

# Probability & Statistics

*SE30*

**Portfolio**

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# 1. Sets - notation

A set is a collection of elements

- explicit:
    - coin  $\{ \text{heads, tails} \}$
    - bits  $\{ 0, 1 \}$
    - dice  $\{ 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 \}$
  - implicit:
    - digits  $\{ 0, 1, \dots, 9 \}$
    - letters  $\{ a, b, \dots, z \}$
    - days  $\{ \text{Monday}, \dots, \text{Sunday} \}$
  - descriptive  $\{ \text{four-letter words} \}$
- ↓ more compact  
ambiguity  $\Delta$
- 
- ▲ Integers  $\{ \dots, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots \}$   $\mathbb{Z}$
  - ▲ Naturals  $\{ 0, 1, 2, \dots \}$   $\mathbb{N}$
  - ▲ Positives  $\{ 1, 2, 3, \dots \}$   $\mathbb{P}$
  - ▲ Rationals  $\{ \text{integer ratios } m/n, n \neq 0 \}$   $\mathbb{Q}$
  - ▲ Reals  $\{ \text{"everything from above"} \}$   $\mathbb{R}$

Sets in UPPERCASE, elements in lowercase

$x \in A \Rightarrow x$  is a member of  $A$  e.g.  $0 \in \{0, 1\}$

$A \ni x \Rightarrow A$  contains  $x$  e.g.  $\mathbb{R} \ni \pi$

$x \notin A \Rightarrow x$  does not belong to  $A$  e.g.  $2 \notin \{0, 1\}$

$A \not\ni x \Rightarrow A$  does not contain  $x$  e.g.  $\{0, 1\} \not\ni x$

► order in sets doesn't matter

## Special Sets

- empty set - contains no elements -  $\emptyset$  or  $\{ \}$  -  $\forall x, x \notin \emptyset$
- universal set - contains all possible elements -  $\Omega$  -  $\forall x, x \in \Omega$   
→ changes depending on the application

## Sets within Sets

$$\text{e.g. } \mathbb{N} = \{ x \in \mathbb{Z} \mid x \geq 0 \} \quad \mathbb{P} = \{ x \in \mathbb{N} \mid x > 0 \}$$

$$\{ x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x^2 \geq 0 \} = \mathbb{R} \quad \{ x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x^2 = 0 \} = \{ 0 \} \quad \text{→ "singletons"}$$

$$[n] = \{1, \dots, n\}$$

$$[a, b] = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid a \leq x \leq b\} \quad [3, 5] = \{3, 4, 5\}$$

$$(a, b) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid a < x < b\} \quad (3, 5) = \{4\}$$

$$[a, b) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid a \leq x < b\} \quad [3, 5) = \{3, 4\}$$

$$(a, b] = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid a < x \leq b\} \quad (3, 5] = \{4, 5\}$$

$$\text{e.g. } [3, 2] = [3, 3] = (3, 3) = \emptyset$$

### Set of Multiples

-  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $m\mathbb{Z} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{i \in \mathbb{Z} : m | i\}$   $\rightarrow$  integer multiples of  $m$

e.g.  $2\mathbb{Z} = \{\dots, -4, -2, 0, 2, 4, \dots\} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} E \rightarrow$  even numbers

-  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{P}$   $m[n] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{i \in [n] : m | i\}$   $\rightarrow$  multiples of  $m$  in  $\{1, \dots, n\}$

$$\text{e.g. } 3[13] = \{3, 6, 9, 12\}$$

### Identities + One Set

$$-\text{ Identity } A \cap \Omega = A \quad A \cup \Omega = \Omega$$

$$-\text{ Universal bound } A \cap \emptyset = \emptyset \quad A \cup \emptyset = A$$

$$-\text{ Idempotent } A \cap A = A, \quad A \cup A = A$$

$$-\text{ Complement } A \cap A^c = \emptyset \quad A \cup A^c = \Omega$$

### Two and Three Sets - Laws

$$-\text{ commutative } A \cap B = B \cap A \quad A \cup B = B \cup A$$

$$-\text{ associative } (A \cap B) \cap C = A \cap (B \cap C)$$

$$-\text{ distributive } A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$$

$$-\text{ de morgan } (A \cap B)^c = A^c \cup B^c$$

### Set Difference

$A - B$  is the set of elements in  $A$  but not in  $B$

Also  $A \setminus B$

### Symmetric difference

## Cartesian Products

The cartesian product of  $A$  and  $B$  is the set  $A \times B$  of ordered pairs  $(a, b)$  where  $a \in A$  and  $b \in B$

$$A \times B = \{(a, b) : a \in A, b \in B\}$$

$A \times A$  denoted  $A^2$

$$\mathbb{R}^2 = \{(x, y) : x, y \in \mathbb{R}\} \quad (\text{Cartesian Plane})$$

$$A, B \subseteq \mathbb{R} \quad A \times B \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2 \quad (\text{Rectangle})$$

e.g.  $A = [0, 2] \quad B = [1, 4]$

$$A \times B = \{(x, y) : x \in [0, 2], y \in [1, 4]\}$$

## Discrete Sets

$$\begin{aligned} \{a, b\} \times \{1, 2, 3\} &= \{(x, y) : x \in \{a, b\}, y \in \{1, 2, 3\}\} \\ &= \{(a, 1), (a, 2), (a, 3), (b, 1), (b, 2), (b, 3)\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ a & (a, 1) & (a, 2) & (a, 3) \\ b & (b, 1) & (b, 2) & (b, 3) \end{array}$$

$$A \times \emptyset = \emptyset \times A = \emptyset$$

$$A \times (B \cup C) = A \times B \cup A \times C$$

$$A \times (B \cap C) = A \times B \cap A \times C$$

$$A \times (B - C) = A \times B - A \times C$$

## Russell's Paradox - sets in sets

"This sentence is a lie"

Can a set belong to itself?  $S \in S$ ?

e.g.  $N = \{\text{anything that is not Trump}\}$

$$= \{0, \{1, 2\}, \dots, N\} \rightarrow N \in N$$

$\rightarrow$  infinite recursion

Define a set that cannot exist

$$R = \{\text{sets that don't belong to themselves}\} = \{S : S \notin S\}$$

$$R \in R \rightarrow R \notin R$$

$$R \notin R \rightarrow R \in R$$

## 2. Counting

Set size - number of elements in a set  
denoted  $|S|$

$$\text{e.g. } |\{0, 1\}| = 2$$

$$|\emptyset| = 0$$

$$|\mathbb{Z}| = \infty$$

### Disjoint Unions

$$|A|=2 \quad |B|=3$$

$$|A \cup B| = |A| + |B| = 2 + 3 = 5$$

$$|\Omega| = |A| + |A^c|$$

$$|A^c| = |\Omega| - |A|$$

$$\text{e.g. } D = \{i \in [6] : 3 \mid i\} = \{3, 6\} \quad |D| = 2$$

$$D^c = \{i \in [6] : 3 \nmid i\} = \{1, 2, 4, 5\} \quad |D^c| = 4$$

$$|D^c| = 4 = 6 - 2 = |\Omega| - |D|$$

### General Unions

$$|A \cup B| \neq |A| + |B| \quad |\{\alpha\} \cup \{\alpha\}| = |\{\alpha\}| = 1 \neq 2$$

Can we determine  $|A \cup B|$  in general?  $\hookrightarrow$  (intersection is counted twice)

