



Counting repetitions

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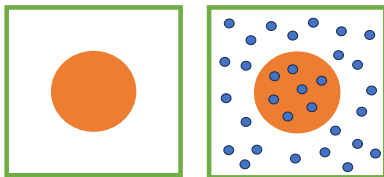
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Throw n points into Ω . m of them fall into A .

$$P(A) = \frac{|A|}{|\Omega|} \approx \frac{m}{n}.$$

As $n \rightarrow \infty$, $\frac{m}{n} \rightarrow P(A)$ in probability.

$P(A)$ can be interpreted as **long run frequency**.





Fluctuations

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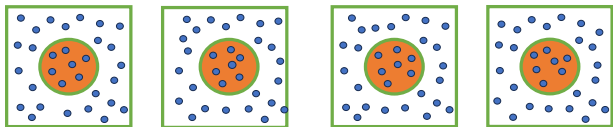
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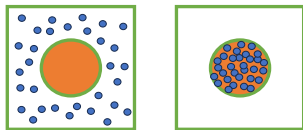
Repeat random sampling n times independently.

Throw n points into Ω . m of them fall into A .

Among all equally likely possibilities, 99.999% are like below, where m/n is close to $P(A)$.



.00000001% are like below, where m/n are far from $P(A)$.



Can prove $P(|\frac{m}{n} - P(A)| > \epsilon) \rightarrow 0$ for any fixed $\epsilon > 0$.



Monte Carlo

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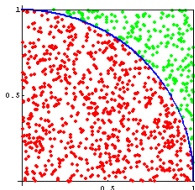
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Example 3: π



Throw n points into Ω . m of them fall into A .

$$P(A) = \frac{|A|}{|\Omega|} = \frac{\pi}{4} \approx \frac{m}{n}.$$

Monte Carlo method:

$$\hat{\pi} = \frac{4m}{n}.$$

As $n \rightarrow \infty$, $\frac{m}{n} \rightarrow P(A)$ in probability.

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Sampling from population

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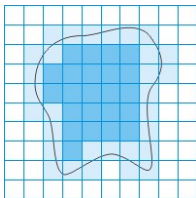
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Deterministic method



Go over all the $n = 100 = 10^2$ tiny squares, count inner or outer measure, i.e., how many (m) fall into A .

3-dimensional? $n = 10^3$ tiny cubes.

4-dimensional? $n = 10^4$ tiny cells.

10000-dimensional? $n = 10^{10000}$ tiny cells.

Monte Carlo: sample $n = 1000$ points in the hyper-cube.
Count how many (m) fall into A .





Buffon needle

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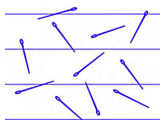
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Example 3: π , buffon needle



Lazzarini threw $n = 3408$ times.

$$P(A) \approx \frac{m}{n}.$$

Monte Carlo method:

$$\hat{\pi} = \frac{355}{113}$$

Too accurate. m is random.

For fixed n , m is random. m/n fluctuates around $P(A)$.

As $n \rightarrow \infty$, $\frac{m}{n} \rightarrow P(A)$ in probability, law of large number.

$P(A)$ can be interpreted as long run frequency, how often A happens in the long run.





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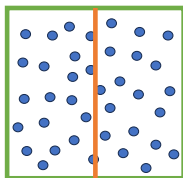
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Example 3: throwing point into region



X and Y are independent uniform random numbers in $[0, 1]$.

(X, Y) is a random point in $\Omega = [0, 1]^2$.

$A = \{(x, y) : x < 1/2\}$.

$$P(A) = P(X < 1/2) = \frac{|A|}{|\Omega|} = 1/2.$$





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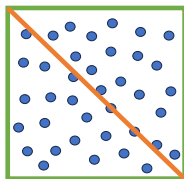
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$B = \{(x, y) : x + y < 1\}$.

$$P(B) = P(X + Y < 1) = \frac{|B|}{|\Omega|} = 1/2.$$





Conditional probability

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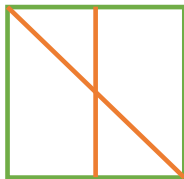
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Example 3: throwing point into region



$$P(A|B) = \frac{|A \cap B|}{|B|} = \frac{1/2 - 1/8}{1/2} = 3/4.$$

$$P(X < 1/2 | X + Y < 1).$$

(1) randomly throw a point into B , as if B is the sample space. Then what is the probability the point falls into A ?





