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# Probability

## Part I

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## Introduction

- **Probability** refers to study of **randomness and uncertainty**
- In any situation, one of a number of possible outcomes may occur.
- Probability provides methods for **quantifying the chances, or likelihoods**, associated with **various outcomes**
- Language of probability is constantly used in informal manner
  - It is **likely** that Dow-Jones average will increase by the end of this year
  - It is **expected** that at least 20,000 concert tickets will be sold
  - There is a **50-50 chance** that I will pass probability and statistics subject

## 2.1 Sample Spaces and Events

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## Sample Spaces and Events

- **Experiment** is any activity or process whose **outcome is subject to uncertainty**.
- Although the word **experiment** generally suggests a **planned or carefully controlled** laboratory testing situation, we use it here in a much wider sense.
- Thus experiments that may be of interest include
  - **tossing a coin** once or several times,
  - **selecting a card or cards** from a deck,
  - **ascertaining the commuting time** from home to work on a particular morning,
  - obtaining **blood types** from a group of individuals

## The Sample Space of an Experiment

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### ► Definition

- **Sample space** of experiment is set of all possible outcomes of experiment ➡ denoted by  $\mathcal{S}$



### ► Example 1 :

- One experiment consists of examining a single fuse to see whether it is defective.

- **Sample space** for this experiment can be shown as set of

$$\mathcal{S} = \{N, D\},$$

- where  $N$  represents not defective,  
 $D$  represents defective

## Example 1

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- **Example 2** : experiment involves tossing a thumbtack

- **Sample space** is the set of  $\mathcal{S} = \{U, D\}$

where  $U$  : it landed point up

$D$  : it landed point down



- **Example 3** : experiment consist of observing gender of the next child born at the local hospital

- Sample space will be  $\mathcal{S} = \{M, F\}$

- Where  $M$  : Male

$F$  : Female

## Events

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- In our study of probability, we will be interested not only in the **individual outcomes** of  $\mathcal{S}$  but also in **various collections of outcomes** from  $\mathcal{S}$ .

### Definition

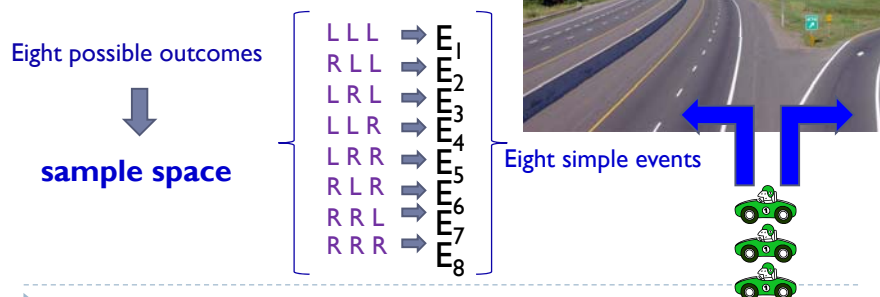
- Event** is any collection (subset) of outcomes contained in sample space  $\mathcal{S}$
- Event** is **simple** if it consists of exactly **one outcome** and **compound** if it consists of **more than one outcome**

## Events

- When an experiment is performed, a **particular event  $A$**  is said to occur if the **resulting experimental outcome** is **contained in  $A$**
- In general, **exactly one simple event** will occur, but **many compound events** will occur simultaneously

## Example 5

- Consider an **experiment** in which **each of three vehicles** taking a particular freeway exit **turns left (L) or right (R)** at the **end of the exit ramp**.

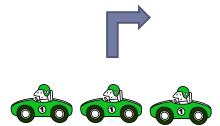


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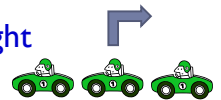
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- Some **compound events** include

$A = \{RLL, LRL, LLR\}$  = Event that **exactly one** of three vehicles **turns right**



$B = \{LLL, RLL, LRL, LLR\}$  = Event that **at most one** of vehicles **turns right**



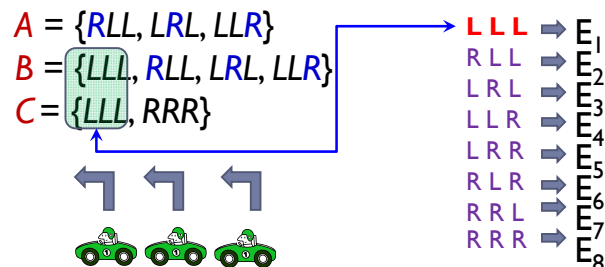
$C = \{LLL, RRR\}$  = Event that **all three** vehicles **turn in same direction**



## Example 5

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- Suppose that when experiment is performed, **outcome is LLL**
- Then **simple event  $E_1$**  has **occurred** and so also have **events  $B$  and  $C$**  (but not  $A$ ).



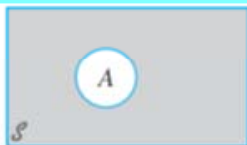
## Some Relations from Set Theory

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- Event** is just a **Set**, so relationships and results from elementary **set theory** can be used to study events.
- The following operations will be used to create new events from given events.

