

Example 1.11. A fair coin is tossed three times. Let A be the event that at least one head shows up in three throws. Then find $P(A)$.

\Rightarrow Here $\Omega = \{HHH, HHT, HTH, THH, HTT, THT, TTH, TTT\}$.

Now, $P(A) = 1 - P(A^c) = 1 - P(\text{no head in three toss}) = 1 - P(TTT) = 1 - 1/8 = 7/8$.

Example 1.12. A fair die is rolled twice. Let A be the event that the first throw shows a number ≤ 2 , and B is the event that the second throw shows at least 5. Then find $P(A \cup B)$.

\Rightarrow Here $\Omega = \{(i, j) : i, j = 1(1)6\}$, $A = \{(i, j) : i = 1, 2; j = 1(1)6\}$, $B = \{(i, j) : i = 1(1)6; j = 5, 6\}$, $A \cap B = \{(i, j) : i = 1, 2; j = 5, 6\}$.

Now, $P(A) = 12/36 = 1/3$, $P(B) = 12/36 = 1/3$, $P(A \cap B) = 4/36 = 1/9$.

So, $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B) = 5/9$.

[Do It Yourself] 1.28. A box contains 1000 light bulbs. The probability that there is at least 1 defective bulb in the box is 0.1, and the probability that there are at least 2 defective bulbs is 0.05. Then find the probability that i) The box contains no defective bulbs. ii) The box contains exactly 1 defective bulb. iii) The box contains at most 1 defective bulb. [Ans : 0.9, 0.05, 0.95, Hint : Take $X = \text{No. of defective bulbs}$, So $X = 0, 1, \dots, 1000$]

[Do It Yourself] 1.29. Let A and B be two events such that $A \subseteq B$. Then find $P(A \cap B)$, $P(A \cup B)$, $P(A \setminus B)$?

[Do It Yourself] 1.32. A random experiment has only two possible outcomes, the first occurs with probability $p^2 + \frac{p}{4}$ and the second occurs with probability $\frac{3-p}{4}$. Then show that the possible values of p are $\pm \frac{1}{2}$.

1.3.5 Geometric Probability

Let $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be a given set, and $A \subset \Omega$. We are interested in the probability that a ‘randomly chosen point’ in Ω falls in A . Here ‘randomly chosen’ means that the point may be any point of Ω and that the probability of its falling in some subset A of Ω is proportional to the measure of A (independently of the location and shape of A). Assuming that both A and Ω have well-defined finite measures (length, area, volume, etc.), here

$$P(A) = \frac{\text{measure}(A)}{\text{measure}(\Omega)}.$$

[Do It Yourself] 1.33. A point is picked at random from a square. Let $\Omega = \{(x, y) : 0 \leq x \leq 2, 0 \leq y \leq 2\}$. We choose $\mathcal{S} = \mathcal{B}^2$, if $A \in \mathcal{S}$, then find $P(A)$ in each of the following case. Here we take $P(A)$ is the area of the set A .

1. $A = \{(x, y) : 0 \leq x \leq 3/2, 1/2 \leq y \leq 2\}$.
2. A is a circle with center $(1, 1)$ and radius 1 unit.
3. A is the set of all points which are at most $3/2$ unit distance from the origin.

[Ans : $9/16, \pi/4, 9\pi/64$]

Example 1.13. An interval $(0, 3)$ is divided into three intervals by choosing two points at random. What is the probability that the three line segments form a triangle?

\Rightarrow Three line segments form a triangle iff the sum of the length of any two line segments is greater than the other one. Let the length of left one is x , second one is $y \Rightarrow$ third one is $3 - x - y$. So the conditions are $x + y > 3 - x - y$ or, $x + 3 - x - y > y$ or, $y + 3 - x - y > x$
 $\Rightarrow x + y > 3/2$ or, $y < 3/2$ or, $x < 3/2$.

In two dimension we can easily plot and calculate the area is: $\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{3}{2} = \frac{9}{8}$ sq. unit.

Again the total area corresponds to : $x > 0, y > 0, 3 - x - y > 0$ i.e. $\frac{1}{2} \cdot 3 \cdot 3 = 9/2$ sq. unit. Therefore, the required probability is $1/4$.

[Do It Yourself] **1.35.** Two points are chosen at random on a line of unit length. Find the probability that each of the three line segments so formed will have a length $> 1/4$.
 [Ans : $1/16$]

[Do It Yourself] **1.37.** The base and the altitude of a right triangle are obtained by picking points randomly from $[0, a]$ and $[0, b]$, respectively. Show that the probability that the area of the triangle so formed will be less than $ab/4$ is $\frac{1+\ln(2)}{2}$.