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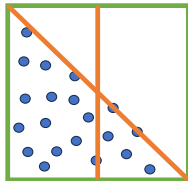
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$$P(X < 1/2 | X + Y < 1).$$

(2) Consider throwing a lot of points into Ω .

How often A happens? How often B happens?

When B happens, how often A happens?

Among all the points in B , what is the fraction belongs to A ?



Coin flipping

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Experiment \rightarrow **outcome** \rightarrow **number**

Example 4: Coin flipping

(4.1) Flip a coin \rightarrow head or tail \rightarrow 1 or 0

(4.2) Flip a coin twice \rightarrow (head, head), or (head, tail), or (tail, head) or (tail, tail) \rightarrow 11 or 10 or 01 or 00

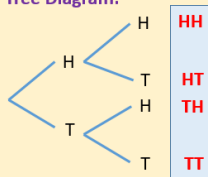
List:

HH HT TH TT

Table:

	H	T
H	HH	HT
T	TH	TT

Tree Diagram:



The sample space is $\{HH, HT, TH, TT\}$



Sample space

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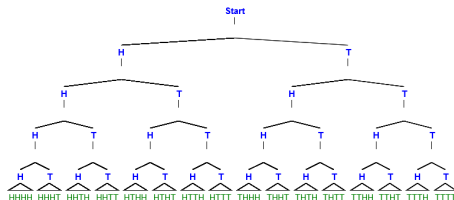
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Example 4: Coin flipping

(4.3) Flip a coin n times $\rightarrow 2^n$ binary sequences.



Sample space Ω : all 2^n sequences.

Each $\omega \in \Omega$ is a sequence.

Randomly pick a sequence from 2^n sequences.

$Z_i(\omega) = 1$ if i -th flip is head; $Z_i(\omega) = 0$ if i -th flip is tail.





Example 4: Coin flipping

$Z_i(\omega) = 1$ if i -th flip is head; $Z_i(\omega) = 0$ if i -th flip is tail.

HHHH, THHH, HTHT, TTHT,
HHHT, HHTT, THHT, THTT,
HHTH, TTHH, HTTH, HTTT,
HTHH, THTH, TTTH, TTTT

Flip a fair coin 4 times independently, let A be the event that there are 2 heads.

Randomly pick a sequence from 16 sequences.

$$P(A) = \frac{|A|}{|\Omega|} = \frac{6}{2^4} = \frac{3}{8}.$$

$$A = \{\omega : Z_1(\omega) + Z_2(\omega) + Z_3(\omega) + Z_4(\omega) = 2\}.$$



Number of heads

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Example 4: Coin flipping

$Z_i(\omega) = 1$ if i -th flip is head; $Z_i(\omega) = 0$ if i -th flip is tail.

H	H	H	H	4 heads
H	H	H	T	3 heads
H	T	H	H	3 heads
H	H	T	H	3 heads
T	H	H	H	3 heads
H	H	T	T	2 heads
H	T	H	T	2 heads
H	T	T	H	2 heads
T	H	H	T	2 heads
T	H	T	H	2 heads
T	T	H	H	2 heads
H	T	T	T	1 heads
T	H	T	T	1 heads
T	T	H	T	1 heads
T	T	T	H	1 heads
T	T	T	T	0 heads

Let $X(\omega)$ be the number of heads in the sequence ω .

$$X(\omega) = Z_1(\omega) + Z_2(\omega) + Z_3(\omega) + Z_4(\omega).$$

$$P(A_k) = P(\{\omega : X(\omega) = k\}) = P(X = k) = p_k.$$

$$(p_k, k = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4) = (1, 4, 6, 4, 1)/16.$$





Probability

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HHHH, THHH, HTHT, TTHT,
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$$|A_2| = 6.$$

$$|A_2| = \binom{4}{2} = \frac{4 \times 3}{2}.$$

4 positions, choose 2 of them to be heads, and the rest are tails.





