

Chapter 7: Introduction to Discrete Probability 7.1-7.2

7.1 Probability- LaPlace Definition

If S is a finite sample space of equally likely outcomes, and A is an event, where $A \subseteq S$, then the probability of A is:

$$P(A) = \frac{|A|}{|S|}$$

\nearrow Possible outcomes
 $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$ \nwarrow S , the sample space
 possible outcomes after
 rolling a die

Find $P(6)$ for experiment of rolling a die.

$$P(6) = \frac{1}{6}$$

\nearrow 1 six on a die
 \searrow # of possible outcomes

$P(6) = \frac{1}{6}$

A bag of marbles contains 4 green, 3 red, and 2 blue marbles. Find:

$$P(\text{green}) = \frac{4}{9} \quad P(\text{red}) = \frac{3}{9} = \frac{1}{3} \quad P(\text{blue}) = \frac{2}{9}$$

1 total

What is the probability that when two die are rolled the sum of the die is 3.

1, 2
2, 1

$$P(3) = \frac{2}{36} = \frac{1}{18}$$

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Two Outcomes
- Could roll a 1,
first then a 2,
or vice versa

How many total possibilities are there?

$$6 \cdot 6 = 36$$

↑
rolling die
With six sides

Some Probability Rules

$$1. P(S) = 1 \longrightarrow \{H, T\} \quad P(H) = \frac{1}{2} \quad P(T) = \frac{1}{2} \quad P(S) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 1$$

- Always $P(S) = 1$
 ~ add up to 1!

$$2. 0 \leq P(A) \leq 1$$

$$3. P(\bar{A}) = 1 - P(A) \quad \text{Complement Rule}$$

Example: Probability that you don't roll a 3

$$\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\} \quad P(\bar{3}) = 1 - P(3)$$

$$P(3) = \frac{1}{6} \quad P(\bar{3}) = 1 - \frac{1}{6} = \frac{5}{6}$$

$$4. P(\text{at least 1}) = 1 - P(\text{none})$$

$$P(\text{at least 1 H in 3 flips}) \rightsquigarrow \frac{7}{8}$$

HHH	HHT	HTH	HTT		$\frac{3 \cdot 2 \cdot 2}{8} = \frac{6}{8}$
TTH	THT	TTH	TTT		$= 1 - \frac{1}{8} = \frac{7}{8}$ ✓

$$5. P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B) \quad \sim \text{disjoint}$$

One event, more than one outcome

$$P(2 \cup 4) = P(2) + P(4) - 0$$

$$\begin{matrix} \nearrow \text{Rolling a 2 or a 4,} \\ \text{only roll die one time} \end{matrix} \quad P(2 \cup 4) = \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6} = \frac{2}{6} = \frac{1}{3} \quad \checkmark$$

$$6. P(A \underline{\cap} B) = P(A) * P(B|A) \quad \nwarrow \text{conditional}$$

Two events

$$\begin{aligned} P(2 \cap 4) &= P(2) \cdot P(4|2) \\ &= \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{6} = \frac{1}{36} \end{aligned}$$

Discrete Probability Practice

You will win the lottery if you match 5 digits, in order to 5 randomly drawn digits.
What is the probability of winning the jackpot? $0-9 \quad 10 \text{ Digits}$

$$10 \cdot 10 \cdot 10 \cdot 10 \cdot 10 = 10^5 \quad P(\text{winning}) = \frac{1}{10^5} = \frac{1}{100,000} = 0.00001$$

You will get your money back if you match at least one digit. What is the probability that you don't lose your money?

$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{at least 1}) &= 1 - P(\text{none}) \\ &= 1 - \left(\frac{9}{10}\right)^5 \\ &= 1 - 0.59049 \\ &= 0.40951 \\ &= 41.5\% \text{ you don't lose your money} \end{aligned}$$

What is the probability of selecting a hand using a deck of cards of A, K, Q, J, 10 ?

52 cards in a deck

4 of each type/ 4 suits

13 of each suit

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A) \cdot P(B|A)$$

$$\begin{matrix} 4 \text{ ACE's} & \downarrow & \text{King} & \downarrow \text{Queen} & \downarrow \text{Jack} & \downarrow 10 \\ \hline 5! & \left(\frac{4}{52} \right) & \left(\frac{4}{51} \right) & \left(\frac{4}{50} \right) & \left(\frac{4}{49} \right) & \left(\frac{4}{48} \right) \end{matrix}$$

People always forget!

