

Warm up: Given the following table of probabilities

Outcome	a	b	c	d	e
Probability	.1	.05	.6	.05	.2

$$P(a) + P(b) + P(c) + P(d) + P(e) = 1$$

$$.1 + .05 + .6 + .05 + P(e) = 1$$

$$.8 + P(e) = 1$$

compute: a.)  $P(\{a, c, e\})$

$$= P(a) + P(c) + P(e) = .1 + .6 + .2 = .9$$

b.)  $P(E \cup F)$  where  $E = \{a, c, e\}$  or see that

$$= P(E) + P(F) - P(E \cap F)$$

$$= .9 + .85 - .8 = .95$$

$F = \{b, c, e\}$   $P(E \cup F) =$

c.)  $P(E')$

$$= P(\{b, d\}) = P(b) + P(d) = .1$$

$$P(\{a, c, e, b\}) \\ = P(a) + P(c) + P(e) + P(b) \\ = .95$$

d.)  $P(E \cap F)$

$$= P(\{c, e\}) = P(c) + P(e) = .6 + .2 = .8$$

ex/ Four distinguishable fair coins.

If we flip these four coins what is the probability that we will have at most one tail?

• So events we are interested in: \*

$$E = \{HHHH, THHH, HTHH, HHTH, HHHT\}$$

$$n(E) = 5$$

• How many possible outcomes are there for our experiment of flipping 4 coins?

16 different ways to flip 4 distinguishable coins:

1st coin: 2 options

2nd coin: 2 options

3rd : 2 options

4th : 2 options

$$2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 = 2^4 = 16$$

- Since there are fair coins each outcome will be equally likely so the probability of flipping 4 coins and getting at most one tail is

$$\boxed{\frac{5}{16}}$$

ex/ Make a table of probabilities for the experiment of rolling 2 distinguishable fair dice and taking their sum.

Sum	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
# of ways to get sum	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	5	4	3	2	1
Probability	0	$\frac{1}{36}$	$\frac{2}{36}$	$\frac{3}{36}$	$\frac{4}{36}$	$\frac{5}{36}$	$\frac{6}{36}$	$\frac{5}{36}$	$\frac{4}{36}$	$\frac{3}{36}$	$\frac{2}{36}$	$\frac{1}{36}$

1,1	2,1	3,1	4,1	5,1	6,1
1,2	2,2	3,2	4,2	5,2	6,2
1,3	2,3	3,3	4,3	5,3	6,3
1,4	2,4	3,4	4,4	5,4	6,4
1,5	2,5	3,5	4,5	5,5	6,5
1,6	2,6	3,6	4,6	5,6	6,6

note: all of these rolls are equally likely.

36 total ways to roll 2 distinguishable dice.

ex/ Probability to roll a 7 =  $\frac{\# \text{ ways to roll a 7}}{\# \text{ of ways to roll the dice}}$

## 7.4 Counting & Probability

This section puts together Counting  
and finding Probabilities

In this section we will be dealing with equally likely outcomes:

$$\Rightarrow P(E) = \frac{n(E)}{n(S)} = \frac{\begin{matrix} \text{\# of favorable} \\ \text{\# outcomes in} \\ \text{outcomes} \end{matrix}}{\text{\# of total outcomes}}$$

ex/ We have a bag with four red marbles  
and two green marbles.

If we grab 3 at random, what is the  
probability we will grab both green marbles?

- we already know how to count the number of  
ways this can happen, so now we just need to  
use the formula above after counting.

what is  $n(S)$ , how many ways can we grab 3  
marbles? "6 choose 3" or  $C(6, 3)$

$$\frac{6!}{(6-3)! 3!} = \frac{6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 \cdot \cancel{3} \cdot \cancel{2} \cdot \cancel{1}}{3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 \cdot \cancel{3} \cdot \cancel{2} \cdot \cancel{1}} = \frac{\cancel{2} \cdot 5 \cdot \cancel{4}^2}{\cancel{3} \cdot \cancel{2} \cdot 1} = 2 \cdot 5 \cdot 2 = 20$$

- 20 possible ways to take 3 marbles from a  
bag of 6.

- $n(E)$ ? How many ways are there to take 2  
green marbles and 1 red marble from our bag?

Step 1: pick 2 green  $C(2, 2)$

Step 2: pick 1 red  $C(4, 1)$

$$C(2, 2) \cdot C(4, 1)$$

$$1 \cdot 4 = 4 \text{ ways}$$



So  $n(E) = 4$   
 $n(S) = 20$

$$P(E) = \frac{4}{20} = \frac{1}{5} = 20\%$$

Poker 5-card poker, dealt 5 cards

what is the probability that we are dealt a full house?

• How many ways can we be dealt 5 cards?

$$C(52, 5) = 2,598,960$$

• How many ways can we get a full house?

step 1: Choose a denomination

$$C(13, 1) = 13$$

step 2: Pick 3 cards from that denom

$$C(4, 3) = 4$$

step 3: Choose a different denom.

$$C(12, 1) = 12$$

step 4: Pick 2 cards from it.

$$C(4, 2) = 6$$

$$n(E) = 13 \cdot 4 \cdot 12 \cdot 6 = 3,744$$

Probability of a full house is  $\frac{3,744}{2,598,960} \approx .0014$   
 or

$$0.14\%$$

How many ways to be dealt two pair

a two pair is 2 of one denomination A-K  
 2 of a different denomination  
 1 other card.

ex ~~2 hearts~~ 2 hearts  
 2 diamonds  
 6 clubs  
 6 spades  
 Q hearts

This is a bit different than how we did the full house

- Step 1: Pick two denominations  $C(13, 2)$   
Step 2: Choose 2 cards from first  $C(4, 2)$   
Step 3: Choose 2 cards from the second  $C(4, 2)$   
Step 4: Choose a ~~card from~~ third denom  $C(11, 1)$   
Step 5: Pick one from the third denom.  $C(4, 1)$

$$C(13, 2) \cdot C(4, 2) \cdot C(4, 2) \cdot C(11, 1) \cdot C(4, 1) = 123,552$$

So the probability of getting two pair

$$= \frac{123,552}{2,598,960} \approx 0.0475 = 4.75\%$$

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Power ball lottery:

Choose 5 numbers from 1 to 69 white numbers  
Choose 1 number from 1 to 26 powerball number

What is the probability of hitting the jackpot:  
match all 6 numbers correctly.

note: order does not matter.

Step 1: choose 5 from 69  $C(69, 5) = 11,238,513$

Step 2: choose one power ball #  $C(26, 1) = 26$

$(11,238,513) \times 26 =$  gives the # of ~~ways~~ different lottery tickets there are

$$= 292,201,338$$

only 1 way to win the jackpot

$$\text{Probability of hitting the jackpot} = \frac{1}{292,201,338} = 0.000000342\%$$