

Lecture 3.

$$\Gamma = \mathbb{N} : \{A_i\}_{i \in \Gamma} = \{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n, \dots\}$$

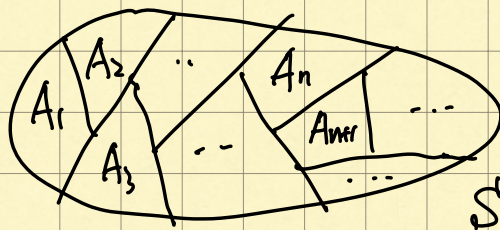
$$\Gamma = (0, 1) : \{A_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \Gamma} = \text{an uncountable collection of open intervals.}$$

Def (Pairwise disjoint). $\{A_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ is pairwise disjoint if $A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset$ for all $i \neq j$.

Def (Partition). $\{A_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a partition of a set S if

- A_i are pairwise disjoint.

- $S = \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} A_i$.



Experiments, outcomes, events.

Def (Experiment). An experiment is a repeatable task with well-defined outcomes.

no outcome

Any 'outcomes' are denoted $w_1, w_2, \dots$

The set of all outcomes is called sample space S .

Def (Event). Any subset $E \subset S$ is an event.

We say E happens if the outcome of the experiment lies in E .

Example.

Experiment: Roll a six-sided die once.

outcomes: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.

sample space: $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$.

Events: "You got an even number".

$$E \subset S$$

$$E = \{2, 4, 6\}.$$

"You got number 10".

$$E = \emptyset.$$

"You got an integer number".

$$E = S.$$

Experiment = Roll a 6-sided die, then toss a coin.

$$S = \{(1, H), (1, T), (2, H), (2, T), \dots, (6, H), (6, T)\}.$$

$$|S| = 12.$$

Event = I got even number from the die.

$$E = \{(2, H), (2, T), (4, H), (4, T), (6, H), (6, T)\}.$$

$$|S| < \infty.$$

Example : Experiment =

Record the number of minutes till the first call arrives at the call center.

$$S = \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}.$$

Experiment =

Pick a point from the unit sphere.

$$S = \{(x, y) \mid x^2 + y^2 \leq 1\}.$$

$E =$ point is ^{within} $\frac{1}{2}$ distance from the origin.

$$E = \{(x, y) \mid \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \leq \frac{1}{2}\}.$$

E^c

Example. Experiment : you order fries and a pizza from Uber eats. Let x be the delivery

time of fries, and y be the delivery time of the pizza.

$$S = \{(x, y) \mid x \geq 0, y \geq 0\}.$$

$$A = \{(x, y) \in S \mid x \leq 10\}.$$

$$B = \{(x, y) \in S \mid y \leq 15\}.$$

$A \cup B$ = at least one item arrive within 15 mins
= I will have something to eat in 15 mins.

= ...

$$(A \cap B)^c, A \cap B.$$

What is probability?

Classical probability.

Roll a fair 6-sided die once.

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

Assign each outcome $w_i \in S$ a number.

$$P(1) = P(2) = \dots = P(6) = \frac{1}{6}.$$

$$\bullet |S| < \infty.$$

• $\forall w \in S, P(w) = \frac{1}{|S|}$.

we defined it.

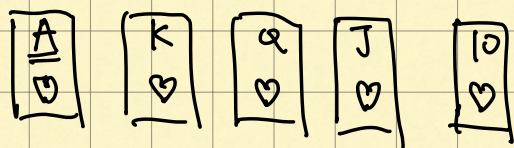
Def (Classical probability). Let $S = \{w_1, \dots, w_n\}$ be a finite sample space. all outcomes have the same probability defined as $P(w_i) = \frac{1}{n}$.
For an even $A \subset S$ containing m outcomes,

$$P(A) := \frac{m}{n} = \frac{|A|}{|S|}.$$

definition is trivial, but computing can be tricky.

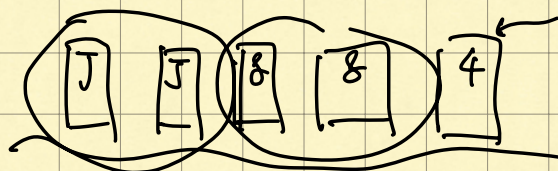
① $|S| = ? \Rightarrow P(A) = \frac{|A|}{|S|} \checkmark$
② $|A| = ?$

But ② can be tricky.



2, 10, J Q, K, A.
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$$P(\text{Royal straight flush}) = \frac{4}{|S|}.$$



$$P(\text{Two pairs}) = \frac{?}{|S|}$$

(Counting)

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combinatorics.

How to count ?

- (Principle of Addition) If a task can be done in m way or in n ways. then the total ways is $m + n$.

- (Principle of multiplication) If a task can be done in Two steps: the first step m way. the second step n ways. then the total way is $m \times n$.

Question:

you have n distinct objects.
select k from them.

How many ways of selection ?

- Does the order matter ?
- Is the selection with or without replacement ?

{ apple, orange, banana } . select 2 from them.

order matters : apple , orange. $\neq$ orange , apple.

order not matters : ... = ...

with replacement: apple , apple

without replacement :

Case I: order matters, without replacement.

Selection can be built in k steps:

step 1: select 1st object : n ways.

step 2 : 2nd : $n-1$ ways.

$\vdots$ $\vdots$

step k : k -th : $n-k+1$ ways.

$n \cdot (n-1) \cdots (n-k+1)$ ways.