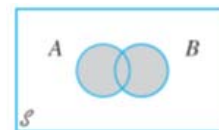
#### Definition

- Complement of an event  $A$** , denoted by  $A'$ , is
  - set of all outcomes in  $\mathcal{S}$  that are not contained in  $A$ .



### Some Relations from Set Theory

- Union of two events  $A$  and  $B$** , denoted by  $A \cup B$  and read "A or B,"



All outcomes are **either in  $A$  or in  $B$  or in both events**

- Intersection of two events  $A$  and  $B$** , denoted by  $A \cap B$  and read "A and B,"



All outcomes that are **in both  $A$  and  $B$** .

## Example 8



- For experiment in which the number of pumps in use at a single six-pump gas station is observed,

let  $A = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$ ,  $B = \{3, 4, 5, 6\}$ , and  $C = \{1, 3, 5\}$ .

Sample space =  $\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

Then

$$A' = \{5, 6\},$$

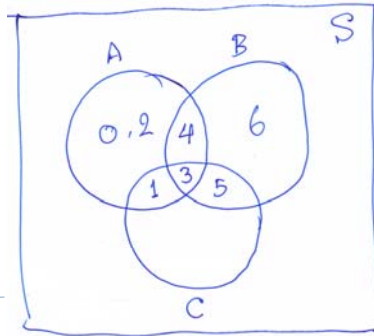
$$A \cup B = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\} = \mathcal{S},$$

$$A \cup C = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\},$$

$$A \cap B = \{3, 4\},$$

$$A \cap C = \{1, 3\},$$

$$(A \cap C)' = \{0, 2, 4, 5, 6\}$$



## Some Relations from Set Theory

- Sometimes  $A$  and  $B$  have no outcomes in common, so that intersection of  $A$  and  $B$  contains no outcomes.

### Definition

- Let  $\emptyset$  denote the **null event** (the event consisting of no outcomes whatsoever).

- When  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ ,  $A$  and  $B$  are said to be **mutually exclusive** or **disjoint** events.

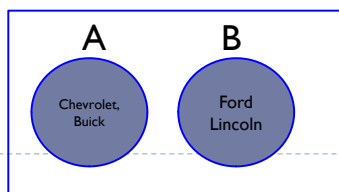
## Example 10

- Small city has three automobile dealerships: a GM dealer selling Chevrolets and Buicks; a Ford dealer selling Fords and Lincolns; and a Toyota dealer.
- If experiment consists of observing brand of the next car sold, then the events

$A = \{\text{Chevrolet, Buick}\}$  and

$B = \{\text{Ford, Lincoln}\}$  are **mutually exclusive**

- because next car sold cannot be both a GM product and a Ford product (at least until the two companies merge!).



## Some Relations from Set Theory

- Operations of union and intersection can be extended to more than two events.

- For any three events  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$ , the event  $A \cup B \cup C$  is set of outcomes contained in at least one of three events

$A \cap B \cap C$  is set of outcomes contained in all three events.

- Given events  $A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots$ , these events are said to be **mutually exclusive** (or **pairwise disjoint**) if no two events have any outcomes in common.

## Some Relations from Set Theory

- A pictorial representation of events and manipulations with events is obtained by using **Venn diagrams**.
- To construct a Venn diagram, draw a rectangle whose interior will represent the sample space  $\mathcal{S}$ .
- Then any event  $A$  is represented as the interior of a closed curve (often a circle) contained in  $\mathcal{S}$ .

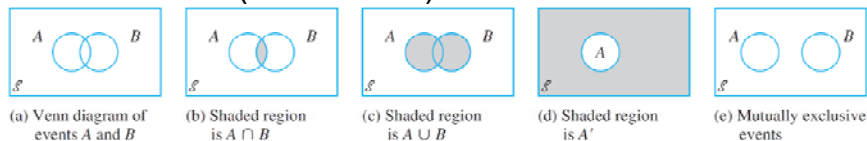


Figure 2.1 shows examples of Venn diagrams.

## 2.2

## Axioms, Interpretations, and Properties of Probability

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## Axioms, Interpretation, and Properties of Probability

- Given **experiment and sample space**  $\mathcal{S}$ ,  
*objective of probability is to assign to each event  $A$  denoted by  $P(A)$ , called **probability of event  $A$** ,*
  - which will give a *precise measure of the chance that  $A$  will occur.*
- To ensure that probability assignments will be consistent with our intuitive notions of probability, all assignments should satisfy the following **axioms (basic properties) of probability**.

## Axioms, Interpretation, and Properties of Probability

**Axiom 1** (ศัพท์ : คำกล่าวที่ถือว่าเป็นความจริงโดยไม่ต้องพิสูจน์)

For any event  $A$ ,  $P(A) \geq 0$ .

chance of  $A$  occurring should be nonnegative.