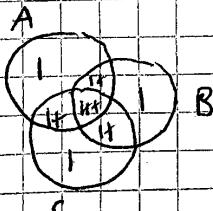
$$\rightarrow |A \cup B| = |A| + |B| - |A \cap B|$$

### Multiple Sets

$$|A \cup B \cup C| = |A| + |B| + |C|$$

$$- |A \cap B| - |A \cap C| - |B \cap C|$$

$$+ |A \cap B \cap C|$$



$$\left| \bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i \right| = \sum_{i=1}^n |A_i| - \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} |A_i \cap A_j| + \dots + (-1)^{n-1} \sum_{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n} |A_{i_1} \cap A_{i_2} \cap \dots \cap A_{i_n}|$$

The size of a Cartesian Product is the product of the set sizes

$$|A \times B| = |A| \times |B|$$

# Analogies between number and set operations

numbers	sets
addition	disjoint union
subtraction	complement
multiplication	Cartesian product
exponents	? $\rightarrow$ Cartesian power

## Cartesian Powers

$$A^2 = A \times A$$

Cartesian square

$$A^n = \underbrace{A \times A \times \dots \times A}_n$$

$n$ 'th Cartesian power

$$|A^n| = |A \times A \times \dots \times A| = |A| \times |A| \times \dots \times |A| = |A|^n$$

application: subsets

The power set of  $S$ , denoted  $P(S)$ , is the collection of all subsets of  $S$ .

$$P(\{a, b\}) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$$

$$|P(S)| = ?$$

binary strings  
of length  $|S|$

$\rightarrow 1-1$  correspondence between  $P(S)$  and  $\{0, 1\}^{|S|}$

$P(\{a, b\})$	a	b	$\{0, 1\}^2$
$\emptyset$	x	x	00
$\{b\}$	x	v	01
$\{a\}$	v	x	10
$\{a, b\}$	v	v	11

$$\Rightarrow |P(S)| = |\{0, 1\}^{|S|}| = 2^{|S|}$$

(The size of the power set is  $2$  to the power of size of set)

## Counting Variations

e.g. PIN (Personal Identification Number)

How many 4-digit PINs are there?

$$D: \{0, \dots, 9\}$$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{Power set}} \{4\text{-digit PINs}\} = D^4$$

$$|D^4| = |D|^4 = 10^4 = 10000$$

## Variable Length

# 3-5 digit PINs 314 2246 79380

$$D = \{0, \dots, 9\} \quad \{PINs\} = D^3 \cup D^4 \cup D^5$$

$$\# PINs = |D^3 \cup D^4 \cup D^5| = |D^3| + |D^4| + |D^5|$$

$$= 10^3 + 10^4 + 10^5$$

$$= 1000 + 10000 + 100000$$

$$= 111000$$

eg: PINs containing zero

$$D = \{0, 1, \dots, 9\}$$

$$Z = \{0\} \quad \bar{Z} = \{1, 2, \dots, 9\} \quad (\text{complement of } Z)$$

$x^n \equiv x_1, \dots, x_n \rightarrow n\text{-digit sequence}$

$$\exists Z = \{x^n \in D^n : \exists i, x_i \in Z\} \rightarrow \{\text{n-digit PINs containing 0}\}$$

$$|\exists Z| = ?$$

- 2-Digits: Inclusion-Exclusion

$$\exists Z = \{x_1, x_2 : \exists i, x_i = 0\} \quad 00 \quad 03 \quad 50 \quad 73$$

$$Z_1 = \{x_1, x_2 : x_1 = 0\} \quad 00 \quad 03 \quad 56 \quad 73 \quad |Z_1| = 10$$

$$Z_2 = \{x_1, x_2 : x_2 = 0\} \quad 00 \quad 03 \quad 50 \quad 73 \quad |Z_2| = 10$$

$$\exists Z = Z_1 \cup Z_2 \quad Z_1 \cap Z_2 = \{00\}$$

$$|\exists Z| = |Z_1| + |Z_2| - |Z_1 \cap Z_2|$$

$$= 10 + 10 - 1$$

$$= \underline{19}$$

- 2-Digits: Complement Rule

$$n = D^2 \rightarrow \text{all 2-digit PINs} \quad \{1..9\} \times \{1..9\}$$

$$\exists Z = \{x_1, x_2 : \forall i, x_i \neq 0\} = \bar{Z} \times \bar{Z}$$

both digits nonzero

$$|\exists Z| = |\bar{Z} \times \bar{Z}| = |\bar{Z}|^2 = 9^2 = 81$$

$$|\exists Z| = |D^2| - |\exists \bar{Z}| = 100 - 81 = \underline{19}$$

**exercise 1:** How many 5-digit ternary strings are there without 4 consecutive 0s, 1s or 2s?

For example 01210 and 11211 are counted but 00000, 11112, and 22222 are excluded.

$$D = \{0, 1, 2\}$$

$$X = \{ \text{5-digit ternary strings without 4 consecutive } \}$$

$$\overline{X}_1 = \{ x_1 = x_2 = x_3 = x_4 \} \quad 11111 \quad 22220 \quad 02111 \quad 0222$$

$$\overline{X}_2 = \{ x_2 = x_3 = x_4 = x_5 \} \quad 11111 \quad 22220 \quad 02111 \quad 0222$$

$$|\overline{X}_1| = 9 \quad |\overline{X}_2| = 9$$

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{X} &= \overline{X}_1 \cup \overline{X}_2 \rightarrow |\overline{X}| = |\overline{X}_1| + |\overline{X}_2| \\ &= 9 + 9 - 3 \\ &= 15 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Omega = D^5$$

$$|X| = |D^5| - |\overline{X}| = 3^5 - 15 = 243 - 15 = \underline{\underline{228}}$$

**exercise 2:**

In the US, telephone numbers are 7-digit long. While real numbers have some restrictions, here we assume that all 7-digit sequences are possible, even 0000000.

a) How many phone numbers start or end with two identical digits, e.g. 0012345, 1234511, or 2222222

$10 \cdot 10^5 = 10^6$  phone numbers start with two identical digits, and the same number end with two identical digits, furthermore  $10^2 \cdot 10^3 = 10^5$  numbers start and end with two identical digits

By inclusion-exclusion, the answer is  $2 \cdot 10^6 - 10^5 = 1900000$

b) " contain a substring of 5 consecutive digits  
For example, 0045678, 2567892, or 0123456.

