

Counting and Probability

COUNTING METHODS

- Fundamental Counting Principle is used when we perform a series of tasks. If the first task can be done in a ways, the second task can be done in b ways, the third task can be done in c ways, and so on, then all the tasks can be done in a · b · c … ways
- Slot Diagrams can be used to visualize the number of ways each task can be done before using Fundamental Counting Principle to find a total.
- A **Permutation** is an ordering of distinct objects in a straight line. *Order matters* $P(n,r) = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!}$
- If we choose objects from a set, we are forming a **Combination**.

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



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=100,000 possibilities



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=22,500 possibilities



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• First, determine our tasks:

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- Task 2: Arrange Max and Griffon in the pair of chairs.
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• Task 1: Assign Max and Griffon a pair of chairs next to one another.



• There are **5** ways to assign Max and Griffon a pair of chairs.



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Task 2: Arrange Max and Griffon in the pair of chairs.



• There are **2** ways to arrange Max and Griffon.



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Task 3: Assign students to the remaining front row chairs.



- There are **17160** ways to assign Max and Griffon a pair of chairs.
- Note: You could also do *P*(13, 4)



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- Use Fundamental Counting Principle to get the final answer:
 - Task 1: Assign Max and Griffon a pair of chairs next to one another. 5
 - Task 2: Arrange Max and Griffon in the pair of chairs. 2
 - Task 3: Assign students to the remaining front row chairs. 17160
- $5 \cdot 2 \cdot 17160 = 171600$
- There are **171,600** ways to seat Max and Griffon in the front row.



- License plates in Florida have the form A24BCDE; that is, a letter followed by 2 digits followed by 4 more letters.
- How many license plates are possible?



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- Griff would like his license plate to end in MWSU. How many plates are possible?



• There are **2,600** possible license plates.



- The math club needs to select a President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary from their 28 members. How many ways can they do this?
 - Note: Members are being assigned positions, so this is a permutation.

• P(28, 4) = 491400

• There are **491,400** possible leadership committees.



- In the game of poker, five cards are drawn from a standard 52-card deck. How many different poker hands are possible?
 - Note: Order does not matter, so this is a combination.

• C(52,5) = 2598960

• There are **2,598,960** possible hands.



- A club has 10 seniors, 7 juniors, 8 sophomores, and 5 freshman. How many ways can the club choose a 5 person planning committee with exactly 3 juniors?
- Task 1: Choose the 3 juniors
 - C(7,3) = 35
- Task 2: Choose 2 more that are not juniors
 - C(23,2) = 253
- Use Fundamental Counting Principle to get the final answer: $35 \cdot 253 = 8855$
- There are **8,855** ways to create the planning committee.



- A 18-member organization wishes to choose a committee consisting of a president, vice president, secretary, and a four-member executive board. In how many different ways can this committee be formed?
- Task 1: Choose the president, vice president, and secretary.
 - P(18,3) = 4896
- Task 2: Choose the 4-member executive committee from the remaining members.
 C(15,4) =1365
- Use Fundamental Counting Principle to get the final answer: $4896 \cdot 1365 = 6683040$
- There are **6,683,040** ways to create the committee.



PROBABILITY DEFINITIONS

- In an experiment, the **sample space** is a list of all possible outcomes.
- An **event** is a subset of the sample space.
- The **probability of event E**, written P(E), is the sum of the probabilities of the outcomes in event E.

Let *E* and *F* be events in a sample space *S*. Then
1.
$$0 \le P(E) \le 1$$
 2. $P(S) = 1$ 3. $P(\emptyset) = 0$
4. $P(\overline{E}) = 1 - P(E)$
5. $P(E \cup F) = P(E) + P(F) - P(E \cap F)$



EQUALLY LIKELY OUTCOMES

A couple wants three children. What are the arrangements of boys (B) and girls (G)?
Find the probability of an individual outcome in your sample space. Genetics tells us that the probability that a baby is a boy or a girl is the same, 0.5.

- Sample space: {BBB, BBG, BGB, GBB, GGB, GBG, BGG, GGG}
- All eight outcomes in the sample space are equally likely. The probability of each is thus 1/8.



A jar contains 4 red marbles, 11 green marbles, and 6 blue marbles.

 What is the probability that you draw 4 green marbles in a row if you do replace the marbles after each draw?



• The probability of drawing 4 green marbles is $\frac{14641}{194481} = 0.07528$



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• What is the probability that you draw 3 red marbles in a row if you don't replace the marbles after each draw?



• The probability of drawing 3 red marbles is $\frac{24}{7980} = 0.003008$



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- What is the probability that you draw 7 blue marbles in a row if you don't replace the marbles after each draw?
- Note: There are only 6 blue marbles in the jar. It is impossible to draw 7 blue marbles without replacement.
- The probability of drawing 7 blue marbles is **0**.



A jar contains 4 red marbles, 11 green marbles, and 6 blue marbles.

 What is the probability that you draw exactly one of each color, if you pick three from the jar?



• The probability of drawing one of color is $\frac{1584}{7980} = 0.198496$



- Three students from an 18 student class will be selected to attend a meeting. 11 of the students are female.
 - What is the probability that all three of the students chosen to attend the meeting are female?

$$\frac{Group \ of \ 3 \ female \ students}{Group \ of \ any \ 3 \ students} = \frac{C(11,3)}{C(18,3)} = \frac{165}{816}$$

The probability of selecting all three females is $\frac{165}{816} = 0.2022$



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 - What is the probability that NOT all three of the students chosen to attend the meeting are female?
 - Note: We can use the compliment!

$$1 - \frac{Group \ of \ 3 \ female \ students}{Group \ of \ any \ 3 \ students} = 1 - \frac{C(11,3)}{C(18,3)} = 1 - \frac{165}{816}$$

The probability of selecting NOT all three females is $\frac{651}{816} = 0.7978$



DICE EXAMPLE

- If you roll 4 six sided dice, find the probability that the sum of the dice is greater than 5.
 - Note: Use the compliment:
 - For the sum to be 5 or less, we need to roll all four 1s or roll three 1s and one 2. We can do this 5 ways. The total number of outcomes would be $6 \cdot 6 \cdot 6 \cdot 6 = 6^4 = 1296$

So
$$1 - \frac{5}{1296} = \frac{1291}{1396} = 0.9961$$



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- If you roll 4 six sided dice, find the probability that at least one of the dice has a two showing.
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 - For no twos to be showing, each die only has 5 possible outcomes.

$$1 - \frac{5}{6} \times \frac{5}{6} \times \frac{5}{6} \times \frac{5}{6}$$

So
$$1 - \frac{625}{1296} = \frac{671}{1296} = 0.5177$$



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The union of two events E and F, denoted $E \cup F$, is the set of all outcomes in E or in F.

The intersection of two events E and F, denoted $E \cap F$, is the set of all outcomes in E and in F.

For events *E* and *F*, the **probability of** *E* given *F* is $P(E | F) = \frac{P(E \cap F)}{P(F)}$



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 - $P(A \cup B) = 0.18 + 0.24 + 0.27 = 0.69$
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 $(0.02 \cdot 0.89) + (0.98 \cdot 0.12)$ = 0.1354 or 13.54%

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