[Hint : Take x in $[0, a]$ and y in $[0, b]$ now solve the easy problem]

[Do It Yourself] **1.38.** A point X is chosen at random on a line segment AB . (i) Show that the probability that the ratio of lengths AX/BX is smaller than a ($a > 0$) is $a/(1+a)$. (ii) Show that the probability that the ratio of the length of the shorter segment to that of the larger segment is less than $1/3$ is $1/2$.

[Do It Yourself] **1.39.** Two points are chosen at random on a line segment of length 9 cm. Find the probability that the distance between these two points is less than 3 cm?

1.3.6 Finite Sample Spaces

- ▶ Here $\Omega = \{\omega_1, \dots, \omega_n\}$ with $P\{\omega_j\} = 1/n, j = 1, 2, \dots, n$.
- ▶ Here elementary event in Ω is assigned the same probability.
- ▶ With equally likely assumption: $P(A) = \frac{\text{number of elementary events in } A}{\text{total number of elementary events in } \Omega}$.
- ▶ The above is also known as ‘Classical definition of probability’.
- ▶ A coin is tossed twice. The sample space consists of four points. Under the uniform assignment, each of four elementary events is assigned probability $1/4$.
- ▶ Three dice are rolled. The sample space consists of 6^3 points. Each one-point set is assigned probability $1/6^3$.

Example 1.14. What are the probability of obtaining i) an odd number ii) a multiple of 3 in the throw of a fair die?

⇒ Let A denote the odd number of points is obtained. Among 6 total events, 3 are elementary events in E i.e. 1, 3, 5. So $P(E) = 3/6 = 1/2$.

□ Easy.

[Do It Yourself] 1.40. Two unbiased dice are thrown. Find the probability of obtained i) a total of 8 points ii) at least an ace.

[Ans : 5/36, 11/36]

[Do It Yourself] 1.41. The probability that a teacher will take a surprise test in his class is 2/7. If a student is absent on 3 days, what is the probability that he will miss atleast one test.

[Do It Yourself] 1.45. If p and q are chosen randomly from the set $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$ with replacement, find the probability that the equation $x^2 + px + q = 0$ has real but unequal roots. [Ans : $\frac{25}{49}$]

[Do It Yourself] 1.49. The face cards are removed from a full pack. Out of the remaining cards, 4 are drawn i) What is the probability that they belong to different suit? ii) What is the probability that the 4 cards belongs to different suit and different denominations? [Hint : Face cards are J, K, Q]

[Do It Yourself] 1.50. If the letters of the word STUDENTS are arranged at random, then find the probability that the vowels will be next to each other.

[Hint : Total events = $\frac{8!}{2!2!}$, Elementary events = $\frac{7!}{2!2!}$]

[Do It Yourself] 1.51. A club consisting 15 married couples chooses a president and then a secretary by random selection. What is the probability that i) Both are men ii) One is man and other is woman iii) President is a man and secretary is an woman.

[Ans : $\frac{15 \times 14}{30 \times 29}$, $\frac{15 \times 15 \times 2}{30 \times 29}$, $\frac{15 \times 15}{30 \times 29}$]

[Do It Yourself] 1.52. Among 270 tickets sold in a lottery, 100 are colored red, 90 colored blue and 80 colored green. What is the probability that (i) blue tickets will win both the first and second prizes? (ii) A blue ticket will win first prize and a green ticket the second?

Example 1.16. A box contains 7 white and 5 black balls. 3 balls are drawn random. Find the probability that they all of the same colour when i) The balls are drawn at a time ii) One by one without replacement iii) One by one with replacement.

\Rightarrow Let A be the event that three same colour balls are drawn at a time.

Here total number of events = $\binom{12}{3}$.

Among them $\binom{7}{3} + \binom{5}{3}$ are elementary events related to A .

Therefore, the required probability = $\frac{\binom{7}{3} + \binom{5}{3}}{\binom{12}{3}}$.

□ Let A be the event that three same colour balls are drawn one by one without replacement.

Here total number of events = $12 \times 11 \times 10$.

Among them $(7 \times 6 \times 5) + (5 \times 4 \times 3)$ are elementary events related to A .

Therefore, the required probability = $\frac{(7 \times 6 \times 5) + (5 \times 4 \times 3)}{12 \times 11 \times 10}$.

□ Let A be the event that three same colour balls are drawn one by one with replacement.

Here total number of events = $12 \times 12 \times 12 = 12^3$.

Among them $7^3 + 5^3$ are elementary events related to A .

Therefore, the required probability = $\frac{7^3 + 5^3}{12^3}$.

