

## 4.1 Experiments and Counting Rules

\* Experiment is a process that generates well-defined outcomes

- Sample Space for an experiment is the set of all experimental outcomes  
(S)

Example: What is the sample space for the following experiments

(a) Toss a coin  $S = \{ \text{Head, Tail} \} = \{ H, T \}$

(b) Roll a die  $S = \{ 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 \}$

(c) Play a game  $S = \{ \text{win, lose, tie} \}$

\* Experimental outcomes are also called sample points

### Counting Rules

(1) Multiple-step experiment

(2) Combinations (3) Permutations

(1) Multiple step experiment:

If an experiment has  $k$  steps with  
 $n_1$  possible outcomes for step 1,  
 $n_2$  = = = step 2,  
 $\vdots$   
 $n_k$  = = = step  $k$

then the total number of experimental outcomes is  $n_1 n_2 \dots n_k$

Example: Consider the experiment of tossing two coins.

How many experimental outcomes are possible for this experiment

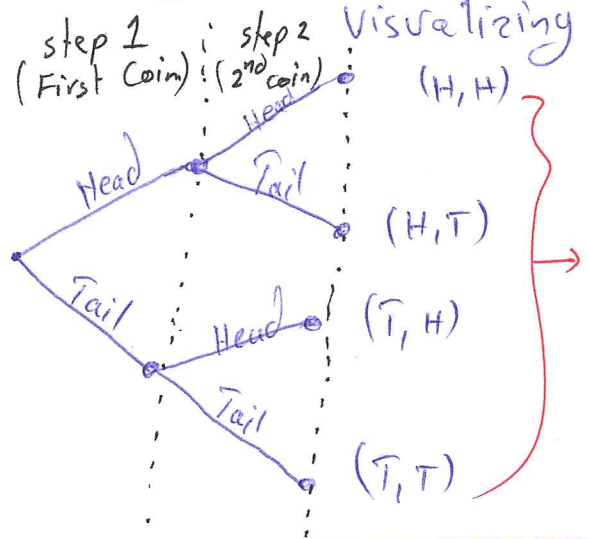
Tossing one coin ( $n_1 = 2$ ) and tossing the other coin ( $n_2 = ?$ )

The number of experimental outcomes =  $(n_1)(n_2) = (2)(2) = 4$ .

$S = \{ (H, H), (H, T), (T, H), (T, T) \}$

If we toss 5 coins, then the number of experimental outcomes is  $(2)(2)(2)(2)(2) = 32$ .

\* Tree diagram: A graphical representation that helps in visualizing a multiple-step experiment.



Experimental outcome = Sample point

2 Combinations (when the experiment involves selecting n objects from a set of N objects, N ≥ n) (The order is not important)

C\_n^N = (N choose n) = N! / (n! (N-n)!)

where

We use combination to find the number of different samples of size n that can be selected.

N! = N(N-1)(N-2)...(2)(1)
n! = n(n-1)(n-2)...(2)(1)
0! = 1

4! = 4x3x2x1 = 24 \* see an example on the back?!
5! = 5x4x3x2x1 = 120

Example (Q2 page 150): How many ways can three items be selected from a group of six items? Use the letters A,B,C,D,E,F to identify them, and list each of the different combinations of the three items.

C\_3^6 = (6 choose 3) = 6! / (3! (6-3)!) = 6! / (3! 3!) = 20

- List of combinations: ABC, ABD, ABE, ABF, ACD, ACE, ACF, ADE, ADF, AEF, BCF, BCD, BCE, BDE, BDF, BEF, CDE, CDF, CEF, DEF

Example: How many ways 3 digit numbers can be formed from the digits 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9 which are even without repeating the digits

$$(2)(5)(4) = 40$$

Example: A hotel surveyed 100 guests with the following

data:

	satisfied	unsatisfied
Female	42	2
Male	40	16

If two guests are randomly selected, what is the prob. that both are unsatisfied?

$$\frac{18}{100} \times \frac{17}{99} = 0.03$$

or

$$\frac{\binom{18}{2}}{\binom{100}{2}} = 0.03$$

Example In how many ways can the letters of the word (Formula) be rearranged.