A Correct Answer

$$\binom{4}{1} = \frac{4!}{(4-1)!1!} = \frac{4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}{3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 \cdot 1} = 4$$

$$\binom{52}{5} = \frac{52!}{(52-5) \cdot 5!} = \frac{52!}{47!5!} = \frac{52 \cdot 51 \cdot 50 \cdot 49 \cdot 48 \cdot 47}{47! \cdot 5!}$$

$$\frac{\binom{4}{1} \binom{1}{1} \binom{4}{1} \binom{1}{1} \binom{4}{1}}{\binom{52}{5}} = \frac{4^5}{\frac{52 \cdot 51 \cdot 50 \cdot 49 \cdot 48}{5!}} = \boxed{5! \left(\frac{4^5}{52 \cdot 51 \cdot 50 \cdot 49 \cdot 48} \right)}$$

*There are 4 Kings
I choose 1.
....*

*52 Cards in the deck,
I pick 5 of them.*

= 0.000394

What is the probability of selecting an Ace four times in row if cards are put back in the deck after each draw?

$$\left(\frac{4}{52} \right) \left(\frac{4}{52} \right) \left(\frac{4}{52} \right) \left(\frac{4}{52} \right) \approx 0.000035$$

~ put card back in

What is the probability the hand contains a full house?

13 different cards
Choose 2 of them
3 of same suit

For that card there
are 4 of each suit
and I am going to choose
3 of them out of the deck

Then there's 12 different
cards left, and we will
choose one of them

3 of one type of Card
and 2 of another
example: 3 Jacks, 2 Tens

$$\frac{\binom{13}{1} \binom{4}{3} \binom{12}{1} \binom{4}{2}}{\binom{52}{3}}$$

For that card going to
choose 2 of them
Two of same suit

$$\frac{\binom{13}{1} \binom{4}{3} \binom{12}{1} \binom{4}{2}}{\binom{52}{3}} = \frac{13 \cdot 4 \cdot 12 \cdot 6}{2,598,960} \approx 0.00144$$

A sequence of 10 bits is randomly generated. What is the probability at least one of these bits is zero?

$$P(0) + P(1) + P(2) + P(3) + P(4) + P(5) + P(6) + P(7) + P(8) + P(9) + P(10)$$

Everything we have above here

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(\text{at least one zero}) &= 1 - P(\text{no zeros}) \\
 &= 1 - \frac{1}{2^{10}} \quad * \text{ of total bit strings available} \\
 &= 1 - \frac{1}{1024} \\
 &= \boxed{\frac{1023}{1024}}
 \end{aligned}$$

What is the probability that a positive integer not exceeding 100 is divisible by either 2 or 5.

↑
bring to here addition

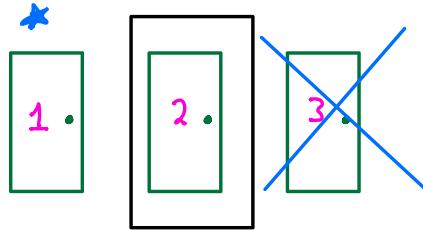
$$\begin{aligned}
 P(A \cup B) &= P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B) \\
 \text{Or} \\
 P(2 \cup 5) &= \frac{\lfloor \frac{100}{2} \rfloor + \lfloor \frac{100}{5} \rfloor - \lfloor \frac{100}{10} \rfloor}{100} \quad \text{The ones that are divisible by both.} \\
 &\quad \text{2 and 5: Take } \underline{2 \cdot 5 = 10} \\
 &\text{Floor function} \\
 &\text{Will give us the} \\
 &\text{\# of integers divisible} \\
 &\text{by 2}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$P(2 \cup 5) = \frac{\lfloor \frac{100}{2} \rfloor + \lfloor \frac{100}{5} \rfloor + \lfloor \frac{100}{10} \rfloor}{100} = \frac{50 + 20 - 10}{100} = \frac{60}{100} = 0.6$$

$$\boxed{P(2 \cup 5) = 0.6}$$

Monte Hall Puzzle

Let's Make a Deal! There is a prize behind one of 3 doors. If you Choose the correct door, you get to keep the prize. Once you choose a door, Monte Hall, the host, opens one of the other doors (a non-winner) and gives you the option to change your selection. What should you do?



Let's say we choose door number 1, and number 3 was opened, is it better to stick with door number 1 or pick door number 2? Use the Probability theorem.

- You should door number 2 ! (switch)

$$\text{Before picking a door: } P(\text{Winning}) = \boxed{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$2^{\text{nd}} \quad P(\text{Winning}) = \frac{2}{3} = 1 - \frac{1}{3} = \frac{2}{3}$$

7.2 Probability Theory

Probability for Events Not Equally Likely

Let S be a sample space of an experiment with a finite number of outcomes. We assign $p(s)$ to each outcome $s \in S$, so that

a. $0 \leq p(s) \leq 1$ for each $s \in S$ and

b. $\sum_{s \in S} p(s) = 1$

The function p from the set of all outcomes of the sample space S is called a probability distribution or probability model.

