

2.4 Some simple propositions

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Prop. 2.4.2 (monotonicity)

$$E \subseteq F \Rightarrow P(E) \leq P(F)$$

Pf: Assume $E \subseteq F$.

$$\text{Then } F = E \cup (F \cap E^c)$$

$$P(F) = P(E \cup (F \cap E^c)) = P(E) + P(F \cap E^c)$$

↑ mut. excl. ↑ add. rule.

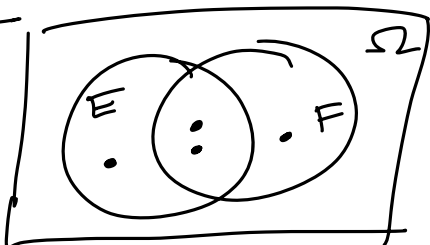
$$P(F \cap E^c) \geq 0 \quad (\text{Axiom 1})$$

$$\therefore P(F) \geq P(E) + 0 = P(E). \quad \square$$

Prop 2.4.3 (inclusion-exclusion)

$$P(E \cup F) = P(E) + P(F) - P(E \cap F).$$

Idea:



Pf:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} A &= E \cap F^c \\ B &= E \cap F \\ C &= F \cap E^c \end{aligned} \right\} \text{mut. excl.}$$

$$E = A \cup B, \quad F = B \cup C, \quad E \cup F = A \cup B \cup C$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(E \cup F) &= P(A \cup B \cup C) = P(A) + P(B) + P(C) \\ &= P(A) + P(B) + P(B) + P(C) - P(B) \\ &= P(A \cup B) + P(B \cup C) - P(B) \\ &= P(E) + P(F) - P(E \cap F). \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

Expl 2.4a

A = "She likes the 1st book."

B = " " " 2nd " ."

Given

$$P(A) = 0.5$$

$$P(B) = 0.4$$

$$P(A \cap B) = 0.3$$

Goal

$$P(A^c \cap B^c) = ?$$

$$A^c \cap B^c = (A \cup B)^c$$

$$P(A^c \cap B^c) = P((A \cup B)^c) = 1 - P(A \cup B)$$

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

$$= 0.5 + 0.4 - 0.3 = 0.6$$

$$\therefore P(A^c \cap B^c) = 1 - 0.6 = \boxed{0.4}$$

Inclusion-Exclusion, general form:

See Prop. 4.4 for the general pattern.

Expl:

$$\begin{aligned} P(A \cup B \cup C \cup D) &= P(A) + P(B) + P(C) + P(D) \\ &- P(A \cap B) - P(A \cap C) - P(A \cap D) - P(B \cap C) - P(B \cap D) - P(C \cap D) \\ &+ P(A \cap B \cap C) + P(A \cap B \cap D) + P(A \cap C \cap D) + P(B \cap C \cap D) \\ &- P(A \cap B \cap C \cap D) \end{aligned}$$

Stopping early gives alternating inequalities.

E.g.

$$P(A \cup B \cup C) \leq P(A) + P(B) + P(C)$$

but

$$\begin{aligned} P(A \cup B \cup C) &\geq P(A) + P(B) + P(C) \\ &- P(A \cap B) - P(A \cap C) - P(B \cap C) \end{aligned}$$

2.5 Spaces w/ equally likely outcomes

Ω = finite set

$$P(A) = \frac{|A|}{|\Omega|}$$

Example
2.5a

If two dice are rolled, what is the probability that the sum of the upturned faces will equal 7?

$$\Omega = \{ (1,1), (1,2), (1,3), \dots, (1,6), \\ (2,1), (2,2), (2,3), \dots, (2,6), \\ \vdots \\ (6,1), (6,2), (6,3), \dots, (6,6) \}$$

$P =$ equally likely

$A =$ "The sum is 7."

$$A = \{ (1,6), (2,5), (3,4), (4,3), (5,2), (6,1) \}$$

$$P(A) = ?$$

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

Visualizing Ω with sums written inside:

