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2) Probability and Stochastic processes are useful for many fields: Financial mathematics (time series), <sup>actuarial math</sup> biology,

ECE (signal and image processing), IE (reliability, queuing), geology (geostatistics, kriging), operations research, statistics, etc.

3) Stochastic process = random process = random field

4) A set is a collection of distinct elements.

Notation: Use capital letters and braces

$$A = \{1, 2, 3\}$$

5) \* P.1 The sample space  $S$  is the set of all possible outcomes (sample points).

ex) Toss coin once  $S = \{H, T\}$ .

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

ex) Machine makes 1000 items per day. Draw every 100th item from production.

expt 1] check whether specific number

$S_1 = \{ 10 \text{ tuples each entry Y or N of the form } \{ YYY NNN YNNY \}$

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expt 2] count how many of the 10 items selected met specs  $S_2 = \{ 0, 1, \dots, 10 \}$ ,

6) \* p. 2-3 A event is a subset of  $S$ . Event  
A occurs if an outcome of the experiment is in A.

7) \* If every element in A is also in B, then  
A is a subset of B:  $A \subset B$ .

The empty set  $\emptyset$  is the set with no elements.

8) \* p. 3 The union of A and B is the set of all  
points in A or B or both!

$A \cup B = \{ x \mid x \text{ is in } A \text{ or } B \}$ .  $A \cup B$  occurs  
if either A or B occurs. inclusive or

9) \* p. 3 The intersection of A and B is the set of  
points in both A and B:  $AB = A \cap B = \{ x \mid x \text{ is in } A \text{ and } x \text{ is in } B \}$ .  $A \cap B$  occurs if both A and B occur.

10) \* p. 3 If  $A \subset S$  then the complement of  $A = A^c = \bar{A}$ ,  
is the set of points in S, but not in A.

$\bar{A} = A^c = \{ x \in S \mid x \notin A \}$ .  $\bar{A}$  occurs if A does not occur

11) \* p. 3 A and B are disjoint or mutually exclusive

12) Rules: List every element once, "order does not matter." 12

$$i) A \cup \bar{A} = S$$

Distributive laws  $ii) A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$

$$iii) A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$$

3) De Morgan's Laws

$$\overline{A \cap B} = \bar{A} \cup \bar{B}$$

$$\overline{A \cup B} = \bar{A} \cap \bar{B}$$

RHS: both  $\bar{A}$  and  $\bar{B}$  are used

If LHS has  $\cap$ , RHS has  $\cup$ .  
 If LHS has  $\cup$ , RHS has  $\cap$ .

ex)  $A = \{1, 2\}$ ,  $B = \{2, 3\}$ ,  $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ .

Then  $A \subset S$ ,  $\bar{A} = \{3, 4, 5\}$ ,  $A \cap B = \{2\}$ ,

$$A \cup B = \{1, 2, 3\}$$

14) An experiment is the process by which an observation is made. A sample point is a possible outcome from an experiment.

5)  $\sum_{i=1}^N E_i$ ,  $\prod_{i=1}^N E_i$ ,  $\bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i$ ,  $\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i$  are used

if there are  $N$  events or events  $E_1, E_2, \dots, E_N, \dots$

16) P4 Probability is synonymous with chance, odds, and likelihood. The relative frequency interpretation of

<sup>problem</sup> Find the proportion of times each outcome occurs

Then the probability of outcome  $E_i = P(E_i)$  tends to the proportion of times  $E_i$  would occur if the experiment was done infinitely often.

ex] toss (fair) coin,  $S = \{H, T\}$ ,  $P(H) = \frac{1}{2}$ .  
roll (fair) die,  $P(5) = \frac{1}{6}$

17] know For any event  $A$ ,  $0 \leq P(A) \leq 1$ .

18] <sup>p4</sup> The set valued function  $P(\cdot)$  satisfies

axioms 1)  $P(A) \geq 0$

2)  $P(S) = 1$

3) If  $A_1, A_2, \dots$  are pairwise mutually exclusive events ( $A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset, i \neq j$ ) then

$$P(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots) = P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A_i).$$

Note] If  $P(A) = 0$ ,  $A$  is impossible.

If  $P(A) = 1$ ,  $A$  is certain to occur.

Hence  $P(\emptyset) = 0$ .

ex] roll die:  $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$ . Let  $A = \{\text{die was } 7\}$ .

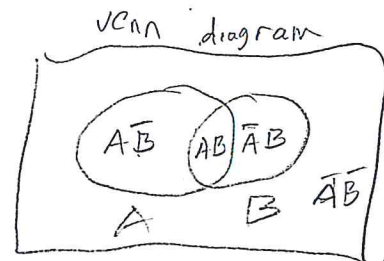
so  $P(A) = 0$ .