**Axiom 2**

$$P(\mathcal{S}) = 1.$$

sample space is by definition the event that must occur when the experiment is performed ( $\mathcal{S}$  contains all possible outcomes), so Axiom 2 says that maximum possible probability of 1 is assigned to  $\mathcal{S}$

**Axiom 3**

If  $A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots$  is an infinite collection of **disjoint events**, then

$$P(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3 \cup \dots) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A_i)$$

Third axiom formalizes the idea that if we wish **probability that at least one of a number of events will occur and no two of events can occur simultaneously**, then **chance of at least one occurring is sum of the chances of individual events.**

ตาม common sense

## Axioms , Interpretation, and Properties of Probability

- ▶ **Proposition** (ประพจน์ : ข้อความที่จะต้องเป็นจริงหรือเท็จอย่างใดอย่างหนึ่ง)

$$P(\emptyset) = 0$$

- ▶ where  $\emptyset$  is the **null event** (the event containing no outcomes whatsoever).

## Example 11



- Consider **tossing a thumbtack** in the air. When it comes to rest on the ground, either its **point** will be **up** (outcome **U**) or **down** (outcome **D**).

**Sample space** for this event is  $\mathcal{S} = \{U, D\}$ .

- ▶ **Axioms** specify  $P(\mathcal{S}) = 1$ , so probability assignment will be completed by determining  $P(U)$  and  $P(D)$ .
- ▶ Since **U** and **D** are **disjoint** and their union is  $\mathcal{S}$ , the foregoing proposition implies that

$$1 = P(\mathcal{S}) = P(U) + P(D)$$

## Example 11

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- ▶ It follows that  $P(D) = 1 - P(U)$ .
- ▶ One possible assignment of probabilities is  
 $P(U) = 0.5, P(D) = 0.5$ ,  
whereas another possible assignment is  
 $P(U) = 0.75, P(D) = 0.25$ .
- ▶ In fact, letting **p** represent any fixed number between 0 and 1,  $P(U) = p, P(D) = 1 - p$  is an assignment consistent with the axioms.

## Example 12

- ▶ Consider **testing batteries** coming off an **assembly line** one by one **until** one having a **voltage within prescribed limits** is found.

The **simple events** are



$$E_1 = \{S\},$$

$$E_2 = \{FS\},$$

$$E_3 = \{FFS\},$$

$$E_4 = \{FFFS\}, \dots$$

- ▶ Suppose the **probability** of any particular battery being **satisfactory** is **0.99**.

## Example 12

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Then it can be shown that

$$P(E_1) = 0.99, \quad E_1 = \{S\},$$

$$P(E_2) = (0.01)(0.99), \quad E_2 = \{FS\},$$

$P(E_3) = (0.01)^2(0.99), \dots$  is an assignment of probabilities to the simple events that satisfies the axioms.

- ▶ In particular, because the  $E_i$ s are disjoint and

$$\mathcal{S} = E_1 \cup E_2 \cup E_3 \cup \dots,$$

it must be the case that

$$1 = P(S) = P(E_1) + P(E_2) + P(E_3) + \dots$$

$$= 0.99[1 + 0.01 + (0.01)^2 + (0.01)^3 + \dots]$$

▶

## Example 12

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- ▶ Here we have used formula for **sum of a geometric series**:

$$a + ar + ar^2 + ar^3 + \dots = \frac{a}{1 - r}$$

- ▶ However, another legitimate (according to the axioms) probability assignment of the same “geometric” type is obtained by replacing 0.99 by any other number  $p$  between 0 and 1 (and 0.01 by  $1 - p$ ).

$$p = 0.99$$

$$a = p = 0.99$$

$$1 - p = 1 - 0.99 = 0.01$$

$$r = (1 - p) = 0.01$$

$$p + p(1 - p) + p(1 - p)^2 + p(1 - p)^3 + \dots = \frac{p}{(1 - (1 - p))} = 1$$

▶

## Interpreting Probability

*axioms probability*

## Interpreting Probability

- Examples 11 and 12 show that **axioms do not completely determine** an assignment of probabilities to events.
- **Axioms** serve only to **rule out assignments** inconsistent with our **intuitive notions of probability**.
- In the tack-tossing experiment of Example 11, two particular assignments were suggested.  $P(U) = 0.5, P(D) = 0.5$   
 $P(U) = 0.75, P(D) = 0.25$
- **Appropriate or correct assignment** depends on the **nature of the thumbtack** and also on one's **interpretation of probability**.





## Interpreting Probability

- Interpretation that is most frequently used and most easily understood is based on notion of **Relative Frequencies** (ความถี่สัมพัทธ์).
- Consider experiment that can be repeatedly performed in an identical and independent fashion, and
- let **A** be an event consisting of fixed set of outcomes of the experiment.
- Simple examples of such repeatable experiments include the tack-tossing experiments previously discussed.



