

Chapter ① : Probability.

① Introduction to Probability:

①.1 Terminology:

* Random experiment:
it is the experiment with unknown outcome.

Examples: * Tossing a coin. (Head, Tail).

* Tossing a die (6 faces, 1, 2, ..., 6).

* Choosing randomly one book from a list of books.

* Probability space:

it is the set of all possible outcomes of a random experiment.

Examples: Tossing a coin: $S = \{H, T\}$.

Tossing a die: $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$.

Tossing Two coins: $S = \{HH, HT, TH, TT\}$.

The score of a student in a future Final exam:

$$S = [0, 40].$$

* We use also the name of "Sample space".

* Event:

it is a subset of a sample space.

Examples: * $S = \{H, T\}$, $A = \{H\}$, $B = \{T\}$

S is the certain event.

\emptyset is the impossible event.

* $S = \{1, 2, \dots, 6\}$, $A = \{1\}$,

$B = \{2, 4, 6\}$, $C = \{\text{the number is odd}\}$
 $= \{1, 3, 5\}$.

1.2 Probability:

let S a sample space.

We call a Probability P on S , ~~any~~ any function from S to \mathbb{R} (set of real number),

Satisfying the following axioms:

* $P(A) \geq 0$, for any event A .

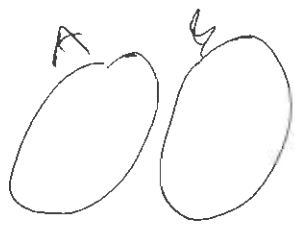
* $P(S) = 1$.

* let two disjoint events A and B :

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

* let a sequence of disjoint events (A_n) :

$$P\left(\bigcup_n A_n\right) = \sum_n P(A_n).$$



Example: $S = \{1, 2, \dots, 6\}$.

we define the probability P by:

$$P(\{1\}) = P(\{2\}) = \dots = P(\{6\}) = \frac{1}{6}.$$

$$P(\{1, 4, 6\}) =$$

$$\{1, 4, 6\} = \{1\} \cup \{4\} \cup \{6\}.$$

$$P(2, 1, 4, 6) = P(2, 1, 3 \cup 4, 3 \cup 6, 3)$$

$$= P(\{1\}) + P(\{4\}) + P(\{6\}).$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6} = \frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2}.$$

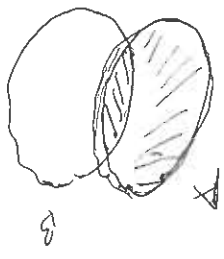
$$P(\{\text{the number} \geq 4\}) = P(\{4, 5, 6\})$$

$$= P(\{4\}) + P(\{5\}) + P(\{6\}).$$

$$= \frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2}.$$



- Consequences:
- * $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$.
 - * $P(A') = 1 - P(A)$, A' is the complementary event of A .
 - * $P(A) = P(A \cap B) + P(A \cap B')$.



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Example: Suppose three events A, B, C :

$$P(A) = \frac{1}{4}, \quad P(B) = \frac{1}{2}, \quad P(C) = \frac{1}{6},$$

$$P(A \cap B) = \frac{1}{8}, \quad P(A \cup C) = \frac{1}{3}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Compute: } P(A \cup B) &= P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B) \\ &= \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{8} = \frac{5}{8}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(A \cap C) &= P(A) + P(C) - P(A \cup C) \\ &= \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{6} - \frac{1}{3} = \frac{3+2-4}{12} = \frac{1}{12}. \end{aligned}$$

$$P(A \cap B') = P(A) - P(A \cap B) = \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{8} = \frac{1}{8}.$$

$$P(C') = 1 - P(C) = 1 - \frac{1}{6} = \frac{5}{6}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(A \cup B') &= P(A) + P(B') - P(A \cap B') \\ &= \frac{1}{4} + 1 - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{8} = \frac{2+4-1}{8} = \frac{5}{8}. \end{aligned}$$

Particular Case:

The Sample space is finite and the probability of each elements are equal.

$|S|$ = Cardinal of the set S .

$$S = \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}, \quad P(\{a_i\}) = \frac{1}{n}.$$

$$A \subseteq S: \quad \boxed{P(A) = \frac{|A|}{|S|}}$$

In some cases, we use the words "at random" or "randomly" to signify that the elements have the same probability.

Example: From a group of 8 History books and 6 Maths books, one book is chosen at random.

