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# Homework 1, Due 10/6

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Problems 1.5, 1.6, 1.7, 1.8, 1.20, 1.21, 1.27, 1.30  
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Problem 1.5: In one type of State lottery 5 distinct numbers are picked from  $1, 2, 3, \dots, 40$  uniformly at Random

a) Describe the sample space  $\Omega$  and probability measure  $P$  to model this experiment

$$\Omega = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5) : x_i \in \{1, \dots, 40\}, x_i \neq x_j \text{ if } i \neq j\}$$

Set of 5 numbers picked from 1-40 where each set of numbers is unique

Sampling w/o Replacement & Order doesn't Matter

$$\# \Omega = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} = \frac{(40)!}{5!(40-5)!} = \binom{40}{5}$$

$$P(A) = \frac{\#A}{\#\Omega} = \frac{1}{\binom{40}{5}} = \frac{1}{658008}$$

b) What is the probability that out of 5 picked numbers, exactly 3 will be even?

# Even = 20  
# Odd = 20

Even, means 2 odd

Sampling w/o Replacement & Order doesn't matter

$$P(A) = \frac{\binom{20}{3} \cdot \binom{20}{2}}{\binom{40}{5}} = \frac{475}{1443}$$



Problem 1.6: We have an Urn with 3 Green & 4 Yellow balls. We choose 2 Randomly & w/o Replacement. Let  $A$  be the event that there are 2 different colored balls.

a) Describe a possible Sample Space with equally-likely outcomes & event  $A$  in the sample space.

Let's label the yellow balls from 1-4 & Green balls from 5-7. Now, we can pick the balls w/ order mattering.

$$\Omega = \{(x_i, x_j) \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}, i \neq j\}$$

$$A = \{x_i = \{1, 2, 3, 4\} \text{ and } x_j = \{5, 6, 7\} \text{ or } x_i = \{5, 6, 7\} \text{ and } x_j = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}\}$$

b) Compute  $P(A)$

$$P(A) = \frac{\#A}{\#\Omega} = \frac{\binom{3}{1} \cdot \binom{4}{1}}{\binom{7}{2}} = \frac{3 \cdot 4}{7 \cdot 6} = \frac{2 \cdot 12}{42} = \frac{24}{42} = \frac{4}{7} = P(A)$$



Problem 1.7: We have an urn w/ 3 Green balls & 4 Yellow balls. We draw 3 w/o replacement

Order Matters

a) Find the probability that the colors we draw in order are Green, Yellow, Green

Label balls 1-7, Green balls: 1-3 & Yellow balls: 4-7

$$A = \{G, Y, G\} \rightarrow \#A = 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 2 = 24$$

$$\Omega = \{(i, j, k) = \{1, \dots, 7\}, i \neq j, j \neq k, k \neq i\} \rightarrow \# \Omega = 7 \cdot 6 \cdot 5$$

$$P(A) = \frac{\#A}{\#\Omega} = \frac{24}{7 \cdot 6 \cdot 5} = \frac{4}{7 \cdot 5} = \boxed{\frac{4}{35} = P(A)}$$

$$\left( \frac{7!}{4!} \right)$$

Problem 1.7 (cont) :

b) Find the probability that a sample of 3 balls contains 2 green balls & 1 yellow ball

$$P(A) = \frac{\binom{3}{2} \binom{4}{1}}{\binom{7}{3}} = \frac{12}{35} = P(A)$$

Same sample space as a).



Problem 1.8: Suppose that a bag of scrabble tiles contains 5 Es, 4 As, 3 Ns, & 2 Bs. It is my turn & I draw 4 tiles from the bag w/o replacement. Assume the draw is random. Let C be the event I got 2 Es, 1 A, & 1 N

Total: 14

a) Compute  $P(C)$  where tiles are drawn 1 by 1 & in an ordered sample

Es labelled: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 ; As labelled: 6, 7, 8, 9 ; Ns labelled: 10, 11, 12 ; Bs labelled: 13, 14

$$\Omega = \{(a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4) \mid a_i \neq a_j, a_i \in \{1, \dots, 14\}\}$$

$$\# \Omega = 14 \cdot 13 \cdot 12 \cdot 11 = 24024$$

Position for E =  $\binom{4}{2} = 6$

2 ways for A & Prob 4

1 way for N & Prob 3

$$P(A) = \frac{\#A}{\# \Omega} = \frac{2880}{24024} = \frac{120}{1001} = P(C)$$

Pos 2 → Probability E

Pos 1 →

$$\left[ \binom{4}{2} \cdot 5 \cdot 4 \right] \cdot [4 \cdot 2] \cdot [1 \cdot 3]$$



Problem 1.8 (cont):

b) Compute  $P(C)$  by imagining the tiles are drawn all @ once as an unordered sample

$$P(C) = \frac{\binom{5}{2} \cdot \binom{4}{1} \cdot \binom{3}{1}}{\binom{14}{4}} = \frac{120}{1001} = P(C)$$

Same sample space as a)