$\frac{f(\text{outcome})}{\text{ทั้งหมด}}$  }  $\rightarrow \text{รวม} = 1.0$

## Interpreting Probability

- If the experiment is performed **n** times, on some of replications the event **A** will occur (the outcome will be in set **A**), and on others, **A** will not occur.
- Let **n(A)** denote number of replications on which **A** does occur.
- Relative Frequency** (ความถี่สัมพัทธ์) of occurrence of event **A** in the sequence of **n** replications can be expressed as :

$$\frac{\text{จำนวนครั้งที่เกิดเหตุการณ์ A}}{\text{จำนวนครั้งของการทดลองทั้งหมด}} \Rightarrow \frac{n(A)}{n}$$

## Interpreting Probability

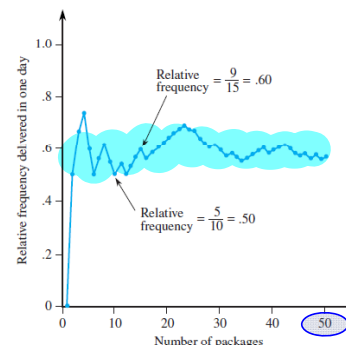


- For example, let **A** be event that package sent within the state of California for 2<sup>nd</sup> day delivery actually arrives within one day.
- Results from sending 10 such packages (the first 10 replications) are as follows:

Package #	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Did A occur?	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	N
Relative frequency of A	0	.5	.667	.75	.6	.5	.571	.625	.556	.5
$\frac{n(A)}{n}$	$\frac{0}{1}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{3}{5}$	$\frac{3}{6}$	$\frac{4}{7}$	$\frac{5}{8}$	$\frac{5}{9}$	$\frac{5}{10}$

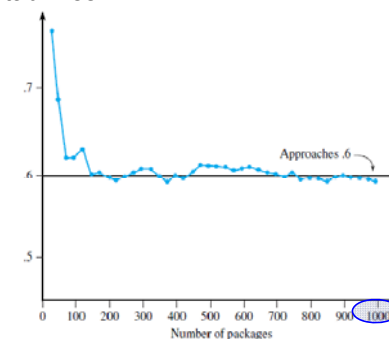
## Interpreting Probability

- Figure 2.2(a) shows how the relative frequency  $n(A)/n$  fluctuates rather substantially over the course of first 50



Behavior of relative frequency (a) Initial fluctuation

- But as number of replications continues to increase, Figure 2.2(b) illustrates how relative frequency stabilizes.






Behavior of relative frequency (b) Long-run stabilization

Figure 2.2

## Interpreting Probability

- ▶ More generally, empirical evidence, based on the results of many such **repeatable experiments**, indicates that any **relative frequency** of this sort will **stabilize** as **number of replications  $n$**  increases.
- ▶ That is, as  $n$  gets arbitrarily large,  $n(A)/n$  approaches a limiting value referred to as **limiting (or long-run) relative frequency of event  $A$** . (ขอบเขตความถี่สัมพัทธ์ของเหตุการณ์  $A$ )
- ▶ **Objective interpretation of probability** identifies this limiting relative frequency with  $P(A)$ .

## Interpreting Probability

- Suppose that **probabilities** are assigned to events in accordance with their **limiting relative frequencies**.
- Then a statement such as  "Probability of package being delivered within one day of mailing is 0.6"  
means   
"a large number of mailed packages, roughly 60% will arrive within one day"
- Similarly, if  $B$  is event that **appliance** of particular type will **need service** while under warranty, then  $P(B) = 0.1$  is interpreted to mean that in **long run 10%** of such appliances **will need warranty service**. 

## Interpreting Probability

- When we speak of a **fair coin**, we shall mean

$$P(H) = P(T) = 0.5,$$

- and a **fair die** is one for which limiting relative frequencies of six outcomes are all  $\frac{1}{6}$ , suggesting probability assignments  $P(\{1\}) = \dots = P(\{6\}) = \frac{1}{6}$ .

## More Probability Properties

$$1 = P(A) + P(A') \geq P(A); \quad \text{since } P(A') \geq 0$$

## More Probability Properties

- ▶ When events  $A$  and  $B$  are mutually exclusive,  $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B)$ .  $\rightarrow$   $\text{ถ้า } A \text{ และ } B \text{ ไม่เกิดพร้อมกัน}$
- ▶ For events that are not mutually exclusive, adding  $P(A)$  and  $P(B)$  results in “doublecounting” outcomes in intersection. The next result shows how to correct for this.

### Proposition

- ▶ For any two events  $A$  and  $B$ ,

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

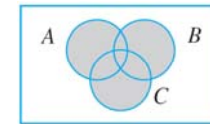
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## More Probability Properties

- ▶ Probability of a union of more than two events can be computed analogously. For any three events  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$ ,

$$P(A \cup B \cup C) = P(A) + P(B) + P(C) - P(A \cap B) - P(A \cap C) - P(B \cap C) + P(A \cap B \cap C)$$

This can be verified by examining a Venn diagram of  $A \cup B \cup C$ , which is shown in Figure 2.6.



$A \cup B \cup C$   
Figure 2.6

When  $P(A)$ ,  $P(B)$ , and  $P(C)$  are added, certain intersections are counted twice, so they must be subtracted out, but this results in  $P(A \cap B \cap C)$  being subtracted once too often.

## Determining Probabilities Systematically

- ▶ Consider a **sample space** that is either **finite** or “**countably infinite**” (the latter means that **outcomes can be listed in an infinite sequence**, so there is a first outcome, a second outcome, a third outcome, and so on—for example, the battery testing scenario of Example 12).

