle: If N objects are placed into k boxes, then there is at least one box containing at least $\lceil N/k \rceil$ objects

• "What is the probability that at least 2 students in his classroom have the same birthday?"

↳ we have 96 people

↳ Assume 365 days in year.

$$Pr[E] = \frac{|E|}{|U|} = \frac{365 \times 364 \times \dots \times (365 - 96 + 1)}{365^{96}} = \frac{P(365, 96)}{365^{96}} = \frac{1}{920000}$$

↖ this is assuming birthday distribution is uniform.

• Can also write $Pr[E] = \frac{365 \times 364 \times \dots \times (365 - 96 + 1)}{365 \times 365 \times \dots \times 365} = \left(\frac{365}{365}\right) \left(\frac{364}{365}\right) \left(\frac{363}{365}\right) \dots \left(\frac{365 - 96 + 1}{365}\right)$

probability that
1st birthday does
not have overlap

→ probability that 2nd birthday
does NOT have overlap

Probability of an Event:

• Dealer gives you 5 cards out of 52, and each card has $\frac{1}{52}$ chance (initially)

• What is probability that you will get 3 Aces when dealer randomly gives you 5 cards?

↳ The first three cards are set to aces.

↳ so now you have 49 cards left.

↳ you have 2 cards left to choose

↳ none can be aces

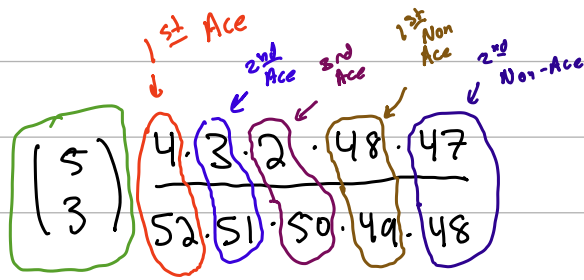
↳ so you have 1 ace left in deck

↳ take it out, now you have 48 cards

↳ so choose $\binom{48}{2}$

↳ final answer $\frac{\binom{4}{3} \cdot \binom{48}{2}}{\binom{52}{5}}$

Or



multiply by this because order does not matter.

- Suppose Machine dealing 5 cards
↳ What is chance of getting 4 Aces?

$$\binom{5}{4} \left[\frac{4}{52} \times \frac{3}{52} \times \frac{2}{52} \times \frac{1}{52} \right]$$

- What if you have unlimited cards
↳ machine gives Ace 10% of the time
↳ machine gives Non-Ace 90% of the time.

$$\binom{5}{4} \left[\frac{1}{10} \times \frac{1}{10} \times \frac{1}{10} \times \frac{1}{10} \times \frac{9}{10} \right]$$

but we have

$\binom{5}{4}$ to get

get 4 aces (different orders)

probability of sequence

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• Stats show newborns are 51% male and 49% female.

• If a couple has 2 kids, what is probability that they have at least girl.

100% - percentage of 2 boys

$$1 - \left(\frac{51}{100}\right)\left(\frac{51}{100}\right) = \text{answer}$$

or Probability (1 girl) + Probability (exactly 2 girls)

$$\binom{2}{1}(0.49)(0.51) + \binom{2}{2}(0.49)(0.49)$$