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Chapter 4: Probability

Section 4.1: Basic Concepts of Probability

Def **Probability** — a numerical measure of the chance or likelihood or possibility that a specific event will occur.

Statistics versus Probability



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1. An **event** is any collection of results (or outcomes) of a procedure/experiment.
2. A **simple event** is an outcome that cannot be further broken down into simpler components.
3. The **sample space** for a procedure consists of all possible simple events.

Ex Sample Space of Flipping a coin



$$S = \{H, T\}$$



Symbol	Represents
P	probability
A, B, C	specific events
$P(A)$	probability of event A occurring

Set Notation

set = a collecting of things
(w/ no order)
by notation
set of first 3 #'s

$$\{1, 2, 3\}$$

$$\{\text{Juan, Ryan}\}$$

Ex A probability experiment consists of rolling a single six-sided *fair* die.

(a) Determine the **sample space**.

set of all outcomes

$$S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$$

(c) What is $P(\text{even})$?

$$E = \{2, 4, 6\}$$

$$P(E) = \frac{\#E}{\#S} = \frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2} = 0.5$$

Important Notes

1. For any event A, $0 \leq P(A) \leq 1$.

(decimals)

2. The probability of an impossible event is zero.

$$P(A) = 0 \rightarrow A \text{ is impossible}$$

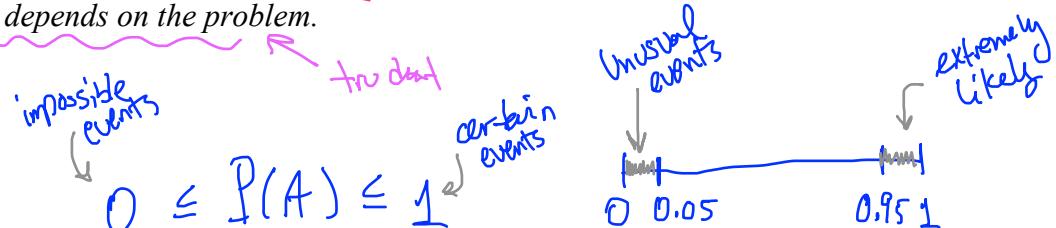
3. The probability of an event that is certain to occur is one.

$$P(B) = 1 \rightarrow B \text{ will occur}$$

4. If necessary, round probabilities to three significant digits.

$$P(S) = \frac{6}{6} = 1 \text{ for a dice roll.}$$

Def **Unusual Events** An event that has a low probability. Typically, an event with less than 5% is considered unusual, but it depends on the problem.



Rounding Rule

Probabilities round to 3 decimal places OR 3 significant figures (unless told otherwise)

THREE APPROACHES TO PROBABILITY

(1)

Relative Frequency Probability:

Based on data.

Formula:

$$P(A) = \frac{\# \text{ frequency of event } A}{\# \text{ of total trials}}$$

Classical Probability:

Based on (hypothetical) equally likely outcomes.

Formula:

$$P(A) = \frac{\# \text{ outcomes in } A}{\# \text{ outcomes in } S}$$

(2)

Subjective Probability:

The probability of event A is found by simply guessing or estimating its value based on knowledge of the relevant circumstances.

Relative Frequency: 200 million people are affected each year by malaria, a disease carried by mosquitos. 600,000 of those people die. What is the probability that someone affected by malaria dies?

$$P(\text{someone w/ Malaria dies}) = \frac{600,000}{200,000,000} = 0.003$$

Classical: When two children are born, what's the probability that both are the same gender?

$$S = \{GG, GB, BG, BB\}$$

$$A = \{GG, BB\}$$

$$P(A) = \frac{\# \text{ same gender}}{\# \text{ of outcomes in } S} = \frac{2}{4} = 0.5$$

Subjective: What is the probability that the next dollar bill you spend was previously spent by Beyoncé?

$$\frac{1}{350 \text{ million}} \quad ?? \\ 0.000000001 ?$$

Ex: A bag has 1 red marble, 1 blue marble, 1 yellow marble, 1 orange marble, and 1 purple marble. The table below shows the results of choosing a marble out of the bag and replacing it each trial. Give answers as decimals and percentages.

