

# Probability and Counting

Sample Space =  $\{(H,1),(H,2),(H,3),(H,4),(T,1),(T,2),(T,3),(T,4)\}$

## Tree Diagram

1 (H,1)  
2 (H,2)  
3 (H,3)  
4 (H,4)  
1 (T,1)  
2 (T,2)  
3 (T,3)  
4 (T,4)

2 x 4

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## Tree Diagram

What is the sample space for casting two dice experiment?

Die 1: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

Die 2: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

1 (1,1)  
2 (1,2)  
3 (1,3)  
4 (1,4)  
5 (1,5)  
6 (1,6)

6 x 6 = 36 outcomes

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## Sample Space (Two Dice)

Sample Space: Compound event

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

Simple event

How many outcomes are "Sum is 7"?

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## Counting Rules

### Fundamental Principle of Counting

**Counting Rule:** (use of the notation  $k_n$ )  
In a sequence of  $n$  events in which the first one has  $k_1$  possibilities and the second event has  $k_2$  and the third has  $k_3$ , and so forth, the total possibilities of the sequence will be  $k_1 \times k_2 \times k_3 \times \dots \times k_n$

$2 \times 4 = 8$  possible outcomes (coin & wheel)  
 $6 \times 6 = 36$  possible outcomes (2 dice)  
 $k_1 \times k_2$

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## Example:

There are **three** shirts of different colors, **two** jackets of different styles and **five** pairs of pants in the closet. How many ways can you dress yourself with one shirt, one jacket and one pair of pants selected from the closet?

Sol:  $3 \times 2 \times 5 = 30$  ways

$k_1 \times k_2 \times k_3$

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## Permutations

**B A S E**

How many different four-letter code words can be formed by using the four letters in the word "BASE" without repeating use of the same letter?

$k_1 = 4 \quad k_2 = 3 \quad k_3 = 2 \quad k_4 = 1$

$4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 = 24$

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# Probability and Counting

## Factorial Formula

For any counting number  $n$

$$n! = 1 \times 2 \times \dots \times (n - 1) \times n$$

$$0! = 1$$

Example:  $3! = 1 \times 2 \times 3 = \mathbf{6}$

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B A S E

How many different four-letter code words can be formed by using the four letters in the word "BASE" and the same letter can be used repeatedly?

$$k_1 = 4 \quad k_2 = 4 \quad k_3 = 4 \quad k_4 = 4$$

$$4 \cdot 4 \cdot 4 \cdot 4 = \mathbf{256}$$

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B A S E

How many different four-letter code words can be formed by using the four letters selected from letters A through Z and the same letter can **not** be used repeatedly?

$$k_1 = 26 \quad k_2 = 25 \quad k_3 = 24 \quad k_4 = 23$$

$$26 \cdot 25 \cdot 24 \cdot 23 = \mathbf{358,800}$$

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B A S E

How many different four-letter code words can be formed by using the four letters selected from letters A through Z and the same letter can be used repeatedly?

$$k_1 = 26 \quad k_2 = 26 \quad k_3 = 26 \quad k_4 = 26$$

$$26 \cdot 26 \cdot 26 \cdot 26 = \mathbf{456,976}$$

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## Permutation Rule

### Permutation Rule:

The number of possible permutations of  $r$  objects from a collection of  $n$  distinct objects is

$${}_n P_r = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!}$$

Order does count!

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## Permutations

$${}_n P_r = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!}$$

How many ways can a four-digit code be formed by selecting 4 distinct digits from nine digits, 1 through 9, without repeating use of the same digit?

$$\begin{aligned} {}_9 P_4 &= \frac{9!}{(9-4)!} = \frac{9!}{5!} = \frac{9 \cdot 8 \cdot 7 \cdot 6 \cdot \cancel{5!}}{\cancel{5!}} \\ &= 9 \cdot 8 \cdot 7 \cdot 6 = \mathbf{3024} \end{aligned}$$

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# Probability and Counting

## Combination Rule

### Combination Rule:

The number of possible combinations of  $r$  objects from a collection of  $n$  distinct objects is

$${}_n C_r = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$$

Order does not count!

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## Combinations

$${}_n C_r = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$$

How many ways can a committee be formed by selecting 3 people from a group of 10 candidates?

$$n = 10, \quad r = 3$$

$$\begin{aligned} {}_{10}C_3 &= \frac{10!}{3!(10-3)!} = \frac{10!}{3! \cdot 7!} = \frac{10 \cdot 9 \cdot 8 \cdot \cancel{7!}}{3! \cdot \cancel{7!}} \\ &= \frac{10 \cdot 9 \cdot 8}{3!} = \mathbf{120} \end{aligned}$$

ABC, ACB, BAC, BCA, CAB, CBA are the same combination.

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## Combinations

$${}_n C_r = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$$

How many ways can a combination of 4 distinct digits be selected from nine digits, 1 through 9?

$$\begin{aligned} {}_9C_4 &= \frac{9!}{4!(9-4)!} = \frac{9!}{4! \cdot 5!} = \frac{9 \cdot 8 \cdot 7 \cdot 6 \cdot \cancel{5!}}{4! \cdot \cancel{5!}} \\ &= \frac{9 \cdot 8 \cdot 7 \cdot 6}{4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} \\ &= \mathbf{126} \end{aligned}$$

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## Probability Using Counting (Theoretical Approach)

$${}_n C_r = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$$

In a lottery game, one selects 6 distinct numbers from a set of 47 distinct numbers, what is the probability of winning the jackpot?

$$n = 47, \quad r = 6$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{47!}{6! \cdot 41!} = \frac{47 \cdot 46 \cdot 45 \cdot 44 \cdot 43 \cdot 42 \cdot \cancel{41!}}{6! \cdot \cancel{41!}} \\ &= \frac{47 \cdot 46 \cdot 45 \cdot 44 \cdot 43 \cdot 42}{6!} = \mathbf{10,737,573} \end{aligned}$$

$$P(\text{Jackpot}) = \frac{1}{10,737,573} \quad (\text{Theoretical Prob.})$$

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## Birthday Problem

In a group of randomly select 23 people, what is the probability that at least two people have the same birth date? (Assume there are 365 days in a year.)

P(at least two people have the same birth date)

Too hard !!!

$$\begin{aligned} &= 1 - P(\text{everybody has different birth date}) \\ &= 1 - [365 \times 364 \times \dots \times (365 - 23 + 1)] / 365^{23} \end{aligned}$$

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## Binomial Probability

What is the probability of getting two 6's in casting a balanced die 5 times experiment?

$$P(S \cap S \cap S' \cap S' \cap S') = (1/6)^2 \times (5/6)^3 = \mathbf{0.016}$$

$$P(S \cap S' \cap S \cap S' \cap S') = (1/6)^2 \times (5/6)^3$$

$$P(S \cap S' \cap S' \cap S \cap S') = (1/6)^2 \times (5/6)^3$$

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$$\text{How many of them? } \binom{5}{2} = \frac{5!}{2! \cdot 3!} = 10$$

$$\text{Probability (two 6's)} = 0.016 \times 10 = \mathbf{0.16}$$

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