



# **Probability and Statistics**

#### Lecture 02

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- Sample Space.
- Events.
- Counting Techniques.
- Probability of an Event.
- Additive Rules.
- Conditional Probability.
- Independence, and the Product Rule.
- Bayes' Rule.



#### **Introduction (1/2):**

In more complicated examples, determining the outcomes in the sample space (or an event) becomes more difficult. In these cases, counts of the numbers of outcomes in the sample space and various events are used to analyze the random experiments.



#### **Introduction** (2/2):

Suppose that a **password** on a computer system consists of **eight** characters. Each of these characters must be a **digit** or a **letter** of the alphabet. Each password must contain **at least one digit**.

How many such passwords are there?!





#### **Multiplication (Product) Rule:**

Suppose that a procedure can be **broken down** into a **sequence** of **two tasks**. If there are  $n_1$  ways to do the first task and for each of these ways of doing the first task, there are  $n_2$  ways to do the second task, then there are  $n_1n_2$  ways to do the procedure and so forth.

The total number of ways to complete the operation is

$$n_1 \times n_2 \times \cdots \times n_k$$



## **Counting Techniques (3/31)**

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**Solution:** The first die can land face-up in any one of  $n_1 = 6$  ways. For each of these 6 ways, the second die can also land face-up in  $n_2 = 6$  ways. Therefore, the pair of dice can land in  $n_1n_2 = (6)(6) = 36$  possible ways.



## **Counting Techniques (5/31)**

### Example2:

The design for a Website is to consist of *four colors*, *three fonts*, and *three positions for an image*.

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## **Counting Techniques (6/31)**

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**Solution:** From the multiplication rule,  $4 \times 3 \times 3 = 36$  different designs are possible.



## **Counting Techniques (7/31)**

### Example3:

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**Solution:** Each of the 10 questions can be chosen in two ways, because each question is either true or false. Therefore, the product rule shows there are:

 $2 \times 2 \times \cdots \times 2 = 2^{10} = 1024$  ways to answer the test.



## **Counting Techniques (9/31)**

### Example4:

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<u>Solution</u>: Each of the seven bits can be chosen in two ways, because each bit is either 0 or 1. Therefore, the product rule shows there are a total of  $2^3 = 8$  different bit strings of length three.

$$2 \times 2 \times 2 = 8$$



## **Counting Techniques (11/31)**

### Example5:

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## **Counting Techniques (12/31)**

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### **Solution:**

	Bit #5	Bit #4	Bit #3	Bit #2	Bit #1
Prob.	1	0, 1	0, 1	0, 1	1
Count	1	2	2	2	1

There are  $(1 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 1) = 8$  bit strings of length 5, start and end with 1's



## **Counting Techniques (13/31)**

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### **Solution:**

10 choices		
for each		
digit		

There are 26 choices for each of the three letters and ten choices for each of the three digits. Hence, by the product rule there are a total of  $26 \cdot 26 \cdot 26 \cdot 10 \cdot 10 = 17,576,000$  possible license plates.



## **Counting Techniques (15/31)**

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- <u>Solution</u>: For the chair position, there are 22 total possibilities. For each of those 22 possibilities, there are 21 possibilities to elect the treasurer. Using the multiplication rule, we obtain  $n_1 \times n_2 = 22 \times 21 = 462$  different ways.



#### **Permutations (1/3):**

Another useful calculation finds the number of ordered sequences of the elements of a set. Consider a set of elements, such as  $S = \{a, b, c\}$ .

A permutation of the elements is an ordered sequence of the elements. For example, *abc*, *acb*, *bac*, *bca*, *cab*, and *cba* are all of the permutations of the elements of S.

 $3 \times 2 \times 1 = 6$ 



## **Counting Techniques (17/31)**

#### **Permutations (2/3):**

The number of **permutations** of *n* different elements is *n*! where  $n! = n \times (n - 1) \times (n - 2) \times \cdots \times 2 \times 1$ 

**<u>Ex.</u>** The number of permutations of the four letters a, b, c, and d will be 4! = 24.



#### **Permutations (3/3):**

In some situations, we are interested in the number of arrangements of only some of the elements of a set.

The number of permutations of subsets of r elements selected from a set of n different elements is

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



## **Counting Techniques (18/31)**

### Example1:

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Solution: r = 3, n = 5

$$P_r^n = {}_n P_r = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!} = \frac{5!}{(2)!} = \frac{5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1}{2 \times 1} = 60$$



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Solution: 
$$r = 3$$
,  $n = 25$ 

$$P_r^n = {}_n P_r = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!} = \frac{25!}{(22)!}$$
$$= \frac{25 \times 24 \times \dots \times 3 \times 2 \times 1}{22 \times 21 \times \dots \times 2 \times 1} = 13,800$$



## **Counting Techniques (22/31)**

### **Permutations of Similar Objects:**

The number of permutations of  $n = n_1 + n_2 + \cdots + n_r$  objects of which  $n_1$  are of one type,  $n_2$  are of a second type, ..., and  $n_r$  are of an *r*th type is

 $\frac{n!}{n_1!n_2!n_3!\dots n_r!}$ 



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**Solution:** n = 20,  $n_1 = 12$ ,  $n_2 = 8$ 

$$= \frac{n!}{n_1! \, n_2!} = \frac{20!}{12! \, 8!} = 125,970$$



#### **Combinations (1/2):**

Another counting problem of interest is the number of subsets of r elements that can be selected from a set of n elements. Here, order is not important. These are called *combinations*.



