

Probability



Probability: is the study of random or non deterministic experiments

Historically, probability theory began with study of games of chance, such as roulette and cards

The probability " p " of an event " A " was defined as follows: If A can occur in " s " ways out of total of n :

$$p = P(A) = \frac{s}{n}$$

" n = equally likely"
" s = number of success"

Ex in tossing a die an even number can occur in 3 ways out of 6 "equally likely" ways

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

SAMPLE SPACE AND EVENTS

* The set " S " of all possible outcomes of some given experiment is "sample space"

* " \emptyset " is the empty set or "impossible event"

"event A " is a set of outcomes

since an event is a set, we combine events to form new event using various set operations

- (i) $A \cup B$ is event, that occurs iff " A occurs or B occurs"
- (ii) $A \cap B$ is event that occurs iff " A occurs and B occurs"
- (iii) A^c , the complement of A also written \bar{A} , is the event that occurs iff A does not occur

A is the complement of A
= A^c

mutually exclusive (التبادل المنفي)

if two events A and B are called mutually exclusive if they are disjoint

$A \cap B = \emptyset$ is mutually exclusive iff they cannot occur simultaneously

Ex Experiment: Toss a die and observe the number that appears on top. Then the sample space consists of the six possible numbers

Sol $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

Let "A" be the event that an even number occurs

"B" that an odd number occurs

"C" that a prime number occurs

$A = \{2, 4, 6\}$, $B = \{1, 3, 5\}$, $C = \{2, 3, 5\}$

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Then

$A \cup C = \{2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$ is the event that an even or a prime number occurs

$B \cap C = \{3, 5\}$ is the event that an odd prime number occurs

$C^c = \{1, 4, 6\}$ is the event that a prime number does not occur

Not that A and B are mutually exclusive $A \cap B = \emptyset$

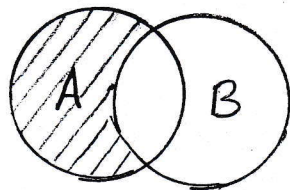
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EX Let A and B be events. Find an expression and exhibit the Venn diagram for the event that

- i) A but not B occurs i.e. only A occurs
- ii) either A or B , but not both occurs i.e. exactly one of the two events occurs

Sol
 (i) Shade the area of A outside of B as in fig (a) below
 $A \cap B^c$

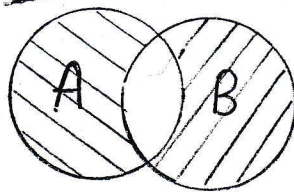


A but not B occurs

Fig (a)

(ii) since A or B not both occurs

A but not B $A \cap B^c$ \oplus Thus $(A \cap B^c) \cup (B \cap A^c)$ \odot
 B but not A $B \cap A^c$



Either A or B , but not both occurs
 Fig (b)

EX Let a coin and a die be tossed, let the sample consist of twelve elements

$$S = \{H1, H2, H3, H4, H5, H6, T1, T2, T3, T4, T5, T6\}$$

i) Express explicitly the following events:

$A = \{\text{heads and an even number appears}\}$

$B = \{\text{a prime number appears}\}$

$C = \{\text{tails and an odd number appears}\}$

ii) Express explicitly the event that: ~~(a) A or B occurs~~
 (b) "B and C" occurs (c) only "B" occurs

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iii) Which of the events A, B, and C are mutually exclusive
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Sol

i) To obtain A, choose those elements of S

$$A = \{H_2, H_4, H_6\}$$

$$B = \{H_2, H_3, H_5, T_2, T_3, T_5\}$$

$$C = \{T_1, T_3, T_5\}$$

ii) (a) A or B = $A \cup B = \{H_2, H_4, H_6, H_3, H_5, T_2, T_3, T_5\}$

(b) B and C = $B \cap C = \{T_3, T_5\}$

(c) $B \cap A^c \cap C^c = \{H_3, H_5, T_2\}$

iii) A and C are mutually exclusive since $A \cap C = \emptyset$

Finite Probability Spaces

Let S be a finite sample space $S = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$.
 A finite probability space obtained by assigning to each point $a_i \in S$ a real number p_i call the probability of a_i

i) each p_i is non-negative $p_i \geq 0$

ii) the sum of the p_i is one $p_1 + p_2 + \dots + p_n = 1$

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Ex Let three coins be tossed and number of heads observed. Then the sample space is $S = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ we obtain a probability space by the following assignment

Sol
 $P(0) = \frac{1}{8}, P(1) = \frac{3}{8}, P(2) = \frac{3}{8}$ and $P(3) = \frac{1}{8}$

