

Ch. 12 Probability

12.1 Principles of Counting

Fundamental Principle of Counting

- K selections to be made independently
- n_i possible choices, $i=1, 2, \dots, K$

Then total number of choices: $n_1 \cdot n_2 \cdot \dots \cdot n_K$

Ex How many possible CA license plates are there?

Rules :

- Total of 7 spots

- 1st spot is a 6

- Spots 2-4 are letters and
Spot 2 and Spot 4 cannot be
I, O, Q

- Spots 5-7 are digits

e.g. 6 A B C 1 2 3

$$n_1 = 1$$

$$n_3 = 26$$

$$n_2 = 23 = n_4$$

$$n_5 = n_6 = n_7 = 10$$

$$\Rightarrow \# \text{ license plates} = 1 \cdot 23 \cdot 26 \cdot 23 \cdot 10 \cdot 10 \cdot 10$$

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Permutations

- set of ordered arrangements without repetition
- * order matters!

of Permutations: $P_n = n(n-1)(n-2)\dots 1 = n!$

Ex Suppose 10 horses are racing. How many outcomes are possible?

$$10! \rightsquigarrow \begin{array}{l} 1^{\text{st}} \text{ place : } 10 \text{ choices} \\ 2^{\text{nd}} \text{ place : } 9 \text{ choices} \end{array}$$

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$$10^{\text{th}} \text{ place : } 1 \text{ choice}$$

$$\Rightarrow P_n = 10 \cdot 9 \cdot 8 \dots 1 = 10!$$

Number of permutations of n objects when k taken

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

Ex Horse racing bets: Exacta: Horses place 1st and 2nd in order

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Superfecta: Horses place 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th in order.

If 7 horses are racing, what are the number of possible Exactas, Trifectas, and Superfectas?

$$\# \text{ Exactas: } \frac{7!}{(7-2)!} = \frac{7!}{5!} = 7 \cdot 6 = 42$$

$$\# \text{ Trifectas: } \frac{7!}{(7-3)!} = \frac{7!}{4!} = 7 \cdot 6 \cdot 5 = 210$$

$$\# \text{ Superfectas: } \frac{7!}{(7-4)!} = \frac{7!}{3!} = 7 \cdot 6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 = 840$$

Combinations

• set of objects that is unordered, without repetition

of combinations of n objects when taking k :

$$C_{n,k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} = \binom{n}{k} \quad \text{"n choose k"}$$

Ex (A Mega Millions: \$266 Million estimated jackpot

How many possible Jackpot options?

Rules: • 5 numbers from 1 to 70, order

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• 1 number from 1 to 25

$$\begin{aligned} \text{1st 5 numbers } C_{70,5} &= \frac{70!}{5!(70-5)!} \\ &= \frac{70!}{5! \cdot 65!} \\ &= \frac{70 \cdot 69 \cdot 68 \cdot 67 \cdot 66}{5!} \\ &= 12,103,014 \end{aligned}$$

Total number of choices when buying a lotto ticket is:

$$12,103,014 \times 25 = 302,575,350$$

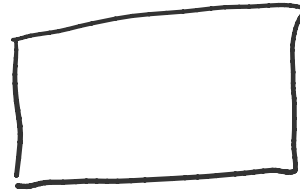
12.2 What is Probability?

- Given an experiment with distinct possible outcomes,
possible outcomes
sample space