$$P_7^7 = \frac{7!}{(7-7)!} = \frac{7!}{0!} = 7! = 5040$$

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**3** Permutations: (when the experiment involves selecting  $n$  objects from a set of  $N$  objects  $N \geq n$ , where the order of selection is important.)

$$P_n^N = \frac{N!}{(N-n)!}$$

Example (Q3 page 150) How many permutations of three items can be selected from a group of six?

$$P_3^6 = \frac{6!}{3!} = \frac{6 \times 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1}{3 \times 2 \times 1} = 120$$

ABC, ACB, BAC, BCA, CAB, CBA are different outcomes here  
~~see the back for one more example:-~~

### Assigning Probabilities

Basic requirements for assigning probabilities:

① Each experimental outcome  $E_i$  must have  $0 \leq P(E_i) \leq 1$

② Considering all experimental outcomes, we must have  $P(E_1) + P(E_2) + \dots + P(E_n) = 1$

• Three methods for assigning probabilities:

1) Classical method: when all the experimental outcomes are equally likely.  $(\frac{1}{n})$

Example ① Toss a fair coin  $\Rightarrow S = \{H, T\}$   $n=2$   
 $P(H) = P(T) = \frac{1}{2}$  "equally likely"  $(\frac{1}{2})$

② Roll a die  $\Rightarrow S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$   $n=6$   
 $P(1) = P(2) = P(3) = P(4) = P(5) = P(6) = \frac{1}{6}$

[2] Relative frequency method (when data are available to estimate the proportion of the time the experimental outcome will occur if the experiment is repeated a large number of items.

Example:

<u>Number of patients waiting</u>	<u>Number of days</u>
0	2
1	5
2	6
3	4
4	3

20 days  
 number of sample points

2 days were 0 patients waiting  
 5 days were 1 " "  
 6 days were 2 " "  
 4 days were 3 " "  
 3 days were 4 " "

Using the relative frequency method:

the probability of 0 patients were waiting =  $\frac{2}{20}$   
 " " " 1 " " " =  $\frac{5}{20}$   
 " " " 2 " " " =  $\frac{6}{20}$   
 " " " 3 " " " =  $\frac{4}{20}$   
 " " " 4 " " " =  $\frac{3}{20}$

[3] Subjective Method (when we can not assume that the experimental outcomes are equally likely)

This method expresses the person's degree of belief (scal 0-1)

Example: Suppose that student A and student B gave an excuse to their teacher about their absence.

$E_1$ : the excuse is accepted student A  $\Rightarrow P(E_1) = 0.8$   
 $\Rightarrow P(E_2) = 0.2$

$E_2$ : the excuse is rejected student B  $\Rightarrow P(E_1) = 0.6$   $P(E_2) = 0.4$

4.3 + 4.2 Events and their Probability

Event: is a collection of sample points.

Probability of an event: is the sum of the probabilities of the sample points in the event.

Example (Q14 page 154) An experiment has four equally likely outcomes  $E_1, E_2, E_3, E_4$ .

(a) What is the prob. that  $E_2$  occurs?  $\frac{1}{4}$

(b) = = = = any two of the outcomes occur? i.e. ( $E_1$  or  $E_3$ )

(c) = = = = = Three = = = ? ( $E_1$  or  $E_2$  or  $E_4$ )

$$\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{3}{4}$$

Example (Q21 page 156)

Assume a person is randomly chosen.

(a) what is the prob. the person is 20-24 years old?

$$\frac{19}{281.6} = 0.067$$

(b) what is the prob. the person is 20-34 years old?

$$\frac{19 + 39.9}{281.6} = \frac{58.9}{281.6} = 0.21$$

(c) what is the prob. the person is 45 years or older?

$$\frac{37.7 + 24.3 + 35}{281.6} = \frac{97}{281.6} = 0.34$$

Age	Number (million of pop)
$\leq 19$	80.5
20-24	19.0
25-34	39.9
35-44	45.2
45-54	37.7
55-64	24.3
$\geq 65$	35.0
	<u>281.6 million</u>

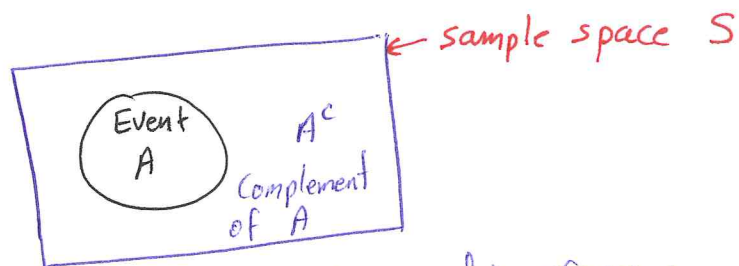
### 4.3 Some Basic Relationships of Probability

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Given an event  $A$ . The complement of  $A$ , denoted by  $A^c$ , consists of all sample points that are not in  $A$ .