Let "A" be the event that at least one head appears

$A = \{1, 2, 3\}$

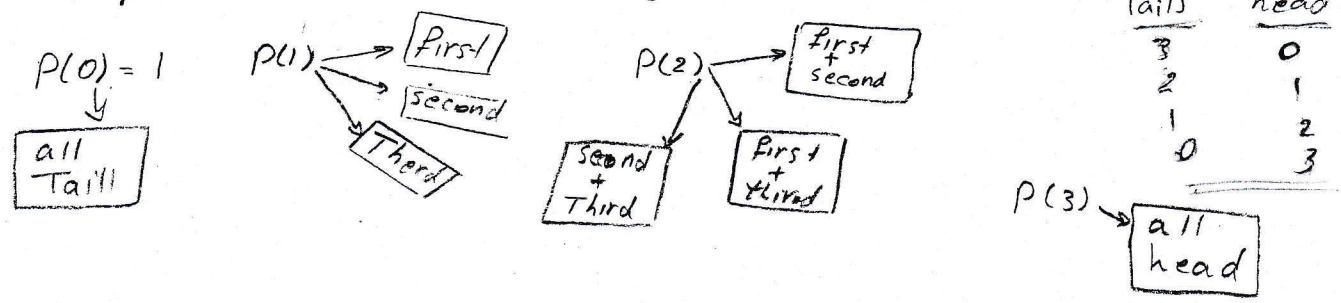
"B" the event that all heads or all tails appear

$B = \{0, 3\}$

Then by definition

$P(A) = P(1) + P(2) + P(3) = \frac{3}{8} + \frac{3}{8} + \frac{1}{8} = \frac{7}{8}$

$P(B) = P(0) + P(3) = \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{8} = \frac{1}{4}$



Ex Let a die be weighted so that the probability of numbers appearing when the die is tossed is proportional to the given number (e.g. 6 has twice the probability of appearing a 3).

Let $A = \{\text{even number}\}, B = \{\text{prime number}\}, C = \{\text{odd number}\}$

- (i) Describe the probability space i.e. find the probability of each sample point
- (ii) Find $P(A), P(B)$ and $P(C)$.
- (iii) Find the probability that (a) an even or prime number occurs (b) an odd prime number occurs (c) A but not B occurs

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Sol (i) Let $P(1) = p$ then $P(2) = 2p$, $P(3) = 3p$, $P(4) = 4p$
 $P(5) = 5p$, $P(6) = 6p$

but sum of probability = 1

$$\therefore p + 2p + 3p + 4p + 5p + 6p = 1 \Rightarrow p = \frac{1}{21} \text{ then } \dots$$

$$P(1) = \frac{1}{21}, P(2) = \frac{2}{21}, P(3) = \frac{3}{21}, P(4) = \frac{4}{21}, P(5) = \frac{5}{21}, P(6) = \frac{6}{21}$$

(ii) $P(A) = P(2, 4, 6) = \frac{4}{7}$ (even numbers) $P(B) = P(2, 3, 5) = \frac{10}{21}$ (prime numbers) $P(C) = P(1, 3, 5) = \frac{3}{7}$ (odd numbers)

(iii) (a) The event that an even or prime number occurs is. Thus $P(A \cup B) = P(\{2, 4, 6, 3, 5\}) = 1 - P(1) = \frac{20}{21}$

(b) The event that an odd prime number occurs is $B \cap C = \{3, 5\}$. Thus $P(B \cap C) = P\{3, 5\} = \frac{8}{21}$

(c) The event that A but not B occurs $A \cap B^c = \{4, 6\}$
Hence $P(A \cap B^c) = P(4, 6) = \frac{10}{21}$

EQUIPROBABLY SPACES

IF a finite probability space S, where each sample point has the same probability, will be called "equiprobable space"

* IF S contains n points then the probability of each point is $\frac{1}{n}$

* IF an event A contains r points then its probability is

$$r \cdot \frac{1}{n} = \frac{r}{n} \text{ or } P(A) = \frac{\text{number of element in A}}{\text{number of element in S}} = \frac{\text{number of ways that the event A}}{\text{number of ways that the sample space S can occur}}$$

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EX Let 2 items be chosen at random from a lot containing 12 items of which 4 are defective. Let $A = \{\text{both items are defective}\}$ and $B = \{\text{both items are non-defective}\}$