Let  $E_1, E_2, E_3, \dots$  denote the corresponding simple events, each consisting of a single outcome.

$$\begin{aligned} E_1 &= \{S\}, \\ E_2 &= \{FS\}, \\ E_3 &= \{FFS\}, \\ E_4 &= \{FFFS\}, \\ &\dots \end{aligned}$$



## Determining Probabilities Systematically

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## Determining Probabilities Systematically

- Sensible strategy for **probability computation** is to **first determine** each **simple event probability**, with the requirement that

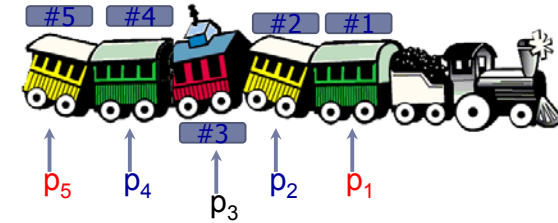
$$\sum P(E_i) = 1$$

- Then **probability** of any **compound event A** is computed by **adding together the  $P(E_i)$ 's for all  $E_i$ 's in A**:

$$P(A) = \sum_{\text{all } E_i \text{ 's in } A} P(E_i)$$

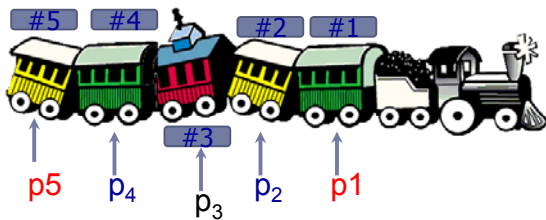
## Example 15

- During off-peak hours a commuter **train** has **five cars**.
- Suppose a commuter is **twice** as likely to **select the middle car (#3)** as to select either **adjacent car (#2 or #4)**, and is **twice** as likely to select either **adjacent car** as to **select** either **end car (#1 or #5)**.



- Let  $p_i = P(\text{car } i \text{ is selected}) = P(E_i)$ .

## Example 15 (cont.)



Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} p_3 &= 2p_2 = 2p_4 \\ p_2 &= p_4 = 2p_1 = 2p_5 \\ p_1 &= p_5 \end{aligned}$$

- This gives  $\sum_{i=1}^5 P(E_i) = 1 \Rightarrow P(E_1) + P(E_2) + P(E_3) + P(E_4) + P(E_5) = 1$

$$\sum P(E_i) = 1$$

$$p_1 + p_2 + p_3 + p_4 + p_5 = 1$$

แทนค่าสมการให้อยู่ในเทอมของ  $p_1$

$$p_1 + 2p_1 + 4p_1 + 2p_1 + p_1 = 1 \Rightarrow 10p_1 = 1$$

$$p_1 = 0.1$$

- implying  $p_1 = p_5 = 0.1$ ,  $p_2 = p_4 = 0.2$ ,  $p_3 = 0.4$ .
- Probability** that **one of the three middle cars** is **selected** (a compound event) is then  $p_2 + p_3 + p_4 = 0.8$ .

$$P(A) = \sum_{\text{all } E_i \text{ 's in } A} P(E_i)$$

การโยนเหรียญ  $\rightarrow H, T = \frac{1}{2}$  ใกล้เคียง  $\rightarrow$  equally likely outcomes  
 $\downarrow$  แต่การโยนลูกเต๋ารวม 100 ครั้ง จำนวนที่ได้มันจะใกล้เคียง 50 หรือ 50 ใกล้เคียง 50  
 $\downarrow$   $H, T$  ก็ได้ not always true

## Equally Likely Outcomes

(ผลลัพธ์ที่มีโอกาสเกิดอย่างความเท่าเทียมกัน)

## Equally Likely Outcomes

- In many experiments consisting of  $N$  outcomes, it is reasonable to assign equal probabilities to **all  $N$  simple events**.



### Example :

- Tossing a fair coin or fair die once or twice (or any fixed number of times), or
- Selecting one or several cards from a well-shuffled deck of 52.
- With  $p = P(E_i)$  for every  $i$ ,

$$\sum_{i=1}^N P(E_i) = 1 \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^N p = N \times p = 1 \Rightarrow N \times p = 1 \Rightarrow p = \frac{1}{N}$$

- That is, if there are  $N$  equally likely outcomes, the probability for each is  $1/N$ .

ถ้ามีผลลัพธ์ทั้งหมด  $N$  แบบ แต่ละอันจะมี  $p = \frac{1}{N}$

equally likely  $\rightarrow$  ความเป็นธรรม / เท่าเทียมกัน

## Equally Likely Outcomes

- Now consider event  $A$ , with  $N(A)$  denoting the number of outcomes contained in  $A$ . Then

$$P(A) = \sum_{E_i \text{ in } A} P(E_i) = \sum_{E_i \text{ in } A} \frac{1}{N} = \frac{N(A)}{N}$$

Probability ของแต่ละ Event      จำนวน outcome ใน Event A  
จำนวน outcome ใน Sample Space

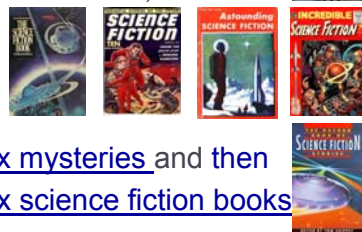
- Thus when outcomes are equally likely, computing probabilities reduces to counting: determine both
  - the number of outcomes  $N(A)$  in  $A$  and
  - the number of outcomes  $N$  in  $\mathcal{S}$ ,
  - and form their ratio.