1.3.7 Permutations & Combinations

► Permutation are for list (order matters) whereas combinations are for groups (order does not matter).

► Example: We form a group of three people as team leader, manager and technical person out of 7 person then the number of way: ${}^7P_3 = 7.6.5 = 210$.

► Example: We form a group of three people out of 7 person then the number of way: ${}^7C_3 = \frac{7.6.5}{6} = 35$.

► Falling Factorial: $(6)_2 = 6.5$, $(n)_r = n.(n-1).(n-2) \dots (n-r+1)$.

► Formulaes: i) $\binom{n}{x} = \binom{n}{n-x}$, ii) $\binom{n}{x} + \binom{n}{x-1} = \binom{n+1}{x}$, iii) $\sum_{x=0}^n \binom{n}{x} = 2^n$, iv) $\sum_{x=0}^n x \binom{n}{x} = n2^{n-1}$, v) $\sum_{x=0}^n \binom{n}{x}^2 = \binom{2n}{n}$, vi) $\sum_{x=0}^k \binom{m}{x} \binom{n}{k-x} = \binom{m+n}{k}$, vii) $\binom{-n}{x} = (-1)^x \binom{n+x-1}{x}$.

► We have 6 digits, the number of ways to form a 3 digit number in an increasing order is $\binom{6}{3}$.

[Do It Yourself] 1.54. How many ways the 7 different object can be arranged in a row?

[Do It Yourself] 1.55. In how many different ways can 6 people be seated in 10 seats?

[Do It Yourself] 1.56. In a restaurant 16 seats are available, 8 chairs and 8 tools. How many ways, a group of 6 boys and 7 girls can be seated so that boys always get tools and girls always get chairs.

Example 1.17. How many ways 6 people be seated at a round table if i) They can seat anywhere, ii) Two particular person always sit together, iii) Two particular people must not seat to each other.

\Rightarrow If 1 people be seated anywhere then rest can be seated in $5!$ ways. So the number of ways are $5!$.

□ Take two people as one unit so the total number of ways are $4!.2!$.

□ Take two people as one unit so the total number of ways are $4!.2!$. Therefore, two particular people must not seat to each other can be formed in $5! - 4!.2!$ ways.

[Do It Yourself] 1.60. There are three different groups A, B, C with 5, 6, 2 members respectively will form a line. How many different arrangements are possible if i) All group members stand together. ii) Only group B members stand together.

[Do It Yourself] 1.61. Five red marbles, three white marbles and two green marbles are arranged in a row. If all the marbles of the same color are not distinguishable from each other, then how many different arrangement is possible?

Example 1.18. Suppose we have 5 vowels and 8 consonants, how many words of length 4 can be found with 2 vowels and 3 consonants.

\Rightarrow Two vowels can be choose in 5C_2 ways, three consonant can be choose in 8C_3 ways and the 5 letters can be arranged in $5!$ ways. Therefore, the total number of arrangements are $5! {}^5C_2 {}^8C_3$.

1.3.9 Rule of Divisibility

- ▶ A number is divisible by 2 if it ends with a 0, 2, 4, 6, 8.
- ▶ A number is divisible by 3 if the sum of the digits is a multiple of 3.
- ▶ A number is divisible by 4 if the last two digits are a multiple of 4 or, 00.
- ▶ A number is divisible by 5 if it ends with a 0, 5.
- ▶ A number is divisible by 6 if it is divisible by 2 and by 3.
- ▶ A number is divisible by 9 if the sum of the digits are a multiple of 9.

Example 1.21. The digits 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 are written down in random order to give a 6 digit number. What is the probability that i) the number is divisible by 3 ii) the number is divisible by 4.

\Rightarrow Let A denote the event that the number is divisible by 3.

Here total number of events = $6!$. Here $(1+2+3+4+5+6)$ is always divisible by 3.

It implies $6!$ are elementary events related to A . Therefore, required probability = 1.

□ Let A denote the event that the number is divisible by 4.

Here total number of events = $6!$. Here the last 2 digits which are divided by 4 are 8 namely (12, 16, 24, 32, 36, 52, 56, 64).

It implies $8 \times 4!$ are elementary events related to A . Therefore, required probability = $\frac{8 \times 4!}{6!}$.

[Do It Yourself] 1.77. A four digit number is chosen at random. The probability that there are exactly two zeros in that number is

(A) 0.73. (B) 0.973. (C) 0.027. (D) 0.27.

[Hint : Total : First position can't be 0, Elementary : First is not zero & exactly two zeros]

[Do It Yourself] 1.78. The digits 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 are written down at random order to form a 7 digit number. What is the probability that the number is divisible by 4?