#### **Combinations (2/2):**

The number of combinations, subsets of r elements that can be selected from a set of n elements, is denoted as  $\binom{n}{r}$ or  $C_r^n$  and

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



## **Counting Techniques (26/31)**

### Example1:

How many possible selections of 3 balls from a box contains 10 colored balls?





## **Counting Techniques (27/31)**

### Example1:

How many possible selections of 3 balls from a box contains 10 colored balls?

#### Solution: n = 10, r = 3

$$\binom{n}{r} = \frac{n!}{r! (n-r)!} = \frac{10!}{3! \, 7!} = 120$$





## **Counting Techniques (28/31)**

### Example2:

How many ways are there to select 3 candidates from 7 equally qualified recent graduates for work?



## **Counting Techniques (29/31)**

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#### Solution: n = 7, r = 3

$$\binom{n}{r} = \frac{n!}{r! (n-r)!} = \frac{7!}{3! \, 4!} = 35$$



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#### Solution: n = 50, r = 6

$$\binom{n}{r} = \frac{n!}{r! (n-r)!} = \frac{50!}{6! \, 44!} = 15,890,700$$



## Probability of an Event (1/20)

**Probability** is used to quantify the likelihood, or chance, that an outcome of a random experiment will occur.

"The chance of rain today is 30%" is a statement that quantifies our feeling about the possibility of rain.



The likelihood of an outcome is quantified by assigning a number from the interval [0, 1] to the outcome (or a percentage from 0 to 100%).

Higher numbers indicate that the outcome is more likely than lower numbers. A 0 indicates an outcome will not occur. A probability of 1 indicates that an outcome will occur with certainty.



## Probability of an Event (3/20)

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Ex. 
$$S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$$
  
 $P(1) = \frac{1}{6}, \quad P(2) = \frac{1}{6}, \quad \dots \quad , \quad P(6) = \frac{1}{6}$ 



## Probability of an Event (4/20)

### **Equally Likely Outcomes:**

- S Is a sample space, E is an event
- $E \subseteq S$

$$P(E) = \frac{\text{\#of outcomes in event}(E)}{\text{Total \# of outcomes in sample space}(S)} = \frac{n(E)}{n(S)}$$

### $1 \ge P(E) \ge 0$



## Probability of an Event (5/20)

### Example1:

A dice is rolled once. What is the probability of the Event that contains a prime number from the sample space?



## Probability of an Event (6/20)

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### Solution:

 $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$  $E = \{2, 3, 5\}$  $P(E) = \frac{3}{6} = 0.5$ 



## Probability of an Event (7/20)

### Example2:

# A coin is tossed twice. What is the probability that at least 1 head occurs?



## Probability of an Event (8/20)

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### **Solution:**

 $S = \{HH, HT, TH, TT\}$  $E = \{HH, HT, TH\}$  $P(E) = \frac{3}{4}$ 



#### **NOT** Equally Likely Outcomes:

A random experiment can result in one of the outcomes  $\{a, b, c, d\}$  with probabilities 0.1, 0.3, 0.5, and 0.1, respectively. Let *A* denote the event  $\{a, b\}$ , *B* the event  $\{b, c, d\}$ , and *C* the event  $\{d\}$ . Then,

$$P(A) = 0.1 + 0.3 = 0.4$$
$$P(B) = 0.3 + 0.5 + 0.1 = 0.9$$
$$P(C) = 0.1$$



## Probability of an Event (10/20)

#### **Probability of an Event:**

For a discrete sample space, the probability of an event E, denoted as P(E), equals the sum of the probabilities of the outcomes in E.



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#### **Solution:**

- $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\},\$
- $E = \{1, 2, 3\}$
- $P(E) = \frac{1}{9} + \frac{2}{9} + \frac{1}{9} = \frac{4}{9}$

We assign a probability of w to each odd number and a probability of 2wto each even number. Since the sum of the probabilities must be 1, we have 9w = 1 or w = 1/9.



### Example4:

If 3 books are picked at random from a box containing 5 novels, 3 books of mathematics, and a dictionary, what is the probability that

(a) the dictionary is selected?

(b) 2 novels and 1 book of mathematics are selected?



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$$S = \binom{9}{3} = \frac{9!}{3! \, 6!} = 84$$
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## Probability of an Event (16/20)

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### **Solution:**

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$$E = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= 1 * \frac{8!}{2! \ 6!} = 28$$





## Probability of an Event (17/20)

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If 3 books are picked at random from a box containing 5 novels, 3 books of mathematics, and a dictionary, what is the probability that

### **Solution:**

The probability that the dictionary

is selected

$$=\frac{28}{84}=\frac{1}{3}=0.333$$





## Probability of an Event (18/20)

**Example4:** (b) 2 novels and 1 book of mathematics are selected?

If 3 books are picked at random from a box containing 5 novels, 3 books of mathematics, and a dictionary, what is the probability that

### **Solution:**

#of members of 
$$E = {5 \choose 2} {3 \choose 1}$$
  
=  $\frac{5!}{2! \, 3!} * \frac{3!}{1! \, 2!} = 10 * 3 = 30$ 





## Probability of an Event (19/20)

**Example4:** (b) 2 novels and 1 book of mathematics are selected?

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### **Solution:**

The probability that 2 novels and

1 book of mathematics are selected

$$=\frac{30}{84}=\frac{5}{14}=0.357$$





## Probability of an Event (20/20)

### **Axioms of Probability:**

- S is a sample space, A is an event  $A \subseteq S$
- P(S) = 1 $P(\emptyset) = 0$  $0 \le P(A) \le 1$ P(A') = 1 P(A)



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