## Example 16



- You have **six unread mysteries** on your bookshelf and **six unread science fiction books**.

- The **first three** of each type are **hardcover**, and
- The **last three** are **paperback**.



### Consider

- randomly selecting **one** of the six mysteries and then
- randomly selecting **one** of the six science fiction books

- Number the mysteries 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, and do the same for the science fiction books.

## Example 16

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- Then **each outcome** is a pair of numbers
- There are  $N = 36$  possible outcomes (Sample Space)

		Science fiction books					
		1	2	3	4	5	6
Mysteries	1	(1,1)	(1,2)	(1,3)	(1,4)	(1,5)	(1,6)
	2	(2,1)	(2,2)	(2,3)	(2,4)	(2,5)	(2,6)
	3	(3,1)	(3,2)	(3,3)	(3,4)	(3,5)	(3,6)
	4	(4,1)	(4,2)	(4,3)	(4,4)	(4,5)	(4,6)
	5	(5,1)	(5,2)	(5,3)	(5,4)	(5,5)	(5,6)
	6	(6,1)	(6,2)	(6,3)	(6,4)	(6,5)	(6,6)

- With **random selection** as described, the **36 outcomes** are **equally likely**

$$P(E_{ij}) = \frac{1}{36}$$



## Example 16

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Suppose : Event  $A$  are **both selected books** are **paperbacks**

We have **nine outcomes**

		Science fiction books					
		1	2	3	4	5	6
Mysteries	1	(1,1)	(1,2)	(1,3)	(1,4)	(1,5)	(1,6)
	2	(2,1)	(2,2)	(2,3)	(2,4)	(2,5)	(2,6)
	3	(3,1)	(3,2)	(3,3)	(3,4)	(3,5)	(3,6)
	4	(4,1)	(4,2)	(4,3)	(4,4)	(4,5)	(4,6)
	5	(5,1)	(5,2)	(5,3)	(5,4)	(5,5)	(5,6)
	6	(6,1)	(6,2)	(6,3)	(6,4)	(6,5)	(6,6)

So **probability of the event  $A$**  that both selected books are paperbacks is

$$P(A) = \frac{N(A)}{N} = \frac{9}{36} = 0.25$$

## 2.3 Counting Techniques

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## Counting Techniques

When various **outcomes of an experiment are equally**

Same probability is assigned to each simple event

Task of computing probabilities **reduces to counting**

Letting

- $N$  denote **number of outcomes in a sample space** and (2.1)
- $N(A)$  represent **number of outcomes contained in event  $A$**

$$P(A) = \frac{N(A)}{N}$$

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$$P(HH) \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{28}{29} \text{ สลับที่}$$

## Product Rule for Ordered Pairs

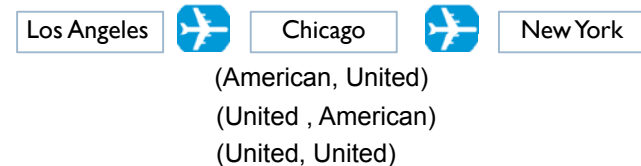
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## Product Rule for Ordered Pairs

- ▶ Our **first counting rule** applies to any situation in which a **set (event) consists of ordered pairs of objects** and we wish to count the number of such pairs
- ▶ By an **ordered pair**, we mean that, if  $O_1$  and  $O_2$  are objects, then the pair  $(O_1, O_2)$  is **different from** the pair  $(O_2, O_1)$ .

## Product Rule for Ordered Pairs

- ▶ For example



- ▶ if an individual selects one airline for a trip from Los Angeles to Chicago and (after transacting business in Chicago)
- ▶ Second one for continuing on to New York,
- ▶ One possibility is (American, United), another is (United, American), and still another is (United, United).

## Product Rule for Ordered Pairs

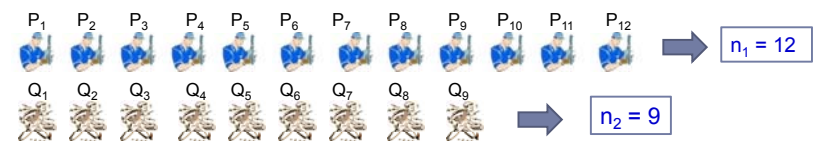
### Proposition

- ▶ If the **first element or object** of an **ordered pair** can be selected in  $n_1$  ways, and for each of these  $n_1$  ways the **second element** of the pair can be selected in  $n_2$  ways, then the number of pairs is  $n_1 n_2$ .
- ▶ An alternative interpretation involves carrying out an operation that consists of two stages.
- ▶ If the **first stage** can be performed in any one of  $n_1$  ways, and for each such way there are  $n_2$  ways to perform the **second stage**, then  $n_1 n_2$  is the number of ways of carrying out the two stages in sequence.