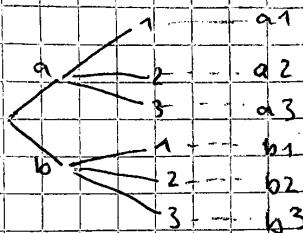
Let L, M and R be the sets of phone numbers whose 5 left, middle and right digits, respectively, are consecutive. The set of phone numbers with five consecutive digits is  $|L \cup M \cup R| = |L| = |M| = |R| = 6 \cdot 10^2 = 600$ , while

$$|L \cap M| = |M \cap R| = 5 \cdot 10 = 50, \text{ and } |L \cap R| = |L \cap M \cap R| = 4$$

By inclusion-exclusion,  $|L \cup M \cup R| = 3 \cdot 600 - 2 \cdot 50 + 4 = \underline{\underline{1700}}$

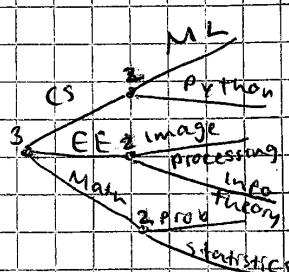
# Counting Trees

Cartesian products as trees



$$\{a, b\} \times \{1, 2, 3\}$$

→ trees are more general

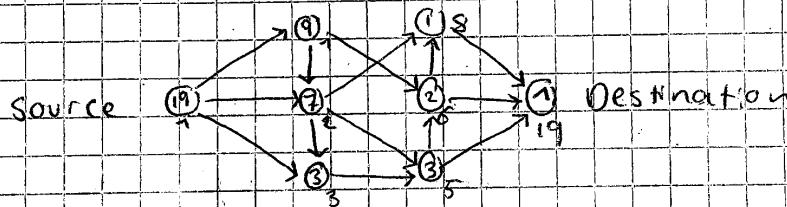


→ departments offer different courses  
→ NOT Cartesian product

> still each level, all degrees, equal  
→ # courses =  $3 \times 2 = 6$

A tree can represent any set of sequences.

Paths from Source to Destination

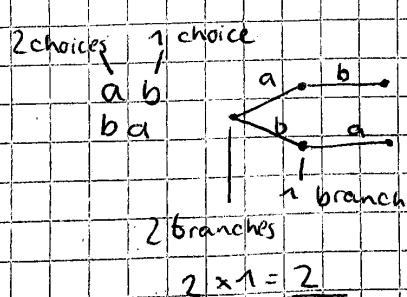


## 3. Combinatorics

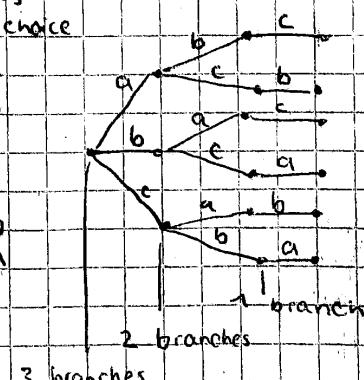
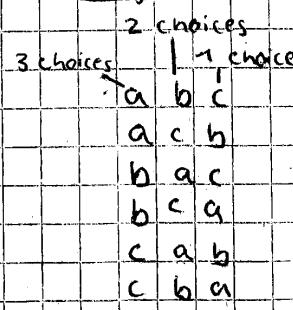
Permutations

A permutation is an ordering of a set of objects

2 objects



3 objects



$$3 \times 2 \times 1 = 6$$

If permutations of n objects =  $n \times (n-1) \times \dots \times 2 \times 1$

$$\neq n!$$

$n!$  can be defined recursively

$$\begin{aligned} n! &= n \cdot (n-1) \cdot \dots \cdot 2 \cdot 1 \\ &= n \cdot [(n-1) \cdot \dots \cdot 2 \cdot 1] \\ &= n \cdot (n-1)! \quad \forall n \geq 1 \quad (\rightarrow 0! = 1) \end{aligned}$$

e.g.: # anagrams of 5 distinct letters PEARS

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{SPEAR} \\ \dots \\ \text{EAPRS} \end{array} \right\} 5! = 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 = \underline{\underline{120}}$$

- constrained anagrams of PEARS: A, R stay adjacent in order

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{PARSE} \\ \dots \\ \text{SEPAR} \end{array} \right\} \text{Permutations of P, E, AR, S} = 4! = \underline{\underline{24}}$$

- A, R are adjacent in any order

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{SPARE} \\ \dots \\ \text{RAESP} \end{array} \right\} \text{2 orders } 24 \text{ anagrams each} \quad \xrightarrow{\text{Product rule}} \ 2 \times 24 = \underline{\underline{48}}$$

- A, R are not adjacent

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{AESPR} \\ \dots \\ \text{SRPAE} \end{array} \right\} 5! - 48 = 120 - 48 = 72$$

- # ways 3 distinct boys & 2 distinct girls can stand in a row

- alternating boys and girls:  $3! \times 2! = 6 \times 2 = 12$

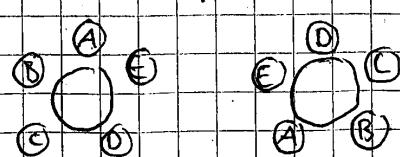
- unconstrained:  $(3+2)! = 5! = 120$

- boys together & girls together:  $2 \times 3! \times 2! = 24$

- unconstrained, but orientation doesn't matter:  $5!/2 = 60$

- circular arrangements: # ways 5 people can sit at a round table

rotations  
matter



$$\rightarrow 5! = 120$$

rotations  
don't matter

=

$$\rightarrow 5!/5 = 4! = 24$$

## Partial Permutations

# orders of some of the  $n$  objects = ?

$$\# \text{ 2-digit PINs} \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \text{any digits} & \text{distinct digits} \\ 11 \ 45 & 05 \ 32 \ 33 \\ \underline{10 \times 10} & \underline{10 \times 9} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\# \text{ 3-letter words} \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \text{any letters} & \text{distinct letters} \\ \text{momm xyz} & \text{abc eatat} \\ \underline{26 \times 26 \times 26} & \underline{26 \times 25 \times 24} \end{array} \right. \quad (\text{we don't want to arrange all letters!})$$

→ # permutations of  $k$  out of  $n$  objects

$$n \cdot (n-1) \cdot \dots \cdot (n-k+1) = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!} = n^{\underline{k}} \text{ or } P(n, k)$$

e.g. How many 2-permutations do we have for set  $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ ?

$$\rightarrow \frac{4!}{(4-2)!} = \frac{4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}{2 \cdot 1} = \underline{\underline{12}}$$

(Combinations)

permutations - arranging  
combinations - selecting

A subset of size  $k$  is a  $k$ -subset

$\binom{[n]}{k}$  - collection of  $k$ -subsets of  $[n] = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$   
 k-subsets of an n-set      n-bit sequences with k 1's

$$\text{e.g. } \binom{[3]}{1} = \{\{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}\} \quad \begin{matrix} 100 & 010 & 001 \end{matrix}$$

$$\binom{[3]}{2} = \{\{1, 2\}, \{1, 3\}, \{2, 3\}\} \quad \begin{matrix} 110 & 101 & 011 \end{matrix}$$

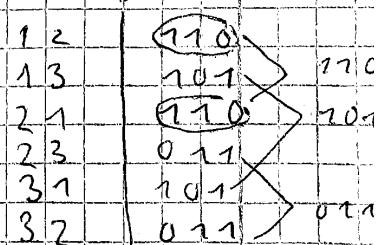
$$\binom{[4]}{2} = \{\{1, 2\}, \{1, 3\}, \{1, 4\}, \{2, 3\}, \{2, 4\}, \{3, 4\}\}$$