(1)

(a) Find the relative frequency probability of drawing a yellow or an orange for the 100 trials.

$$P(\text{Yellow or Orange}) = \frac{\# Y \text{ or } O}{100} = \frac{18 + 17}{100} = \frac{35}{100} = 0.35 = 35\%$$

Outcome of the Draw	100 trials	600 trials
Red	33	120
Blue	24	121
Yellow	18	119
Orange	17	122
Purple	8	118

(b) Find the relative frequency probability of drawing a marble that is not red for 100 trials.

$$P(\text{not Red}) = \frac{\text{not R}}{100} = \frac{100 - 33}{100} = \frac{67}{100} = 0.67 = 67\%$$

(c) Find the relative frequency probability of drawing a blue for the 100 trials.

$$P(\text{Blue}) = \frac{24}{100} = 0.24 = 24\%$$

(d) Find the relative frequency probability of drawing a blue for the 600 trials.

$$P(\text{Blue}) = \frac{121}{600} = 0.202 = 20.2\%$$

(e) What is the classical probability of choosing a blue?

$$S = \{R, B, Y, O, P\} \\ A = \{B\}$$

$$P(\text{Blue}) = \frac{\# \text{ in } A}{\# \text{ in } S} = \frac{1}{5} = 0.20 = 20\%$$

Def The complement (denoted \bar{A}) of event A consists of all outcomes in which event A doesn't occur.

$$\text{Ex } S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\} \quad A = \{1, 3, 5\} \quad \bar{A} = \{2, 4, 6\}$$

THE LAW OF LARGE NUMBERS

As a procedure is repeated again and again, the relative frequency probability of an event tends to approach the actual probability.

trials increases

Ex If flip coin 10 times, $P(H) = 3/10 = 0.3$

100 times, $P(H) = 55/100 = 0.55$

100,000 times, $P(H) = 50,000/100,000 = 0.5033$

Classical: $P(H) = 1/2 = 0.5$

or theoretical

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Section 4.2: Addition Rule and Multiplication Rule

COMPOUND EVENTS

Def

A compound event is any event combining two or more simple events.

NOTATION: $P(A \text{ or } B)$ denotes the probability that event A occurs or event B occurs (or both.)

Reasoning:
Subtract is
to undo
the double-count!

FORMAL ADDITION RULE	
Symbolic	$P(A \text{ or } B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \text{ and } B)$
Meaning	The probability of event A or event B is the sum of each event's probability of occurring individually, minus the probability of both events occurring simultaneously.
Note	$P(A \text{ and } B)$ denotes the probability that A and B both occur at the same time. i.e "overlap"

IMPORTANT NOTE

Def

Two events are disjoint (or mutually exclusive) if they cannot occur at the same time.

Note: If events A and B are mutually exclusive $\Rightarrow P(A \text{ and } B) = 0$.

Can a compound be a disjoint?

A or B "union"



If NO...

If YES...

Disjoint Events have <u>No Overlap</u>	Not Disjoint Events have <u>Overlap</u>

Ex: Determine whether the following are disjoint events.

(a) A = A coin landing on Heads B = A coin landing on Tails	yes, disjoint! $P(A \text{ and } B) = 0$	(b) A = {1, 2, 3, 4} B = {2, 3, 5, 6, 7}	No, not disjoint $P(A \text{ and } B) \neq 0$
(c) A = person plays soccer B = person plays baseball	No, not disjoint	(d) A = Roll an even number on a 6-sided fair die. B = Roll an odd number on a 6-sided fair die.	yes, disjoint.

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Ex: Let $P(E) = .11$, $P(F) = .78$, $P(G) = .56$, $P(F \text{ and } G) = 0.4$, and events E and F are disjoint. E, F, G

(a) Find $P(F \text{ or } G)$

$$= P(F) + P(G) - P(F \text{ and } G)$$

$$= 0.78 + 0.56 - 0$$

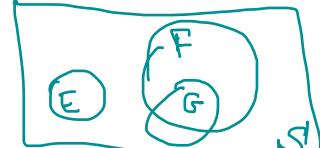
$$= 0.94$$

(b) Find $P(E \text{ or } F)$

$$= P(E) + P(F) - P(E \text{ and } F)$$

$$= 0.11 + 0.78 - 0$$

$$= 0.89$$



Ex: Suppose that a single card is selected from a standard 52-card deck, such as shown below.

(a) What is the probability that the card drawn is a king?

