

80% chance of rain

Let  $A_j$  be the event of rain at 9 a.m. on day  $j$  this term

Suppose the event  $A_j$  have probability  $0 \leq j \leq n$  independently  $\mathbb{P}$

## 1. Event and probabilities

Consider an "experiment" which has a set of  $\Omega$  of outcomes

$$\omega \in \Omega$$

For example

a. tossing a coin  $\Omega = \{H | T\}$

Head Tail

b. throwing a dice

$$\Omega = \{(i, j); i, j \in [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]\}$$

let make them distinguishable    
a red one a blue one

$$\{(i, j), i, j \in [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]\}$$

A subset of  $\Omega$  is called an event  
For example

a) coin comes up tail  $A = \{T\}$

b) We observe of total of 9

$$A = \{(3, 6), (4, 6), (5, 4), (6, 3)\}$$



If  $\omega \in \Omega$  is the outcome, we say  
that  $A$  occur if  $\omega \in A$

Compliment of  $A$ :

$A^c$  occurs if  $A$  does not occur

Union  $A \cup B$  occur if  $A$  or  $B$

occurs  
(or both)

Intersection:  $A \cap B$

occurs if both  $A$  and  $B$   
occurs

Set difference:  $A \setminus B = A \cap B^c$  occur  
if  $A$  occurs and  $B$  does not occur

A and B are disjoint if  $A \cap B = \emptyset$

i.e. A and B cannot occur together

We assign a probability  $P(A)$  of each A

Simplest case:

$\Omega$  is finite and all outcomes are equally likely

Then  $P(A) = \frac{|A|}{|\Omega|}$   
Probability of any event A

$$a) \left. \begin{array}{l} |\Omega| = 2 \\ |A| = 1 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow P(A) = \frac{1}{2} \quad \begin{array}{l} \textcircled{H} \\ \textcircled{T} \end{array}$$

$$b) \left. \begin{array}{l} |\Omega| = 36 \\ |A| = 4 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow P(A) = \frac{4}{36} = \frac{1}{9} \quad \begin{array}{l} \textcircled{Q^+} \\ \textcircled{+} \end{array}$$

Elementary combinatorics

Arrangements of <sup>or different</sup> distinguishable objects

Suppose we have  $n$  distinguishable objects

? How many ways are there to order them?  
(permutation)

e.g.  $1, 2, 3, 4, \dots, n$

or  $n, n-1, n-2, \dots, 2, 1$

There are  $n$  options for ordering the first objects

then  $n-1$  — 2nd —

inductively  $n - (m-1) - m^{\text{th}}$   
until  $n^{\text{th}}$

So in all there are

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

Example

$m$  1st 2nd 3rd 4th



There are  $n$  options for the 1st object  
or  $n$  positions



once you've chosen the 1st object

$n-1$  remaining options  
for 2nd object



3rd

$n-2=2$   $n-2$   
2

$n-1$  options for the 2nd

4th

So  $n-1$  1st

$n-1$  - 2nd

$n-(m-1)$  3rd

until 1 - last  $n^{\text{th}}$  4th

Example

There are  $6!$  ways to order the letters of GALOIS

Evariste Galois  
(20: 1811 - 1832)

French math

If randomly reorder the letters what is probability that

the vowels (A, O, I) are all before consonants?

"uniformly of random"

(G, L, S)

There are  $3! * 3! = 36$

arrangement of 3 vowels and then 3  
consonants  
If  $\Omega$  is the set of all arrangements  
and  $A \subseteq \Omega$  the set of  
arrangements  
with all vowels  
before all consonants,

$$P(A) = \frac{|A|}{|\Omega|} = \frac{3! \cdot 3!}{6!} = \frac{36}{720} = \frac{1}{20} \quad \text{then}$$

So you can try the same with other words

Arrangements when not all  
objects are indistinguishable

How many different arrangements of  
 $A, A, A, B, C, D$

If we had

$A_1, A_2, A_3, B, C, D$  there would  
be  $6!$  orderings

$B, A_2, D, A_1, A_3, C$

$B, A, D, A, A, C$

$B, A_1, D, A_2, A_3, C$

correspond to the same ordering  
of  $AAA, B, C, D$

Each one is one of  $3!$  which differ  
only in the order of  $A_1, A_2, A_3$

So the  $6!$  fall into groups

of size  $3!$   
which are indistinguishable

if  $A_1 = A_2 = A_3 = A_4$

We want to count the number of groups which is  $\frac{6!}{3!}$

Generalizations

The number of the  $N$  objects

$$\underbrace{x_1, \dots, x_1}_{m_1}, \underbrace{x_2, \dots, x_2}_{m_2}, \dots, \underbrace{x_k, \dots, x_k}_{m_k}$$

where  $n = m_1 + m_2 + \dots + m_k$



$$\frac{n!}{m_1! m_2! \dots m_k!}$$

Case  $k = 2$

# Ordering of  $\overbrace{v, v, \dots, v}^m$   $\overbrace{x, x, \dots, x}^{n-m}$

is

$$\frac{n!}{m! (n-m)!} = \binom{n}{m} = \binom{n}{n-m}$$

↑  
binominal  
coefficient

binominal coefficient  
(which you have written  
as  ${}^n C_m$ )

But here in Oxford we very  
much like this way of writing  $\binom{n}{m}$

That binomial coefficient is something that you are familiar with and it is useful in many ways, not just in order to find arrangements of objects, but also to choose  $M$  of the given objects from the total  $N$ .

And you can do that with ticks  $\checkmark$  and crosses  $\times$

for example to work out how many are there to form a football team of size  $M$  from a squad of size  $N$  just by identifying the football team as the players where you assign a tick  $\checkmark$  whereas the other players are assigned as  $\times$  and so counting

John  $\times$

Jack  $\checkmark$

Mike  $\checkmark$

⋮

Tom  $\times$

Frank  $\checkmark$

how many ways there are to  
select team is exactly the same  
as number of ways to order  
the order the tics  $\square$  and crosses  
but I haven't got time to X  
write that

I leave you with that to maybe  
think about more, if you  
haven't put this together  
at this stage

So this leave us to say  
what about

" 80% chance of rain on  
Friday "

I will see you later  
on next lecture... anyway



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