

③ $A \subset B \Rightarrow P(A) \leq P(B)$

$$B = A \cup (B \cap A^c) \Rightarrow P(B) = P(A) + P(B \cap A^c) \geq P(A)$$

Introduction to Probability

$P(B) \geq P(A)$

Properties of probability functions (cont'd)

Bonferroni's Inequality:

$$P(A \cap B) \geq P(A) + P(B) - 1 \quad \text{I}$$

Proof: $P(A \cap B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cup B)$,

$$\geq P(A) + P(B) - 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(A \cup B) &\leq 1 \\ -P(A \cup B) &\geq -1 \end{aligned} \quad \text{II}$$

Theorem 1.2.11. If P is a probability function, then

(a) $P(A) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A \cap C_i)$ for any partition $C_1, C_2, \dots \in \mathcal{B}$ (i.e., disjoint C_i 's & $\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} C_i = S$)

(b) $P(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A_i)$ for any sets $A_1, A_2, \dots \in \mathcal{B}$



Proof of (b)

Define $A_1^* = A_1, A_2^* = A_2 / A_1, A_3^* = A_3 / A_1 \cup A_2, \dots, A_k^* = A_k / \bigcup_{i=1}^{k-1} A_i$

$$P(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i) = P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i^*\right) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A_i^*)$$

$\cancel{A_i^* \subseteq A_i}$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A_i).$$

Part a:

$$\begin{aligned} A &= A \cap S \\ &= A \cap \left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} C_i\right) \\ &= \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} (A \cap C_i) \quad \text{Disjoint} \\ \Rightarrow P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} (A \cap C_i)\right) &= \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A \cap C_i) \end{aligned}$$

Principle of Inclusion-Exclusion: For any sets A_1, \dots, A_n ,

$$\begin{aligned} P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i\right) &= \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{k-1} \left(\sum_{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_k \leq n} P(A_{i_1} \cap \dots \cap A_{i_k}) \right) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n P(A_i) - \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} P(A_i \cap A_j) + \dots + (-1)^{n-1} P\left(\bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i\right) \end{aligned}$$

This generalizes $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$ and is proven by induction.

Introduction to Probability

Probability: the equally likely outcome case

- Sample space is *finite* $S = \{s_1, \dots, s_N\}$ and all outcomes are equally likely

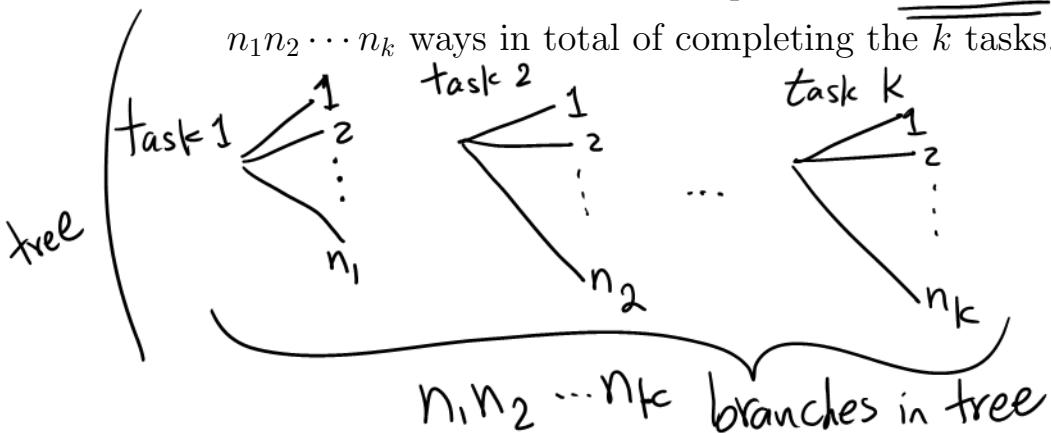
e.g., coin toss, die toss, random sampling

- Hence, $P(\{s_i\}) = \underbrace{1/N}_{\nearrow}$ for each $i = 1, \dots, N$ and

$$P(A) = \sum_{s_i \in A} P(\{s_i\}) = \sum_{s_i \in A} \frac{1}{N} = \frac{\# \text{ elements in } A}{\# \text{ elements in } S}$$

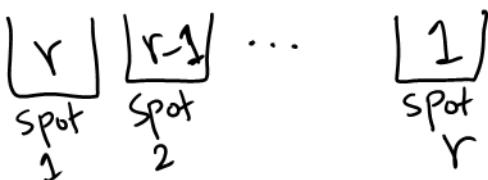
- Application of this probability model sometimes requires *enumerating* or counting the number of possible outcomes of an experiment (each equally likely)
- There are basically 4 counting techniques (combinatorics)

1. **Fundamental Theorem of Counting:** If there are separate k tasks, where the i th task can be completed in n_i different ways, then there are $n_1 n_2 \cdots n_k$ ways in total of completing the k tasks.



