

# Lec 17: Prob. and Counting II

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## Factorials and Permutations

## Multiplication Rule and Factorials

The **multiplication rule** states that we can multiply the set of possible outcomes for a series of choices to get the total number of outcomes.

Example: Assume we have four elements,  $\{A, B, C, D\}$ , how many different ways can they be arranged (**without** repetition)?

There are 4 choices for the first element, 3 for the second, 2 for the third, and then just 1 for the last.

$$4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 = 4!$$

## Factorial

### Definition

The **factorial** of a number  $n$ , written  $n!$ , is

$$n! = n \cdot (n - 1) \cdot (n - 2) \cdot \dots \cdot 2 \cdot 1$$

And definition ally,  $0! = 1$ .

What is

- $4!$
- $5!$
- $\frac{5!}{3!}$

## Permutations

### Definition

A **permutation** of a subset of objects is the number of ways those objects can be arranged in a row.

### Example

If there are 6 diplomats, and 4 seats around a table, how many different permutations are there for 6 diplomats to sit at the table where two diplomats stand?

$$6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 = 6!/2! = 360$$

6 diplomatic in the first seat, 5 can be selected for the second seat, 4 in the third, and 3 in the fourth.

## r-Permutation

### Definition

An **r-permutation** of a set of  $n$  elements is an ordered selection of  $r$  elements take from the set of  $n$  elements. The number of  $r$ -permutations of a set of  $n$  elements is denoted as  $P(n, r)$  or  $nPr$ , read " $n$  permute  $r$ ."

If  $n$  and  $r$  are integers and  $1 \leq r \leq n$ , the number of  $r$ -permutations of a set  $n$  elements is given by the formula:

$$P(n, r) = n \cdot (n - 1) \cdot (n - 2) \cdot \dots \cdot (n - r + 1)$$

or equivalently

$$P(n, r) = \frac{n!}{(n - r)!}$$

## Exercise

How many 4-permutations of a set of 7?

How many ways can you arrange 3 letters from a 26 letter alphabet?

Prove that for all integers  $n \geq 2$ ,  $P(n, 2) + P(n, 1) = n^2$

## Addition, Difference, Unions, and Intersections of Counting/Probability

## Example: PINs of multiple lengths

Suppose you want to count the number of 1-, 2-, 3-, and 4-length PINs selected from digits 0-9 without repetition?

Calculation at each length:

- 1-length:  $P(10, 1) = 10 = 10$
- 2-length:  $P(10, 2) = 10 \cdot 9 = 90$
- 3-length:  $P(10, 3) = 10 \cdot 9 \cdot 8 = 720$
- 4-length:  $P(10, 4) = 10 \cdot 9 \cdot 8 \cdot 7 = 5040$

The total PINs of these lengths is the sum,  $10 + 90 + 720 + 5040 = 5860$

## Addition Rule for Disjoint Sets

### Addition Rule

Suppose a finite set  $A$  equals the union of  $k$  distinct mutually disjoint subsets  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_k$ , Then

$$N(A) = N(A_1) + N(A_2) + \dots + N(A_k)$$

Example: PINs of different lengths are disjoint sets. So to count them, we add up the lengths of each length.

## Exercise

Using the addition rule, how many three digit numbers 100-999 are divisible by 5?

## Example: Counting PINs without repeated symbols

How many PINs of length 4 (with repetition) **do not** contain a repeated digit?

Consider the following:

- When there are **no repetitions** of digits, there are  $P(10, 4) = 5040$  PINs
- When there are **repetitions** of digits, there are  $10^4 = 10000$  PINs

If we **subtract** the number of PINs that **do not** have repeated digits from the total number of PINs, we are left with just the PINs that have **at least** one repeated digit.

$$10000 - 5040 = 4960 \text{ PINs with at least one repeated digit}$$

## The Difference Rule

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If  $A$  is a finite set, and  $B$  is a subset of  $A$ , then

$$N(A - B) = N(A) - N(B)$$

The set of PINs with at least one repeated digits is the set-difference between the set of all PINs and the set of PINs without any repeated digits.

## Exercise

What is the probability of randomly selecting a 4-digit PIN (with repetitions) that contains at least one 5?

## Complements

### Probability of a Complement of an Event

If  $S$  is a finite sample space and  $A$  is an event in  $S$ , then

$$P(A^c) = 1 - P(A)$$

The probability of selecting a PIN with at least one 5 is the same as the complement of the probability of *not* selecting a PIN with no 5's.