<sup>X</sup>  
not an event

19] <sup>p4</sup> ~~\*~~ Complement rule:  $P(A) = 1 - P(\bar{A})$ .

General Addition rule

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



$A\bar{B}$ ,  $AB$  and  $A\bar{B}$  are pairwise mutually exclusive  
 $P(A) + P(B) = P(A\bar{B}) + P(AB) + P(A\bar{B}) + P(\bar{A}B)$

21) \* Addition rule for mutually exclusive events:

If  $A_1, \dots, A_n$  are pairwise mutually exclusive,  
 then  $P(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_n) = P(\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n P(A_i)$   
 $= P(A_1) + P(A_2) + \dots + P(A_n)$ .

22)  $A$  and  $\bar{A}$  are mutually exclusive and  $P(A \cup \bar{A}) = P(S) = 1$

So  $P(A) = 1 - P(\bar{A})$  complement rule.  
 elements sets

23) If  $S = \{E_1, \dots, E_k\}$ , then  $E_1, \dots, E_k$

are pairwise mutually exclusive.

24) \* Addition rule for 2 mutually exclusive events:

If  $(A \cap B = \emptyset \Rightarrow A$  and  $B$  are mutually exclusive,

then  $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B)$

Use 21) with  $A_1 = A, A_2 = B, n = 2$  and  $P(\emptyset) = 0$ ,  
 or 23) with  $P(A \cap B) = 0$ .

25) Common error! Student says  $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B)$

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

Note)  $S = S \cup \emptyset \Rightarrow P(S) = P(S) + P(\emptyset)$  or  $1 = 1 + 0$   
 $S \cap \emptyset = \emptyset \Rightarrow P(\emptyset) = 0$ .

26) Common problem: to list a sample space, use order (27.9)

ex) flip coin twice

TT
TH
HT
HH

3 times

T	TT	H	TT
T	TH	H	TH
T	HT	H	HT
T	HH	H	HH

outcomes equally likely for fair coin

ex) toss die twice

		2nd					
		1	2	3	4	5	6
Pr	1st	1	(1,2)	(1,3)	(1,4)	(1,5)	(1,6)
	2						
	3						
	4				(5,4)		
	5				↑ ↑		
	6				1st 2nd		

36 outcomes, equally likely for fair die

27) \* Finding the prob of an event via the sample point method: Suppose  $S = \{E_1, \dots, E_k\}$ .

Then  $0 \leq P(E_i) \leq 1$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^k P(E_i) = 1$ .

↑  
event  $E_i = \{E_i\}$

An event A is a subset of S, so

$P(A) = \sum_{E_i \in A} P(E_i)$ . That is, P(A) is the

sum of the probabilities of the sample points in A.

ex) Flip coin 3 times. Let A = 2 or more heads.

$$P(A) = P(\{THH, HTH, HHT, HHH\}) = \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{8} = \frac{1}{2}$$

for some outcomes blank,

ex) grade	A	B	C	D	F	(mutually exclusive)
prob	.2	.3	.2			

Find prob of D or F =  $P(D \cup F) =$

$1 - .2 - .3 - .2 = 0.3$

Multiplication Principle:

29) \* An experiment is performed in  $k$  parts  $G_1, \dots, G_k$ .

The number of possible outcomes for part  $G_i = N_i$ .

Then the total experiment consists of performing parts

$G_1$  then  $G_2$  then ... then  $G_k$  and has

$N_1 \cdot N_2 \cdot \dots \cdot N_k$ , possible outcomes.  
multiply

Technique 1: use slots to list the parts.

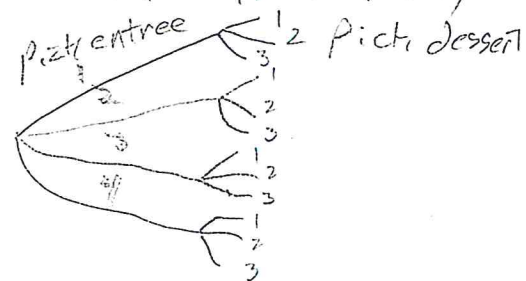
$\frac{N_1}{G_1} \quad \frac{N_2}{G_2} \quad \dots \quad \frac{N_k}{G_k}$

Technique 2: For small experiments use tree diagrams.

ex) A cafeteria offers 4 entrees and 3 desserts.

You may choose one entree and one dessert. How many different meals can you choose?