## Example 17



- ▶ Homeowner doing some remodeling requires services of both **plumbing contractor** (ผู้รับเหมางานประปา) and **electrical contractor** (ผู้รับเหมางานไฟฟ้า).
- ▶ If there are **12 plumbing contractors** and **9 electrical contractors** available in the area, in **how many ways** can the contractors be chosen?

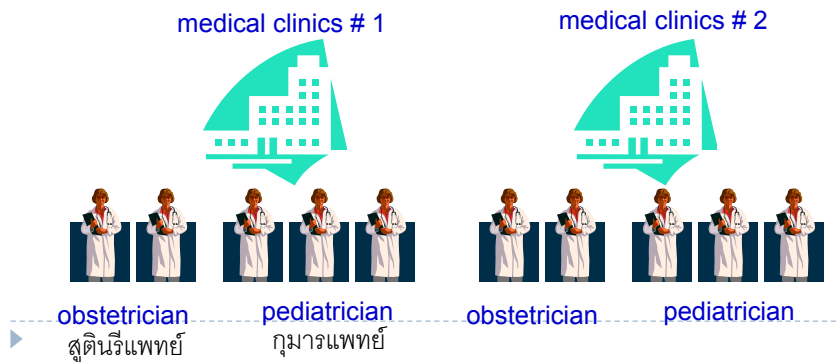


- ▶ If we denote **plumbers** by  $P_1, P_2, P_3, \dots, P_{12}$  and **electricians** by  $Q_1, Q_2, Q_3, \dots, Q_9$
- ▶ We wish the number of pairs of the form  $(P_i, Q_j)$  → **2-tuple**
- ▶ **Product rule** yields  $N = (12) \times (9) = 108$  possible ways of choosing the two types of contractors



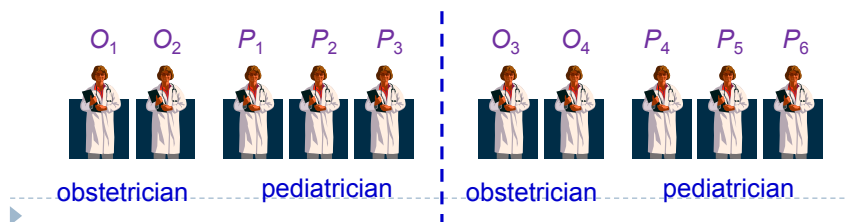
## Example 18

- Family has just moved to a new city and requires the services of both an obstetrician and a pediatrician. There are two easily accessible medical clinics, each having two obstetricians and three pediatricians.



## Example 18

- Family will obtain maximum health insurance benefits by joining a clinic and selecting both doctors from that clinic.
- In how many ways can this be done?
- Denote the obstetricians by  $O_1, O_2, O_3$ , and  $O_4$  and the pediatricians by  $P_1, P_2, P_3, P_4, P_5, P_6$ .



## Example 18

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- Then we wish the number of pairs  $(O_i, P_j)$  for which  $O_i$  and  $P_j$  are associated with the same clinic.
- Because there are four obstetricians,  $n_1 = 4$ , and for each there are three choices of pediatrician, so  $n_2 = 3$ .
- Applying the product rule gives  $N = n_1 n_2 = 12$  possible choices.

## Product Rule for Ordered Pairs

- In many counting and probability problems, configuration called a **tree diagram** can be used to represent pictorially all the possibilities.

- Tree diagram associated with Example 18 appears in Figure 2.7.

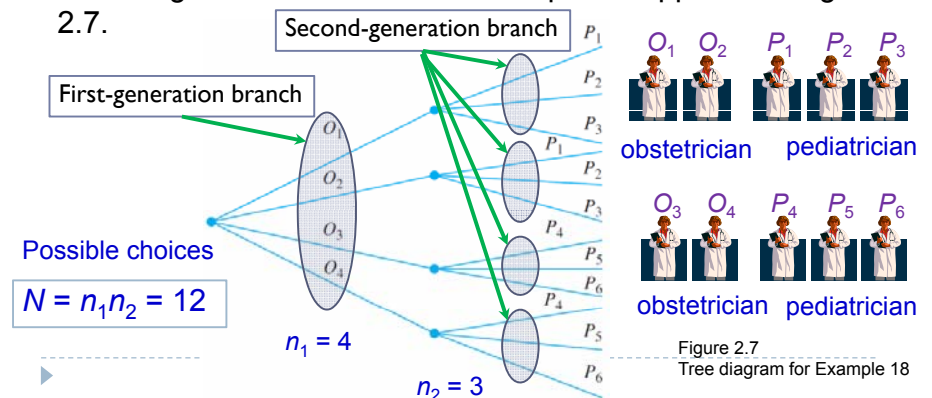
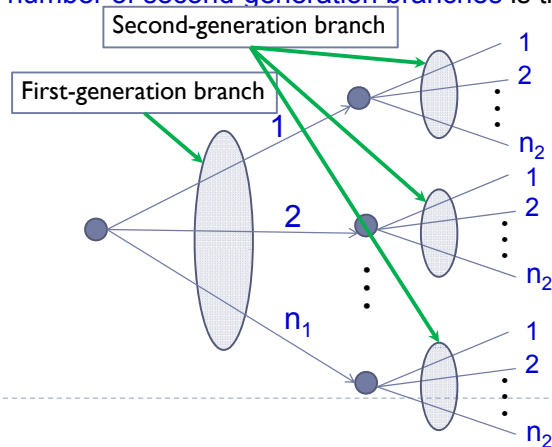


