

Chapter 2 Probability

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Experiment: A process that leads to one of several possible outcomes

Sample space (S): the set of all possible outcomes of an experiment

Event: a subset of S

Example 1: Flip a coin $S = \{H, T\}$

Example 2: Roll a 6-sided die

$$S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$$

Example 3: Flip 2 coins in sequence

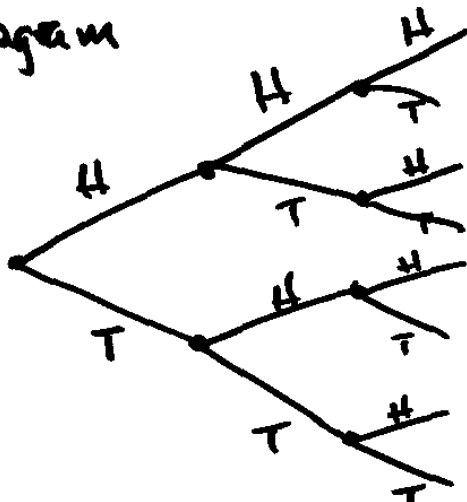
$$S = \{HH, HT, TH, TT\}$$

Example 4: Flip 3 coins in sequence

$$S = \{HHH, HHT, HTH, HTT, TTH, THT, TTH, TTT\}$$

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Tree diagram



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Use example 4.

let A be the event of getting "heads" exactly once.
 $A = \{HTT, THT, TTH\}$

For finite sample spaces, the probability of an event A is $P(A) = \frac{n(A)}{n(S)}$

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In our example, $P(A) = \frac{3}{8}$

Example 5: Roll 2 6-sided dice in sequence
Find the probability that the sum is 9

$$S = \left\{ \begin{array}{cccccc} (1,1) & (1,2) & (1,3) & (1,4) & (1,5) & (1,6) \\ (2,1) & (2,2) & \dots & & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & & & & \vdots \\ (6,1) & (6,2) & \dots & & & (6,6) \end{array} \right\} \quad (5)$$

$$n(S) = 36$$

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

$$n(A) = 4 \quad P(A) = \frac{4}{36} = \frac{1}{9}$$

Counting Rules

① Multiplication principle

If a process can be broken down into a sequence of operations, then the total number of outcomes is the product of the number of outcomes at each stage.

Example: Randomly select a license plate of the form AAA111. $n(S) = 26^3 10^3$

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② Factorial rule

The number of ways of ordering or arranging n items is

$$n! = n \cdot (n-1) \cdot (n-2) \cdots 1$$

③ Permutation rule

Start with n items. Select and rank r of them. The number of possible outcomes

$$\text{is } P_r^n = n \cdot (n-1) \cdots (n-r+1) = {}_n P_r$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Note: } P_r^n &= \frac{n(n-1) \cdots (n-r+1)(n-r) \cdots 1}{(n-r) \cdots 1} \\ &= \frac{n!}{(n-r)!} \end{aligned} \quad \textcircled{8}$$

Example: 20 items, select and rank 3

$$\begin{aligned} n(S) &= P_3^{20} = 20 \cdot 19 \cdot 18 \\ &= \frac{20!}{17!} \end{aligned}$$

④ Combination rule

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Start with n items. Select r of them,
without ordering. The number of outcomes
is

$$C_r^n = {}_nC_r = \binom{n}{r} = \frac{P_r^n}{r!} = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$$

Example: 5 items A, B, C, D, E Select 3, no order

$$S = \left\{ \begin{array}{lll} ABC & ACD & BCD \\ ABD & ACE & BCE \\ ABE & ADE & BDE \end{array} \right\} \quad n(S) = 10$$

Example: Receive a batch of 50 items.

You choose 4 for inspection.

$$n(S) = C_4^{50} = \binom{50}{4} = \frac{50!}{4!46!}$$

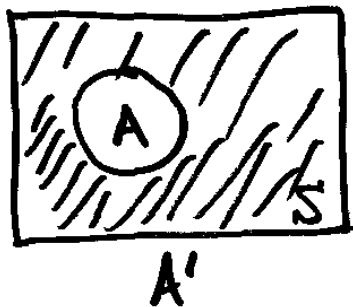
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Example: Deal 5 cards from a
deck of 52. Find the probability
of getting a royal flush.

$$n(S) = \binom{52}{5} = 2,598,960$$

$$n(A) = 4 \quad P(A) = \frac{4}{2598960} \quad (11)$$

The complement of an event A is the set A' consisting of all items in S that are not in A .



$$\frac{n(A)}{n(S)} + \frac{n(A')}{n(S)} = \frac{n(S)}{n(S)}$$

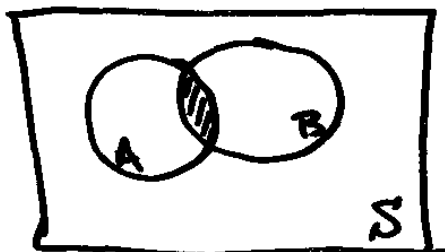
$$P(A) + P(A') = 1$$

$$\boxed{P(A') = 1 - P(A)}$$

Complement Rule

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The intersection of events A and B is $A \cap B$, which is the set of items appearing in both A and B .



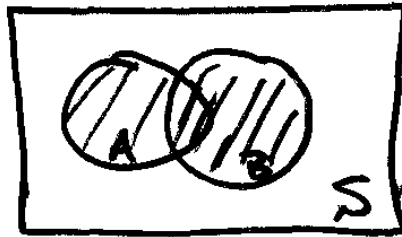
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A and B are disjoint or mutually exclusive
if they do not intersect, i.e.

$$A \cap B = \emptyset = \{ \}$$

The union of events A and B is the
set of items contained in either A or B
(or both)



$A \cup B$

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