

Lecture 19 - More Probability and Combinatorics Examples



DSC 40A, Spring 2023

Announcements

- ▶ Discussion is tonight at 7pm or 8pm in FAH 1101.
 - ▶ Come to work on Groupwork 6, which is due **tonight at 11:59pm.**
- ▶ Homework 6 is released, due **Tuesday at 11:59pm.**
- ▶ Don't forget to read through the solutions to past assignments before doing the next assignment. This is especially useful for probability and combinatorics to learn new ways of solving problems.
 - ▶ See the pinned post on Campuswire.

Agenda

- ▶ Lots of examples.

Last time

Last time we answered the same question using several different techniques.

Question 1: There are 20 students in a class. Avi is one of them. Suppose we select 5 students in the class uniformly at random **without replacement**. What is the probability that Avi is among the 5 selected students?

With vs. without replacement

ex) \rightarrow select 20
- without replacement
 $P(Avi) = 1$

Discussion Question

We've determined that a probability that a random sample of 5 students from a class of 20 without replacement contains Avi (one student in particular) is $\frac{1}{4}$.

Suppose we instead sampled with replacement. Would the resulting probability be equal to, greater than, or less than $\frac{1}{4}$?

- a) Equal to
- b) Greater than
- c) Less than

- with replacement
 $P(Avi) < 1$

Art supplies

Question 2, Part 1: We have 12 art supplies: 5 markers and 7 crayons. In how many ways can we select 4 art supplies?

$$\binom{12}{4} = C(12, 4)$$

↑
order of selection doesn't
matter

Art supplies

Question 2, Part 2: We have 12 art supplies: 5 markers and 7 crayons. In how many ways can we select 4 art supplies such that we have...

1. 2 markers and 2 crayons?
2. 3 markers and 1 crayon?

↙

$$C(5,3) * \underbrace{C(7,1)}_7$$

$$\underbrace{C(5,2)}_{\substack{\text{of 5} \\ \text{markers,} \\ \text{pick} \\ \text{any 2}}} * \underbrace{C(7,2)}_{\substack{\text{of 7} \\ \text{crayons,} \\ \text{pick} \\ \text{any 2}}}$$

good to know!

$$C(5,3) = \frac{5!}{3!2!} = C(5,2)$$

choose
which 3
I want

choose which
2 I don't want


$$3 * 2 = 6 \text{ outfits}$$

$$C(n, K) = C(n, n-K)$$

Art supplies

Question 2, Part 3: We have 12 art supplies: 5 markers and 7 crayons. We randomly select 4 art supplies. What's the probability that we selected at least 2 markers?

S = all sets of 4 art supplies

$$|S| = C(12, 4)$$

all equally likely

$p(\text{at least 2 markers})$

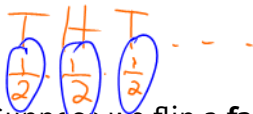
= # ways to choose 4 art supplies such that at least 2 are markers

$$C(12, 4)$$

# markers	
0	$C(5, 0) \cdot C(7, 4)$
1	$C(5, 1) \cdot C(7, 3)$
2	$C(5, 2) \cdot C(7, 2)$
3	$C(5, 3) \cdot C(7, 1)$
4	$C(5, 4) \cdot C(7, 0)$

$$C(12, 4) - \frac{C(5, 0) \cdot C(7, 4) + C(5, 1) \cdot C(7, 3)}{C(12, 4)}$$

Fair coin



Question 3: Suppose we flip a fair coin 10 times.

1. What is the probability that we see the specific sequence THTTHTHHTH?
2. What is the probability that we see an equal number of heads and tails?

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{10}$$
$$= \frac{1}{2^{10}}$$

$$\frac{\# \text{ seq with 5 H, 5 T}}{\# \text{ seq. of 10 H's \& T's}} = \frac{C(10,5)}{2^{10}}$$

$$C(10,5) = \# \text{ ways to choose 5 positions for the H's}$$

T T H T H T H H T H

Why C, not P?

order doesn't matter for positions of H's

Unfair coin

Question 4: Suppose we flip an **unfair coin** 10 times. The coin is biased such that for each flip, $P(\text{heads}) = \frac{1}{3}$.

1. What is the probability that we see the specific sequence THTHTHTHTH?
2. What is the probability that we see an equal number of heads and tails?

~~$$\frac{\# \text{ good seq}}{\text{total \# seq}} = \frac{1}{2^{10}}$$~~

because not all outcomes
equally likely

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} T & H & T & T & H & \dots & \\ \frac{2}{3} & \cdot \frac{1}{3} & \cdot \frac{2}{3} & \cdot \frac{2}{3} & \cdot \frac{1}{3} & \dots & \end{array}$$

how many T's?
five

$$\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^5 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^5$$

$P(H) = 1/3$, flip 10 times, prob of 5H + 5T



event I care about includes all outcomes with 5H and 5T

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \begin{array}{l} \text{prob of} \\ \text{event } E \\ = \sum_{s \in E} \text{prob}(s) \\ = \sum_{s \in E} (\frac{2}{3})^5 \cdot (\frac{1}{3})^5 \\ = \left(\begin{array}{l} \# \text{ outcomes} \\ \text{in } E \end{array} \right) \cdot (\frac{2}{3})^5 \cdot (\frac{1}{3})^5 \\ = C(10, 5) \cdot (\frac{2}{3})^5 \cdot (\frac{1}{3})^5 \end{array} \right. \end{aligned}$$

Deck of cards

- There are 52 cards in a standard deck (4 suits, 13 values).

4 suits 13 values

♥:	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, J, Q, K, A
♦:	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, J, Q, K, A
♣:	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, J, Q, K, A
♠:	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, J, Q, K, A

- In poker, each player is dealt 5 cards, called a **hand**. The order of cards in a hand does not matter.

Sets of cards

Deck of cards

1. How many 5 card hands are there in poker?

$$C(52, 5)$$

2. How many 5 card hands are there where all cards are of the same suit (a **flush**)?

ex.) $\frac{3}{52}, \frac{Q}{12}, \frac{A}{11}, \frac{5}{10}, \frac{10}{9}$

$$\frac{52 \cdot 12 \cdot 11 \cdot 10 \cdot 9}{5!}$$

1) what suit? 4 options

2) which 5 cards? $C(13, 5)$

$$4 * C(13, 5)$$

1) what card to start? 52 options

2) then which card? 12 options
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3. How many 5 card hands are there that include a four-of-a-kind (four cards of the same value)?

ex.) $5\spadesuit, 5\heartsuit, 5\clubsuit, 5\diamondsuit, 8\spadesuit$

$$13 \cdot 12 \cdot 4$$

- 1) Which value to repeat? 13 options
2) What other card? $48 = 12 \cdot 4$

4. How many 5 card hands are there that have a straight (all card values consecutive)?

9 options for which 5 values to use
(start 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10) ex.) 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

4^5 options for assigning suits

$$9 \cdot 4^5$$

5. How many 5 card hands are there that are a **straight flush** (all card values consecutive and of the same suit)?

6. How many 5 card hands are there that include exactly **one pair** (values aabcd)?

Summary

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- ▶ A **sequence** is obtained by selecting k elements from a group of n possible elements with replacement, such that order matters.
 - ▶ Number of sequences: n^k .
- ▶ A **permutation** is obtained by selecting k elements from a group of n possible elements without replacement, such that order matters.
 - ▶ Number of permutations: $P(n, k) = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!}$.
- ▶ A **combination** is obtained by selecting k elements from a group of n possible elements without replacement, such that order does not matter.
 - ▶ Number of combinations: $\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!k!}$.