Number of n-bit sequences with  $k$  1's  
 permutations

$$\binom{n}{k} = \left| \binom{[n]}{k} \right| \text{ - binomial coefficient}$$

$$\binom{3}{2} = \left| \binom{[3]}{2} \right| = |\{110, 101, 011\}| = 3$$

$$\frac{3}{2} + \frac{6}{2} = 3$$



## (calculating the Binomial Coefficients)

$$\binom{n}{k} = \left| \binom{[n]}{k} \right| = ?$$

specify locations of the  $k$  1's (in the  $n$ -bit sequence)  
in order

$$\rightarrow 123, 531, 213$$

↑  
each location  $\in [n]$

$$\leftrightarrow \# \text{ ordered locations} = n^{\underline{k}}$$

Every binary sequence with  $k$  1's corresponds to  $k!$   
ordered locations

$$\rightarrow 10101 \leftrightarrow 1, 3, 5, 1, 5, 3, 3, 1, 5, 3, 1, 5, 3, 1$$

$$k! \binom{n}{k} = n^{\underline{k}} \Rightarrow \binom{n}{k} = \frac{n^{\underline{k}}}{k!} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$$

$$\binom{[3]}{1} = \begin{cases} 001 \\ 010 \\ 100 \end{cases} \quad \binom{3}{1} = \frac{3!}{1! 2!} = 3 \quad \text{choose location of } 1$$

$$\binom{[3]}{2} = \begin{cases} 011 \\ 101 \\ 110 \end{cases} \quad \binom{3}{2} = \frac{3!}{2! 1!} = 3 \quad \text{choose location of } 0$$

$$\binom{[4]}{2} = \begin{cases} 0011 \\ 0101 \\ 0110 \\ 1001 \\ 1000 \\ 1010 \\ 1100 \end{cases} \quad \binom{4}{2} = \frac{4!}{2! 2!} = 6$$

Simple  $\binom{n}{k}$

$$\binom{n}{0} = \frac{n!}{0! n!} = 1 \quad \text{All-zero } n\text{-bit sequence}$$

$$\binom{n}{n} = \frac{n!}{n! 0!} = 1 \quad \text{All-one } n\text{-bit sequence}$$

$$\binom{n}{1} = \frac{n!}{(n-1)!} = n \quad \text{choose location of single 1}$$

$$\binom{n}{2} = \frac{n!}{2!(n-2)!} = \frac{n(n-1)}{2} \quad \begin{aligned} & \text{1st location: } n \text{ ways} \\ & \text{2nd location: } n-1 \text{ ways} \\ & \text{each sequence chosen twice} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \binom{n}{k} = \binom{n}{n-k} \text{ if } k > \frac{n}{2} \text{ calculate } \binom{n}{n-k}$$

$$\binom{7}{5} = \binom{7}{2} = 21$$

$$\text{Pascal's Triangle} \quad \binom{n+1}{k} = \binom{n}{k} + \binom{n}{k-1}$$

	0	1	2	3	4	5
0	0	1	0			
1	1	1	1	0		
2	1	2	1	0		
3	1	3	3	1	0	
4	1	4	6	4	1	0
5	1	5	10	10	5	1
$\binom{n}{0}$	1			$\binom{n}{n} = 1$		

$$\binom{2}{1} = \binom{1}{1} + \binom{1}{0} = 2$$

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

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

$$\binom{5}{4} = \binom{4}{4} + \binom{4}{3} = 5$$

$$\binom{2}{2} = \binom{2}{1} = 0$$

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

$$(a+b)^1 = a+b$$

$$(a+b)^2 = a^2 + 2ab + b^2$$

$$(a+b)^3 = a^3 + 3a^2b + 3ab^2 + b^3$$

$$(a+b)^4 = a^4 + 4a^3b + 6a^2b^2 + 4ab^3 + b^4$$

$\begin{matrix} 1 & 3 & 3 & 1 \\ (4) & (4) & (4) & (4) \end{matrix}$ 
 $\begin{matrix} 1 & 4 & 6 & 4 & 1 \\ (4) & (4) & (4) & (4) & (4) \end{matrix}$

$$\boxed{(a+b)^n = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} a^{n-i} b^i \quad \forall a, b \quad \forall n \geq 0}$$

↳ Binomial Theorem (gives binomial coefficients their name)

e.g.: Polynomial Coefficient

$$(1+x)^n = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} x^i$$

- coefficient of  $x^7$  in  $(1+x)^7$

$$(1+x)^7 = \sum_{i=0}^7 \binom{7}{i} x^i \quad \binom{7}{2} = 21$$

- coefficient of  $x^3$  in  $(3+2x)^5$

$$(3+2x)^5 = \sum_{i=0}^5 \binom{5}{i} 3^{5-i} (2x)^i \quad (\binom{5}{3}) 3^2 \cdot 2^3 = 720$$

## Multinomial Coefficients

$$k_1 + k_2 + k_3 = n$$

#  $\{1, 2, 3\}$  sequences with  $\begin{cases} k_1 1's \\ k_2 2's \\ k_3 3's \end{cases}$

$$\binom{n}{k_1} \binom{n-k_1}{k_2} = \frac{n!}{k_1! \cdot (n-k_1)!} \cdot \frac{(n-k_1)!}{k_2! \cdot (n-k_1-k_2)!} \quad | \text{ note remaining spots are 3's}$$

↑  
habit sequences with  $k_1$  1's with  $k_2$  2's  
with  $k_3$  3's

$$= \frac{n!}{k_1! \cdot k_2! \cdot k_3!}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Binomial}}{=} \binom{n}{k_1, k_2, k_3} \quad | \quad \binom{n}{k_1, n-k_1} = \binom{n}{k_1}$$

e.g.: # Sequences over  $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ .

digit	1	2	3	4
# times	1	4	4	2

$$\binom{11}{1, 4, 4, 2} = \frac{11!}{1! \cdot 4! \cdot 4! \cdot 2!}$$

## Multinomial Theorem

$$(a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_m)^n = \sum_{\substack{k_1 + k_2 + \dots + k_m = n \\ k_1, k_2, \dots, k_m \geq 0}} \binom{n}{k_1, k_2, \dots, k_m} \prod_{t=1}^m a_t^{k_t}$$

$$\text{e.g. } (a+b+c)^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} (a+b+c)^2 &= \sum_{\substack{i+j+k=2 \\ i, j, k \geq 0}} \binom{2}{i, j, k} a^i b^j c^k \\ &= \binom{2}{2, 0, 0} a^2 + \binom{2}{0, 2, 0} b^2 + \binom{2}{0, 0, 2} c^2 \\ &\quad + \binom{2}{1, 1, 0} ab + \binom{2}{1, 0, 1} ac + \binom{2}{0, 1, 1} bc \\ &= a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 2ab + 2ac + 2bc \end{aligned}$$

## Sum of Multinomials

Recall binomial identity  $2^n = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i}$

similarly for multinomials

$$m^n = (1+1+\dots+1)^n = \sum_{\substack{k_1 + \dots + k_m = n \\ k_1, \dots, k_m \geq 0}} \binom{n}{k_1, k_2, \dots, k_m}$$

$$3^2 = 9 = \underbrace{\binom{2}{2,0,0}}_1 + \underbrace{\binom{2}{0,2,0}}_1 + \underbrace{\binom{2}{0,0,2}}_1 + \underbrace{\binom{2}{1,1,0}}_2 + \underbrace{\binom{2}{1,0,1}}_2 + \underbrace{\binom{2}{0,1,1}}_2$$

exercise: What is the coefficient of  $xy$  in the expansion of  $(x+y+z)^4$ ?

$$\begin{aligned} & \rightarrow \binom{4}{1,1,2} x^1 y^1 z^2 \\ & = \frac{4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}{1 \cdot 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} \cdot 4 \cdot xy = 12 \cdot 4 \cdot xy = \underline{\underline{48 \cdot xy}} \end{aligned}$$

~~Anagrammatic bookkeeper rule~~

# permutations of the word bookkeeper?

- # perms  $b, o, o_2, k, k_2, e, e_2, p, e_3, r = 10!$

map perm o, b, e, o<sub>2</sub>, k, k<sub>2</sub>, e, e<sub>2</sub>, p, e<sub>3</sub> to

o b e o k r k e p e

2 o's, 2 k's, 3 e's  $\hat{=} 2! \cdot 2! \cdot 3! \Rightarrow$

10!
2! 2! 3!