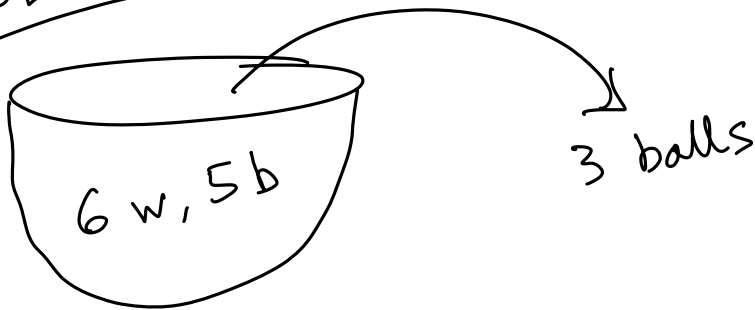
die #2 \ die #1	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
6	7	8	9	10	11	12

e.g. prob. that
the sum is 10 is
 $\frac{3}{36} = \frac{1}{12}$

Example
2.5b

If 3 balls are "randomly drawn" from a bowl containing 6 white and 5 black balls, what is the probability that one of the balls is white and the other two black?

SOLN 1



$\Omega = \{ \text{all ways of choosing 3 balls, where order doesn't matter} \}$

$\mathcal{P} = \text{equally likely}$

$A = \text{"1 ball is white and 2 are black."}$

$P(A) = ?$

$$P(A) = \frac{|A|}{|\Omega|}$$

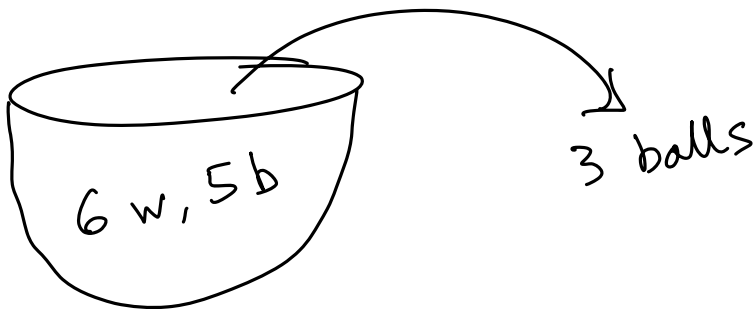
$$|\Omega| = \binom{11}{3} \left[\begin{array}{l} 11 \text{ balls, choose 3, use} \\ \text{binom. coeff. b/c order} \\ \text{doesn't matter} \end{array} \right]$$

$$|A| = \binom{6}{1} \binom{5}{2} \left[\begin{array}{l} 1^{\text{st}} \text{ choose white ball,} \\ \text{then choose black balls} \end{array} \right]$$

$$P(A) = \frac{\binom{6}{1} \binom{5}{2}}{\binom{11}{3}} = \frac{6 \cdot \frac{5 \cdot 4}{2 \cdot 1}}{\frac{11 \cdot 10 \cdot 9}{3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}}$$

$$= \frac{6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4}{2 \cdot 1} \cdot \frac{3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}{11 \cdot 10 \cdot 9} = \boxed{\frac{4}{11}}$$

SOLN 2



$\Omega = \{ \text{all ways of choosing 3 balls, where order does matter} \}$

$\mathcal{P} = \text{equally likely}$

$A = \text{"1 ball is white and 2 are black."}$

$P(A) = ?$

$$P(A) = \frac{|A|}{|\Omega|}$$

$$|\Omega| = 11 \cdot 10 \cdot 9 \quad [\text{Use permutation b/c order matters}]$$