A coin is biased so that tails lands face up twice as often as heads. Find the probability distribution.

$$P(T) = 2 P(H) \quad P(H) = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$1 = P(H) + P(T) \quad P(T) = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$1 = P(H) + 2 P(H)$$

$$1 = 3P(H)$$

Probability distribution

$$P(H) = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$P(T) = \frac{2}{3}$$

A formal 'Union' Definition

If E_1, E_2, \dots is a sequence of pairwise disjoint events in a sample space S, then:

$$P\left(\bigcup_i E_i\right) = \sum_i P(E_i)$$

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

² no overlap

Suppose a die is biased so that 2 appears twice as often as the other 5 outcomes that are equally likely. What is p (even) ?

1	1/7
2	2/7
3	1/7
4	1/7
5	1/7
6	1/7
	$\frac{7}{7}$

$$P(\text{even}) = \frac{2}{7} + \frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{7} = \frac{4}{7}$$

Conditional Probability

Let A and B be events, with $p(B) > 0$. The conditional probability of A given B is:

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$$

A bit string of length 4 is generated at random so that each of the 16 bit strings of length 4 (2^4) is equally likely. What is the probability that the bit string contains at least two consecutive 0's given the first bit is a zero?

$$P(\text{at least 2 0's} \mid \text{first bit zero}) = \frac{P(\text{both})}{P(\text{first bit zero})} = \frac{\frac{5}{16}}{\frac{1}{2}} = \boxed{\frac{5}{8}}$$

What is the numerator?

Both starts with a 0 and has at least two consecutive 0's.

↓ So 5 ways

16 ways, and half of them will start with 0.

Gotta List them:

0000
0001
0010
0011
0100

↑
~5 options

Independence

Events A and B are independent if and only if

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A) \cdot P(B)$$

- Outcome of one event effects another event

Assume a family has two children, { BB, BG, GB, GG }. Are having two boys and having at least one boy independent?

B

A

Intersection says both have occurred

$$P(A \cap B) = ?$$
$$P(A) \cdot P(B)$$

$$\frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{3}{4}$$

$$\frac{1}{4} \neq \frac{3}{16}$$

∴ Not Independent

Random Variables and the Binomial Distribution

Random Variables

A random variable is a function from the sample space of an experiment to the set of real numbers. The distribution of a random variable X on a sample space S is the set of pairs $(r, p(X = r)) \forall r \in S$, where $P(X = r)$ is the probability that X takes on the value of r .

Suppose you flip a fair coin 3 times. Let $X(t)$ be the random variable that equals the number of heads flipped for each outcome t . Find the distribution of $X(t)$

Outcomes:

HHH
HTH HHT THH
HTT THT TTH
TTT

Probability head gets picked $x =$ times

$$P(x=3) = \frac{1}{8}$$

$$P(x=2) = \frac{3}{8}$$

$$P(x=1) = \frac{3}{8}$$

$$P(x=0) = \frac{1}{8}$$

Suppose the probability of passing Discrete Math is 92%. What is the probability that exactly 4 of 5 students pass ?

$$1 - 0.92 = 0.08$$

How to write random variable:

$$\begin{aligned} P(X=4) &= \binom{5}{4} (0.92)^4 \cdot (0.08)^1 \\ &= \frac{5!}{4! 1!} (0.92)^4 (0.08)^1 \end{aligned}$$

$$= 0.2816$$

Binomial Distribution

A probability distribution based on Bernoulli Trials, where an experiment has 2 outcomes, success and failure. Let p = probability of success and $q = 1 - p$ = probability of failure. Then the probability of k successes in n trials can be found by:

$$\binom{n}{k} p^k q^{n-k}$$

$b(k:n, p)$
 $b(4:5, 0.92)$ ↗ on calculator

Suppose the probability of passing Discrete Math is 92%....

What is the probability that exactly 4 of 5 students pass ?

$$P(x=4) = \binom{5}{4} (0.92)^4 (0.08)^1$$

Suppose the probability of having O- negative blood is 6 %. What is the probability that exactly 1 donor in the first 5 donors at a blood drive has O – negative blood ?

$$q = 1 - 0.06 = 0.94$$

$$\int P(x=1) = \left(\frac{5}{1}\right)(0.06)^1(0.94)^4 =$$

$P(x=1) = 0.2342$

TI CALC:
 binopdf(5, 0.06, 1) =
 n, p, k

What is the probability that at least 2 donors in the first 5 have O- negative blood.

One method:

$$P(x \geq 2) = \left(\frac{5}{2}\right)(0.06)^2(0.94)^3 + \left(\frac{5}{3}\right)(0.06)^3(0.94)^2 + \left(\frac{5}{4}\right)(0.06)^3(0.94)^1 + \left(\frac{5}{5}\right)(0.06)^3(0.94)^0$$

Another way:

$$1 - P(x \leq 1) = 1 - \left(\left(\frac{5}{1}\right)(0.06)^1(0.94)^4 + \left(\frac{5}{0}\right)(0.06)^0(0.94)^5 \right)$$

$1 - P(x \leq 1) = 0.0319$