- Subset of the sample space is called an
event

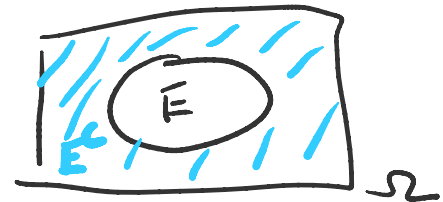
- Subset of the sample space Ω

Manipulating sets

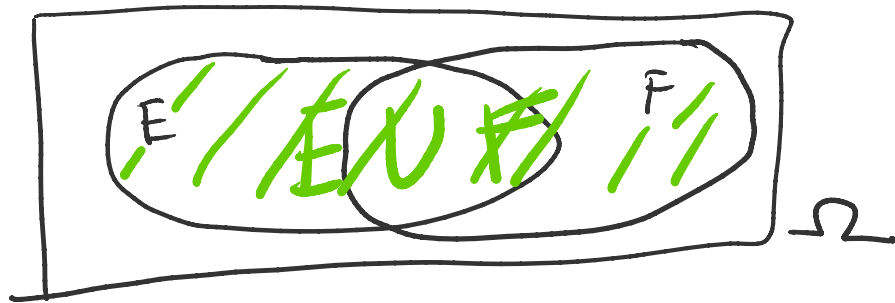


Ω - sample space

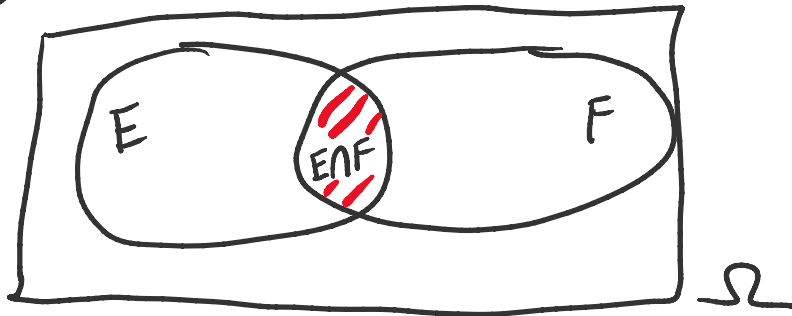
- complement of E , E^c



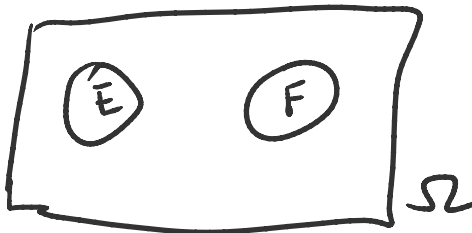
- union of E and F , $E \cup F$



- intersection of E and F , $E \cap F$



- E and F are disjoint: $E \cap F = \emptyset$



$E \cup F = F \cup E$

Commutative: $E \cup F = F \cup E$

Associative: $(E \cup F) \cup G = E \cup (F \cup G)$

Distributive: $(E \cup F) \cap G = (E \cap G) \cup (F \cap G)$

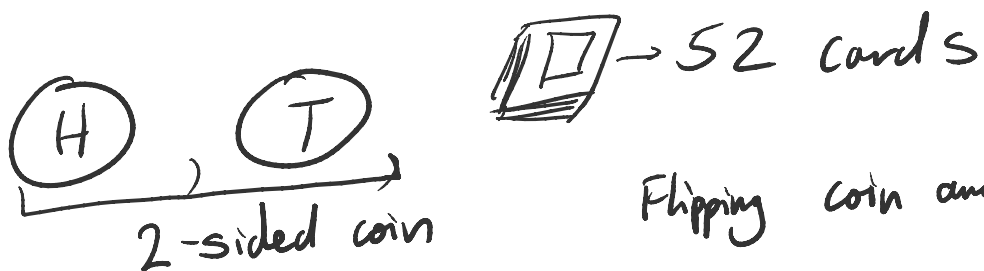
Ex An experiment is tossing a coin and drawing a card from a deck.

a) How many elements are in the sample space?

b) How many elements in the event "heads and an ace"

c) How many elements in the event "tails and a face"

d) List the elements in "heads and spade"



Flipping coin and draw 1 card

a) $2 \cdot 52 = 104$ elements in sample space

b) "heads and an ace"
1 4

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$$1 \cdot 4 = 4$$

c) tails and a face

4 suits

3 faces per suit

12 face cards

$$12 \cdot 1 = 12$$

d) heads and spade

(H)



A
2
3
...
J
Q
K
13

(H) Ace

(H) 2

(H) K

$$1 \cdot 13 = 13$$