



#### COMP 1002

#### Logic for Computer Scientists

#### Lecture 27







#### Puzzle: misspelling OSOYOOS

- In the game of Scrabble, players make words out of the pieces they have.
  - Suppose that someone puts the word "OSOYOOS" on the board, using up all her pieces.
  - How many ways could she have had the letters arranged on the rack in front of them?
    - The order of multiple copies of a letter does not matter: switching two S around results in the same sequence, but switching O and S does not.
    - The letters on the rack do not have to form a word.





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  - There are 7 letters in the word OSOYOOS. If they were all distinct, that would be 7! = 5040 ways.
  - But there are 4 Os, and 2 Ss, order of which does not matter.
  - There are 4! ways to order Os, and 2! ways to order Ss.
  - Therefore, the total number of ways to order the letters ignoring the order of Os and Ss is  $7!/_{4!2!} = 105$





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- Suppose that someone puts the word "OSOYOOS" on the board, using up all her pieces.
- How many ways could she have had the letters arranged on the rack in front of them, such that Ss are not next to each other?
  - First, let's consider all possible orderings of remaining letters: 5!/4! of them.
  - Now, consider places where S can go: \_o\_o\_y\_o\_o\_ (here, ooyoo are in arbitrary order). There are 6 such places.
  - So there are  $\binom{6}{2} = \frac{6!}{2!4!}$  ways to place Ss.
  - Therefore, the total number of ways to order the letters ignoring the order of Os and Ss and with Ss not next to each other is  $\frac{5!6!}{4!4!2!} = 75$
  - Alternatively, consider all orderings with Ss next to each other: there are  $\frac{6!}{4!} = 30$  of them (treating the "SS" as a single letter).
  - Now, the total is 105-30 = 75.







#### Summary



Selecting k out of n objects	Order matters (permutations)	Order ignored (combinations)
With repetitions	$n^k$	$\binom{k+n-1}{k}$
Without repetitions	$P(n,k) = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!}$	$\binom{n}{k}$



## **Binomial theorem**



- Binomial expansion: open parentheses in  $(x + y)^n$
- Open the parentheses in  $(x + y)^2$ 
  - $x^2 + 2xy + y^2$
- Open parentheses in  $(x + y)^3$

$$- x^{3} + xxy + xyx + yxx + xyy + yxy + yyx + y^{3} = x^{3} + 3x^{2}y + 3xy^{2} + y^{3}$$

- That is, a coefficient in front of x<sup>2</sup>y is the number of ways to pick one y (or 2 x) out of 3 positions.
- Call these coefficients **binomial coefficients**.
- Binomial theorem

$$(x+y)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} x^k y^{n-k}$$

• Corollary:  $\sum_{k=0}^{n} \binom{n}{k} = 2^{n}$ 



## Pascal's identity and triangle



- How to compute binomial coefficients?
  - First, note only need to compute them for  $0 \le k \le \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$ , since  $\binom{n}{k} = \binom{n}{n-k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$
- Pascal's identity:  $\binom{n+1}{k} = \binom{n}{k-1} + \binom{n}{k}$  1 - In practice, use Stirling approximation 1 1 -  $n! \sim \sqrt{2\pi n} (n/e)^n$  1 2 1 -  $So \frac{n^k}{k^k} \le \binom{n}{k} < \frac{(en)^k}{k^k}$  1 3 3 1 - And  $\ln n! \sim n \ln n - n$  1 5 10 10 5 1 1 6 15 20 15 6 1

Pascal's triangle

- There are 52 cards in a standard deck; 4 suites of 13 ranks each.
- In poker, some 5-card combinations ("hands") are special:
  - For example, a "three of a kind" consists of three cards with the same rank, together with two arbitrary cards.
- How many ways are there to choose (ignoring the order)
  - a three of a kind hand?
  - A two pairs hand?
  - Other hands?...







- There are 52 cards in a standard deck; 4 suites of 13 ranks each.
- In poker, some 5-card combinations ("hands") are special:
  - For example, a "three of a kind" consists of three cards with the same rank, together with two cards of other different ranks.
- How many ways are there to choose (ignoring the order)
  - A royal flush?
  - a three of a kind hand?
  - a two pairs hand?
  - other hands?...







- How many ways are there to choose (ignoring the order)
  - a royal flush?
    - C(4,1) = 4
  - a three of a kind?
    - pick the rank: 13=C(13,1)
    - Pick 3 out of 4 kinds of this rank: 4=C(4,3)
    - Pick two other ranks: C(12,2)= 66
    - Pick a suite of each of the other ranks: C(4,1)\*C(4,1)=16
    - Total: 13\*4\*66\*16=54912

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# Finite probability



- More common: use the language of probability.
- **Experiments**: producing an **outcome** out of possible choices
  - Tossing a coin: outcome can be "heads"
  - Getting a lottery ticket: outcome can be "win"
- Sample space S: set of all possible outcomes.
  - {heads, tails} for coin toss
  - {1,2,3,4,5,6} x {1,2,3,4,5,6} for rolling two dice
- **Event A** ⊆ *S*: subset of outcomes
  - Both dice came up even.
- **Probability** of an event if all outcomes are **equally likely**:
  - Pr(A) = |A|/|S| (fraction of the outcomes that are in the event A).
  - Probability of both dice coming up even:
    - A={ (2,2),(2,4),(4,2),(2,6),(6,2),(4,4), (4,6), (6,4), (6,6)}. |A| =9, |S|=36
    - P(A)=9/36=1/4
- Can use the same combinatorics we just studied to calculate probabilities (i.e., for finding the size of A).