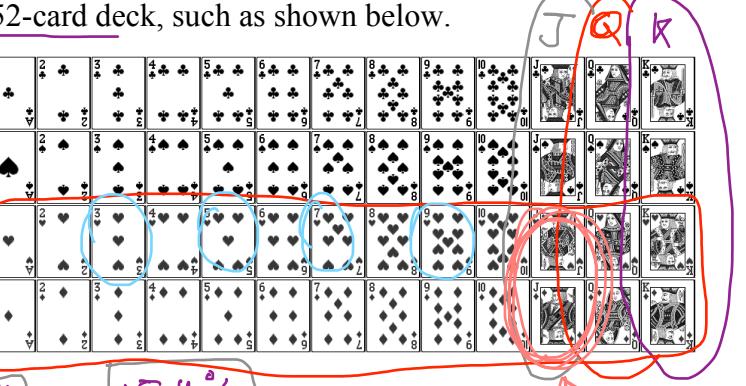
$$P(K) = \frac{4}{52} \approx 0.077 = 7.7\%$$

(b) What is the probability that the card drawn is a king or a queen?

$$\begin{aligned} P(K \text{ or } Q) &= P(K) + P(Q) - P(K \text{ and } Q) \\ &= \frac{4}{52} + \frac{4}{52} - 0 = \frac{8}{52} = 0.154 = 15.4\% \end{aligned}$$

(c) What is the probability that the card drawn is a Jack or a red?

$$\begin{aligned} P(J \text{ or } R) &= P(J) + P(R) - P(J \text{ and } R) \\ &= \frac{4}{52} + \frac{26}{52} - \frac{2}{52} = \frac{28}{52} \\ &= 0.538 = 53.8\% \end{aligned}$$



(d) What is the probability that the card is an odd number or a heart?

$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{Odd or Heart}) &= P(\text{Odd}) + P(\text{Heart}) \\ &\quad - P(\text{Odd and Heart}) \\ &= \frac{4*4}{52} + \frac{13}{52} - \frac{4}{52} = \frac{25}{52} = 0.481 \end{aligned}$$

Ex: A study of 1,000 recently deceased people is summarized in the following table.

		Cause of Death			
		Cancer	Heart Disease	Other	
Smokers	Smokers	100	180	120	$\Sigma = 400$
	Non-smokers	100	120	380	$\Sigma = 600$
$\Sigma = 200$		$\Sigma = 300$	$\Sigma = 500$	$\Sigma = 1000$	

Find the probability of randomly selecting:

(a) someone who died of cancer.

$$P(\text{Cancer}) = \frac{200}{1000} = 0.2$$

(c) someone who died of heart disease and cancer.

$$P(HD \text{ and } C) = 0$$

(e) someone who smoked or died of heart disease.

$$\begin{aligned} P(S \text{ or } HD) &= P(S) + P(HD) - P(S \text{ and } HD) \\ &= \frac{400}{1000} + \frac{300}{1000} - \frac{180}{1000} = \frac{520}{1000} = 0.52 \end{aligned}$$

(b) someone who did not die of cancer.

$$P(\text{Not Cancer}) = \frac{800}{1000} = 0.8$$

Observation

$$P(C) + P(\bar{C}) = 1$$

$$0.2 + 0.8 = 1$$

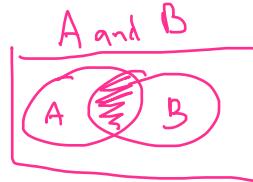
(d) someone who died of heart disease or cancer.

$$\begin{aligned} P(HD \text{ or } C) &= P(HD) + P(C) - P(HD \text{ and } C) \\ &= \frac{300}{1000} + \frac{200}{1000} - 0 = \frac{500}{1000} = 0.5 \end{aligned}$$

COMPOUND EVENTS

Def A **compound event** is any event combining two or more simple events.

NOTATION: $P(A \text{ and } B)$ denotes the probability that event A occurs in the 1st trial followed by the occurrence of event B in the 2nd trial.



FORMAL MULTIPLICATION RULE

Symbolic

$$P(A \text{ and } B) = P(A) * P(B | A)$$

KEY multiply $P(A) * P(B | A)$

Meaning

The probability of event A followed by event B is found by multiplying the probability of event A by the probability of event B.

Note

$P(B | A)$ denotes the conditional probability of event B occurring after it is assumed that event A has already occurred.

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

$$= \frac{P(A \text{ and } B)}{P(A)}$$

INDEPENDENCE VS. DEPENDENCE

Def Two events are **independent** if the occurrence of one event does not affect the probability of the occurrence of the other event.

Note: If events A and B are independent $\Rightarrow P(B | A) = P(B)$.

Ex Flipping a coin consecutively, "each new flip is independent".

If events A and B are independent $\Rightarrow P(A | B) = P(A)$.

Def If two events are not independent, they are said to be **dependent**.

SUMMARY:

$$\begin{aligned} P(A \text{ and } B) &= P(A) * P(B | A) && (\text{if } A \text{ and } B \text{ are dependent}) \\ &= P(A) * P(B) && (\text{if } A \text{ and } B \text{ are independent}) \end{aligned}$$

Also works for 3 or more events

Ex: Independent events? Why or why not?