$\Rightarrow$  # permutations of length-n word with  $n_1$  a's,  $n_2$  b's, ...,  $n_k$  z's

$$\Rightarrow \frac{n!}{n_1! n_2! \cdots n_k!} = \binom{n}{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k}$$

What is the coefficient of  $B^4 A^3 N^2$  in the expansion of  $(B + A + N)^6$ ?

$$\rightarrow \binom{6}{1,3,2} = \frac{6!}{3! \cdot 2!} = 60$$

# Stars and Bars - application

- counting sums

# ways to write 5 as a sum of 3 positive integers,  
when order matters

- to partition 5 items into 3 groups, when  
order matters

$3 + 1 + 1$	★ ★ ★   ★   ★
$2 + 2 + 1$	★ ★   ★ ★   ★
$2 + 1 + 2$	★   ★   ★   ★
$1 + 3 + 1$	★   ★   ★   ★   ★
$1 + 2 + 2$	★   ★   ★   ★   ★
$1 + 1 + 3$	★   ★   ★   ★   ★

$$\# = 6$$

Addition

Sum of 5

3 pos. terms

2 +'s

Partition

5 stars

3 consecutive star intervals

2 bars

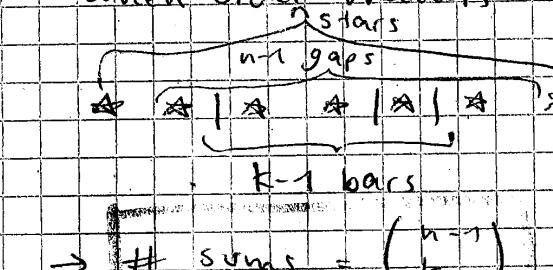
4 inter-star gaps

choose 2 of 4 gaps

$$\rightarrow \binom{4}{2} = 6$$

## k Terms Adding to n

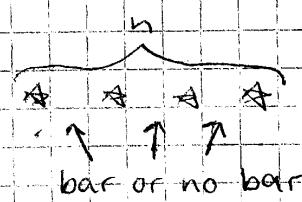
# ways to write n as a sum of k positive integers,  
when order matters:



## Another Application

3	★ ★ ★
$n=3$	★   ★   ★
$2+1$	★   ★   ★
$1+1+1$	★   ★   ★

general



n as sum of  $k \in [n]$ :  $\binom{n-1}{k-1}$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \binom{n-1}{k-1} = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \binom{n-1}{i} = 2^{n-1}$$

Nonnegative Terms # ways to write n as sum of k  
as a sum of 3 nonnegatives nonnegative integers

$2+0+0$	★ ★
$1+2+0$	★ ★
$0+0+2$	★
$1+1+0$	★   ★
$1+0+1$	★    ★
$0+1+1$	★   ★

$$\# = 6$$

$$h = \# \text{ bars} = k-1$$

# ways to order 2 ★ and 2 |

$$\rightarrow \binom{4}{2} = 6$$

k nonnegatives  
adding to n  
 $\rightarrow \binom{n+k-1}{k-1}$   
15

e.g.: 4-letter words combinations

# 4-letter words when order matters  $26^4 = 456\,976$

# 4-letter words when order does not matter

evil = vile = live = ...

→ determined by composition: #a, #b, #c, #z

$$\#a + \#b + \#c + \#z = 4$$

26 nonnegative terms  $K=26$  sum to 4  $\rightarrow n=4$

$$\binom{4+26-1}{26-1} = \binom{29}{25} = \binom{29}{4} = \underline{\underline{23,751}}$$

Exercise 1: In how many different ways can you write 11 as a sum of 3 positive integers if order matters?

\* \* \* | \* \* \* | \* \* \*

11 stars with 3 partitions and therefore 2 bars  
There are  $11-1 = 10$  spaces to place the bars

$$\rightarrow \binom{10}{2} = \frac{10!}{2!(10-2)!} = \frac{10!}{2! \cdot 8!} = \frac{90}{2} = \underline{\underline{45}}$$

Exercise 2: How many terms are there in the expansion of  $(x+y+z)^{10}$ ?

Every coefficient corresponds to a term of the form  $x^{a_1}y^{a_2}z^{a_3}$  with  $a_1 + a_2 + a_3 = 10$ , such that  $a_i \geq 0$  ( $\vdash$  nonneg)

$$\rightarrow n = 10, K = 3$$

$$\rightarrow \binom{n+K-1}{K-1} = \binom{10+2}{2} = \binom{12}{2} = \frac{12!}{2! \cdot 10!} = 6 \cdot 11 = \underline{\underline{66}}$$

Exercise 3: 3 girls and 5 boys are to be assigned to eight seats in a row, with the stipulation that a girl sits in the second seat.

How many arrangements are there?

$$\binom{7}{2,5} = \frac{7!}{2!5!} = \frac{7 \cdot 6}{2} = \underline{\underline{21}}$$

## 5. Probability

Why? + background

The theory stems from gambling and games of chance, where the first attempt at some mathematical rigor is credited to Laplace.

It is of comparatively recent origin. It was Kolmogorov who axiomatized probability in his fundamental work in 1933.

Probability allows you to analyze chance events in a logically sound manner.

Use cases:

- in medicine: to test drugs, to work out the chance that patients develop side effects
- in finance: to assess the risk of investing in a company

(the insurance industry is based on the idea of risk: the chance of your house burning down is quite small, but if it does happen, you lose everything)

→ risk of fire vs cost of fire

### Experiment & Sample Space

Possible experiment results are called outcomes.  
Set of possible outcomes is the sample space, denoted  $\Omega$ .

eg:	experiment	$\Omega$
	coin	{H, T}
	die	{1, 2, ..., 6}
	gender	{m, f, o}
	age	$\mathbb{N}$
	temperature	$\mathbb{R}$

### 2 types of Sample Spaces

1. A finite or countably infinite sample space is discrete  
eg: {H, T}  $\mathbb{N}$  {words}

2. An uncountably infinite sample space is continuous  
eg:  $\mathbb{R}$  {temperatures}

Random value of outcome is denoted by  $X$  ( $X \in \Omega$ )

The probability of an outcome  $X \in \Omega$  denoted  $P(X)$  or  $P(X=x)$ , is the fraction of times  $x$  will occur when the experiment is repeated many times.

e.g. fair coin: As # experiments  $\rightarrow \infty$ ,  $P(X=\text{heads}) = \frac{1}{2}$

# Probability Distribution Function

When viewing at the probabilities of the whole sample space, a pattern emerges

$$\text{Coin: } P(h) = \frac{1}{2} \quad P(t) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{Die: } P(1) = \frac{1}{6} \quad \dots \quad P(6) = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$\text{Rain: } P(\text{rain}) = 10\% \quad P(\text{no rain}) = 90\%$$

$P$  maps outcomes in  $\Omega$  to non-negative values that sum to 1

$$P: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad P(x) \geq 0 \quad \sum_{x \in \Omega} P(x) = 1$$



Probability distribution function

→ Sample space  $\Omega$  and distribution  $P$  define the whole probability space.