Problem 1.20: Roll a dice 4 times

a) Describe a sample space ( $\Omega$ ) & Probability measure ( $P$ ) that model this experiment. To describe  $P$ , use  $P(\omega)$  for each outcome  $\omega \in \Omega$

Reasonable assumption: all equally likely

- we have a fair dice, labeled 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.

$$\Omega = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) : x_i \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}\}$$

$$\# \Omega = 6^4$$

$$P(\omega) = \frac{1}{6^4} = \frac{1}{1296}$$

b) Let  $A$  be the event that there are at least 2 5's among the 4 rolls. Let  $B$  be the event that there is at most 1 5 in the 4 rolls. Find  $P(A)$  &  $P(B)$  by finding total favorable: total as a ratio.

$$A = \text{Only 2} \rightarrow 5_5 + 3 \rightarrow 5_5 + 4 \rightarrow 5_5$$

$$\binom{4}{2} 5 \cdot 5 + \binom{4}{3} \cdot 5 + 1$$

$$P(A) = \frac{\#A}{\# \Omega} = \frac{150}{1296}$$

$$B = 1 \rightarrow 5_5 + 0 \rightarrow 5_5$$

$$\binom{4}{1} \cdot 5^3 + 5^4$$

$$P(B) = \frac{\#B}{\# \Omega} = \frac{500 + 625}{1296} = \frac{1125}{1296}$$

Agrees with each other

c) What is the set  $A \cup B$ ? What Equality should  $P(A)$  and  $P(B)$  satisfy? Check

At least two 5's or at max one 5.  $\rightarrow \Omega = A \cup B$

$$\text{Disjoint, so } 1 = P(\Omega) = P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) = (125 + 171) / 1296 = 1$$



Problem 1.21: Suppose an Urn has 3 black chips, 2 red, and 2 green chips. Draw 3 w/o replacement.  $A$  is the event that all chips are a different color

a) Compute  $P(A)$  by imagining it done as an ordered sample

Black:  $\{1, 2, 3\}$ , Red:  $\{4, 5\}$ , Green:  $\{6, 7\}$

$$\# \Omega = \frac{7!}{4!} = 7 \cdot 6 \cdot 5 = 210$$

$\Omega = \{x_1, x_2, x_3\} : x_i \in \{1, \dots, 7\} \text{ for } x_i \neq x_j \text{ for } i \neq j\}$   
(ways to choose ways to order)

3 black chip choices

$$\#A = 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 3! = 12 \cdot 6 = 72 \quad \left| \quad P(A) = \frac{\#A}{\#\Omega} = \frac{12}{35} \right.$$

$A = 1 \text{ black, } 1 \text{ Red, } 1 \text{ Green (any order)}$

b) Calculate  $P(A)$  as if this was an unordered sample.

$$P(A) = \frac{\binom{3}{1} \cdot \binom{2}{1} \cdot \binom{2}{1}}{\binom{7}{3}} = \frac{12}{35}$$

Sample space is the same as in a)



Sample.

$$P(A) = \frac{\binom{3}{1} \cdot \binom{2}{1} \binom{2}{1}}{\binom{7}{3}} = \frac{12}{35}$$

Sample space is the same as (a)

Total Possible  
Positions  
Successful Positions

Problem 1.27: Suppose an Urn contains 7 chips labelled 1, ..., 7. 3 chips are black, 2 are Red, 2 Green. Chips are drawn randomly, 1 at a time w/o replacement until the Urn is empty.

a) What is the Probability that the  $i$ th draw is labelled 5?  
- Colors not Relevant.

$$\Omega = \{(x_1, \dots, x_7) : x_i \in \{1, \dots, 7\} \text{ } x_i \neq x_j, i \neq j\} \quad \#\Omega = 7!$$

A = Probability of drawing 5 on  $i$ th draw  $\#A = 6!$

$$P(A) = \frac{\#A}{\#\Omega} = \frac{1}{7}$$



Problem 1.27 (cont):

b) What is the probability that the  $i$ th draw is black?

$$P(B) = \frac{\#B}{\#\Omega} = \frac{3 \cdot 6!}{7!}$$

- Same sample space as a)  
Possible

3 Black chips @ position  $i$

$$P(\text{specific chip}) = \frac{6!}{7!} = \frac{1}{7}$$

↳ @ position  $i$

$$P(\text{Black}) = 3 \cdot \frac{1}{7} = \frac{3}{7}$$



Problem 1.30: 8 Rooks are placed randomly on a chess board. What is the probability that none of the rooks can capture each other?

$$\# \Omega = \binom{64}{8} \Rightarrow \text{Total Sample space}$$

$$\begin{aligned} n &= 64 \rightarrow \text{Possible Placements} \\ k &= 8 \rightarrow \# \text{ of Rooks} \\ 8 \times 8 &= 64 \end{aligned}$$

A = No rooks cross/capture each other  
- 1 Row & Column Per Rook

$$\#A = 8 \cdot 7 \cdot 6 \cdot \dots \cdot 1 = (8!) \text{ ways that no squares overlap}$$

$$P(A) = \frac{8!}{\binom{64}{8}} = 9.1095 \times 10^{-6}$$