

BIOS 660

09/11/2018 Problem Set #3 Q1 & 3

(a) Can all points be equally likely

1. Let Ω be a sample space with countably infinite disjoint events corresponding to countably infinite points

Assume the events E_1, E_2, \dots have the same probability.

By the property of probability measure,

$$P(E_1 \cup E_2 \cup \dots) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(E_i).$$

Case 1: $P(E_i) = 0$ for all $i \in \mathbb{N}$. Then $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(E_i) = 0$.

This contradicts the property of probability measure that $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(E_i)$ (for all $E_i \in \Omega$) $= 1$. ✓

Case 2: $P(E_i) > 0$ for all $i \in \mathbb{N}$. Then $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(E_i) = \infty$.

This contradicts the property of probability measure that $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(E_i) = 1$. ✓

Thus, $P(E_i)$ for $i \in \mathbb{N}$ cannot all ^{be} equal and all points cannot be equally likely.

⑥ can all points have positive probability

Yes, An example would be

Let Ω be a sample space countably infinite disjoint events E_1, E_2, \dots corresponding to countably infinite points.

Let $(a_n) = (\frac{1}{2^n})$ be an infinite sequence.

Each $E_n, n \in \mathbb{N}$ corresponds to the n^{th} term in a_n .

Thus, $P(E_n) = (\frac{1}{2^n}) > 0$. So each point has positive probability. Since $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n} = 1$, it also satisfies the probability measure of $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(E_n) = 1 = P(\Omega)$.

Thus, all points can have positive probability and satisfy the properties of probability measure.

2.

(a) exacting two given names:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 26 \times 26 \times 26 & = & 17576 \text{ initials} \\ \downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow & & \\ A-Z \quad A-Z \quad A-Z & & \end{array}$$



(b) at most two given names:

Assuming that each person has to have at least one given name.

$$26 \times 26 + 26 \times 26 \times 26 = 18252 \text{ initials.}$$

$\underbrace{26 \times 26}_{\text{one given name}} + \underbrace{26 \times 26 \times 26}_{\text{two given names}}$



(c) at most three given names:

Same assumption as part (b)

$$26 \times 26 + 26 \times 26 \times 26 + 26 \times 26 \times 26 \times 26 = 47528 \text{ initials.}$$

$\underbrace{26 \times 26}_{\text{one given name}} + \underbrace{26 \times 26 \times 26}_{\text{two given names}} + \underbrace{26 \times 26 \times 26 \times 26}_{\text{three given names}}$



3. There $n!$ total number of ways to order n digits.

(a) There are $2!$ ways of ordering the two digits.

There are $n-1$ spots to place the two digits and $n-2$ spots for the rest of the digits after placing 1 and 2.

Thus, there are $2! \times \binom{n-1}{1} \times (n-2)!$ orderings.

This gives us the probability of $\frac{2 \times (n-1) \times (n-2)!}{n!}$

$$= \frac{2 \times (n-1)}{n \times (n-1)} = \frac{2}{n} \quad \checkmark$$

(b) There are $3!$ ways of ordering the three digits.

There are $n-2$ spots to place the three digits and $n-3$ spots to place the rest of the digits after placing 1, 2, and 3.

Thus there are $3! \times \binom{n-2}{1} \times (n-3)!$ orderings.

This gives us the probability of $\frac{3! \times (n-2) \times (n-3)!}{n!}$

$$= \frac{6 \times (n-2)}{(n)(n-1)(n-2)} = \frac{6}{n^2 - n} \quad \checkmark$$

BIOS 660 - HW #3 - (Q4-Q6)

- ④ Need to find all combinations of 20 people, where order does not count.

$$\binom{20}{2} = \frac{20!}{2!(20-2)!} = \frac{20 \times 19}{2} = \boxed{190 \text{ handshakes}}$$

- ⑤ Need to find combinations of 7 from 10 people, and order does matter.

$$(10 P 7) = \frac{10!}{(10-7)!} = \boxed{604,800 \text{ distinct results}}$$

- ⑥ (a) For the urns and balls problem, we know that the amount of possibilities (assuming some of the urns can be left empty), is:

$$\frac{(n+r-1)!}{n!(r-1)!} = \binom{n+r-1}{r-1} = \binom{11}{3} = \frac{11!}{3!(8)!} = \boxed{165 \text{ ways}} \checkmark$$

- (b) For urns & balls problem, we know that the amt of possibilities, assuming each urn has at least one ball, is:

$$\binom{n-1}{r-1} = \binom{7}{3} = \boxed{35 \text{ ways}} \checkmark$$

7. (a) If an investment must be made in each opportunity.

∴ The minimal investments are 2, 2, 3, and 4 thousand dollars for the 4 possible opportunities and we have 20 thousand dollars in total, the problem can be simplified as investing

$20 - (2+2+3+4) = 9$ thousand dollars on the 4 opportunities as x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4 respectively.

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 9 \quad \text{and} \quad x_i \geq 0, \quad i=1, 2, 3, 4$$

$$\therefore \binom{9+4-1}{4-1} = \binom{12}{3} = \frac{12!}{3!9!} = 220$$

220 different investment strategies are available.

(b) investments must be made in at least 3 of the 4 opportunities.