## Distribution Types:

Uniform probabilities spaces

> all outcomes are equally likely

$$\forall x \in \Omega \quad P(x) = p$$

$$1 = \sum_{x \in \Omega} P(x) = \sum_{x \in \Omega} p = |\Omega| \cdot p \rightarrow p = \frac{1}{|\Omega|}$$

> e.g.: coin flip  $\Omega = \{h, t\}$   $|\Omega| = 2$

$$P(h) = P(t) = \frac{1}{|\Omega|} = \frac{1}{2}$$

! In nature, nonuniform spaces abound  
(rain, illness, grades, ...)

## Events:

Often we are interested in a set of possible outcomes: e.g.:

- temperature > 32 degrees
- stock will close higher
- pass a course

→ set of outcomes is a subset of  $\Omega \rightarrow \text{event } E \subseteq \Omega$

event	name	event	name
$\{1, \dots, 6\}$	$\Omega$	$\{\}$	$\emptyset$
$\{2, 4, 6\}$	even	$\{1, 2, 5\}$	odd
$\{1, 4\}$	square	$\{2, 3, 5, 6\}$	non square
$\{5, 6\}$	$> 4 \geq 5$	$\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$	$\leq 4, \geq 5$
$\{1, 2, 5\}$	$\{1, 2, 5\}$	$\{3, 4, 6\}$	$\{3, 4, 6\}$

An event occurs if it contains the observed outcome

The probability of the event occurring is  $P(E)$

Fraction of experiments where  $E$  occurs, as # experiments grows

> Relation of the probability of event to probability of its elements

e.g.  $\rightarrow$  # times even occurs = sum of # times 2 and 4 occur

$$P(\text{Even}) = P(2) + P(4)$$

$\rightarrow P(E) = \frac{\text{sum of fraction of times its elements occur}}{\text{in uniform spaces}}$

$$P(E) = \sum_{x \in E} p(x) = \sum_{x \in E} \frac{1}{|S|} = \frac{\sum_{x \in E} 1}{|S|} = \frac{|E|}{|S|}$$

e.g. die  $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$   $|S| = 6$

event	set	$ Event $	$P(Event) = \frac{ \text{Event} }{6}$
even	$\{2, 4, 6\}$	3	$\frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2}$
square	$\{1, 4, 9\}$	2	$\frac{2}{6} = \frac{1}{3}$

If events A and B are disjoint, they are mutually exclusive

## Repeated Experiments

### Composite experiments

- Sample space is a cartesian product

independent repetition means all experiments are of same type  
but where each experiment's outcome is independent of previous or future outcomes

e.g.: two coins (fair, independent flips)

coin 1	h	t
h	1/4	1/4
s		
t	1/4	1/4

$$\Omega = \{hh, ht, th, tt\} = \{h, t\}^2 \quad (\text{Cartesian power set})$$

$$|\Omega| = 2^2 = 4$$

events 2 coins

$$- P(\text{different outcomes}) = P(\{ht, th\}) = \frac{2}{|\Omega|} = \frac{2}{4} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$- P(\text{at least one h}) = P(\{ht, th, hh\}) = \frac{3}{|\Omega|} = \frac{3}{4}$$

3 coins  $\rightarrow |\Omega| = 2^3 = 8$

$$- P(\text{Alternating}) = P(\{hth, tht\}) = \frac{2}{|\Omega|} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$- P(\text{odd # hs}) = P(\{htt, tht, tch, hh\}) = \frac{4}{|\Omega|} = \frac{1}{2}$$

# Sampling - two types: with or without replacement

- with replacement:
    - reuse selected element
    - outcomes can repeat
    - experiments often independent
  - without replacement:
    - do not reuse selected element
    - outcomes cannot repeat
    - experiments dependent
- difference  
largest  
for  $N$  small

e.g.: balls in a jar

> with replacement: yellow and blue ball in a jar

1. pick a ball  $\rightarrow$  blue or yellow

2. replace it

3. pick again  $\rightarrow$  blue or yellow

$\rightarrow$  second selection from original set

2nd ball  $\frac{1}{2}$   $\frac{1}{2}$

$\frac{1}{2} y$	$\frac{1}{2} b$
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$\frac{1}{2} b$	$\frac{1}{2}$
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$$\Omega = \{yy, yb, by, bb\}$$

$$|\Omega| = 4$$

$$|\Omega| = |\Omega_1|^2$$

$\hookrightarrow$  Uniform

> without replacement:

1. pick a ball
2. do not return it
3. pick second (i.e. remaining) ball

$\rightarrow$  second selection from a subset

2nd ball

$\frac{1}{2} y$	$\frac{1}{2} b$
-----------------	-----------------

$\frac{1}{2} b$	$\frac{1}{2}$
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$$\Omega = \{yb, by\}$$

$$|\Omega| = 2$$

$$|\Omega| = |\Omega_1| \cdot |\Omega_2|$$

$\rightarrow$  so far order mattered

When order does not matter?

tuple of outcomes  $\rightarrow$  set of outcomes

$$(2, 5), (5, 2) \rightarrow \{(2, 5)\} \quad \text{Event } \{(2, 5), (5, 2)\}$$

e.g.: 2 dice

$$P(\{(1, 2)\}) = P(\{(1, 2), (2, 1)\}) = P(1, 2) + P(2, 1) = \frac{2}{36}$$

$$P(\{(1, 1)\}) = P(1, 1) = \frac{1}{36}$$

$\hookrightarrow$  not uniform!

check  $\sum$  probabilities = 1

$$\binom{6}{2} \cdot \frac{2}{36} + \binom{6}{1} \cdot \frac{1}{36} = \frac{5}{6} + \frac{1}{6} = 1$$

e.g. 2 : drawing 2 cards  $\in \{1, \dots, 6\}$  without replacement

- order matters:  $i \neq j$   $P(i, j) = \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{5} = \frac{1}{30}$

- doesn't matter:  $P(\{1, 2\}) = P(\{2, 1\}) = P(1, 2) + P(2, 1) = \frac{2}{30}$

$\{1, 1\}$  cannot happen

$\hookrightarrow$  Uniform!

$$\text{check } \binom{6}{2} \cdot \frac{2}{30} = 1$$

### exercise 18

What is the probability that two cards drawn from a standard deck without replacement have the same rank?