- What is the probability of getting a three of a kind hand?
  - Size of the sample space:  $-C(52, 5) = \binom{52}{5} = 2,598,962$
  - Size of the event A:
    - 54,912
  - Probability of A:

$$- \Pr(A) = \frac{|A|}{|S|} = 0.0211..$$









## Probabilities and pink elephants

- What is the probability that walking down George street you'd see a pink elephant?
  - Your friend says: "It is ½! You will either see the pink elephant, or not!"
    - Do you agree?









## Probabilities and distributions

- What if outcomes are not equally likely?
   Biased coins, etc.
- A function  $Pr: S \to \mathbb{R}$  is a **probability distribution** on (a finite set) S if Pr satisfies the following:
  - For any outcome  $s \in S$ ,  $0 \leq Pr(s) \leq 1$
  - $-\Sigma_{\{s\in S\}}\Pr(s)=1$
- Uniform distribution: for all  $s \in S$ , Pr(s) = 1/|S|
  - all outcomes are equally likely
  - Fair coin:  $Pr(heads) = Pr(tails) = \frac{1}{2}$
- Biased coin: say heads twice as likely as tails.
  - Pr(heads) + Pr(tails) = 1. Pr(heads) = 2 \* Pr(tails)

$$-\text{ So Pr}(heads) = \frac{2}{3}, \Pr(tails) = \frac{1}{3}$$





## Probabilities of events

- Probability of an event A is a sum of probabilities of the outcomes in A:
   Pr(A)=Σ<sub>{a∈A}</sub> Pr(a)
- Probability of A not occurring:
  - $\Pr(\bar{A}) = 1 \Pr(A)$



- Probability of the union of two events (either A or B happens) is  $Pr(A \cup B) = Pr(A) + Pr(B) - Pr(A \cap B)$ 
  - By principle of inclusion-exclusion
  - If A and B are disjoint, then  $Pr(A \cap B) = 0$ , so  $Pr(A \cup B) = Pr(A) + Pr(B)$
- In general, if events  $A_1 \dots A_n$  are pairwise disjoint
  - that is,  $\forall i, j \text{ if } i \neq j \text{ then } A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset$
  - Then  $\Pr(\bigcup_{i=1}^{n} A_i) = \Pr(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \cdots \cup A_n) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \Pr(A_i)$ 
    - That is, probability of that any of the events happens is the sum of their individual probabilities.





#### Probabilities of events

 Suppose a die is biased so that 3 appears twice as often as any other number (others equally likely).

- Probability of 3: 2/7. Probabilities of others: 1/7

• What is the probability that an odd number appears?

$$- Pr(A) = \frac{1}{7} + \frac{2}{7} + \frac{1}{7} = \frac{4}{7}$$

• What is a probability that either an odd number or a number divisible by 3 appears?

- A={1,3,5}. B = {3,6}. A \cap B = {3}  
- Pr(A) = 4/7. Pr(B) = 3/7. Pr(A \cap B) = 2/7  
- Pr(A \cup B) = Pr({1,3,5,6})  
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$$\frac{4}{7} + \frac{3}{7} - \frac{2}{7} = \frac{1}{7} + \frac{2}{7} + \frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{7} = \frac{5}{7}$$

#### Birthday paradox

 How many people have to be in the room so that probability that two of them have the same birthday is at least ½?







## Birthday paradox

- How many people have to be in the room so that probability that two of them have the same birthday is at least ½?
  - Considering all birthdays independent: no twins!
  - And considering all days equally likely
    - Otherwise probability would be higher.
  - Even counting leap years: 366 days.
- Product rule: number of combinations of distinct birthdays of the first *i* people is P(*i*, 366) = 366\*365\*...\*(366-i+1)
  - Probability that the first *i* people all have different birthday is  $\frac{P(i,366)}{366^{i}} = \frac{365}{366} \frac{364}{366} \dots \frac{(366-i+1)}{366}$
  - So with probability  $1 \frac{P(i,366)}{366^{i}}$  at least two out of first *i* people have birthday on the same day.
  - That comes up to about i = 23 people to reach  $\frac{1}{2}$ .



### Puzzle: Monty Hall problem

- Let's make a deal!
  - A player picks a door.
  - Behind one door is a car.
  - Behind two others are goats.
- A player chooses a door.
  - A host opens another door
  - Shows a goat behind it.
  - And asks the player if she wants to change her choice.
- Should she switch?