① If we make investments on all the 4 opportunities, the result will be the same as in (a) that there exist 220 different strategies.

② If we don't make investment on opportunity 1, the problem is the same as investing $20 - (2+3+4) = 11$ thousand dollars on the 3 opportunities x_2, x_3, x_4 respectively.

$$x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 11 \quad \text{and} \quad x_i \geq 0, \quad i=2, 3, 4$$

$$\therefore \binom{11+3-1}{3-1} = \binom{13}{2} = \frac{13!}{2!11!} = 78 \quad \text{strategies are available.}$$

③ If we don't make investment on opportunity 2, because the minimal investment of opportunity 2 is the same as opportunity 1, so as is shown in ②, $\binom{11+3-1}{3-1} = \binom{13}{2} = 78$ strategies are available.

④ If we don't make investment on opportunity 3, the problem is the same as investing $20 - (2+2+4) = 12$ thousand dollars on the 3 opportunities x_1, x_2, x_4 respectively.

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_4 = 12 \quad \text{and} \quad x_i \geq 0, \quad i=1, 2, 4$$

$$\therefore \binom{12+3-1}{3-1} = \binom{14}{2} = \frac{14!}{2!12!} = 91 \quad \text{strategies are available.}$$

⑤ If we don't make investment on opportunity 4, the problem is the same as investing $20 - (2+2+3) = 13$ thousand dollars on the 3 opportunities x_1, x_2, x_3 respectively.

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 13 \quad \text{and} \quad x_i \geq 0, \quad i=1, 2, 3$$

$$\therefore \binom{13+3-1}{3-1} = \binom{15}{2} = 105 \quad \text{different strategies are available.}$$

7. (b) continued

∴ In summary, if investments must be made in at least 3 of the opportunities,

$$\binom{9+4-1}{4-1} + 2 \times \binom{11+3-1}{3-1} + \binom{12+3-1}{3-1} + \binom{13+3-1}{3-1}$$

$$= \binom{12}{3} + 2 \times \binom{13}{2} + \binom{14}{2} + \binom{15}{2}$$

$$= 220 + 2 \times 78 + 91 + 105$$

$$= 572$$

572 different investment strategies are available.

8. ① Let $n = n_0 = 1$

$$(a+b)^{n_0} = (a+b)^1 = a+b$$

$$\sum_{r=0}^{n_0} \binom{n_0}{r} \cdot a^r b^{n_0-r} = \binom{1}{0} a^0 b^{1-0} + \binom{1}{1} \cdot a^1 \cdot b^0 = a+b$$

$$\therefore (a+b)^n = \sum_{r=0}^n \binom{n}{r} a^r b^{n-r} \text{ holds for } n=n_0=1 \text{ and } n=n_0'=0$$

② Let $n > 2$, $(n-1) \geq 1$

$$\text{Assume } (a+b)^{n-1} = \sum_{r=0}^{n-1} \binom{n-1}{r} a^r b^{(n-1)-r} \text{ holds}$$

$$\therefore (a+b)^n = (a+b) \cdot (a+b)^{n-1} = (a+b) \cdot \left[\sum_{r=0}^{n-1} \binom{n-1}{r} a^r b^{(n-1)-r} \right]$$

$$= \sum_{r=0}^{n-1} \binom{n-1}{r} \cdot a^{r+1} \cdot b^{(n-1)-r} + \sum_{r=0}^{n-1} \binom{n-1}{r} \cdot a^r \cdot b^{(n-1)-r+1}$$

$$= \sum_{r=1}^n \binom{n-1}{r-1} \cdot a^r \cdot b^{n-r} + \sum_{r=0}^{n-1} \binom{n-1}{r} \cdot a^r \cdot b^{n-r}$$

$$= \left[\binom{n-1}{n-1} \cdot a^n \cdot b^0 + \sum_{r=1}^{n-1} \binom{n-1}{r-1} a^r b^{n-r} \right] + \left[\binom{n-1}{0} \cdot a^0 b^n + \sum_{r=1}^{n-1} \binom{n-1}{r} \cdot a^r b^{n-r} \right]$$

$$= a^n b^0 + a^0 b^n + \sum_{r=1}^{n-1} \left\{ \left[\binom{n-1}{r-1} + \binom{n-1}{r} \right] \cdot a^r b^{n-r} \right\}$$

$$= a^n b^0 + a^0 b^n + \sum_{r=1}^{n-1} \binom{n}{r} a^r b^{n-r}$$

$$= \binom{n}{0} a^0 b^n + \sum_{r=1}^{n-1} \binom{n}{r} a^r b^{n-r} + \binom{n}{n} a^n b^{n-n}$$

$$= \sum_{r=0}^n a^r b^{n-r}$$

$$\therefore (a+b)^n = \sum_{r=0}^n a^r b^{n-r} \text{ holds for } n=0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$9. \therefore \binom{n}{r-1} = \frac{n!}{(r-1)! (n-(r-1))!} = \frac{n!}{(r-1)! (n+1-r)!}$$

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

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

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

$$= \frac{[r + (n+1-r)] \cdot n!}{r! (n+1-r)!}$$

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

$$\therefore \binom{n+1}{r} = \binom{n}{r-1} + \binom{n}{r}$$