

Lecture 19 - More Probability and Combinatorics Examples



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Announcements

- ▶ Discussion is tonight.
- ▶ Homework 6 has been released, due **Wednesday at 11:59pm.**
- ▶ Homework 7 (last HW) will be released this Friday along with the second Extra Credit opportunity.

Agenda

- ▶ Lots of examples.

Selecting students — overview

We're going answer the same question using several different techniques.

All students are equally likely
to be selected

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 Solve this with Order → True.
False

$$P(n, k)$$

Give "names" to all students:

A B C D ... T = 20 students
Avi

Selecting students (Method 1: using permutations)

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?

$S =$ a permutation (ordered selection)
of 5 students chosen from A, B, ... T

ex) LPFGA, LFGAT, ...

$$\text{Probability} \leftarrow P(A \text{ included}) = \frac{\# \text{ permutation w/ A}}{\text{total } \# \text{ of permutations}}$$

$20 \cdot 19 \cdot 18 \cdot 17 \cdot 16$ Permutation
 $= P(20, 5)$

Numerator: # of permutations including A.

ex). ACJTE

$$A \underline{\quad} \underline{\quad} \underline{\quad} \underline{\quad} \rightarrow 1 \times 19 \times 18 \times 17 \times 16$$

5 cases

$$\begin{array}{c} A \underline{\quad} \underline{\quad} \underline{\quad} \underline{\quad} \\ - A \underline{\quad} \underline{\quad} \underline{\quad} \underline{\quad} \\ - - A \underline{\quad} \underline{\quad} \underline{\quad} \\ - - - A \underline{\quad} \underline{\quad} \\ - - - - A \end{array}$$

$$\frac{5 \cdot P(19,4)}{P(20,5)} = \frac{5 \cdot \frac{19!}{15!}}{\frac{(20!)}{15!}} = \frac{5 \cdot \frac{19!}{20!}}{\frac{1}{15!}} = \frac{5}{20} = \frac{1}{4}$$

total # of perm

25

$$5 \cdot 19 \cdot 18 \cdot 17 \cdot 16$$

$$= 5 \cdot P(19,4)$$

Selecting students (Method 2: using permutations and the complement)

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?

$$\frac{\# \text{ Perms including A}}{\text{total # of Perms}} = \frac{\# \text{ Perms not include A}}{\text{total # of Perms}}$$

$\# \text{ perms not include A} = 19 \cdot 18 \cdot 17 \cdot 16 \cdot 15$

$P(20,5) - P(19,5) = P(19,5)$

$$\frac{P(20,5) - P(19,5)}{P(20,5)} = \frac{1}{4}$$

Selecting students (Method 3: using combinations)

Order = False

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?

$S = \text{Set}$ of 5 students chosen from A, B, ..., F
→ Order = False.

e.g. $\{B, D, G, H, M\}$

$P(A \text{ included}) = \frac{\# \text{ of sets of 5 students including } A}{\# \text{ of sets of 5 students}}$

Probability

Selecting students (Method 3: using combinations)

Question 1, Part 1 (Denominator): If you draw a sample of size 5 at random without replacement from a population of size 20, how many different **sets** of individuals could you draw?

$$\begin{aligned} \text{\# sets of 5 students : } C(20, 5) &= \frac{20!}{5!} \\ &= \frac{2!}{15! 5!} \end{aligned}$$

Selecting students (Method 3: using combinations)

Question 1, Part 2 (Numerator): If you draw a sample of size 5 at random without replacement from a population of size 20, how many different **sets** of individuals include Avi?

sets include Avi

$$n=19$$

$$k=4$$

$$C(n, k) = C(19, 4)$$

$$P(A \text{ included}) = \frac{C(19, 4)}{C(20, 5)}$$

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4

of other
students

except A
B.C. ... T

choose
4 other
students
to go
w/ Avi

Selecting students (Method 3: using combinations)

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?

$$\frac{C(19, 4)}{C(20, 5)} = \frac{\frac{19!}{15! 4!}}{\frac{20!}{15! 5!}} = \frac{19!}{15! 4!} * \frac{15! 5!}{20!}$$

$$= \frac{19!}{20!} \cdot \frac{5!}{4!} = \frac{1}{20} \cdot \frac{5}{4} = \frac{5}{4}$$

Selecting students (Method 4: “the easy way”)

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 randomize all 20 students → “good” position
- ② line them up in random order
- ③ choose the first 5 students

S = positions where A may end up.

$$\frac{\text{# “good” position}}{\text{Total # of positions}} = \frac{5}{20} = \frac{1}{4}$$

With vs. without replacement

Sampling 20 instead of 5 students from the 20 student.

