

Consider the pattern:

"Pascal's Δ "

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & & 1 & & & \\
 & & 1 & & 2 & & 1 \\
 & 1 & & 3 & & 3 & & 1 \\
 1 & & 4 & & 6 & & 4 & & 1 \\
 \binom{4}{0} & \binom{4}{1} & \binom{4}{2} & \binom{4}{3} & \binom{4}{4}
 \end{array}$$

$$\binom{4}{2} = \binom{3}{1} + \binom{3}{2}$$

Is this true?

Recurrence Relation

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, k \in \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$$

$$\binom{n}{k} = \binom{n-1}{k-1} + \binom{n-1}{k}$$

Pascal's Identity (Formula/Rule/Theorem)

$$\frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} \stackrel{?}{=} \left(\frac{(n-1)!}{((n-1)-(k-1))!(k-1)!} + \frac{(n-1)!}{(n-k-1)!k!} \right) \frac{n}{n}$$

$$= \frac{n!}{n} \left(\frac{1}{(n-k)!(k-1)!} \cdot \frac{k}{k} + \frac{1}{(n-k-1)!k!} \cdot \frac{n-k}{n-k} \right)$$

$$= \frac{n!}{n} \left(\frac{k}{(n-k)!k!} + \frac{n-k}{(n-k)!k!} \right) = \binom{n}{k} \quad \checkmark$$

- Let $S = \{\spadesuit, \heartsuit, \diamondsuit, \clubsuit\}$ called "suit" $|S| = 4$
- Let $R = \{2, 3, \dots, 10, J, Q, K, A\}$ called "rank" $|R| = 13$
- Let $D = S \times R$ called the "deck" of cards $\Rightarrow |D| = 52$
- Consider the "game" where you are given ("dealt") 5 cards (all equally likely) without replacement such that order doesn't matter. These 5 cards are called a "hand"

$$P(\text{Royal Flush}) = \frac{|A|}{|S|} = \frac{4}{\binom{52}{5}}$$

10, J, Q, K, A
all of same suit

2, 598, 960

$$P(4 \text{ of a kind}) =$$

2 2 2 2
7 7 7 7
K K K K

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \text{\# of 4 of a kind} \\ \downarrow \\ \binom{13}{1} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{order card} \\ \downarrow \\ \binom{12}{1} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \downarrow \\ \binom{4}{1} \end{array}}{\binom{52}{5}}$$

$$P(\text{Straight Flush}) =$$

ALL SAME SUIT

A 2 3 4 5
2 3 4 5 6

9 10 J Q K
10 J Q K A

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \text{beginning \#} \\ \downarrow \\ \binom{10}{1} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{the suit} \\ \downarrow \\ \binom{4}{1} \end{array} - 4}{\binom{52}{5}}$$

means the royal flush

$$P(\text{full house}) =$$

7 7 7 Q Q
3 of same rank 2 of same rank

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \text{Rank of the 3 of a kind} \\ \downarrow \\ \binom{13}{1} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \downarrow \\ \binom{4}{1} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{RANK of the 2 of a kind} \\ \downarrow \\ \binom{12}{1} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \downarrow \\ \binom{4}{1} \end{array}}{\binom{52}{5}} \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \text{3 suits} \end{array}$$

$$P(\text{Flush}) = \frac{\binom{4}{1} \binom{13}{5} - \binom{4}{1} \binom{4}{1} - 4}{\binom{52}{5}}$$

all same suit
but not straight

$$P(\text{Straight}) = \frac{\binom{10}{1} \binom{4}{1}^5 - \binom{4}{1} \binom{4}{1} 4}{\binom{52}{5}}$$

of Straights

$$P(3 \text{ of a kind}) = \frac{\binom{13}{1} \binom{4}{3} \binom{12}{2} \binom{4}{1}^2}{\binom{52}{5}}$$

777 Q9

7♥, 7♦, 7♣ 7♥, 7♣, 7♠

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$$P(\text{Two-Pair}) = \frac{\binom{13}{2} \binom{4}{2}^2 \left(\binom{11}{1} \binom{4}{1} + \binom{4}{1} \binom{4}{1} \right)}{\binom{52}{5}}$$

5th card
or $\binom{44}{1}$

77 QQ3

Note #1

$${}_{13}P_2 = \binom{13}{1} \binom{12}{1} \neq \binom{13}{2}$$

for the Full house we use permutations - order matters!
for the Two-Pair we use Combo

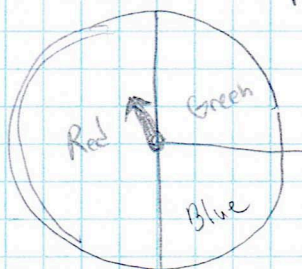
Revisit the "working" definition of probability

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

"the classic definition" in use through the 1800's

had a hidden assumption that all outcomes are equally likely

consider the random experiment of spinning



$$A = \{R\}$$

$$P(A) \neq \frac{|\{R\}|}{|\Omega|} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\forall \omega \in \Omega \quad P(\{\omega\}) = \frac{1}{|\Omega|}$$

equally likely outcomes

e.g. flipping coins, rolling dice

seating people, drawing cards

We need a new definition of probability

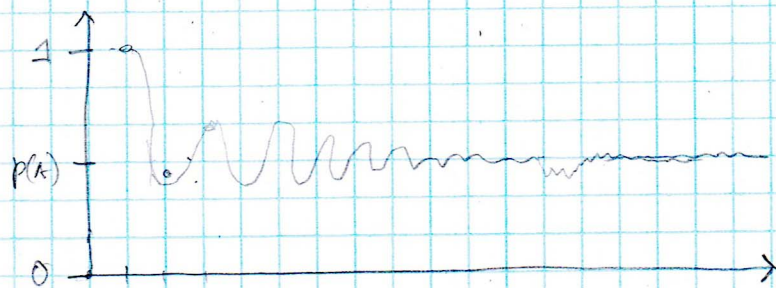
(I) Limiting Frequency Def

First, define $\mathbb{1}_{\omega \in A} := \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \omega \in A \\ 0 & \text{if } \omega \notin A \end{cases}$

indicator function

$$P(A) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{1}_{\omega_i \in A}}{n} = \frac{\#\{\omega_i \in A\}}{n}$$

Von Mises, 1928 as n gets
larger $P(A)$ becomes more
"stable"



Problems with this new definition

① Requires experimentation, infinite elements (not possible)

⇒ We can only know an approximation ⇒ always wrong and could be very wrong

② Not general

$P(\text{OT guilty})$ $P(\text{N. Korea nukes Guam})$ $P(\text{Irma hits Miami})$