Soln  $\frac{4}{E} \cdot \frac{3}{D} = 12$  tree diagram  $\rightarrow$

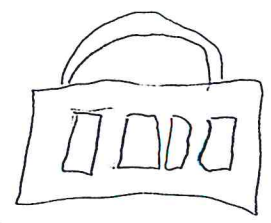


ex) <sup>A</sup> <sup>COMBINATIONS</sup> <sup>(NOT PERMUTATIONS)</sup> / <sup>EACH WITH</sup> digits 0, ..., 9. How many combinations are possible?

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$$\frac{10}{1} \frac{10}{2} \frac{10}{3} \frac{10}{4} = 10^4 = 10000$$

exponential notation



30} An ordered arrangement of  $n$  distinct objects is a permutation, (artistically challenged)

The number of ways of ordering  $n$  distinct objects taken  $r$  at a time is

$$P_r^n = \frac{n(n-1)\dots(n-r+1)}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot \dots \cdot r} = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!}$$

$r-1$  objects have been used,  $n-(r-1)$  remain

Here  $n! = (n)(n-1)(n-2)\dots(3)(2)(1)$

$n! = (n)(n-1)! = (n)(n-1)(n-2)! = n(n-1)(n-2)(n-3)!, \dots$ , etc.

$3! = 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 = 6$ ,  $1! = 1$ ,  $0! = 1$  by convention.

ex)  $P_n^n = n!$

ex) Consider an expt in which a person is selected from a pop of size  $n$ , a 2nd person is selected from the remaining  $n-1$ , and a 3rd person from the remaining  $n-2$ . This process is called sampling without replacement. Each sample of size  $r$  is a permutation.

ex) Select 3 students from a class of size 30 without replacement. How many samples are there?

Soln)  $P_3^{30} = \underline{30} \cdot \underline{29} \cdot \underline{28} = 24360$ .



a pop. of size  $n$ , then this object is placed back into the pop and another object selected (it is possible that the same object is selected again). This process is called sampling with replacement.

The number of possible samples of size  $r =$

$$\frac{n}{1} \cdot \frac{n}{2} \cdots \frac{n}{r} = n^r \quad (\text{not a permutation})$$

ex) select 3 students from a class of size 30 with replacement. There are  $30^3 = 27000$  possible samples.

ex) choosing officers: club has 25 members. want a president and a secretary. How many ways can these positions be filled?

Soln)  $P_2^{25} = \frac{25}{P} \cdot \frac{24}{S} = \boxed{600}$

31) \* The number of unordered subsets of size

$r$  (chosen without replacement) from  $n$  objects

is the binomial coefficient  $\binom{n}{r} = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!} = C_r^n = \frac{P_r^n}{r!}$

when order is not important, the  $r$  selected (distinct) objects are called a combination.

Note: } When order is important, the  $r$  selected objects

are called a permutation  
 32} The binomial theorem says  $(x+y)^n = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} x^{n-i} y^i$

ex)  $\binom{n}{0} = \frac{n!}{0! n!} = 1$  (number of ways to choose 0 people to come up and wave)

$\binom{n}{1} = \frac{n!}{1! (n-1)!} = \frac{n (n-1)!}{1 (n-1)!} = n$  (number of ways to choose 1 person to come up and wave)

$\binom{n}{r} = \binom{n}{n-r}$ ,  $\binom{n}{n-1} = n$  (number of ways to have  $n-1$  people come up and wave so choose 1 person not to come up)

$\binom{n}{n} = 1$  (# ways for all  $n$  to come up and wave)

ex) select a committee of 5 members from 100 senators in  $\binom{100}{5} = \frac{100!}{5! 95!} = \frac{100 \cdot 99 \cdot 98 \cdot 97 \cdot 96 (95!)}{5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 (95!)}$

$= 75\,287\,520$  ways

ex) A fair coin is tossed 10 times. What is the prob of obtaining 3 or fewer heads?

solving Let  $S = \{ \text{sequences of 10 coin flips} \}$ .

$S$  contains  $\frac{2}{1st} \dots \frac{2}{10th}$   $2^{10}$  elements.

Let  $A$  be the event of 3 or fewer heads

and let  $E_i = \{ i \text{ heads in 10 tosses} \}$ ,  $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, 10$

Then  $P(A) = P(E_0) + P(E_1) + P(E_2) + P(E_3) =$

$\frac{\binom{10}{0} + \binom{10}{1} + \binom{10}{2} + \binom{10}{3}}{2^{10}} = \frac{1 + 10 + 45 + 120}{1024} = \frac{176}{1024} = 0.171$

52 cards in 4 suits: Hearts, Diamonds, Clubs, Spades  
 of 13 cards each 2, 3, ..., 10, Jack, Queen, King, Ace.  
 red black  
 face cards

Suppose a person is dealt a 5 card hand.

What is the prob that all 5 cards are spades?

