

Lecture 19 - More Probability and Combinatorics Examples



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Announcements

- ▶ Discussion is tonight.
- ▶ Homework 6 has been released, due **Wednesday at 11:59pm.**
- ▶ Homework 7 (last HW) will be released this Friday along with the second Extra Credit opportunity.

Agenda

- ▶ Lots of examples.

Selecting students – overview

We're going to answer the same question using several different techniques.

All students are equally likely to be selected

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 Solve this with Order → True.
False

$P(n, k)$

Give "names" to all students:

A B C D $T = 20$ students
Avi

Selecting students (Method 1: using permutations)

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?

$S =$ a permutation (ordered selection) of 5 students chosen from A, B, \dots, T

ex) LPFGA, LFGAT, ...

$$P(\text{A included}) = \frac{\# \text{ permutation w/ A}}{\text{total \# of permutations}}$$

\swarrow Probability

$20 \cdot 19 \cdot 18 \cdot 17 \cdot 16$ — Permutation

$= P(20, 5)$

Numerator = # of permutations including A.

ex). A C J T E

A _ _ _ _
1 × 19 × 18 × 17 × 16

5 cases

A _ _ _ _
_ A _ _ _
_ _ A _ _
_ _ _ A _
_ _ _ _ A

→ 1 × 19 × 18 × 17 × 16

$$\frac{5 \cdot P(19, 4)}{P(20, 5)} = \frac{5 \cdot \frac{19!}{15!}}{\frac{20!}{15!}} = 5 \cdot \frac{19!}{20!} = \frac{5}{20} = \frac{1}{4}$$

total # of perm

is

$$5 \cdot 19 \cdot 18 \cdot 17 \cdot 16$$

$$= 5 \cdot P(19, 4)$$

Selecting students (Method 2: using permutations and the complement)

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?

$$\frac{\# \text{ Perms including } A}{\text{total } \# \text{ Perms}} = \frac{\text{total } \# \text{ of Perms} - \# \text{ Perms not include } A}{\text{total } \# \text{ of Perms}}$$

$$\# \text{ perms not include } A = 19 \cdot 18 \cdot 17 \cdot 16 \cdot 15$$

$$P(20,5) - P(19,5) = P(19,5)$$

$$\frac{P(20,5) - P(19,5)}{P(20,5)} = \frac{1}{4}$$

Selecting students (Method 3: using combinations)

Order = False

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?

$S =$ set of 5 students, chosen from A, B, ..., J
→ order = False.

ex) $\{B, D, G, H, M\}$

$$P(\text{A included}) = \frac{\# \text{ of sets of 5 students including A}}{\# \text{ of sets of 5 students}}$$

↙ Probability

Selecting students (Method 3: using combinations)

Question 1, Part 1 (Denominator): If you draw a sample of size 5 at random without replacement from a population of size 20, how many different **sets** of individuals could you draw?

$$\begin{aligned} \# \text{ sets of 5 students} &: C(20, 5) = \binom{20}{5} \\ &= \frac{2!}{15!5!} \end{aligned}$$

Selecting students (Method 3: using combinations)

Question 1, Part 2 (Numerator): If you draw a sample of size 5 at random without replacement from a population of size 20, how many different **sets** of individuals include Avi?

sets include Avi

$$n=19$$

$$k=4$$

$$C(n, k) = C(19, 4)$$

$$P(A \text{ included}) = \frac{C(19, 4)}{C(20, 5)}$$

" 1/4

of other students except A
B, C, ..., T

Choose 4 other students to go w/ Avi

Selecting students (Method 3: using combinations)

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?

$$\frac{C(19, 4)}{C(20, 5)} = \frac{\frac{19!}{15! 4!}}{\frac{20!}{15! 5!}} = \frac{19!}{15! 4!} * \frac{15! 5!}{20!}$$
$$= \frac{19!}{20!} \cdot \frac{5!}{4!} = \frac{1}{20} \cdot 5 = \frac{1}{4}$$

Selecting students (Method 4: "the easy way")

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 randomize all 20 students → "good" position
- ② line them up in random order
- ③ choose the first 5 students

S = positions where A may end up.

$$\frac{\# \text{ "good" position}}{\text{Total \# of positions}} = \frac{5}{20} = \frac{1}{4}$$

With vs. without replacement

Sampling 20 instead of 5 students from the 20 student.

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

Replacement False:

$$P(\text{Avi}) = 1$$

Replacement True:

$$P(\text{Avi}) < 1$$

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?

$$\binom{12}{4} = C(\overset{n_c}{12}, \overset{k_c}{4})$$

Order = False

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...

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

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

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

of 5 markers choose 2

of 7 crayons choose 2



3 t-shirt * 2 pants = 6 outfits

$$C(5,3) = C(5,2)$$

$$C(n,k) = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} \Leftrightarrow \frac{C(n,n-k) n!}{(n-k)! k!}$$

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 art supplies

$|S| = C(12, 4)$
all equally likely.