2. **Permutations/ordered arrangements I:**

r objects can be placed in $r! = r(r-1)(r-2)\dots(1)$ ordered arrangements



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Probability: the equally likely outcome case (cont'd)

3. **Permutations/ordered arrangements II:** When selecting r objects from n objects (without replacement), then the number of ordered arrangements possible is

$$n(n-1)\cdots(n-r+1) = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!}$$

$\underbrace{[n]}_{\text{spot}} \underbrace{[n-1]}_{\text{spot}} \cdots \underbrace{[n-r+1]}_{\text{spot}}$

Note: # of ordered arrangements with replacement $\underbrace{[n]}_1 \underbrace{[n]}_2 \cdots \underbrace{[n]}_r = n^r$

4. **Combinations/unordered selections:** The number of ways to choose r objects from n objects (without replacement), where the ordering doesn't matter, is

$$\binom{n}{r} \equiv \frac{n!}{r! \cdot (n-r)!}$$

Why? Choose ordered arrangements

$$\underbrace{[n]}_1 \underbrace{[n-1]}_2 \cdots \underbrace{[n-r+1]}_r \Rightarrow \frac{n!}{(n-r)!}$$

divide out # ways to arrange r objects ($r!$)
 So $\frac{n!}{r! (n-r)!}$

- Table listing the number of ways to select r objects from a group of n

	objects chosen without replacement	objects chosen with replacement
→ ordered	$\frac{n!}{(n-r)!}$	n^r
→ unordered	$\binom{n}{r} = \frac{n!}{r! \cdot (n-r)!}$	$\binom{n+r-1}{r}$

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Example: the equally likely outcome case

- lotto games often require a player to pick r from among the first $\underline{\underline{n}}$ integers
- e.g., Minnesota Lottery "Gopher 5": pick $r = 5$ numbers from $\underline{\underline{n}} = \underline{47}$
- Number of possibilities
 1. if the order matters and no repetition is allowed

$$(47)(46)(45)(44)(43) = 184,072,680$$

$$\frac{n!}{(n-r)!}$$

2. if the order matters and repetition is allowed

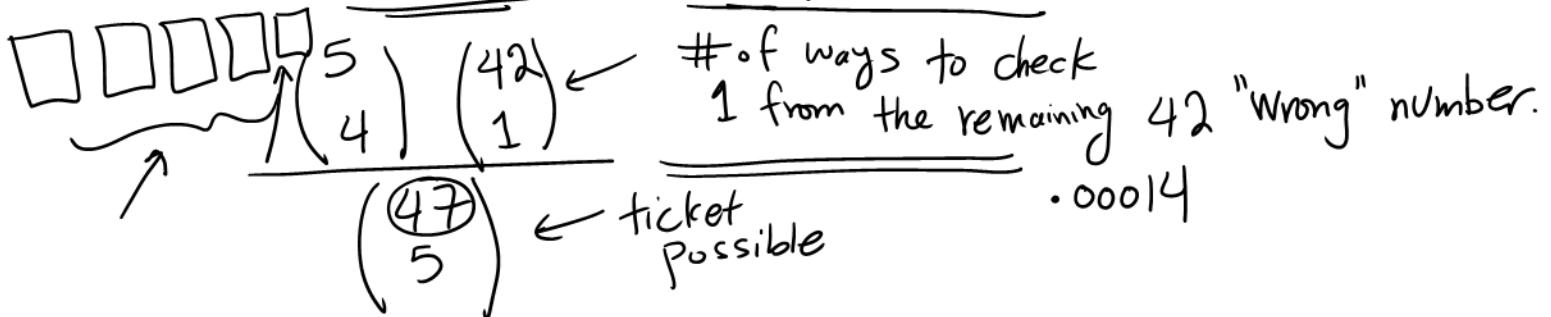
$$n = 47 \quad r = 5 \quad (47)(47)(47)(47)(47) = 47^5 = 229,345,007$$

n
 r

3. if the order doesn't matter and no repetition is allowed

$$\frac{(47)(46)(45)(44)(43)}{(5)(4)(3)(2)(1)} = \binom{47}{5} = 1,533,939 \quad \binom{n}{r}$$

- In the true Gopher 5 lotto (case 3 above), what is the probability that one lottery ticket matches 4 out of the 5 lottery numbers drawn?