(a) A = You find a parking spot B = First week of school

independent vs dependent? Dependent

since first week tends to be busier so it will make finding a parking spot tougher.

(b) C = You pass your class D = Good food at the Piazza

Independent!

Ex: A bag contains an assortment of Jolly Rancher candies. Specifically, there are 5 apple, 8 watermelon, 10 cherry, and 15 grape flavored candies. You get to randomly select three candies without replacement.

(a) Find the probability of picking three grape Jolly Ranchers. (Dependent) $\#S = 38$

$$P(1^{\text{st}} \text{ Grape and } 2^{\text{nd}} \text{ G and } 3^{\text{rd}} \text{ G}) = P(1^{\text{st}} \text{ G}) * P(2^{\text{nd}} \text{ G} | 1^{\text{st}} \text{ G}) * P(3^{\text{rd}} \text{ G} | 1^{\text{st}} \text{ G and } 2^{\text{nd}} \text{ G}) = \frac{15}{38} * \frac{14}{37} * \frac{13}{36} = 0.054$$

(b) Find the probability of not getting any apple Jolly Ranchers.

$$P(\bar{A} \text{ and } \bar{A} \text{ and } \bar{A}) = \frac{33}{38} * \frac{32}{37} * \frac{31}{36} = 0.647$$

$$\# \bar{A} = 38 - 5 = 33$$

Ex: In the table is the highest level of education information for 50 applicants for a job.

Bachelor's Degree	35
Master's Degree	15

S = 50

(a) If two of these fifty applicants names are chosen at random, without replacement, then what is the probability that the 1st selected has a Bachelor's degree and the 2nd has a Master's degree?

$$P(1^{\text{st}} \text{ BD and } 2^{\text{nd}} \text{ MD}) = \frac{35}{50} * \frac{15}{49} = 0.214$$

(independent)

(b) What would the probability in (a) be if replacement was allowed?

$$P(1^{\text{st}} \text{ BD and } 2^{\text{nd}} \text{ MD}) = \frac{35}{50} * \frac{15}{50} = 0.21$$

THE 5% GUIDELINE FOR CUMBERSOME CALCULATIONS

If a sample size is no more than 5% of the size of the population, treat the selections as being independent.

Ex: A quality control analyst randomly selects 3 different car ignition systems from a manufacturing process that has just produced 200 systems, including 5 that are defective.

(a) What is the probability that all 3 ignition systems are good?

$$P(1^{\text{st}} \text{ Good and } 2^{\text{nd}} \text{ G and } 3^{\text{rd}} \text{ G}) = \frac{195}{200} * \frac{194}{199} * \frac{193}{198}$$

$$= 0.926$$

$3/200 = 0.015 = 1.5\%$
Can use 5% Guideline
↳ treat as independent

(b) Use the 5% guideline for treating the events as independent, and find the probability that all 3 ignition systems are good.

$$P(1^{\text{st}} \text{ G and } 2^{\text{nd}} \text{ G and } 3^{\text{rd}} \text{ G}) = P(G) * P(G) * P(G) = \frac{195}{200} * \frac{195}{200} * \frac{195}{200}$$

↑
indep

$$= \left(\frac{195}{200}\right)^3 = 0.927$$

Section 4.3: Complements, Conditional Probability, and Bayes' Theorem

COMPLEMENTS: THE PROBABILITY OF "AT LEAST ONE"

at least one day rain = $\bar{1}R$ and $\bar{2}R$ and $\bar{3}R$... -

Def The complement (denoted \bar{A}) of event A, consists of all outcomes in which event A doesn't occur.

Note: $P(\bar{A}) = 1 - P(A)$

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

no rain VS at least one day of rain

Ex: Let's say that for the next seven days, the probability of rain is 5%. Assume each the chance of rain each day is independent. What is the probability that it rains at least one day over the next seven days?

Ridiculously LONG way...