Find the Probability that:

a) this book is History.

b) _____ is Math.

$$|S| = 8 + 6 = 14.$$

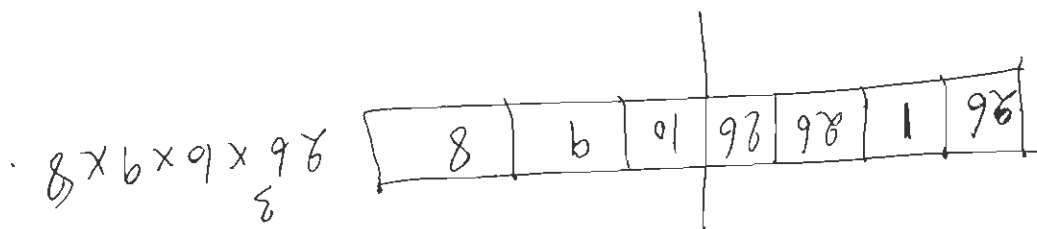
$$a) A = \{ \text{the book is History} \} = \{ H \}$$

$$|A| = 8.$$

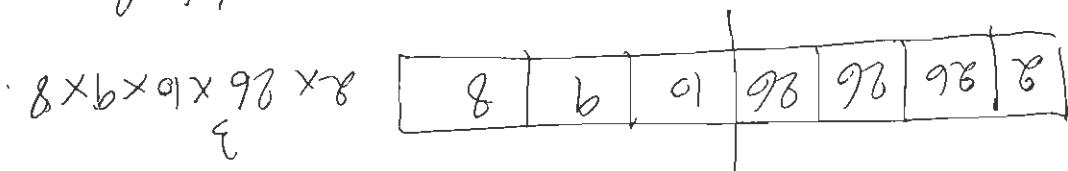
$$P(A) = \frac{8}{14}$$

$$b) B = \{ M \}, |B| = 6, P(B) = \frac{6}{14}.$$

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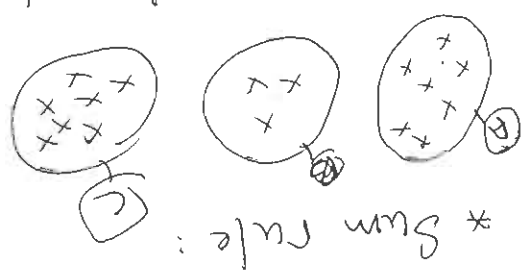


c) if the first two letters are identical.



b) if the first letter is A or B.

1.2 Counting:



* Sum rule:

choose one element from A or B or C:

$$\text{Number of ways} = |A| + |B| + |C|$$

* Product rule:



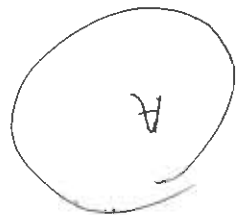
Choose one element from each set:

$$\text{Number of ways} = |A| \times |B| \times |C|$$

Example: In how many ways, one can choose one ball from box 1 (8 balls), and one ball from box 2 (10 balls).

$$10 \times 8 = 80$$

* Combination:



Choose at time, elements from A.

$$\text{Number of ways} = \binom{n}{r} = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$$

$A = \{a, b, c\}$

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

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

$\binom{3}{3} = \frac{3!}{3!0!} = 1$

Example: Box: 7 red + 8 white balls.

In how many ways, one can choose:

a) Two balls,

$$\frac{\binom{15}{2}}{15!} = \frac{21!13!}{14 \times 15} = 105$$

b) Two red balls,

$$\frac{\binom{7}{2}}{7!} = \frac{2!5!}{6 \times 7} = 21$$

c) Two balls with the same color.

$$\frac{7 \times 8}{2!} = 21 + \frac{7 \times 8}{2} = 49$$

d) Three balls containing at most one red.

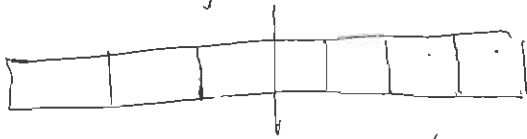
$$\binom{7}{2} + \binom{8}{2} = 21 + \frac{2!6!}{2!} = 21 + 2 = 23$$

* Arrangement and Repetition:

$$\boxed{\binom{18}{1} \text{ and } 2W} \text{ or } (0R \text{ and } 3W)$$

$$\binom{7}{1} \times \binom{8}{2} + \binom{8}{3} = 7 \times 28 + 56 = 252$$

Example: A car plate is composed of 4 letters followed by 3 different digits.



How many car plates, one can obtain:

a) without restriction

$$26^4 \times 10 \times 9 \times 8$$

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