

## What is Probability?

### §4.1

**Probability** – the likelihood that a certain event will occur.

P(A): “P of A” or “Probability of A”

$$0 \leq P \leq 1 \quad \text{or} \quad 0\% \leq P \leq 100\%$$

### **Ways to Compute Probability**

#### 1. *Intuition*

Ex. ESPN reports that the Detroit Red Wings have a 70% chance of winning the Stanley Cup.

#### 2. *Relative Frequency*: $P(\text{event}) = \frac{f}{n} = \frac{\text{frequency of an event}}{\text{sample size}}$

Ex. The right to health lobby found that out of 100 lab reports, 40 contained errors.

#### 3. Probability Formula: $P(\text{event}) = \frac{\# \text{ of favorable outcomes}}{\text{total \# of outcomes}}$

Ex.  $P(\text{heads}) = \frac{1}{2}$  ;  $P(\text{rolling a 4}) = \frac{1}{6}$

**Law of Large Numbers** – as a sample size increases and increases, the relative frequencies of outcomes get closer and closer to the theoretical (or actual) probability.

**Sample Space** – the set of all possible outcomes of an experiment.

Coin Flip = {heads, tails}

Die Roll = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6}

**Complement of an event** –  $1 - P(A)$

If  $P(\text{blue}) = \frac{2}{7}$  , then  $P(\text{not blue}) = \frac{5}{7}$

Compound Events  
§4.2 (Day 1)

P(5 on 1<sup>st</sup> die, 3 on 2<sup>nd</sup> die)

P(ace on 1<sup>st</sup> card, ace on 2<sup>nd</sup> card)

With Replacement: ***Independent***

Without Replacement: ***Dependent***

Independent/Dependent Events

$P(A \text{ and } B) = P(A) \cdot P(B)$

$P(A, B, \text{ and } C) = P(A) \cdot P(B) \cdot P(C)$

**Example 1**

Find each using 2 die.

a.  $P(5, 2)$

b.  $P(3, 3)$

**Example 2**

Find each using one coin.

a.  $P(H, T)$

b.  $P(T, T, T, T)$

**Example 3**

Find each using a deck of cards without replacement.

a.  $P(A, K)$

b.  $P(8, 8)$

**Example 4**

If a bag of marbles contains 8 red, 6 blue, 5 green, and 1 yellow, find each without replacement.

a.  $P(b, y)$

b.  $P(r, g)$

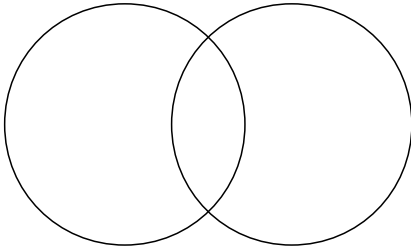
c.  $P(g, r)$

d.  $P(\text{not } r, y)$

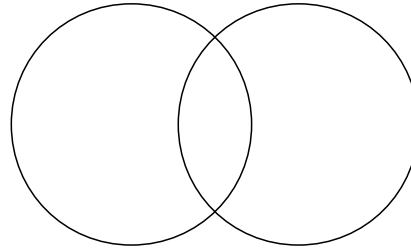
**Pg 192, 1c, 2c, 3c, 4acd, 5abc-7abc, 10abc-12abc**

Compound Events  
§4.2 (Day 2)

P(A and B)



P(A or B)



P(king or dia) =

Mutually exclusive events – events that can not occur at the same time.

**Example 1**

Determine which are mutually exclusive.

- a. drawing a 4, drawing a 6
- b. drawing a 4, drawing a club
- c. rolling a 5, rolling a 2
- d. taking math, taking English.

**Mutually Exclusive events A and B**

$$P(A \text{ or } B) = P(A) + P(B)$$

**Not Mutually Exclusive events A and B**

$$P(A \text{ or } B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \text{ and } B)$$

**Example 2**

Find the following.

- a. P(J or A)
- b. P(10 or c)
- c. P(9 or 10 or J or Q)
- d. P(sum of die, 8 or 9 or 10)

Compound Events  
§4.2 (Day 3)

A survey was done on employee's political affiliation at a company with the following results:

Type Employee	Democrat (D)	Republican(R)	Ind (I)	<b>TOTAL</b>
Executive	5	34	9	<b>48</b>
Prod. Worker (PW)	63	21	8	<b>92</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>140</b>

**Example 1**

Find each.

a.  $P(D)$

b.  $P(E)$

c.  $P(D, \text{ given } E)$

d.  $P(R, \text{ given } PW)$  e.  $P(D \text{ and } E)$

f.  $P(D \text{ or } E)$

Trees and Counting Techniques  
§4.3 (Day 1)

What if a sample space is not easy to figure out?

**Example 1**

A college student needs to take Calculus, History, and English their freshman year. There are 4 sections of Calculus, 2 sections of History, and 3 sections of English. How many different schedules are possible?

Is there an easier way for the 24?

**Multiplication Rule of Counting** – if there are  $n$  possible outcomes for event  $E_1$  and  $m$  possible outcomes for event  $E_2$ , then the total of  $n \times m$  or  $nm$  possible outcomes for the series of events  $E_1$  followed by  $E_2$ .

**Example 2**

A dinner menu gives you a choice of 2 appetizers, 3 salads, 5 main dishes, and 4 desserts. How many possible combinations are there?

Trees and Counting Techniques  
§4.3 (Day 2)

How many ways exist for 8 people to be seated at a dinner table?

When multiplying in descending order, it is called *factorial*.

$$\begin{aligned}! &= \text{factorial} \\ 8! &= 40,320\end{aligned}$$

**Example 1**

Find each.

a.  $5!$

b.  $3!$

**Counting Rule for Permutations** – the number of ways to arrange in order  $n$  distinct objects, taking  $r$  at a time is:

$$P_{n,r} = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!}$$

Order is important

**Example 2**

Find each.

a.  $P_{7,3}$

b.  $P_{10,6}$

**Example 3**

If we have 8 people to sit with only 5 chairs and these 5 are to be in a particular order, how many combinations exist?

**Counting Rule for Combinations** – the number of combinations of  $n$  objects taken  $r$  at a time is:

$$C_{n,r} = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$$

Order not important

**Example 4**

Find each.

a.  $C_{6,2}$

b.  $C_{8,5}$

**Example 5**

Out of 12 people, 3 will go to the convention