$|A| = ?$

mutually exclusive $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A_1 = \text{"Balls are picked in order wbb."} \\ A_2 = \text{" " " bwb."} \\ A_3 = \text{" " " bbw."} \end{array} \right.$

$$|A| = |A_1| + |A_2| + |A_3|$$

$$|A_1| = 6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4$$

↑ pick white ball
 ↘ pick 1st black ball
 ← pick 2nd black ball (only 4 left to choose from at this point)

$$|A_2| = 5 \cdot 6 \cdot 4$$

$$|A_3| = 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 6$$

All are the same: $|A_1| = |A_2| = |A_3| = 120$

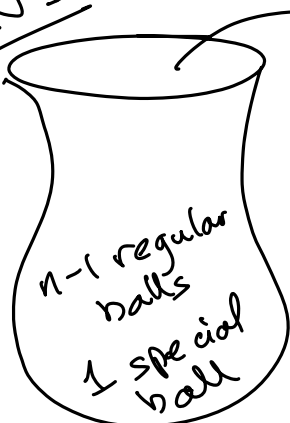
$$\text{So } |A| = 120 + 120 + 120 = 360$$

$$P(A) = \frac{360^4}{11 \cdot 10 \cdot 9} = \boxed{\frac{4}{11}}$$

Example 2.5d

An urn contains n balls, one of which is special. If k of these balls are withdrawn one at a time, with each selection being equally likely to be any of the balls that remain at the time, what is the probability that the special ball is chosen?

SOLN 1



k balls

$\Omega = \{ \text{all ways of choosing } k \text{ balls,} \}$

order doesn't matter

$P = \text{equally likely}$

$A =$ "The special ball is chosen."

$$P(A) = ?$$

$$|\Omega| = \binom{n}{k}$$

$$|A| = 1 \cdot \binom{n-1}{k-1}$$

↑
choose the
special ball

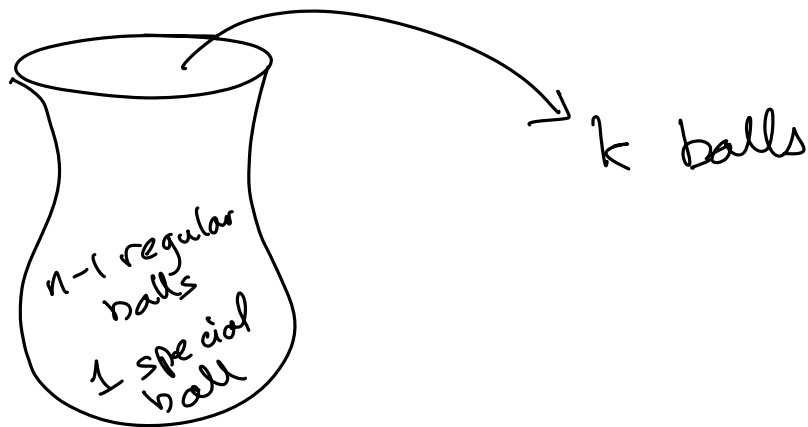
↑
choose $k-1$
balls from among
the regular balls

$$P(A) = \frac{|A|}{|\Omega|} = \frac{\binom{n-1}{k-1}}{\binom{n}{k}} = \frac{\frac{(n-1)!}{(k-1)!((n-1)-(k-1))!}}{\frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}}$$

$$= \frac{(n-1)!}{(k-1)! \cancel{(n-k)!}} \cdot \frac{k! \cancel{(n-k)!}}{n!}$$

$$= \frac{(n-1)!}{n!} \cdot \frac{k!}{(k-1)!} = \frac{1}{n} \cdot \frac{k}{1} = \boxed{\frac{k}{n}}$$

SOLN 2



$A =$ "The special ball is chosen."

$$P(A) = ?$$

Number the balls arbitrarily from 1 to n .

$A_{ij} =$ "Ball # i is the j^{th} one chosen."

These are mutually exclusive.

Some ball must be the j^{th} one chosen, so

$$\sum_{i=1}^n P(A_{ij}) = 1$$

By the arbitrariness of the numbering,

$P(A_{ij})$ doesn't actually depend on i .

So $P(A_{ij}) = \frac{1}{n}$ for all i and j .

