

Module 19 - More Probability and Combinatorics Examples



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Agenda

- ▶ Lots of examples.

Last time

Last time we answered the same question using several different techniques.

Question 1: There are 20 students in a class. Avi is one of them. Suppose we select 5 students in the class uniformly at random without replacement. What is the probability that Avi is among the 5 selected students?

$$1/4$$

With vs. without replacement

Discussion Question

We've determined that a probability that a random sample of 5 students from a class of 20 **without replacement** contains Avi (one student in particular) is $\frac{1}{4}$.

Suppose we instead sampled **with replacement**. Would the resulting probability be equal to, greater than, or less than $\frac{1}{4}$?

- a) Equal to
- b) Greater than
- c) Less than

without replacement

$$P(\text{Aui on first pick}) = 1/20$$

$$P(\text{Aui on second} \mid \text{Aui not first}) = 1/19$$

and so on...

with replacement

$$P(\text{Aui first}) = 1/20$$

$$P(\text{Aui second} \mid \text{Aui not first}) = \frac{1}{20}$$

Extreme case: we will select 20 from 20

without replacement: $P(\text{Aui}) = 1$

with replacement: $P(\text{Aui}) < 1$

odds of not selecting aui

$$\frac{19}{20} \quad \frac{19}{20} \quad \frac{19}{20} \quad \frac{19}{20} \quad \frac{19}{20}$$

$$1 - \left(\frac{19}{20}\right)^5 = 0.23$$

Art supplies

Question 2, Part 1: We have 12 art supplies: 5 markers and 7 crayons. In how many ways can we select 4 art supplies?

*order does not matter
no replacement*

$$C(12, 4)$$

Art supplies

Question 2, Part 2: We have 12 art supplies: 5 markers and 7 crayons. In how many ways can we select 4 art supplies such that we have...

1. 2 markers and 2 crayons?
2. 3 markers and 1 crayon?

$C(5, 2) * C(7, 2)$

$C(5, 3) * C(7, 1)$

Art supplies

Question 2, Part 3: We have 12 art supplies: 5 markers and 7 crayons. We randomly select 4 art supplies. What's the probability that we selected at least 2 markers?

$S =$ all sets of 4 supplies
 $|S| = C(12, 4)$

$$P(\text{at least 2 markers}) = \frac{\# \text{ of sets of 4 supplies w/ min 2 markers}}{C(12, 4)}$$

0 markers	$\binom{5}{0} \binom{7}{4}$
1 marker	$\binom{5}{1} \binom{7}{3}$
2 markers	$\binom{5}{2} \binom{7}{2}$
3 markers	$\binom{5}{3} \binom{7}{1}$
4 markers	$\binom{5}{4} \binom{7}{0}$

$$\frac{\binom{5}{2} \binom{7}{2} + \binom{5}{3} \binom{7}{1} + \binom{5}{4} \binom{7}{0}}{\binom{12}{4}}$$

Fair coin

Question 3: Suppose we flip a **fair coin** 10 times.

1. What is the probability that we see the specific sequence THTTHTHHTH? *← ordered with replacement*
2. What is the probability that we see an equal number of heads and tails?

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{10}$$

order matters? no

sequences with
S H, T → $\frac{\binom{10}{5}}{2^{10}}$

choose idx for tails

Unfair coin

Question 4: Suppose we flip an **unfair coin** 10 times. The coin is biased such that for each flip, $P(\text{heads}) = \frac{1}{3}$.

1. What is the probability that we see the specific sequence THTTHTHHTH?
2. What is the probability that we see an equal number of heads and tails?

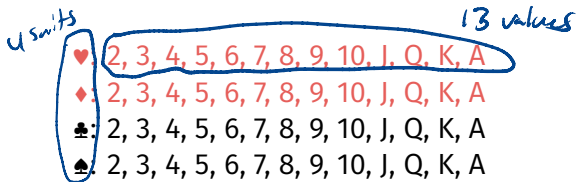
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$S =$ all sequences of 10 rolls

$$C(10, 5) * \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^5 \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^5$$

Deck of cards

- ▶ There are 52 cards in a standard deck (4 suits, 13 values).



- ▶ In poker, each player is dealt 5 cards, called a **hand**. The order of cards in a hand does not matter.

Deck of cards

1. How many 5 card hands are there in poker?

$$C(52, 5)$$

2. How many 5 card hands are there where all cards are of the same suit (a **flush**)?

ex) $5\heartsuit, 6\heartsuit, K\heartsuit, A\heartsuit, J\heartsuit$

what suit? 4 choices

$C(13, 5)$ combinations of values

$$4 \cdot C(13, 5)$$

3. How many 5 card hands are there that include a **four-of-a-kind** (four cards of the same value)?

ex) $A♠, A♥, A♣, A♦, 2♠$
cardinality?

$$13 \cdot 4^4 \\ (12 \cdot 4)$$

4. How many 5 card hands are there that have a **straight** (all card values consecutive)?

in poker, A counts as high or low

$A2345, 23456, 34567, 45678, 56789, 678910, 78910J, 8910JQ, 910JQK, 10JQKA$
_{1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10}

$$4^5 \\ 10 \cdot 4^5$$

5. How many 5 card hands are there that are a **straight flush** (all card values consecutive and of the same suit)?

same as before



$$10 \cdot 4 = 40$$



now choose a suit

6. How many 5 card hands are there that include exactly **one pair** (values aabcd)?

13 possible values for pair

$\binom{4}{2}$ possible suits for pair
96

$\binom{12}{3}$ values for the remaining cards

4^3 suits for remaining cards
964

$$13 \cdot 6 \cdot 220 \cdot 64 = 1098240$$

Summary

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- ▶ A **sequence** is obtained by selecting k elements from a group of n possible elements with replacement, such that order matters.
 - ▶ Number of sequences: n^k .
- ▶ A **permutation** is obtained by selecting k elements from a group of n possible elements without replacement, such that order matters.
 - ▶ Number of permutations: $P(n, k) = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!}$.
- ▶ A **combination** is obtained by selecting k elements from a group of n possible elements without replacement, such that order does not matter.
 - ▶ Number of combinations: $\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!k!}$.