

Working Definition of Probability

$$P: 2^\Omega \rightarrow [0, 1]$$

event space
the power set
of outcome
space

"degree"

where 1 is covering
where 0 is impossibility

$$P(\Omega) = 1$$

$$P(\emptyset) = 0$$

$$A \subseteq \Omega$$

$$A \in 2^\Omega$$

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

What is the probability of getting the sum of 3 on the two die rolls?

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Step 1: translate from English $\rightarrow \Omega$, $\Omega = \{1, 2, \dots, 6\} \times \{1, 2, \dots, 6\}$ $|\Omega| = 36$

Step 2: Count $|\Omega|$

Step 3: Translate from English $\rightarrow A$, $A = \{ \langle 1, 2 \rangle, \langle 2, 1 \rangle \}$

Step 4: Compare $|A| = 2$

Step 5: Divide $P(A) = \frac{|A|}{|\Omega|} = \frac{2}{36}$

What is the probability of getting 2 heads on 4 coin flips?

$$P(A) = \frac{|A|}{|\Omega|} = \frac{6}{16}$$

$$\Omega = \{H, T\}^4, |\Omega| = |\{H, T\}|^4 = 2^4 = 16$$

$$A = \{ \langle H, H, T, T \rangle, \langle T, T, H, H \rangle, \langle T, H, T, H \rangle$$

$$P(HHHH) \stackrel{?}{=} P(HHHT) \neq P(HTHT)$$

$$\langle H, T, H, T \rangle, \langle H, T, T, H \rangle, \langle T, H, H, T \rangle \}$$

Prob of at least 1 H on 4 tosses?

$$P(A) = \frac{|A|}{|\Omega|} = \frac{?}{16}$$

$$A = \{ HTTT, HHHH, \dots$$

$$\text{Recall } |\Omega| = |A| + |A^c| \Rightarrow |A| = |\Omega| - |A^c| = 16 - 1$$

$$A^c = \{ \text{not at least 1 H} \} = \{ \langle \text{1 H} \rangle \} = \{ TTTT \}$$

$$n \geq 1$$

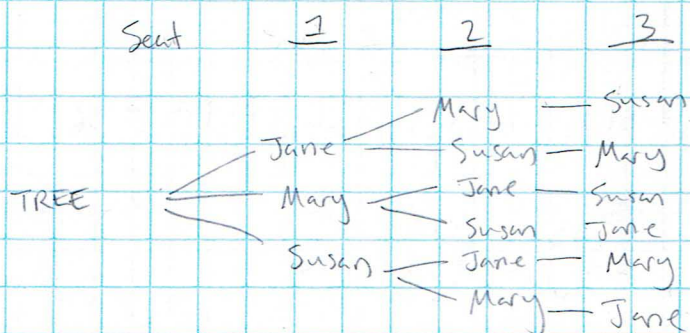
Flip 10 coins. What is probability of 4 H?

$$P(A) = \frac{|A|}{|\Omega|} = \frac{|A|}{2^{10}}$$

Unfortunately, we cannot answer this until we learn some more counting tools. We will return to this

$$F = \{ \text{Jane, Mary, Susan} \}$$

There are 3 chairs. How many ways to seat those 3 women?



total # of ways

$$\frac{3}{\text{Seat 1}} \cdot \frac{2}{\text{Seat 2}} \cdot \frac{1}{\text{Seat 3}} = 6$$

$$\Omega = \{ \langle J, M, S \rangle, \langle J, S, M \rangle, \langle M, J, S \rangle, \langle M, S, J \rangle, \langle S, M, J \rangle, \langle S, J, M \rangle \}$$

$$|\Omega| = 6$$

Note $\Omega \subseteq F^3$

$$|F^3| = 27$$

sampling 3 times
"without replacement"

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"with replacement"

$$|\Omega| \neq F^3$$

Sample n items without replacement ($n \in \mathbb{N}$). How many possible outcomes?

choices

$$\frac{n}{1^{\text{st}} \text{ sample}} \cdot \frac{n-1}{2^{\text{nd}} \text{ sample}} \cdots \frac{2}{(n-1)^{\text{th}} \text{ sample}} \cdot \frac{1}{n^{\text{th}} \text{ sample}} = \prod_{i=1}^n i = n!$$

Sample n items with replacement. How many outcomes?