Soln } 
$$\frac{\binom{13}{5}}{\binom{52}{5}} = \frac{1287}{2598960} = \frac{13 \cdot 12 \cdot 11 \cdot 10 \cdot 9}{52 \cdot 51 \cdot 50 \cdot 49 \cdot 48} =$$

$$\frac{P_5^{13}}{P_5^{52}} = 0.0004952$$

Note: If the number of elements in S is found without using order (denominator), then the number of elements in A (desired hands) should also be found without using order.

ex} Let  $A_2$  be the set of 5 card hands that contain exactly 2 kings, 2 queens and one jack

$$P(A_2) = \frac{\binom{4}{2} \binom{4}{2} \binom{4}{1}}{\binom{52}{5}}$$

mult probable  
the 20 15

ex} A lot consists of 100 fuses. 5 are chosen at random. If all 5 work, the lot is accepted. Assume 20 fuses will not work. What is the prob the

soln } Let A be the event the lot is accepted.  
 # of samples of size 5 with 0 defectives!  
 mult prob model all work

$$P(A) = \frac{\binom{20}{0} \binom{80}{5}}{\binom{100}{5}} \approx 0.32$$

total # of samples of size 5

ex } A, B, C  $\leftarrow N=3$   
 $\leftarrow r=2$

	P resident	S secretary	
1	A	B	AB
2	B	A	
3	A	C	AC
4	C	A	
5	B	C	BC
6	C	B	

combine each of the  $r!$  permutations of the same  $r$  members to get a combination of the  $r$  members in  $C_r^N = \binom{N}{r} = \frac{P_r^N}{r!}$  ways

permutate each combination in  $r!$  ways to get  $P_r^N = r! \binom{N}{r} = r! \frac{P_r^N}{r!}$  permutations

$3 \cdot 2 = 6$  ways

$\binom{3}{2} = \frac{3!}{2!1!} = 3$  ways

permutations: order matters

combinations: order does not matter

ex } Deal 2 cards. Find the # of ways that the 1st is a king and the 2nd is a king

3 kings left

$$\frac{\binom{4}{1}}{1st} \frac{\binom{3}{1}}{2nd} = P_2^4 = 4 \cdot 3$$

33) Know  $P(B)$  The conditional probability of event A given event B has occurred is

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} \quad \text{if } P(B) > 0.$$

34) Think of a conditional probability as an experiment with sample space B instead of  $S$ . (The expt where only outcomes in  $B$  are of interest.)

ex) F2001  
M150

Section	grade					row total
	A	B	C	D	F	
M	11	8	3	1	2	25
all others	19	41	40	1	37	138
column total	30	49	43	2	39	163

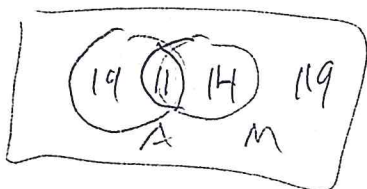
↑  
grand total

a) Find the prob that a randomly selected student got an A.

$$P(A) = \frac{30}{163} = 0.184$$

b) Find the prob that a randomly selected student got an A given the student was in section M

$$P(A|M) = \frac{P(A \cap M)}{P(M)} = \frac{\frac{11}{163}}{\frac{25}{163}} = \frac{11}{25} = \frac{11}{11+14} = 0.44$$



row M acts as the new sample space

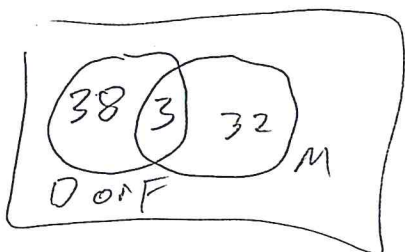
got a D or F.

$$P(D \cup F) = \frac{2+39}{163} = 0.251$$

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d) Find the prob that a randomly selected student got a D or F given the student was in section M.

$$P(D \cup F | M) = \frac{P(D \cup F \cap M)}{P(M)} = \frac{\frac{3}{163}}{\frac{25}{163}} = \frac{3}{25} = 0.12$$



could have counts or proportions = probabilities

35) Common exam problem: You are given a table with  $i$  rows and  $j$  columns and asked to find conditional and unconditional probabilities.

Find the row, column, and grand totals and proceed as in the last ex.

Note:  $P(A)$  was unconditional while  $P(A|M)$  was conditional.

ex)  $P(M|A) = \frac{11}{30} \approx .367$  ← col A acts as new sample space

$$P(M) = \frac{25}{163} \approx .153$$

$P(A M)$	$P(B M)$	$P(C M)$	$P(D M)$	$P(F M)$	} these
$\frac{11}{25}$	$\frac{6}{25}$	$\frac{3}{25}$	$\frac{1}{25}$	$\frac{2}{25}$	