## Counting Unions (with overlaps)

How many numbers between 1 and 1000 are divisible by 3 or 5?

We can calculate the number of divisible numbers for both 3 and 5

- $\lfloor 1000/3 \rfloor = 333$
- $\lfloor 1000/5 \rfloor = 200$

But we can not take the sum of the two numbers to answer the question because some numbers are divisible by BOTH 3 and 5.

For a number to be visible by 3 and 5, it is divisible by 15, and  $\lfloor 1000/15 \rfloor = 66$  would be counted twice. We can subtract that from the total.

Thus there are  $333 + 200 - 66 = 467$  numbers between 1 and 1000 that are divisible by 3 or 5.



## Inclusion/Exclusion Rule

### The inclusion/Exclusion rule for two or Three Sets

If  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  are any finite sets, then

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

and

$$\begin{aligned} N(A \cup B \cup C) = & N(A) + N(B) + N(C) \\ & - N(A \cap B) - N(B \cap C) - N(A \cap C) \\ & + N(A \cap B \cap C) \end{aligned}$$

What is another way to define  $N(A \cap B)$ ?

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

## Probability of General Unions and Intersections

Recall that a  $P(E)$ , or the probability of  $E$ , is  $N(E)/N(S)$ , that is, the number of ways an event can occur divided by the size of the sample space.

What if we had two kinds events,  $A$  and  $B$ :

- Probability of  $A$  or  $B$  is the same as  $P(A \cup B)$ 
  - ▶  $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$
- Probability of  $A$  and  $B$  is the same as  $P(A \cap B)$ 
  - ▶  $P(A \cap B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cup B)$

## Combinations and Poker Hands

### Number of Subsets of a Given Size

Consider the set,  $\{A, B, C, D\}$ , how many subsets of size 2 exist?

- $\{A, B\}, \{A, C\}, \{A, D\}$
- $\{B, C\}, \{B, D\}$
- $\{C, D\}$

This is less than the ways to permute 2 items from the set, in fact half the size.

- AB, BA, CA, AC, AD, DA
- BC, CB, BD, DB
- CD, DC

Calculate the number of subsets of size 3 exist?

How does that compare to the number of permutations of size 3?

## Combination

### Definition

Let  $n$  and  $r$  be non-negative integers with  $r \leq n$ . An  $r$ -combination of a set of  $n$  elements is a subset of  $r$  of the  $n$  elements. We write a combination as

$$\binom{n}{r}$$

read “ $n$  choose  $r$ ”. It is also denoted as  $C(n, r)$  and  $n C r$ .

A combination can be computed by dividing the number of permutations by the different arrangements, or  $r!$ .

$$\binom{n}{r} = \frac{P(n, r)}{r!} = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$$

## Exercise

If you flipped a coin 5 times, how many different ways can you get 3 heads?

If you flip a coin 5 times, what is the likelihood you get at least 2 head.

If you had a bucket of balls, 5 blue, 3 red, 2 green, and you selected 4 of them, what is the probability of drawing 2 blue, 2 red, and 1 green ball.

## Poker Hands

Recall that a deck of cards has 4 suites, each with 13 cards: A, 2, 3, ..., 10, J, Q, K. A poker hand is a selection of 5 cards selected at random.

How big is the sample space of poker hands?

- $N(\text{poker-hands}) = \binom{52}{5} = 2\,598\,960$

How many poker hands contain at least a pair? Two cards that are the same?

- $P(\text{at least one pair}) = 1 - P(\text{no-pair}) = 1 - N(\text{no-pair})/N(\text{poker-hands})$

- $N(\text{no-pair}) = \overbrace{\binom{13}{5}}^{\text{Choose 5 cards of different rank}} \cdot \underbrace{\binom{4}{1} \cdot \binom{4}{1} \cdot \binom{4}{1} \cdot \binom{4}{1} \cdot \binom{4}{1}}_{\text{choose suite of each card}} = 1\,317\,888$

- $P(\text{at least one pair}) = 1 - 1\,317\,888/2\,598\,960 = 1 - 0.507 = 0.493 = \boxed{49.3\%}$

## Poker Hand Exercise

How many poker hands contain four of a kind?

How many poker hand are in a full house

How many poker hands are a flush? (all the same suite?)