$$\frac{n}{1^{\text{st}} \text{ sample}} \cdot \frac{n}{2^{\text{nd}} \text{ sample}} \cdots \frac{n}{n^{\text{th}} \text{ sample}} = n^n > n! \text{ for } n \geq 2$$

5 people. 3 chairs. How many seating arrangements?

$$\frac{5}{1^{\text{st}} \text{ chair}} \cdot \frac{4}{2^{\text{nd}} \text{ chair}} \cdot \frac{3}{3^{\text{rd}} \text{ chair}} = \frac{5!}{2!}$$

Sample n items k times without replacement. How many?

$$\frac{n}{1^{\text{st}} \text{ sample}} \cdot \frac{n-1}{2^{\text{nd}} \text{ sample}} \cdots \frac{n-k+1}{k^{\text{th}} \text{ sample}} = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!}$$

Permutations (a.k.a. Unique Orderings)

$${}_n P_k := \frac{n!}{(n-k)!}$$

Note: Convention dictates $0! = 1$

$${}_n P_n = \frac{n!}{(n-n)!} = \frac{n!}{0!} = \frac{n!}{1}$$

3 couples (6 people): Bob-Jane, Richard-Susan, Charles-Mary

$$P(\text{every couple sits together}) = \frac{|A|}{|S|} = \frac{6 \cdot 4 \cdot 2}{6!} = \frac{6 \cdot 4 \cdot 2}{6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} = \frac{1}{15}$$

S = "all seating arrangements of the 6 individuals"

$$A = \text{seat } \frac{1}{1} \quad \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) \quad \frac{4}{3} \quad \left(\frac{1}{4} \right) \quad \frac{2}{5} \quad \left(\frac{1}{6} \right)$$

How many people seat sit in these chairs

Alternative Method

$$P(A) = \frac{|A|}{|S|} = \frac{3! \cdot 2^3}{6!}$$

$$\leftarrow \frac{3}{\text{Love seat 1}} \cdot \frac{2}{\text{switch possible}} \cdot \frac{1}{\text{?}}$$

$$P(\text{alternating gender}) = \frac{(3!)^2 \cdot 2}{6!} = \frac{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2}{6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} = \frac{1}{10}$$

METHOD #1

$$\frac{3}{1} \quad \frac{3}{2} \quad \frac{2}{3} \quad \frac{2}{4} \quad \frac{1}{5} \quad \frac{1}{6} \quad A_{MF}$$

$$3 \quad 3 \quad 2 \quad 2 \quad 1 \quad 1 \quad A_{FM}$$

$$P(A) = P(A_{MF}) + P(A_{FM})$$

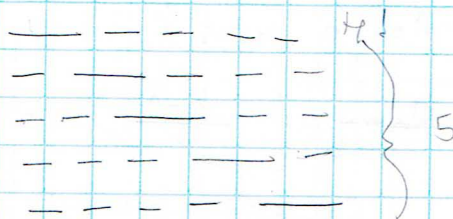
METHOD #2

$$\frac{6}{1} \quad \frac{3}{2} \quad \frac{2}{3} \quad \frac{2}{4} \quad \frac{1}{5} \quad \frac{1}{6} \Rightarrow P(A) = \frac{6 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 2}{6!} = \frac{6 \cdot 4 \cdot 3}{6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} = \frac{1}{10}$$

$$P(\text{Richard \& Susan sit together}) = \frac{4! \cdot 5 \cdot 2}{6!} = \frac{2}{6} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\frac{1}{\text{love seat}} \quad \frac{4}{\text{seat 1}} \quad \frac{3}{\text{seat 2}} \quad \frac{2}{\text{seat 3}} \quad \frac{1}{\text{seat 4}}$$

$$\frac{4}{\text{seat \#1}} \quad \frac{1}{\text{love seat}} \quad \frac{3}{\text{seat \#2}} \quad \frac{2}{3} \quad \frac{1}{1}$$



$$n = 100 \text{ balls, sample } k = 3 \text{ without replacement} \Rightarrow \frac{100 P_3}{100^3} \approx .9702$$

" " " with replacement

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n P_k}{n^k} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{n} \cdot \frac{n-1}{n} \cdots \frac{n-k+1}{n}$$

$$= \underbrace{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{n}}_1 \cdot \underbrace{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n-1}{n}}_1 \cdots \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n-k+1}{n} = 1$$

If n is large, sampling with replacement \approx without replacement