The number of ways to draw two cards from a specific rank is  $\binom{4}{2} = 6 = |\mathcal{E}|$  and  $|\Omega| = \binom{52}{2}$

Hence the probability is  $13 \cdot \frac{6}{\binom{52}{2}} = 13 \cdot \frac{6}{\frac{6 \cdot 51}{2}} = \frac{3}{51} = \frac{1}{17}$

### exercise 2: Find the probability that a five-card hand contains:

- ace of diamonds

The number of hands containing the ace of diamonds is  $\binom{51}{4}$  corresponding to the choice of the

remaining 4 cards from the other 51. Hence the probability is  $\frac{\binom{51}{4}}{\binom{52}{5}} = \frac{51 \cdot 50 \cdot 49 \cdot 48}{124}$

$$= \frac{51 \cdot 50 \cdot 49 \cdot 48}{52 \cdot 51 \cdot 50 \cdot 49 \cdot 48} = \frac{5}{52}$$

$$= \frac{51 \cdot 50 \cdot 49 \cdot 48}{52 \cdot 51 \cdot 50 \cdot 49 \cdot 48} = \frac{5}{52}$$

- at least an ace

The number of ways to draw 5 cards without any ace is  $\binom{48}{5}$ . By the complement rule, the answer

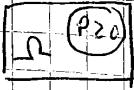
$$\text{is } 1 - \frac{\binom{48}{5}}{\binom{52}{5}} = 0,3412$$

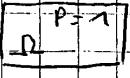
- at least a diamond

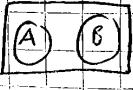
The number of ways to draw 5 cards without any diamond is  $\binom{39}{5}$

$$\rightarrow P(\text{at least diamond}) = \frac{1 - \binom{39}{5}}{\binom{52}{5}} = 0,7785$$

# Probability Axioms

(1) · non-negativity  $P(A) \geq 0 \quad \forall A \quad P(A) \geq 0$  

(2) · unitarity  $P(\Omega) = 1$  

(3) · addition rule  $A, B$  disjoint  $\rightarrow P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B)$  

$A_1, A_2, \dots$  disjoint  $\rightarrow P(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots) = P(A_1) + P(A_2) + \dots$

(complement rule)

$$A \cup A^c = \Omega \quad |A^c| = |\Omega| - |A| \quad \Omega \quad A^c \quad A$$

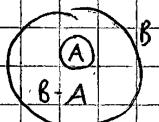
$$P(A \cup A^c) = P(\Omega) = 1 = P(A) + P(A^c)$$

$$P(A^c) = 1 - P(A)$$

Subtraction rule - Nested sets

$$A \subseteq \Omega \quad P(A^c) = 1 - P(A) \quad P(\Omega - A) = P(\Omega) - P(A)$$

$$\rightarrow A \subseteq B \quad \rightarrow \quad P(B - A) = P(B) - P(A)$$



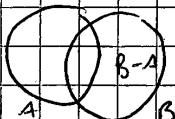
$$B = A \cup (B - A)$$

$$P(B) = P(A \cup (B - A))$$

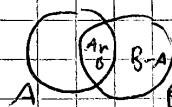
$$= P(A) + P(B - A)$$

$$\Rightarrow P(B - A) = P(B) - P(A)$$

Subtraction rule - general sets



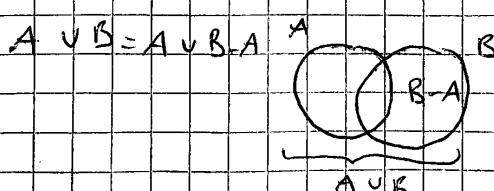
$$B - A = B - (A \cap B)$$



$A \cap B \subseteq B \rightarrow$  nested sets, can apply rule

$$P(B - A) = P(B - (A \cap B)) = P(B) - P(A \cap B)$$

Inclusion-Exclusion



$$P(A \cup B) = P(A \cup B - A)$$

$$\stackrel{\text{addition rule}}{=} P(A) + P(B - A)$$

$$\stackrel{\leftarrow}{=} P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$$

$$\boxed{P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)}$$

General subtraction

$$P(B - A) = P(B) - P(A \cap B)$$

# Probability of Null Events

$$\Omega = \emptyset \cup \Omega$$

$$P(\emptyset) = P(\emptyset \cup \Omega) = P(\emptyset) + P(\Omega)$$

$$\boxed{P(\emptyset) = 0}$$

Probability inequalities

$$0 \leq P(A) \leq 1$$

$$\geq P(A) \geq 0 \quad \text{show: } P(A) \leq 1$$

$$A \cup A^c = \Omega$$

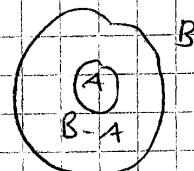
$$P(A) \stackrel{(1)}{\leq} P(A) + P(A^c) \stackrel{(2)}{=} P(A \cup A^c) = P(\Omega) \stackrel{(3)}{=} 1$$

$$\rightarrow P(A) \leq 1 \quad \text{probability always between 0 \& 1}$$

Subsets

$$A \subseteq B \quad P(A) \leq P(B)$$

$$B = A \cup (B-A)$$

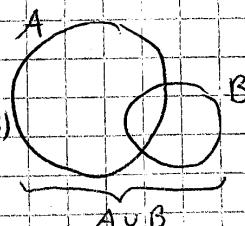


$$P(B) = P(A \cup (B-A)) \stackrel{(1)}{=} P(A) + P(B-A) \stackrel{(2)}{\geq} P(A)$$

$$\rightarrow P(A) \geq P(B) \quad \checkmark$$

Union

$$\max(P(A), P(B)) \leq P(A \cup B) \leq P(A) + P(B)$$



$$\text{left} \leq A, B \subset A \cup B$$

$$\rightarrow P(A), P(B) \leq P(A \cup B)$$

$$\text{right} \leq P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$$

$$\rightarrow P(A \cup B) \leq P(A) + P(B) \quad \checkmark$$

e.g. The Linda Problem

As a student Linda was deeply concerned with issues of discrimination and social justice, and also participated in anti-nuclear demonstrations. Which is more probable?

A Active in feminist movement      B - Bank teller

$$P(B) \text{ vs. } P(B \cap A) \quad B \not\subseteq B \cap A \quad \boxed{P(B) \geq P(B \cap A)}$$

## 5 Conditional Probability

$E, F$  - events

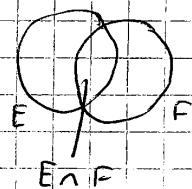
$P(F|E)$  = Prob that  $F$  happens given that  $E$  happened  
 = Fraction of  $E$  occurrences that  $F$  also occurs

e.g. fair die

$$\begin{aligned}
 & - P(2 | \text{Even}) = \frac{2}{5} \quad \boxed{2} \boxed{1} \boxed{3} \boxed{6} \boxed{4} \boxed{2} \boxed{5} \boxed{4} \\
 & - P(4 | \geq 3) = P(4 | \{3, 4, 5, 6\}) = \frac{1}{4} \\
 & - P(4 | \leq 3) = P(4 | \{1, 2, 3\}) = 0 \\
 & - P(\leq 2 | \leq 4) = P(\{1, 2\} | \{1, 2, 3, 4\}) = \frac{1}{2} \\
 & - P(\leq 2 | \geq 2) = P(\{1, 2\} | \{2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}) = \frac{1}{5}
 \end{aligned}$$

General Events: 1 - Uniform Spaces

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(F|E) &= P(X \in F | X \in E) \\
 &= P(X \in E \cap F | X \in E) \\
 &= P(X \in E \cap F | X \in E) \\
 &= \frac{|E \cap F|}{|E|}
 \end{aligned}$$



e.g. fair die

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(\text{prime} | \text{odd}) &= P(\{2, 3, 5\} | \{1, 3, 5\}) \\
 &= \frac{|\{2, 3, 5\} \cap \{1, 3, 5\}|}{|\{1, 3, 5\}|} = \frac{|\{3, 5\}|}{|\{1, 3, 5\}|} = \frac{2}{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