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

Replacement False:

$$P(Avi) = \frac{1}{4}$$

Replacement True:

$$P(Avi) < \frac{1}{4}$$

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 = False

Art supplies

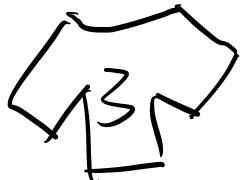
Question 2, Part 2: We have 12 art supplies: 5 markers and 7 crayons. In how many ways can we select 4 art supplies such that we have...

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

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

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

of 5 markers choose 2 of 7 crayons choose 2



$$3 \text{ t-shirt} * 2 \text{ pants} = 6 \text{ outfits}$$

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

$$C(n,k) = \frac{(n,h-k)}{h!} \Rightarrow \frac{(n-k)! k!}{(h-k)! k!}$$

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?

$S = \text{all sets of 4 art supplies}$

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

all equally likely.

Prob(at least 2 markers)

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

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

Markers to select

$$0 | C(5, 0) * C(7, 4)$$

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

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

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

$$4 | C(5, 4) * C(7, 0)$$

Fair coin

T H T
 $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$

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

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

$$\text{Prob}(\# H = \# T) = \frac{\# \text{ seq with } 5H, 5T}{\# \text{ seq with } 10H, 10T}$$
$$= \frac{C(10, 5)}{2^{10}}$$

$C(10, 5) =$ # ways to choose 5 positions for the Hs

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^0$$

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$$\frac{1}{2^0}$$

$$k^n = 2^{10}$$

$$P(\text{single output}) = \frac{1}{2^{10}}$$

T T H T H T H H H T H

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

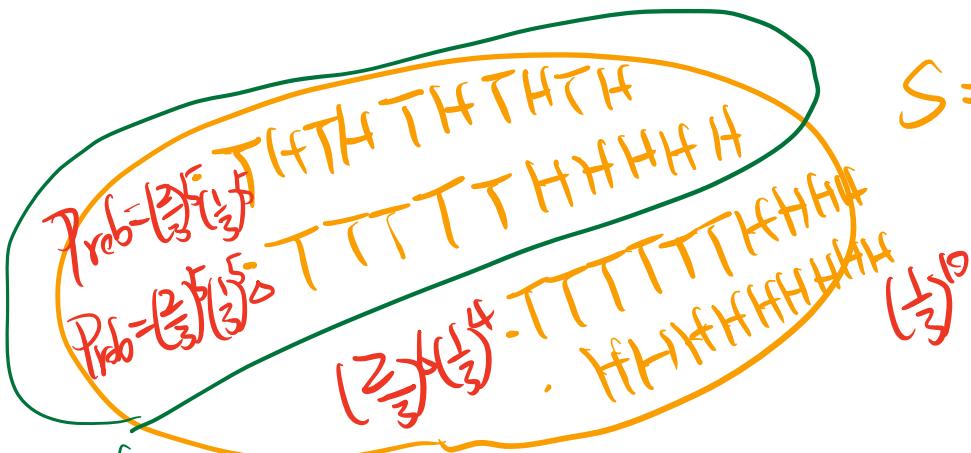
THTTHHTHHT

$\frac{2}{3} \uparrow \frac{1}{3} \uparrow \frac{2}{3} \cdots \cdots$

How many T's? $5 \rightarrow \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^5$
How many H's? $5 \rightarrow \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^5$

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

$P(H) = \frac{1}{3}$, flip 10 times, Prob(5H, 5T)



$S =$ all sequence
of H's and T's

Prob of event E
 $= \sum_{S \in E} \text{Prob}(S) = \sum_{S \in E} \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^5 \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^5$

$= C(10,5) \cdot \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^5 \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^5$

E : Event I care about
include all outcomes

w/ 5H & 5T
 $\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^5 \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^5$

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.

Sets of Card
→ Order = False

Deck of cards

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

$$C(52, 5)$$

1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th
52 · 12 · 11 · 10 · 9
5!

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

ex) ♦3, ♦Q, ♦A, ♦5, ♦10

- 1) What suit do we choose from? 4 options
- 2) Which 5 cards from the suit?
 $C(13, 5)$

4 · $C(13, 5)$

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

Ex) 5♦, 5♠, 5♥, 5♣, 8♦

▷ Which value to repeat? 13 options

▷ What other cards? $12 \cdot 4 = 48$ options

$$13 \cdot 12 \cdot 4$$

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

Ex) 5♦, 6♦, 7♦, 8♦, 9♦

▷ Which value can I pick as 1st card?

(2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10) → 9 options

$$9 \cdot 4 \cdot 4 \cdot 4 \cdot 4 \cdot 4 = 9 \cdot 4^5$$

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