Prob(at least 2 markers)
= $\frac{\# \text{ ways to choose 4 art supplies such that at least 2 are markers}}{C(12, 4)}$

$$= \frac{C(12, 4) - [C(5, 0) \cdot C(7, 4) + C(5, 1) \cdot C(7, 3)]}{C(12, 4)}$$

Markers to select

0 $C(5, 0) * C(7, 4)$

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

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

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

4 $C(5, 4) * C(7, 0)$

Fair coin

T H T
 $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$

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

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?

THTTHTHHTH?

$$\text{Prob}(\#H = \#T) = \frac{\# \text{ seq with } 5H, 5T}{\# \text{ seq with } 10H, 10T}$$

$$= \frac{C(10, 5)}{2^{10}}$$

$C(10, 5) =$ # ways to choose 5 positions for the H's

$$k^n = 2^{10}$$

$$P(\text{single output}) = \frac{1}{2^{10}}$$

T T H T H T H H T H

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

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**?

T H T T H T H H T H

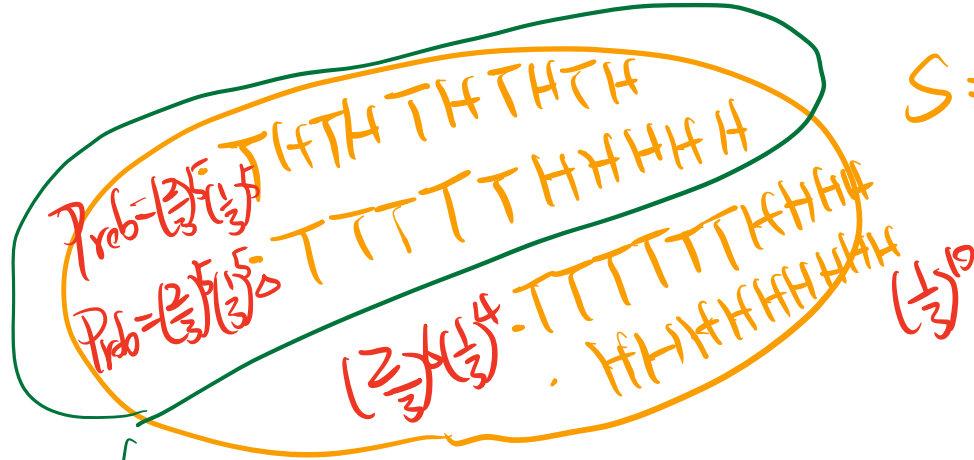
$$\frac{2}{3} \times \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{2}{3} \dots$$

How many T's? $5 \rightarrow \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^5$
How many H's? $5 \rightarrow \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^5$

$$\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^5 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^5$$

$P(H) = \frac{1}{3}$, flip 10 times, Prob(5H, 5T)

$S =$ all sequence of H's and T's



Prob of event E

$$= \sum_{S \in E} \text{Prob}(S) = \sum_{S \in E} (\frac{2}{3})^5 (\frac{1}{3})^5$$

$$= C(10, 5) \cdot (\frac{2}{3})^5 (\frac{1}{3})^5$$

E: Event I care about
include all outcomes
w/ 5H & 5T
 $(\frac{2}{3})^5 (\frac{1}{3})^5$

Deck of cards

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

4 Suit

13 values

♥: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, J, Q, K, A

♦: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, J, Q, K, A

♣: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, J, Q, K, A

♠: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, J, Q, K, A

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

Sets of Card

→ order = False

Deck of cards

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

$$C(52, 5)$$

$$\begin{array}{cccccc} 1^{\text{st}} & 2^{\text{nd}} & 3^{\text{rd}} & 4^{\text{th}} & 5^{\text{th}} & \\ 52 & \cdot 48 & \cdot 44 & \cdot 40 & \cdot 36 & \\ \hline & & & & & 5! \end{array}$$

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

$$\text{ex) } \heartsuit 3, \heartsuit Q, \heartsuit A, \heartsuit 5, \heartsuit 10$$

- 1) What suit do we choose from? 4 options
- 2) Which 5 cards from the suit?
 $C(13, 5)$

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

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

ex) $5\spadesuit, 5\heartsuit, 5\clubsuit, 5\diamonds, 8\spadesuit$

▷ which value to repeat? 13 options

▷ what other cards? $12 \cdot 4 = 48$ options

$$13 \cdot 12 \cdot 4$$

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

ex) $5\heartsuit, 6\heartsuit, 7\heartsuit, 8\heartsuit, 9\heartsuit$

▷ which value can I pick as 1st card?
(2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10) → 9 options

$$9 \cdot 4 \cdot 4 \cdot 4 \cdot 4 \cdot 4 = 9 \cdot 4^5$$

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

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

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: $\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!k!}$.