

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?

$$1/4$$

With vs. without replacement

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

always
get 5
people

may not get 5
unique people,
may just get
same person repeated

get
 ≤ 5
people

another way:

- without replacement

$$P(\text{Avi on 1st pick}) = \frac{1}{20}$$

$$P(\text{Avi on 2nd pick} \mid \text{didn't get Avi on 1st pick}) = \frac{1}{19}$$

- with replacement

$$P(\text{Avi on 1st pick}) = \frac{1}{20}$$

$$P(\text{Avi on 2nd pick} \mid \text{didn't get Avi on 1st pick}) = \frac{1}{20}$$

$$\text{on 1st pick}) = \frac{1}{20}$$

extreme:
randomly
sample 20
people from
20 -

without
replacement

$$P(\text{Avi}) = 1$$

with replacement

$$P(\text{Avi}) < 1$$

irrelevant
(independent)

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?

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


context: order 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?

$$C(5,2) * C(7,2)$$


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

$$C(5,3) * C(7,1)$$

7

choose
which 2
to take

$$\frac{5!}{2!3!} =$$

choose
which 3 to
not take

$$C(5,2) = C(5,3)$$
$$C(n,k) = C(n, n-k)$$

Another thing to know!

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

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

are all elements of S equally likely? yes

$P(\text{at least 2 markers}) = \frac{\text{\# sets of 4 art supplies that include at least 2 markers}}{\text{\# sets of 4 art supplies}}$

$$= \frac{\binom{5}{2}\binom{7}{2} + \binom{5}{3}\binom{7}{1} + \binom{5}{4}\binom{7}{0}}{\binom{12}{4}}$$

0 markers	$\binom{5}{0}\binom{7}{4}$
1 marker	$\binom{5}{1}\binom{7}{3}$
2 markers	$\binom{5}{2}\binom{7}{2}$
3 markers	$\binom{5}{3}\binom{7}{1}$
4 markers	$\binom{5}{4}\binom{7}{0}$

$$= \frac{\binom{12}{4} - (\binom{5}{0}\binom{7}{4} + \binom{5}{1}\binom{7}{3})}{\binom{12}{4}}$$

total is $|S|$

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?

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

$$\frac{\text{\# seq. with 5 H, 5 T}}{\text{\# seq}}$$

$$= \frac{C(10, 5)}{2^{10}}$$

← of 10 positions

H H T H H T H T T T
- - - - -
select 5 of them for tails

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

THTTHTHHTH?

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

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



add up probs
for each
outcome in
event

not all outcomes
are equally likely

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

$P(H) \approx 1/3$ flip 10 times

Prob of equal # of H and T

$S =$ all sequences of H's + T's

• THTTHTHTHT
prob: $(\frac{2}{3})^5 (\frac{1}{3})^5$

• prob: $(\frac{2}{3})^5 (\frac{1}{3})^5$

• HHHHHHTHTHT
prob: $(\frac{1}{3})^{10}$

event I care about is equal # of H and T (five of each)

→ total prob of event E is

$$\sum_{s \in E} \text{prob}(s)$$
$$\sum_{s \in E} (\frac{2}{3})^5 \cdot (\frac{1}{3})^5$$

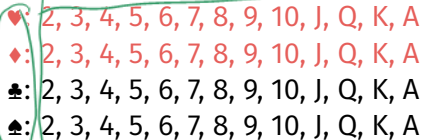
$$= (\# \text{ elements in } E) * (\frac{2}{3})^5 * (\frac{1}{3})^5$$
$$= C(10, 5) * (\frac{2}{3})^5 * (\frac{1}{3})^5$$

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.

Set

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**)?

$$4 \cdot \binom{13}{5}$$

ex.) $\underbrace{3\Diamond}_{52}, \underbrace{10\Diamond}_{12}, \underbrace{A\Diamond}_{11}, \underbrace{4\Diamond}_{10}, \underbrace{2\Diamond}_{9}$

what suit? 4 options

what 5 values? $C(13, 5)$

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

52 options
for 1st card
* 12 options for
2nd card ...

3. How many 5 card hands are there that include a **four-of-a-kind** (four cards of the same value)?

ex.) $5\heartsuit, 5\diamondsuit, 5\clubsuit, 5\spadesuit, 10\heartsuit$

what # to be repeated? 13 values

what other card? $52 - 4 = 48$ other cards

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

13 · 48

12 · 4

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: $\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!k!}$.