Figure 2.7  
Tree diagram for Example 18

## Product Rule for Ordered Pairs

- Generalizing, suppose there are  $n_1$  first-generation branches, and for each first generation branch there are  $n_2$  second-generation branches.
- Total number of second-generation branches is then  $n_1 n_2$ .



## A More General Product Rule

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## A More General Product Rule

- If six-sided die is tossed **five times in succession** rather than just twice, then **each possible outcome** is an **ordered collection of five numbers** such as  $(1, 3, 1, 2, 4)$  or  $(6, 5, 2, 2, 2)$ .



Each outcome of the die-tossing experiment is **5-tuple**

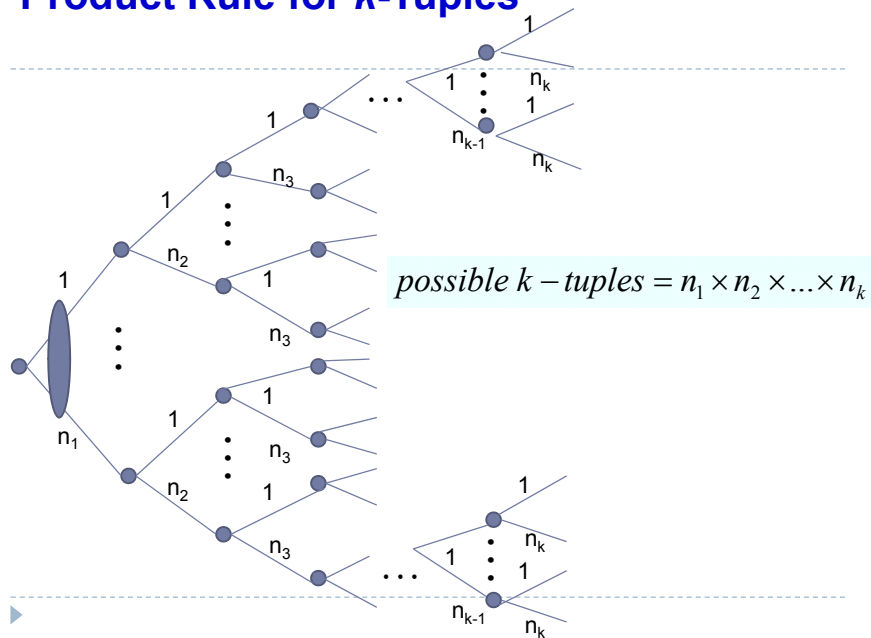
- We will call an **ordered collection of  $k$  objects** a  **$k$ -tuple** (so a **pair** is a **2-tuple** and a **triple** is a **3-tuple**)

## A More General Product Rule

### Product Rule for $k$ -Tuples

- Suppose a **set** consists of **ordered collections of  $k$  elements ( $k$ -tuples)** and that
  - there are  $n_1$  possible choices for the **first element**;
  - for each choice of the **first element**, there are  $n_2$  possible choices of the **second element**; . . . ;
  - for each possible choice of the first  $k - 1$  elements, there are  $n_k$  choices of the  **$k$ th element**.
- Then there are  $n_1 n_2 \cdots n_k$  possible  $k$ -tuples.

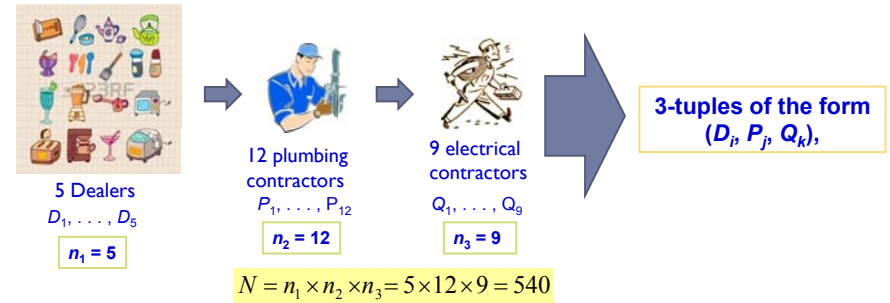
## Product Rule for $k$ -Tuples



## Example 19

### Example 17 continued...

- Suppose the **home remodeling job** involves first **purchasing several kitchen appliances**.
- They will all be purchased from the **same dealer**, and there are **five dealers in the area**.



- so there are **540 ways** to **choose first an appliance dealer**, then a **plumbing contractor**, and finally an **electrical contractor**.