

Lecture 5

- **Ex** An urn contains 10 red balls, 10 green balls, and 10 blue balls. You draw 5 balls at random without replacement. What is the probability that you do NOT get all the colors?

R = "No red balls"

G = "No green balls"

B = "No blue balls"

$$P(R \cup B \cup G) = ?$$

$$= P(R) + P(B) + P(G)$$

$$- P(R \cap B) - P(R \cap G) - P(G \cap B)$$

$$+ P(R \cap G \cap B)$$

$$= 0$$

$$= 3 [P(R) - P(R \cap B)]$$

$$P(R) = \frac{\binom{20}{5}}{\binom{30}{5}}$$

$$P(R \cap B) = \frac{\binom{10}{5}}{\binom{30}{5}}$$

$$\text{So } 3 [P(R) - P(R \cap B)] = P(R \cup G \cup B) = 3 \left[\frac{\binom{20}{5} - \binom{10}{5}}{\binom{30}{5}} \right]$$

• **Ex** In how many ways can we write $k \in \mathbb{N}$ as a sum of n integer non-negative terms k_1, \dots, k_n ? What if k_1, \dots, k_n all positive?

$$k_1 + k_2 + \dots + k_n = k \quad k_i, k \geq 0$$

$$3 + 2 + 0 + 1 = 6 \quad n=4, k=6$$

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• So we have 9 spots to put the fences.

• So its $\binom{9}{3}$ ways to put fences

• So for general problem above its $\binom{k+n-1}{n-1}$

Ex Now what if we have the same question but all terms are positive (no zeros)

$$2 + 2 + 1 + 1 = 6 \quad \begin{matrix} n=4 \\ k=6 \end{matrix}$$

• Now fences cannot be next to each other

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• So now you have $(k-1)$ slots to choose from so general solution is $\binom{k-1}{n-1}$

• Conditional Probability

Ex Somebody rolls a dice

$A =$ "the outcome is a double"

$B =$ "the sum of the numbers is 10"

What is the probability of A given B has occurred?

$$S = \{ (n_1, n_2) \mid n_1, n_2 \in \{1, 2, \dots, 6\} \}$$

$$B = \{ (6, 4), (4, 6), (5, 5) \}$$

$$A = \{ (1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3), (4, 4), (5, 5), (6, 6) \}$$

$$P(A|B) = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$P(B|A) = \frac{1}{6}$$

Def: Let (S, \mathcal{P}) be a probability space. If $A, B \subset S$ are events with $P(B) \neq 0$, then the conditional probability of A given B is the real number $P(A|B)$ defined by:

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

Rmk: The definition above implies $P(A \cap B) = P(A|B) \cdot P(B) = P(B|A) \cdot P(A)$

Ex Alice and Bob are playing a gambling game. Each rolls a fair six-sided die, and the player with the higher number wins. If they tie, they roll again. If Alice has just won, what is the probability that she rolled a 5.

Conceptual Approach

$A =$ "Alice Won"

$R_i =$ "Alice rolled i "

• We are looking for $P(R_5 | A)$

↳ Assume Alice rolled a , and Bob rolled b . (a, b)

$A = \sum (2, 1), (3, 2), (3, 1), (4, 3), (4, 2), (4, 1), (5, 4), (5, 3), (5, 2), (5, 1), (6, 5), (6, 4), (6, 3), (6, 2), (6, 1) \sum$

$$|A| = 15$$

The # of outcomes in A where Alice rolled 5 is 4.

$$\text{So } P(R_5 | A) = \frac{4}{15}$$

Ex A family has 2 pets (only pets are dog and cat)

i) What is probability that both pets are dogs given one pet is a dog.

$$\begin{aligned} D &= \text{dog} \\ C &= \text{cat} \end{aligned} \quad \text{so } P(\{DD\} | (DD \cup DC \cup CD)) = \frac{P(DD)}{P(DD \cup DC \cup CD)} = \frac{(1/4)}{(3/4)} = \frac{1}{3}$$

ii) What is probability both pets are dogs given one of the pets is a dog born on Tuesday.

$$D = \text{Dog} \quad D_T = \text{"Tuesday Dog"}$$

$$C = \text{Cat} \quad D_* = \text{"Non-Tuesday Dog"}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{so } P(\{DD\} | (D_T D \cup D_* D_T \cup CD_T \cup D_T C)) & \quad \text{NOTE: } D = D_T \cup D_*, \text{ and } D_T \cap D_* = \emptyset \\ & \quad D_T D = D_T D_* \cup D_T D_T \\ & = \frac{P(D_T D \cup D_* D_T)}{P(D_T D \cup D_* D_T \cup CD_T \cup D_T C)} \end{aligned}$$

• Since the intersection is \emptyset

$$P(D_T D \cup D_* D_T) = P(D_T D) + P(D_* D_T)$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(D_T D) &= \frac{1}{14} \cdot \frac{1}{2} & P(D_* D_T) &= \frac{6}{14} \cdot \frac{1}{14} \\ & \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \underbrace{\frac{1}{7}} & & \underbrace{\frac{6}{14}} \cdot \underbrace{\frac{1}{14}} \\ & \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{7} & & \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{6}{7} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{7} \end{aligned}$$

$$\bullet \text{ So } P(D_T D \cup D_* D_T) = \left(\frac{1}{14}\right)\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + \left(\frac{6}{14}\right)\left(\frac{1}{14}\right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(D_T D \cup D_* D_T \cup CD_T \cup D_T C) &= P(D_T D) + P(D_* D_T) + P(CD_T) + P(D_T C) \\ &= \frac{1}{14}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + \left(\frac{6}{14}\right)\left(\frac{1}{14}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{1}{14}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{14}\right)\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\bullet \text{ So } \frac{P(D_T D \cup D_* D_T)}{P(D_T D \cup D_* D_T \cup CD_T \cup D_T C)} = \frac{13}{27}$$

$$\bullet \text{ Notice } \left(\frac{P(D_T D \cup D_* D_T)}{P(D_T D \cup D_* D_T \cup CD_T \cup D_T C)} \right) > \frac{P(DD)}{P(DD \cup DC \cup CD)}$$