

STAT 2630
Day 1: 1/7/20

1.1 Terminology

- A **random experiment** is a repeatable process that results in a random *outcome*.
- The collection of all possible outcomes is called the **sample space**, and is typically denoted \mathcal{C} .

Example 1.1.2 Roll one red and one white die. This is a random experiment with sample space

$$\mathcal{C} = \{(1, 1), (1, 2), \dots, (1, 6), (2, 1), (2, 2), \dots, (2, 6), \dots, (6, 1), (6, 2), \dots, (6, 6)\}$$

or more conveniently

		White					
		1	2	3	4	5	6
Red	1						
	2						
	3						
	4						
	5						
	6						

Example 1.1.3 Roll one red and one white die and let B denote the event that the two dice sum to 7. Then B is an **event**: $B = \{(1, 6), (2, 5), (3, 4), (4, 3), (5, 2), (6, 1)\}$. Note that any event B is a subset of \mathcal{C} .

		White					
		1	2	3	4	5	6
Red	1						✓
	2					✓	
	3				✓		
	4			✓			
	5		✓				
	6	✓					

The **relative frequency** by which an event B occurs is called its **probability**.

Example 1.1.3b Roll one red and one white die and take the sum of the two dice. This is a random experiment with sample space

$$\mathcal{C} = \{2, 3, 4, \dots, 11, 12\}$$

1.2.1 Review of Set Theory

Definitions:

1. The **complement** of an event A , denoted A^c , is the set of all elements in C which are not in A .
2. If each element in A is also in B then A is a **subset** of B . This is denoted $A \subset B$.
3. The **union** of A and B is the set of all elements that are in A or in B or in both. This is denoted $A \cup B$, and represents the event that " A or B occurs".
4. The **intersection** of A and B is the set of all elements that are in both A and B . This is denoted $A \cap B$, and represents the event that " A and B occur".
5. DeMorgan's Laws

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

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

Example 1.2.1 (p. 5)

1.3 Probability

Definition 1.3.1. A probability function P satisfies the following:

1. $P(A) \geq 0$ for all events $A \subset C$.
2. $P(C) = 1$
3. If A_n is a mutually exclusive sequence of events (i.e. $A_m \cap A_n = \phi$ for all $m \neq n$), then

$$P\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n\right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(A_n)$$

Theorems (p.13)

1. $P(A) = 1 - P(A^c)$
2. $P(\phi) = 0$
3. If $A \subset B$, then $P(A) \leq P(B)$
4. $0 \leq P(A) \leq 1$
5. $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$

Definition 1.3.2. Let $\mathcal{C} = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m\}$ be a finite sample space. If x_1, \dots, x_m are equally likely, then

1. $P(x_i) = 1/m$ for all $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ and
2. $P(A) = \frac{\#(A)}{m}$ for all events A .

where $\#(A)$ denotes the number of elements in A .

1.3.1 Counting Rules

Three counting rules

1. Multiplication Rule

If there are m ways to choose the first element of an ordered pair and there are n ways to choose the second element, then there are mn possible ordered pairs.

(Extension: If there are m_1 ways to choose the first element, \dots , and m_k ways to choose the k th element, then there are $(m_1)(m_2) \cdots (m_k)$ possible k -tuples.

Examples

- (a) How many license plates can we make consisting of one letter of the alphabet followed by a digit between 0 and 9?
Ans: $(26)(10)=260$.

- (b) How many license plates can we make consisting of three letters of the alphabet followed by four digits between 0 and 9?
Ans: $(26)(26)(26)(10)(10)(10)(10)=4,569,760,000$

2. Permutations

Let A be a set with n elements. How many k -tuples can be made from elements of A ?
Ans: $n \cdot n \cdots n = n^k$. How many k -tuples can be made if each component is distinct (i.e. no repeats)?
Ans: $n(n-1) \cdots (n-(k-1))$. We call such k -tuple a **permutation**. The number of distinct permutations of k objects from n is

$$P_k^n = n(n-1) \cdots (n-(k-1)) = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!} \quad (1.3.5)$$

Example 1.3.3 (Birthday Problem) There are 10 people in a room. Assuming that birthdays are equally likely to fall on any of the 365 days of the year, what is the probability that at least 2 people have the same birthday?

Ans: Represent each set of birthdays by a 10-tuple of integers between 1 and 365. There are a total of $(365)^{10}$ possible outcomes. Let A be the subset where no two integers match. There are $P_{10}^{365} = 365(364) \cdots (356)$ of these. Then

$$P[\text{Matching birthdays}] = 1 - P[\text{No match}] = 1 - \frac{P_{10}^{365}}{(365)^{10}}$$

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> # COMPUTING IN R
> bday=function(n){bday=1; nm1=n-1
+                 for(j in 1:nm1){bday=bday*((365-j)/365)}
+                 bday<-1-bday
+                 return(bday)}
> bday(10)
[1] 0.1169482
> for(i in 10:25){a[i]<-bday(i)}
> a[10:25]
[1] 0.1169482 0.1411414 0.1670248 0.1944103 0.2231025
[6] 0.2529013 0.2836040 0.3150077 0.3469114 0.3791185
[11] 0.4114384 0.4436883 0.4756953 0.5072972 0.5383443
[16] 0.5686997

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3. Combinations

A poker hand consists of 5 randomly drawn cards drawn *without repetition* from a regular deck of 52 playing cards. How many different poker hands are there? This is called a **combination** of 5 taken from 52. The difference between a permutation and combination is that permutations are ordered k-tuples, i.e. the order matters. Pretending for now that order matters, there are P_5^{52} 5-tuples of cards from 52. However, each unordered poker hand corresponds to $5!$ ordered 5-tuples. So

$$P_5^{52} = 5!C_5^{52}$$

where C_5^{52} is the number of unordered sets of 5 cards from 52. In general, if we draw k objects from n , the number of combinations is

$$C_k^n \equiv \binom{n}{k} = \frac{P_k^n}{k!} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} \quad (1.3.6)$$

Example 1.3.4 (Poker hands)

1. Given a 5-card poker hand, what is the probability of a flush?

$$P[\text{flush}] = \frac{\binom{4}{1}\binom{13}{5}}{\binom{52}{5}}$$

2. What is the probability of getting three-of-a-kind?

$$P[\text{three of a kind}] = \frac{\binom{13}{1}\binom{4}{3}\binom{12}{2}\binom{4}{1}^2}{\binom{52}{5}}$$