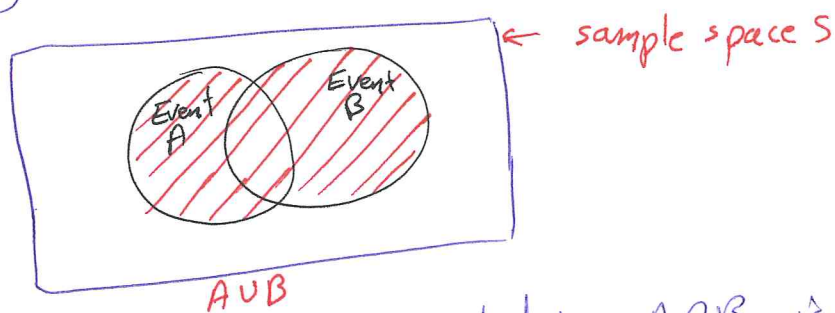
$$P(S) = 1$$

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

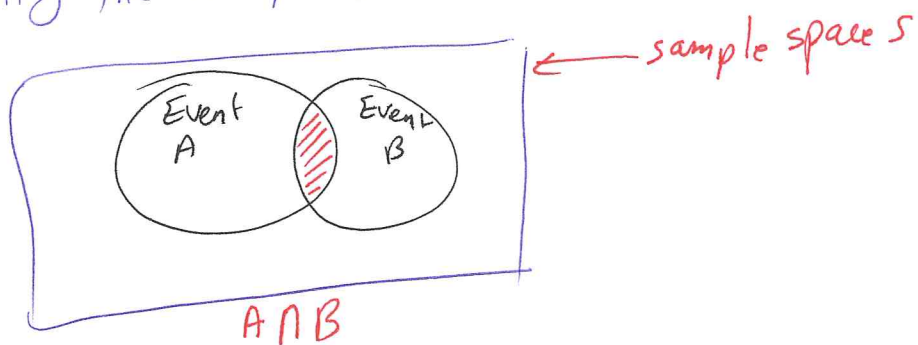


The figure above is called Venn diagram.

- Given the events  $A$  and  $B$ .
  - The union of  $A$  and  $B$  is the event containing all sample points belonging to  $A$  or  $B$  or both. Denoted by  $A \cup B$ .



- The intersection of  $A$  and  $B$ , denoted by  $A \cap B$ , is the event containing the sample points belonging to both  $A$  and  $B$ .



- Addition law:

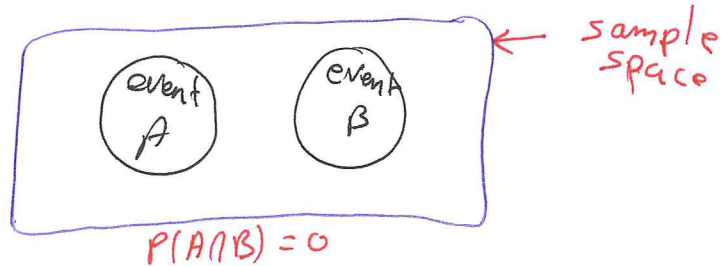
$$P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$$



\* Two events  $A$  and  $B$  are said to be **mutually exclusive** if the events  $A$  and  $B$  have no sample points in common ( $P(A \cap B) = 0$ ).

\* Addition law for mutually exclusive events:

$$P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B)$$



Example: (Q23 page 161) Suppose we have a sample space

$S = \{E_1, E_2, E_3, E_4, E_5, E_6, E_7\}$  where  $E_i$  are the sample points.