The Sane Way... What's the complement of at least one day of rain?

$$P(\text{at least one day of rain})$$

$$= 1 - P(\text{no days of rain})$$

$$= 1 - P(\text{no rain})$$

$$= 1 - P(1\bar{R}) \cdot P(2\bar{R}) \cdots P(7\bar{R})$$

$$= 1 - (0.95)^7 = 0.302$$

$$+ \dots + (\text{last}) P(\text{all 7 days rain})$$

$$\{ P(1R) \cdot P(2R) \cdot P(3R) \cdot P(4R) \cdot P(5R) \cdot P(6R) \cdot P(7R)$$

rain on 2nd day only + ("or")

$$P(1\bar{R}) \cdot P(2R) \cdot P(3\bar{R}) \cdot P(4R) \cdot P(5\bar{R}) \cdot P(6R) \cdot P(7\bar{R})$$

+

+ more where only 1 day of rain

$$\{ P(1R) \cdot P(2R) \cdot P(3\bar{R}) \cdot P(4R) \cdot P(5\bar{R}) \cdot P(6R) \cdot P(7\bar{R})$$

+ more ways to have 2 days of rain

Ex: A bag contains an assortment of Jolly Rancher candies. Specifically, there are 5 apple, 8 watermelon, 10 cherry, and 15 grape flavored candies. You get to randomly select three candies without replacement. Find the probability of getting at least one watermelon.

$$\# \text{bag} = 5 + 8 + 10 + 15 = 38$$

$$\# \bar{W} = 30$$

#WINE

$$P(\text{at least one } W) = 1 - P(\text{no } W) = 0.519$$

$$P(T) = 0.92$$

$$P(\bar{T}) = 1 - 0.92 = 0.08$$

Ex: A satellite defense system has five independent satellites that each have a 0.92 chance of detecting a missile threat.

(a) What's the probability that at least one satellite does detect a missile threat?

(b) What's the probability that at least one satellite does not detect a missile threat?

T = missile threat one satellite

$$P(\text{at least one } T) = 1 - P(\bar{T})$$

$$= 1 - (0.08)^5 = 0.99996 \dots$$

why 5? b/c 5 satellites

$$= 1.00$$

Q: Are these complements?
Why not add up to 1?

$$P(\text{at least one } \bar{T}) = 1 - P((\bar{T}))$$

$$= 1 - P(T)$$

$$= 1 - P(\text{all } T)$$

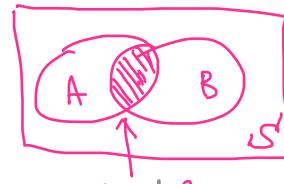
$$= 1 - (0.92)^5 = 0.341$$

Def A conditional probability of an event is a probability obtained with the additional information that some other event has already occurred. (See Bayes' Rule video)

NOTATION: $P(B | A)$ denotes the conditional probability that event B occurs, given that event A has already occurred.

FORMULA:

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



A and B

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Reminder Use 3 sig figs!

Ex: Let A = Today is your birthday and B = Your birthday is in this month.

(a) Are events A and B dependent?

Yes, dependent b/c B effects A .

$$(b) P(A) = \frac{1}{365} = 0.00274$$

(c) $P(A|B)$

$\leq P(\text{today BD} | \text{BD is in Jan})$
depends!

$$(d) P(B|A) = P(\text{BD is Jan} | \text{today is BD}) = 1$$

b/c if know your BD is Jan 16, then it is Jan!

Ex: The following table gives the mortality data for passengers of the Titanic.

	Men	Women	Children	
Survived	332	318	56	$\Sigma = 706$
Died	1360	104	53	$\Sigma = 1517$
$\Sigma = 1692$	$\Sigma = 422$	$\Sigma = 109$	2223	

Find the probability of randomly selecting:

(a) a passenger who died, given that the person was a man.

$$P(\text{Died} | \text{Man}) = P(D|M) = \frac{P(D \text{ and } M)}{P(M)} = \frac{1360/2223}{1692/2223} = \frac{1360}{1692} = 0.804$$

(b) a woman, given that the passenger survived.

$$P(W|\text{Survived}) = \frac{P(W \text{ and } S)}{P(S)} = \frac{318}{706} = 0.450$$

(c) a survivor, given that the passenger was a child.

$$P(S|C) = \frac{P(S \text{ and } C)}{P(C)} = \frac{56}{109} = 0.514$$

Ex: The table to the right shows the status of 200 registered college students.

(a) What is the probability that a part time student is female?

$$P(F \text{ Female} | \text{PT}) = \frac{P(Fe \text{ and PT})}{P(PT)} \xrightarrow{\text{given part time}} = \frac{80}{140} = 0.571$$

	Part Time	Full Time	Total
Female	80	40	120
Male	60	20	80
Total	140	60	200

(b) What is the probability that a randomly selected student is part time, given that they are a male?

$$P(PT | \text{Male}) = \frac{P(PT \text{ and M})}{P(M)} = \frac{60}{80} = 0.75$$

(c) What is the probability that a randomly selected female is a full time student?

$$P(FT | Fe) = \frac{P(FT \text{ and Fe})}{P(F)} \xrightarrow{\text{given that female}} = \frac{40}{120} = 0.333$$