

Equally Likely Outcomes.

Ch 2 problems : 8, 13, 18, 22, 25, 32, 39, 41, 54

ch 2 theoretical : 10, 11, 18, 19

ch 3 theoretical : 3.2

Today examples

Sample space $S = \{x_1, \dots, x_N\}$

$$P(\{x_1\}) = P(\{x_2\}) = \dots = P(\{x_N\}) = \frac{1}{N}$$

In this situation, we say the sample space has equally likely outcomes.

For more general event $E \subset S$

$$P(E) = \frac{\# \text{outcomes in } E}{N} = \text{proportion of sample space in } E$$

So we can compute probabilities just by counting.

Ex Roll 2 dice. What is probability that the sum is 7?

$$S = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (1,1) \quad (1,2) \quad \dots \quad (1,6) \\ (2,1) \quad (2,2) \quad \dots \quad (2,6) \\ \vdots \\ (6,1) \quad \dots \quad (6,6) \end{array} \right\}$$

$$N = 6 \cdot 6 = 36$$

Assumption: each outcome is equally likely.

$$E = \text{sum is } 7 = \{ (1,6), (2,5), (3,4), (4,3), (5,2), (6,1) \}$$

6 outcomes in E .

$$P(E) = \frac{6}{36} = \frac{1}{6}$$

Ex group of 11 people 6 men, 5 women

3 people "randomly" select of the 11.

$$P(1 \text{ man}, 2 \text{ women})$$

$S =$ set of $\binom{11}{3}$ subsets of the 11 people of size 3.

By "randomly selected" we mean each subset is equally likely.

$$\binom{6}{1} \binom{5}{2} = \# \text{ of subsets with } \begin{matrix} 1 \text{ man, } \\ 2 \text{ women} \end{matrix}$$

$$P(1 \text{ man, } 2 \text{ women}) = \frac{\binom{6}{1} \binom{5}{2}}{\binom{11}{3}} = \frac{4}{11}$$

Or I could do: $S = \{ \text{ordered selection of 3 people} \}$

$$N = 11 \cdot 10 \cdot 9 = 990$$

choices for 1st 2nd 3rd

$$\# M, W, W = 6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 = 120$$

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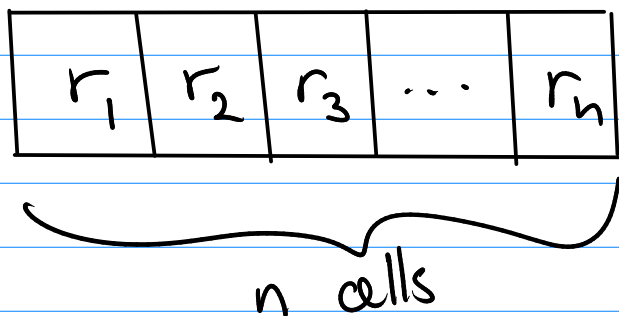
$$\# W, W, M = 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 = 120$$

$$P(1 \text{ man, } 2 \text{ women}) = \frac{120 + 120 + 120}{990} = \frac{4}{11}$$

ordered subsets equally likely \iff unordered subsets equally likely

$3! = 6$ ordered subsets \iff 1 unordered subset

The Occupancy Problem: n cells, r particles/balls



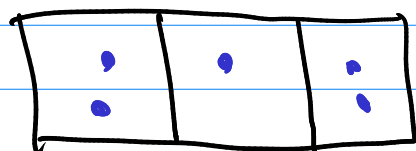
The particles are distributed "RANDOMLY", and we end up with some number in each cell.

r_i in the i th cell

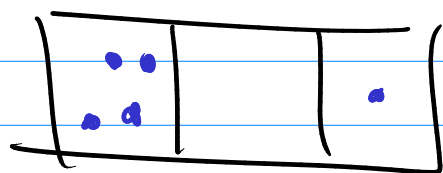
call (r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n) the "occupancy vector"

What is the probability of getting a particular occupancy vector?

$n = 3$ cells $r = 5$ particles



$$(r_1, r_2, r_3) = (2, 1, 2)$$



$$(r_1, r_2, r_3) = (4, 0, 1)$$

Put each of r particles in one of n cells, randomly (each cell equally likely)

$$\underbrace{n \cdot n \cdot n \cdots n}_r = n^r \text{ points in sample space}$$

Assume each of these is equally likely $\frac{1}{n^r}$

How many ways to get (r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n) ?

$$\binom{r}{r_1} \binom{r-r_1}{r_2} \binom{r-r_1-r_2}{r_3} \dots$$

$$= \frac{r!}{\cancel{(r-r_1)!} r_1!} \frac{\cancel{(r-r_1)!}}{\cancel{(r-r_1-r_2)!} r_2!} \dots$$

$$= \frac{r!}{r_1! r_2! \dots r_n!}$$

$$P((r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n)) = \frac{r!}{r_1! r_2! \dots r_n!} \frac{1}{n^r}$$

Particle which obey this probability law are said to have MAXWELL-BOLTZMANN Statistics.

Note: actual elementary particles satisfy instead

BOSE-EINSTEIN
Statistics
(bosons)

or FERMION-DIRAC
Statistics
(Fermions)

Each occupancy vector is equally likely

$$\binom{r+n-1}{n-1}^{-1}$$

each $r_i = 0$ or 1
(Pauli exclusion principle)

$$\binom{n}{r}^{-1}$$

$$n = r = 3$$

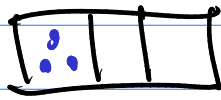
Maxwell
Boltzmann

Bose
Einstein



$$\frac{2}{9}$$

$$\frac{1}{10}$$



$$\frac{1}{27}$$

$$\frac{1}{10}$$

Example (Birthday Paradox)

If n people are in a room, what is Probability that 2 have the same birthday

(relative to previous: person \leftrightarrow particle, birthday \leftrightarrow cell)

Assume each person has each birthday with equal probability. (365 days
No leap years)

$(365)^n$ points in sample space

How many ways to have no two people
with same b-day?

$$(365) \underset{\substack{\text{1st} \\ \text{person}}}{(364)} \cdots \underbrace{(365 - n + 1)}_{\substack{\text{n th} \\ \text{person}}}$$

$$P(\text{no two have same}) = \frac{(365) \cdots (365 - n + 1)}{(365)^n}$$

$$P(\text{two have same}) = 1 - P(\text{no two have same b-day})$$

if $n \geq 23$

$$P(\text{two have same}) > \frac{1}{2}$$