Multiplication: table

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Ordered pair: roll a die twice

	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	(1,1)	(1,2)	(1,3)	(1,4)	(1,5)	(1,6)
2	(2,1)	(2,2)	(2,3)	(2,4)	(2,5)	(2,6)
3	(3,1)	(3,2)	(3,3)	(3,4)	(3,5)	(3,6)
4	(4,1)	(4,2)	(4,3)	(4,4)	(4,5)	(4,6)
5	(5,1)	(5,2)	(5,3)	(5,4)	(5,5)	(5,6)
6	(6,1)	(6,2)	(6,3)	(6,4)	(6,5)	(6,6)

Experiment 1 has n_1 outcomes. For each outcome of experiment 1, experiment 2 has n_2 outcomes. The number of all possible pairs is $n_1 \times n_2$.





Multiplication: tree

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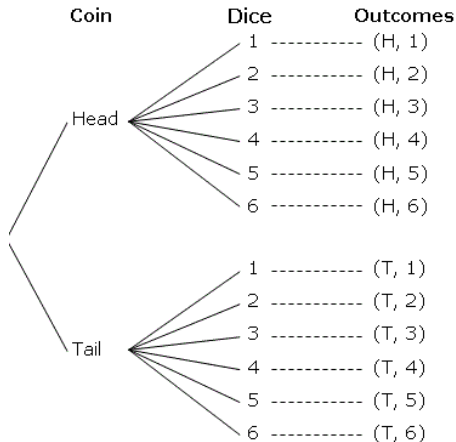
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Ordered pair: flip a coin and roll a die





Multiplication: tree

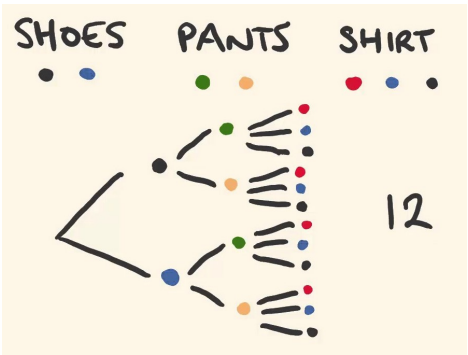
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Ordered triplet

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Sample space of sequences: coin

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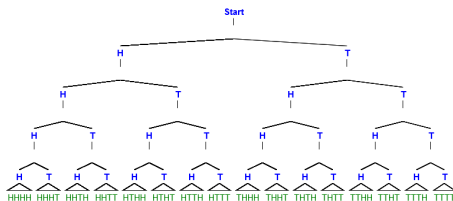
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Flip a fair coin n times independently.

Sample space Ω_n : all possible sequences of heads and tails.



$$|\Omega_n| = 2^n.$$

$$\Omega_n = \Omega_1 \times \Omega_1 \times \dots \times \Omega_1 = \Omega_1^n.$$

Ω_1 : base sample space of flipping the fair coin once.

Ω_n : hyper sample space of flipping n times independently.

Population of sequences.





Sample space of sequences: die

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Roll a fair die n times independently.

Sample space Ω_n : all possible sequences of numbers.

	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	(1,1)	(1,2)	(1,3)	(1,4)	(1,5)	(1,6)
2	(2,1)	(2,2)	(2,3)	(2,4)	(2,5)	(2,6)
3	(3,1)	(3,2)	(3,3)	(3,4)	(3,5)	(3,6)
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$$|\Omega_n| = 6^n.$$

$$\Omega_n = \Omega_1 \times \Omega_1 \times \dots \times \Omega_1 = \Omega_1^n.$$

Ω_1 : base sample space of rolling the fair die once.

Ω_n : hyper sample space of rolling n times independently.

Population of sequences.





Combination

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Each combination corresponds to $k!$ permutations.

$$\binom{n}{k} = \frac{P_{n,k}}{k!} = \frac{n(n-1)\dots(n-k+1)}{k!} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}.$$

$$\binom{4}{2} = \frac{4 \times 3}{2} = 6.$$