Let i_0 be the number of the special ball. Then

$$A = \bigcup_{j=1}^k A_{i_0 j}$$

Again, b/c these are mutually exclusive,

$$P(A) = \sum_{j=1}^k P(A_{i_0 j}) = \sum_{j=1}^k \frac{1}{n} = \boxed{\frac{k}{n}}$$

Example
2.5f

A poker hand consists of 5 cards. If the cards have distinct consecutive values and are not all of the same suit, we say that the hand is a straight. For instance, a hand consisting of the five of spades, six of spades, seven of spades, eight of spades, and nine of hearts is a straight. What is the probability that one is dealt a straight?

$\Omega = \{ \text{all ways to choose 5 cards from the 52-card deck} \}$

$P = \text{equally likely}$

$A = \text{"A straight was chosen."}$

$P(A) = ?$

$$P(A) = \frac{|A|}{|\Omega|}, \quad |\Omega| = \binom{52}{5}$$

$B = \text{"5 consecutive cards were chosen."}$

$C = \text{"A straight flush was chosen."}$

$$A = B - C \quad \text{and} \quad C \subseteq B,$$

$$\text{so } |A| = |B| - |C|$$

$$|B| = 10 \cdot 4 \cdot 4 \cdot 4 \cdot 4 \cdot 4$$

↑
choose what
rank to start
on (ace-10)

↑
choose the
1st card

↑
choose
the 2nd ... etc.

$$|B| = 10 \cdot 4^5$$

$$|C| = 10 \cdot 4 \cdot 1$$

↑
choose the
rank to
start on

↑
choose the
suit

↑
take the
determined
cards

$$|C| = 10 \cdot 4$$

$$|A| = 10 \cdot 4^5 - 10 \cdot 4 = 10(4^5 - 4)$$

$$P(A) = \frac{10(4^5 - 4)}{\binom{52}{5}}$$

≈ 0.0039
(not reasonable to
simplify by hand)

Example
2.5h

In the game of bridge, the entire deck of 52 cards is dealt out to 4 players. What is the probability that

- (a) one of the players receives all 13 spades;
- (b) each player receives 1 ace?

(a) $\Omega = \{\text{all ways of dealing 52 cards, 13 each, to North, South, East, and West}\}$

$P = \text{equally likely}$

$A = \text{"One player receives all spades."}$

$P(A) = ?$

$$P(A) = \frac{|A|}{|\Omega|}, \quad |\Omega| = \binom{52}{13, 13, 13, 13}$$
$$= \frac{52!}{13! 13! 13! 13!}$$

$$|A| = 4 \cdot \binom{39}{13, 13, 13}$$

↑
choose the player to get the spades

↑
give them the spades

↑
deal the remaining cards to the remaining players

$$|A| = \frac{4! 48!}{(12!)^4}$$

$$P(A) = \frac{4! 48!}{(12!)^4} \cdot \frac{(13!)^4}{52!}$$

52 · 51 · 50 · 49

$$= \frac{3! 4! 13^4}{52 \cdot 51 \cdot 50 \cdot 49}$$

$$= \frac{3 \cdot 2 \cdot 13^3}{51 \cdot 50 \cdot 49}$$

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$$= \frac{13^3}{17 \cdot 25 \cdot 49} \approx 0.1055$$

Example
2.5k

A football team consists of 20 offensive and 20 defensive players. The players are to be paired in groups of 2 for the purpose of determining roommates. If the pairing is done at random, what is the probability that there are no offensive-defensive roommate pairs? ~~What is the probability that there are no offensive-defensive roommate pairs, i = 1, 2, ..., 19?~~

$\Omega = \{ \text{all ways of pairing of the 40 players} \}$

$P = \text{equally likely}$

$A = \{ \text{there are no off-def pairs.} \}$

$P(A) = ?$

$$P(A) = \frac{|A|}{|\Omega|}, \quad |\Omega| = ?$$

If the pairs were distinguishable, there would

$$\text{be } \binom{40}{\underbrace{2, 2, \dots, 2}_{20 \text{ copies}}} = \frac{40!}{(2!)^{20}} \text{ ways.}$$

But these 20 pairs are indistinguishable, so divide by the # of permutations of the pairs, $20!$