Conditional probability and independence

Defining conditional probability

- So far all probabilities are with respect to S , i.e., $P(A)$ of some event $A \subset S$



- Knowledge of some kind might affect our opinion concerning $P(A)$

– Roll two six-sided die (36 equally likely outcomes)

– let event $A =$ first die is 1

$$P(A) = \frac{6}{36} = \frac{1}{6}$$

– what is $P(A)?$

– let event $B =$ sum is 3

$$\left\{ (1,2), (2,1) \right\}$$
$$P(B) = \frac{2}{36} = \frac{1}{18}$$

– we might give a different guess for $P(A)$ if we know B has occurred



- $P(A|B)$ denotes the conditional probability of A given B occurs

$$P(A|B) = \frac{1}{2}$$
$$P(\text{"1st roll is 1"} | (1,2), (2,1)) = \frac{1}{2}$$

- In conditioning, B can be thought of as the updated sample space

- Note: In a sense, all probability is conditional.

The notation $P(A)$ can be interpreted as shorthand for $P(A|S)$

$$P(A) = P(A|S)$$

Conditional probability and independence

Formal definition of conditional probability

- *Definition:* If A, B are events in S with $P(B) > 0$ then

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

- In conditioning, B can be thought of as the updated sample space
i.e., not all of S is relevant since we know B has occurred
- This is actually a “semi”-formal definition (i.e., a more general, but technical, definition of conditional probability exists using Borel fields; see STAT 642)

Conditional Probability and independence

Conditional probability function

$P(\cdot|B)$ is a probability function that satisfies the usual axioms and properties

$$P: S \rightarrow [0, 1]$$

Axioms:

- $\underbrace{P(A|B)}_{\geq 0}$ for all events A

$$P(A) \geq 0$$

- $\underbrace{P(B|B)}_{} = 1$ (B is the updated sample space)

$$P(S) = 1$$

- If A_1, A_2, \dots are pairwise disjoint events, then

$$P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i | B\right) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A_i | B)$$

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Some properties:

- $P(A^c | B) = 1 - P(A | B)$
- $P(A_1 \cup A_2 | B) = P(A_1 | B) + P(A_2 | B) - P(A_1 \cap A_2 | B)$

Conditional Probability and independence

Example of conditional probability

Roll two six-sided die (36 equally likely outcomes) $(1^{\text{st}} \text{ roll}, 2^{\text{nd}} \text{ roll})$

$$S = \left\{ (1,1), (1,2), \dots, (1,6), \dots, (6,1), (6,2), \dots, (6,6) \right\}$$

Events: $A = \text{first die is } 1; B = \text{sum is } 3; C = \text{sum is } 7$

Calculations:

$$P(A) = \frac{6}{36} = \frac{1}{6}$$

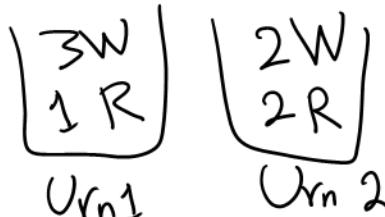
$$P(B) = \frac{2}{36}$$

$$P(C) = \frac{6}{36}$$

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} = \frac{\frac{1}{36}}{\frac{2}{36}} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$P(C|B) = \frac{P(C \cap B)}{P(B)} = 0$$

Note: $P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} \Rightarrow P(A \cap B) = P(A|B)P(B)$



Question: Select 1 ball randomly from Urn 1 & place into Urn 2; Then select 1 ball from Urn 2. What is the probability that the ball selected from Urn 2 is red?

$$P(2^{\text{nd}} R) = P(\underbrace{1^{\text{st}} W \cap 2^{\text{nd}} \text{ Red}}_{\text{or}} \cup \underbrace{1^{\text{st}} \text{ Red} \cap 2^{\text{nd}} \text{ Red}})$$

$$= P(\underbrace{1^{\text{st}} W \cap 2^{\text{nd}} \text{ Red}}) + P(\underbrace{1^{\text{st}} \text{ Red} \cap 2^{\text{nd}} \text{ Red}})$$

$$= P(2^{\text{nd}} \text{ Red} \mid 1^{\text{st}} W) P(1^{\text{st}} W) + P(2^{\text{nd}} \text{ Red} \mid 1^{\text{st}} \text{ Red}) P(1^{\text{st}} \text{ Red})$$

$$\left(\frac{3}{4} \mid \frac{2}{5}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{4} \mid \frac{3}{5}\right) = \left(\frac{9}{20}\right)$$