DSC 40A

Theoretical Foundations of Data Science I

Lecture 20-21: Combinatorics

Announcements

- Homework 5 due tonight
- Upcoming homework schedule:
  Homework 6 released Monday 11/18 and due 11/25

Agenda

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  - How many outcomes are possible if a die is rolled 100 times?
  - How many different ways are there to shuffle 52 cards?
  - How many ways are there to choose a jury of 12 people from a panel of 100?

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Question

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Combinatorics

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draw a card, put it back, repeat four more times

$$(A\heartsuit, 2\clubsuit, 6\spadesuit, A\heartsuit, 3\diamondsuit)$$

Example 2:

flip a coin 100 times

$$(H, T, T, H, \ldots, H, T, T, T)$$

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P is the population you can draw from and |P| is the size of that population (number of elements).
How many sequences of length *k* are there?

$$\underbrace{|P| \cdot |P| \cdots |P|}_{k \text{ times}} = |P|^k$$

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<u>Exponential growth</u>

Flip a coin *n* times

n	# of Sequences of Length *n*
5	$2^5 = 32$
10	$2^{10} = 1024$
15	$2^{15} = 32{,}758$
20	$2^{15} \approx$ 1 million
50	$2^{50} \approx$ # of grains of sand on Earth

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Sets

There are 24 ice cream flavors. How many ways can you pick 2 different flavors?

A. 24
B. 24*23
C. 24*24
D. 12*23

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draw a card, **don't** put it back, repeat four more times

$(A\heartsuit, 2\clubsuit, 6\spadesuit, 7\heartsuit, 3\diamondsuit)$

Example 2:

rank 2 best cities to live in out of list of 10

SD, LA

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Example 1:

draw a hand of 5 cards from a deck of 52

$$(A\heartsuit, 2\clubsuit, 6\spadesuit, 7\heartsuit, 3\diamondsuit)$$

Example 2:
Select 5 student from the class

Sampling Without Replacement

Example 6. There are 20 students in a class. A computer program selects a random sample of students by drawing 5 students at random **without replacement**. What is the chance that a particular student is among the 5 selected students?

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Sampling Without Replacement

Part 1. Denominator. If you draw a sample of size 5 at random without replacement from a population of size 20, how many different **sets** of individuals could you draw?

Sampling Without Replacement

Part 2. Numerator. If you draw a sample of size 5 at random without replacement from a population of size 20, how many different **sets** of individuals include a particular person?

Sampling Without Replacement

Using the complement. If you draw a sample of size 5 at random without replacement from a population of size 20, how many different **sets** of individuals **do not** include a particular person?

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Summary

- To calculate *P(E)* we need to find |*E*|
- We need to count sequences or sets
- Must decide if order matters
- When elements are distinct: permutations vs. combinations

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- **Next time:** more examples

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Today

- More examples of using combinatorics to solve probability questions.

Counting as a Tool for Probability

Example 7. What is the probability that a randomly generated bitstring of length 10 contains an equal number of zeros and ones?

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Counting as a Tool for Probability

Example 8. What is the probability that a randomly generated bitstring of length 10 is the string 0011001101?

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Counting as a Tool for Probability

Example 9. What is the probability that a fair coin flipped 10 times turns up an equal number of heads and tails?

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Example 10. What is the probability that a fair coin flipped 10 times turns up HHTTHHTTHT?

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Counting as a Tool for Probability

Example 11. What is the probability that a biased coin with $Prob(H) = \frac{1}{3}$ flipped 10 times turns up an equal number of heads and tails?

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Counting as a Tool for Probability

Example 12. What is the probability that a biased coin with $Prob(H) = \frac{1}{3}$ flipped 10 times turns up HHTTHHTTHT?

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Another way to think of sampling without replacement:

1. randomly shuffle all 20 students
2. take the first 5

Practice Problems

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Example 13. You were one of 238 individuals who reported for jury duty. If 54 of these people will be assigned to a courtroom, what is the probability that you get assigned to a courtroom?

How many sets of 54 individuals include you?

A. C(238, 54)

B. C(237, 54)

C. C(238, 53)

D. C(237, 53)

Practice Problems

Example 14. You were one of 238 individuals who reported for jury duty. Suppose 28 of these individuals are doctors. If 54 of these people will be assigned to a courtroom, what is the probability that exactly 5 doctors get assigned to a courtroom?

Practice Problems

Example 15. What is the probability that your five-card poker hand is a straight?

Practice Problems

Example 16. Suppose you look at your first card as it is dealt, and you see that it is a Queen. What is the probability that your five-card hand is a straight?

Summary

- Counting is a useful tool for probability.
- Sometimes there’s an easy way!
- **Next time:** Bayes Theorem