(See Examples 5b and 5c in Section 1.5)

$$\text{So } |\Omega| = \frac{\left(\frac{40!}{(2!)^{20}}\right)}{20!} = \frac{40!}{20! 2^{20}}$$

$$|A| = \left(\frac{20!}{10! 2^{10}}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{20!}{10! 2^{10}}\right)$$

↑
break the 20
offensive players into
10 indistinguishable
groups

↑
do the same for
the defensive
players

$$= \left(\frac{20!}{10! 2^{10}} \right)^2$$

$$P(A) = \frac{\left(\frac{20!}{10! 2^{10}} \right)^2}{\left(\frac{40!}{20! 2^{20}} \right)} = \frac{(20!)^2}{(10!)^2 2^{20}} \cdot \frac{20! \cancel{2^{20}}}{40!}$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{(20!)^3}{(10!)^2 40!}} \approx 1.3403 \times 10^{-6}$$

(The birthday "paradox")

Example
2.5i

If n people are present in a room, what is the probability that no two of them celebrate their birthday on the same day of the year? How large need n be so that this probability is less than $\frac{1}{2}$?

$\Omega = \{ \text{all ways to assign birth days to the } n \text{ people.} \}$


$P =$ equally likely

$A =$ "No birthdays are the same."

$P(A) = ?$

$$P(A) = \frac{|A|}{|\Omega|}, \quad |\Omega| = 365^n$$

$$|A| = 365 \cdot 364 \cdot 363 \cdot \dots$$



 n factors


$$= 365 \cdot 364 \cdot 363 \cdot \dots \cdot (365 - (n-1))$$

$$= \frac{365!}{(365-n)!}$$

$$P(A) = \frac{365!}{(365-n)! 365^n}$$

Easier to simplify using this informal notation

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



 n factors
in
numerator

$$= \frac{365 \cdot 364 \cdot 363 \cdot \dots \cdot (365 - (n-1))}{365 \cdot 365 \cdot 365 \cdot \dots \cdot 365}$$

$$= \frac{365}{365} \cdot \frac{364}{365} \cdot \frac{363}{365} \cdot \dots \cdot \frac{365 - (n-1)}{365}$$

$$= 1 \cdot \left(1 - \frac{1}{365}\right) \left(1 - \frac{2}{365}\right) \cdot \dots \cdot \left(1 - \frac{n-1}{365}\right)$$

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

This probability decreases as n increases.

Start calculating and you'll find:

$$\text{for } n=22, P(A) \approx 0.5243$$

$$\text{for } n=23, P(A) \approx 0.4927$$

With as few as 23 people, they're more likely than not to have a shared birthday.

Example
2.5j

A deck of 52 playing cards is shuffled, and the cards are turned up one at a time until the first ace appears. Is the next card—that is, the card following the first ace—more likely to be the ace of spades or the two of clubs?

$\Omega = \{ \text{all ways of shuffling the deck} \}$

$P =$ equally likely

$A =$ "Ace of spades is immediately after the 1st ace."

$T =$ "Two of clubs"

Is $P(A) < P(T)$, $P(A) = P(T)$, or $P(A) > P(T)$?

$$P(A) = \frac{|A|}{|\Omega|}, \quad |\Omega| = 52!$$

$|A| = 51!$
↑
arrange all but
the ace of spades
in some order

• 1
↑
find the 1st
ace in that arrangement
and place the ace of spades
immediately after it.

$$|A| = 51! \quad , \quad P(A) = \frac{51!}{52!} = \frac{1}{52}$$

$$P(T) = \frac{|T|}{|S_2|}$$

$|T| = 51!$
↑
arrange all but
the two of clubs
in some order

• 1
↑
find the 1st
ace in that arrangement
and place the two of clubs
immediately after it.

$$|T| = 51! \quad , \quad P(T) = \frac{51!}{52!} = \frac{1}{52}$$

So $P(A) = P(T)$

HW: Ch. 2: 14, 20, 25, 33, 39, 45, 49, 56