Given  $P(E_1) = P(E_7) = 0.05$ ,  $P(E_2) = P(E_3) = 0.20$

$P(E_4) = 0.25$ ,  $P(E_5) = 0.15$ ,  $P(E_6) = 0.10$ .

Let  $A = \{E_1, E_4, E_6\}$ ,  $B = \{E_2, E_4, E_7\}$ ,  $C = \{E_2, E_3, E_5, E_7\}$ .

[a] Find  $P(A)$ ,  $P(B)$ ,  $P(C)$

$$P(A) = P(E_1) + P(E_4) + P(E_6) = 0.05 + 0.25 + 0.1 = 0.4$$

$$P(B) = P(E_2) + P(E_4) + P(E_7) = 0.2 + 0.25 + 0.05 = 0.50$$

$$P(C) = P(E_2) + P(E_3) + P(E_5) + P(E_7) = 0.20 + 0.20 + 0.15 + 0.05 = 0.60$$

[b] Find  $A \cup B$  and  $P(A \cup B)$

$$A \cup B = \{E_1, E_2, E_4, E_6, E_7\}$$

$$P(A \cup B) = P(E_1) + P(E_2) + P(E_4) + P(E_6) + P(E_7) = 0.05 + 0.20 + 0.25 + 0.10 + 0.05 = 0.65$$

[c] Find  $A \cap B$  and  $P(A \cap B)$

$$A \cap B = \{E_4\}$$

$$P(A \cap B) = P(E_4) = 0.25$$

[d] Are the events  $A$  and  $C$  mutually exclusive?

Yes, they are mutually exclusive because  $P(A \cap C) = 0$

[e] Find  $B^c$  and  $P(B^c)$

$$B^c = \{E_1, E_3, E_5, E_6\} \Rightarrow P(B^c) = 1 - P(B) = 1 - 0.5 = 0.5$$

## 4.4 Conditional Probabilities

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Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two events:

- The conditional probability of  $A$  given  $B$  is

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$$

- The conditional probability of  $B$  given  $A$  is

$$P(B|A) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(A)}$$

- The events  $A$  and  $B$  are independent if

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A) P(B)$$

Otherwise, they are dependent.

- If  $A$  and  $B$  are independent, then

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} = \frac{P(A)P(B)}{P(B)} = P(A)$$

$$P(B|A) = P(B)$$

- The events  $A$  and  $B$  are mutually exclusive

if  $P(A \cap B) = 0$

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Example: suppose that we have two events A and B, <sup>53</sup>  
 with  $P(A) = 0.2$ ,  $P(B) = 0.4$ ,  $P(A \cap B) = 0.08$

(a) Find  $P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} = \frac{0.08}{0.4} = 0.2$

(b) Find  $P(B|A) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(A)} = \frac{0.08}{0.2} = 0.4$

(c) Are A and B independent? why or why not?

Yes Because  $P(A|B) = P(A)$   
 $P(B|A) = P(B)$

Example (Q32 page 168) Sample data representative of the national health insurance coverage are shown here:

		Health Insurance		Total
		Yes	No	
Age	18-34	750	170	920
	35 and older	950	130	1080
Total		1700	300	2000

(a) Develop a joint probability table for these data

		Health insurance		Total
		Yes	No	
Age	18-34	$\frac{750}{2000} = 0.375$	0.085	0.46
	35 and older	0.475	0.065	0.54
Total		0.850	0.150	1.00

← joint probabilities

→ Marginal probabilities

b) what do the marginal probabilities tell you about the age of the US population?

46 % of the population are within age 18-34  
54 % of the population are 35 and older.

c) what is the probability that a randomly selected individual does not have health insurance?

0.15

d) If the individual is between the ages 18-34, what is the probability that the individual does not have health insurance?

$$P(\text{No} | 18-34) = \frac{0.085}{0.46} = 0.1848$$

e) If the individual age is 35 or older, what is the probability that the individual does not have health insurance.

$$P(\text{No} | 35 \text{ or older}) = \frac{0.065}{0.54} = 0.1204$$

f) If the individual does not have health insurance, what is the prob. that the individual is in 18-34 age?

$$P(18-34 | \text{No}) = \frac{0.085}{0.150} = 0.567$$

g) what does the prob. information tell you about the health insurance in United state?  
From d and e, we see higher probability of No for 18-34