

Problems:

- 1) What is the probability that a leap year selected at random contain 53 Sundays?

Solution: A leap year has 366 days i.e. 52 complete weeks and 2 days over and above.

via (S,M),(M,T),(T, W),(W, Thu),(Thu, F),(F, Sat),(Sat, S)

Let event $A = \{ \text{A leap year contains 53 Sundays} \}$

Total No. of cases = $n=7$ and favorable No. of cases = $m=2$

Therefore, $P(A) = m/n = 2/7$.

- 2) Suppose that A, B & C are events, Such that $P(A) = P(B) = P(C) = 1/4$,
 $P(A \cap B) = P(B \cap C) = 0$ and $P(A \cap C) = 1/8$. Find the probability that atleast one of the events A, B or C occurs.

Solution: $P(A \cup B \cup C) = P(A) + P(B) + P(C) - P(A \cap C) - P(A \cap B) - P(B \cap C) + P(A \cap B \cap C)$
 $= 1/4 + 1/4 + 1/4 - 0 - 1/8 - 0 + 0$
 $= (6-1)/8$
 $= 5/8$.

- 3) Suppose that A & B are events. Given that $P(A) = x$, $P(B) = y$, $P(A \cap B) = z$.
 Find, i) $P(\bar{A} \cup \bar{B})$ ii) $P(\bar{A} \cap B)$ iii) $P(\bar{A} \cup B)$ iv) $P(\bar{A} \cap \bar{B})$

Solution:

i) $P(\bar{A} \cup \bar{B}) = P(\overline{(A \cap B)}) = 1 - P(A \cap B) = 1 - z$

ii) $P(\bar{A} \cap B) = P(B) - P(A \cap B) = y - z$

iii) $P(\bar{A} \cup B) = P(\bar{A}) + P(B) - P(\bar{A} \cap B)$

$$= 1 - x + y - y + z$$

$$= 1 - x + z$$

iv) $P(\bar{A} \cap \bar{B}) = P(\overline{(A \cup B)}) = 1 - P(A \cup B) = 1 - P(A) - P(B) + P(A \cap B)$

$$= 1 - x - y + z$$

- 4) A class contains 10 boys and 20 girls, of which half the boys and half the girls have brown eyes. A person is chosen at random from this group. What is the probability that the chosen person is a boy or has brown eyes?

Solution: Define the events A : {The person chosen is a boy}

B : {The person chosen has brown eyes}

\therefore Required probability = $P(A \cup B) = ? = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$

$$\text{Now } P(A) = \frac{\binom{10}{1}}{\binom{30}{1}} = \frac{10}{30} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$P(B) = \frac{\binom{15}{1}}{\binom{30}{1}} = \frac{15}{30} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$P(A \cap B) = \frac{\binom{5}{1}}{\binom{30}{1}} = \frac{5}{30} = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$\therefore P(A \cup B) = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{6} = \frac{2}{3}$$

- 5) A lot consists of 10 good articles, 4 with minor defects and 2 with major defects. An article is chosen at random. Find the probability that
- it has no defects
 - it has no major defects
 - it is either good or has major defects

Solve it!

Finite Sample Space:

A sample space consisting of a finite or countably infinite number of elements is referred to as **Finite sample space**.

Ex: $S = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k\}$

In order to characterize $P(A)$, consider an event consisting of single outcome, say, $A = \{a_i\}$ we assign a number p_i is called the probability of $\{a_i\}$ satisfying

- $p_i \geq 0, i=1, 2, \dots, k$
- $p_1 + p_2 + \dots + p_k = 1$

Suppose that an event A consists of r outcomes, $1 \leq r \leq k$, so that $A = \{a_{j1}, a_{j2}, \dots, a_{jr}\}$ where $j1, j2, \dots, jr$ are any indices from $1, 2, 3, \dots, k$. Then $P(A) = p_{j1} + p_{j2} + \dots + p_{jr}$.

Thus, by assigning probabilities p_i to each elementary event $\{a_i\}$ subject to condition (i) and (ii) above, one can uniquely determine $P(A)$ for each $A \subset S$.

To evaluate p_i 's and hence $P(A)$, some assumptions such as equally likely outcomes concerning the individual outcome must be made.

Note 1: In most of the experiments we are concerned with choosing at random one or more objects from a given collection of objects. Suppose we have N objects say a_1, a_2, \dots, a_N .

- a) **To choose one object at random from N objects** means each object has the same probability of selection. i.e. $P(\text{choosing any } a_i) = 1/N, i=1, 2, \dots, N$.
- b) **To choose 2 objects at random from N objects** means each pair of objects has the same probability of being chosen as any other pair. Thus if there are k such pairs, then $P(\text{choosing any pair}) = 1/k$.
- c) **To choose n objects at random from N objects** means that each n -tuple, say (a_i, a_2, \dots, a_n) is as likely to be chosen as any other n tuple. If there are k such groups of n objects then $P(\text{choosing any group of } n \text{ objects}) = 1/k$.

Note 2: There are several ways in which samples may be selected from a population. Here we consider, for example:

- i) the samples drawn sequentially (one after another)
- ii) the samples drawn simultaneously (together)

Let Z denote the set of balls in the urn. If the balls are drawn sequentially then we may describe the outcome of the game by the ordered k -tuple, (z_1, z_2, \dots, z_k) of elements of Z , where z_1 denotes the first ball drawn, z_2 denotes the 2nd and so on and k^{th} the total no. of balls drawn. Thus we shall refer to (z_1, z_2, \dots, z_k) as an *ordered sample* of size k .

If the balls are drawn simultaneously, it no longer makes sense to speak of a first ball or 2nd ball etc., we may describe the outcome of our sampling only by the subset $\{z_1, z_2, \dots, z_k\}$ as an *unordered sample* of size k .

- 1) The number of ways of choosing an unordered sample of k objects out of n objects is $\binom{n}{k}$ i.e. nC_k
- 2) The no. of ways of choosing ordered sample with replacement (WR) is n^k
- 3) The no. of ways of choosing ordered samples without replacement (WOR) is

$${}^nP_k = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!}$$

Problems:

- 1) A lot consists of 10 good articles, 4 with minor defects and 2 with major defects. Two articles are chosen at random without replacement. Find the probability that
- a) both are good
 - b) both have major defects
 - c) atleast one is good
 - d) atmost one is good

Solve it!

- 2) Ten persons are wearing badges marked 1 through 10. Three persons are chosen at random and asked to leave the room simultaneously with their badge no. being noted.
- a) What is the probability that the smallest badge no. is 5?
 - b) What is the probability that the largest badge no. is 5?

Solve it!

- 3) A box contains tags marked $1, 2, \dots, n$. Two tags are chosen at random. Find the probability that the no.s on the tag will be consecutive integers if
- a) the tags are chosen without replacement
 - b) the tags are chosen with replacement

Solve it!