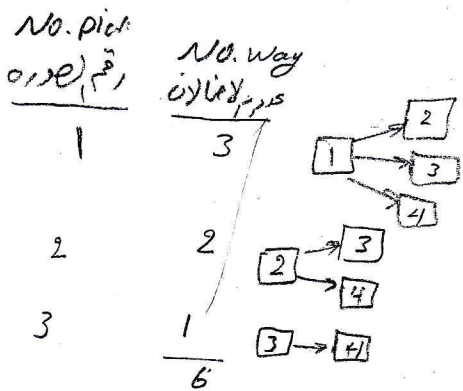
Find $P(A)$ and $P(B)$

probability = $\frac{n!}{(n-x)!x!}$

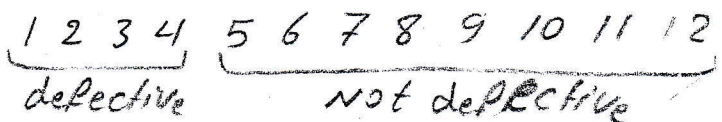
Sol S can occur $\binom{12}{2} = 66$ ways the number of ways that 2 items can be chosen from 12 items

اختيار	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
اختيار 1		2 → (11)												
اختيار 2			3 → (10)											
اختيار 3				4 → (9)										
اختيار 4					5 → (8)									
اختيار 5						6 → (7)								
اختيار 6							7 → (6)							
اختيار 7								8 → (5)						
اختيار 8									9 → (4)					
اختيار 9										10 → (3)				
اختيار 10											11 → (2)			
اختيار 11												12 → (1)		
اختيار 12													3 → (1)	
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"A" can occur in $\binom{4}{2} = 6$ ways the number of ways that 2 defective items can be chosen from 4 defective items



Let



"B" can occur in $\binom{8}{2} = 28$ ways, the number of ways that 2 non-defective items can be chosen from 8 non-defective items

No of picker	No. way
5	7
6	6
7	5
8	4
9	3
10	2
11	1
	<u>28</u>

$\therefore P(A) = \frac{6}{66} = \frac{1}{11}$

and $P(B) = \frac{28}{66} = \frac{14}{33}$

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Ex Two cards are drawn at random from ordinary deck of 52 cards. Find the probability p that

- i) both are spades (ii) one is a spade and one is a heart

There are $\binom{52}{2} = 1326$ ways to draw 2 cards from 52 cards

sol
i) There are $\binom{13}{2} = 78$ ways to draw 2 spades from 13 spades

hence $p = \frac{\text{number of ways 2 spades can be drawn}}{\text{number of ways 2 cards can be drawn}} = \frac{78}{1326} = \frac{3}{51}$

ii) since there are 13 spades and 13 hearts there are $13 \times 13 = 169$ ways to draw a spade and a heart

hence $p = \frac{169}{1326} = \frac{13}{102}$

Ex Six married couples are standing in a room

(i) If 2 people are chosen at random, find the probability that (a) they are married (b) one is male and one is female

sol
ii) If 4 people are chosen at random, find the probability that (a) 2 married couples are chosen (b) no married couple is among the 4 (c) exactly one married couple is among the 4

sol
iii) If the 12 people are divided into six pairs, find the probability p that (a) each pair is married

(b) each pair contains a male and a female.

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$\frac{12!}{12-2+4}$
(i) There are $\binom{12}{2} = 66$ ways to choose 2 people from the 12 people

(a) There are 6 married couples; hence $p = \frac{6}{66} = \frac{1}{11}$

(b) There are 6 ways to choose a male and 6 ways to choose a female; hence $p = \frac{6 \times 6}{66} = \frac{6}{11}$

(ii) There are $\binom{12}{4} = 495$ ways to choose 4 people from 12 people

(a) There are $\binom{6}{2} = 15$ ways to choose 2 couples from the 6 couples hence $p = \frac{15}{495} = \frac{1}{33}$

(b) The 4 persons come from 4 different couples. There are $\binom{6}{4} = 15$ ways to choose 4 couples from the 6 couples, and there are 2 ways to choose one person from each couple. Hence

$$p = \frac{2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 15}{495} = \frac{16}{33}$$

(c) This event is mutually disjoint from the preceding two events (which are also mutually disjoint) and at least one of these events must occur

$$\text{Hence } p + \frac{1}{33} + \frac{16}{33} = 1 \text{ or } p = \frac{16}{33}$$

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THEOREMS ON FINITE PROBABILITY SPACES

Theorems: (1) :-

The probability function P defined on class of all events in a finite probability space satisfies the following axioms

[P₁] For every event A $0 \leq P(A) \leq 1$

[P₂] $P(S) = 1$

[P₃] If events A and B are mutually exclusive then $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B)$

Using mathematical induction [P₃] can be generalized as follows

Theorem 2 If

If A_1, A_2, \dots, A_r are pairwise mutually exclusive event then

$$P(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_r) = P(A_1) + P(A_2) + \dots + P(A_r)$$

Theorem 3

If ϕ is empty set, and A and B are arbitrary event then

i) $P(\phi) = 0$

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

iii) $P(A \setminus B) = P(A) - P(A \cap B)$ i.e. $P(A \cap B^c) = P(A) - P(A \cap B)$

iv) $A \subset B$ implies $P(A) \leq P(B)$