- General Spaces

cannot use cardinality of sets since the elements have different probabilities

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(F|E) &= \frac{n \cdot \#P(E \cap F)}{n \cdot P(E)} \quad \text{num \# elements in } E \cap F \\
 &= \frac{P(E \cap F)}{P(E)}
 \end{aligned}$$

e.g.: 4-sided Die

side	1	2	3	4
Prob	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4

$$P(\geq 2 | \leq 3) = \frac{P(\geq 2 \cap \leq 3)}{P(\leq 3)}$$

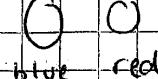
$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{P(\{2, 3, 4\} \cap \{1, 2, 3\})}{P(\{1, 2, 3\})} \\
 &= \frac{P(\{2, 3\})}{P(\{1, 2, 3\})} = \frac{0.5}{0.6} = \frac{5}{6}
 \end{aligned}$$

## Product Rule

$$P(F|E) = \frac{P(E \cap F)}{P(E)}$$

$$\rightarrow P(E \cap F) = P(E) \cdot P(F|E)$$

↳ helps calculate regular probabilities

e.g.:  Probability of both red?

blue red red

$R_1$  - first ball red     $R_2$  - second ball red

$$P(\text{both red}) = P(R_1 \cap R_2)$$

$$= P(R_1) \cdot P(R_2|R_1)$$

$$= \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{3} = \underline{\underline{\frac{1}{3}}}$$

General:

$$P(E \cap F \cap G) = P((E \cap F) \cap G)$$

$$= P(E \cap F) \cdot P(G|E \cap F)$$

$$= P(E) \cdot P(F|E) \cdot P(G|E \cap F)$$

exercise:

Does Let A and B be two positive-probability events.

Does  $P(A|B) > P(A)$  imply  $P(B|A) > P(B)$ ?

$$\text{Yes. } \rightarrow P(A|B) = \frac{P(B,A)}{P(B)}$$

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

$$\text{Hence if } P(A|B) > P(A) \Leftrightarrow \frac{P(B,A)}{P(B)} > P(A) \Leftrightarrow P(B,A) > P(A) \cdot P(B)$$

$$= \frac{P(B,A)}{P(A)} > P(B)$$

Conditional probabilities allow us to account for information we have about our system of interest.  $= P(B|A) > P(B)$   
 For instance we might expect the prob. that it will rain tomorrow to be smaller than the prob. it will rain tomorrow given it is cloudy today. This latter probability is a conditional probability. Mathematically speaking, we are shrinking our sample space to a particular event.

So in the rain example, instead of looking at how often it rains on any day in general, our sample space consists of only those days for which the previous day was cloudy. We then determine how many of those days were rainy.

# Independence

Events E and F are independent ( $E \perp F$ ) if occurrences of one does not change the probability that the other occurs

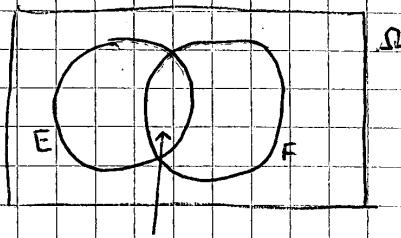
$$\rightarrow P(F|E) = P(F)$$

visually:

$P(F)$  - fraction of  $\Omega$  that is F

$$P(F|E) = \frac{P(E \cap F)}{P(E)}$$

b (fraction of E that is  $E \cap F$ )



$$\rightarrow P(E \cap F) = P(E) \cdot P(F)$$

e.g. Dice

Event	Set	Probability	intersection	Set	Prob	=?	Product	Independence
Prime	{2, 3, 5}	$\frac{1}{2}$	Prime $\cap$ odd	{3, 5}	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\neq$	$\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{4}$	dependent
Odd	{1, 3, 5}	$\frac{1}{2}$	prime $\cap$ square	{3}	0	$\neq$	$\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{6} = 0$	dependent
Square	{1, 4}	$\frac{1}{3}$	odd $\cap$ square	{1}	$\frac{1}{6}$	$=$	$\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{6} = \frac{1}{12}$	independent

(columns)

$H_1$	{H, *}	$\frac{1}{2}$	$H_1 \cap H_2$	{H, H*}	$\frac{1}{4}$	$=$	$\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{4}$	independent
$H_2$	{*, H}	$\frac{1}{2}$	$H_2 \cap H_1$	{*, H*}	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\neq$	$\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{8}$	dependent
$H_3$	{H, H, *, **}	$\frac{1}{4}$	$H_3 \cap H_1$	{H, H*}	$\frac{1}{8}$	$=$	$\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{8}$	independent

Can two disjoint events be independent?

- Yes, but only if at least one of the two events has zero probability.

## Sequential Probability

$$\text{Product Rule: } P(E \cap F) = P(E) \cdot P(F|E)$$

Sequential Selection

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draw 2 balls without replacement

R<sub>i</sub> - i'th ball is red

$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{both red}) &= P(R_1) \cdot P(R_2|R_1) \\ &= \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \underline{\underline{\frac{1}{3}}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(R_1) &= \frac{2}{3} \\ P(R_2|R_1) &= \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{For 3 events: } P(E \cap F \cap G) = P((E \cap F) \cap G)$$

$$= P(E \cap F) \cdot P(G|E \cap F)$$

$$= P(E) \cdot P(F|E) \cdot P(G|E \cap F)$$

e.g.: Odd Ball

$n-1$  red balls and one blue ball, pick  $n$  balls without replacement

$P(\text{last ball is blue}) = ?$   $R_i$  -  $i$ th ball is red  $R_1, R_2, \dots, R_n$

$$P(\text{last ball blue}) = P(R_1) P(R_2 | R_1) P(R_3 | R_1, R_2) \dots P(R_{n-1} | R^{n-2})$$
$$= \frac{n-1}{n} \cdot \frac{n-2}{n-1} \cdot \frac{n-3}{n-2} \dots \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{2} < \frac{1}{n}$$

e.g.: The Birthday Paradox

How many people does it take so that 2 will likely share a birthday?

(choose  $n$  random integers each  $\in \{1, \dots, 365\}$ , with replacement)

$B(n)$  - probability that two (or more) are the same

For which  $n$  does  $B(n)$  exceed, say,  $\frac{1}{2}$ ?

Set of all possible birthday sequences  $\Omega = \{1, 2, \dots, 365\}^n$   $| \Omega | = 365^n$

individual birthday prob uniform  $\rightarrow n$  uniform

$B_n$  {sequences with repetition} -  $n$  people have birthday repetition

$$P(\text{repetition}) = \frac{|B_n|}{|\Omega|}$$

$B_n^c$   $n$  people, no two share a birthday

$$P(B_n^c) = \frac{364}{365} \cdot \frac{363}{365} \cdot \dots \cdot \frac{365-n+1}{365}$$

$$= \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} \left(1 - \frac{i}{365}\right)$$

$$1-x \leq e^{-x}$$

$$\leq \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} e^{-\frac{i}{365}} = e^{\left(-\frac{1}{365} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} i\right)} = e^{\left(-\frac{n(n-1)}{2 \cdot 365}\right)}$$

$$\approx e^{\left(-\frac{n^2}{2 \cdot 365}\right)}$$

$$e^{\left(-\frac{n^2}{2 \cdot 365}\right)} = 0,5 \quad | \ln(1)$$

$$-\frac{n^2}{2 \cdot 365} = \ln(0,5) = -\ln(2)$$

$$n \approx \sqrt{-2 \cdot 365 \cdot \ln(0,5)} = 22,494 \rightarrow \text{Complement prob}$$

$\rightarrow$  with at least 23 people it is 50% likely that at least two people share a birthday