

Lesson 6: Probability Definitions May 8, 2023  
and Tree Diagrams

Recall: Definition:

Probability  $\rightarrow$  a measure (a decimal/a percent/a fraction) that describes how probable/likely it is that an event will occur/happen, especially an event based on chance, based on past performance.

event A = rolling a '6'

event B = serving a meat eater @ pizza store.

$\hookrightarrow$  theoretical probability

$\hookrightarrow$  experimental probability

Random Experiment: a process/game for which the outcomes cannot be predicted w/ certainty.

e.x. R.E.: Rolling a six-sided die.

|| R.E.: Serving a pizza customer.

Universe / Sample Space of R.E.  $\rightarrow$  all possible outcomes of the R.E.

$\Omega$  (omega)  
 $\{ \}$  - listing

ex.  $\Omega_{RE_1} = \{ 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 \}$  ||  $\Omega_{RE_2} = \{ \text{veggie, meat, pineapple} \}$

Event of R.E. (subset of  $\Omega$ )

$\hookrightarrow$  when a specific outcome of R.E. is specified.

R.E. 1

R.E. 2

Event A = Rolling a 1

Event C = serving a veggie customer

Event A =  $\{ 1 \}$

the probability of event A:

$P(A) = \frac{1}{6}$

$\hookrightarrow$  we need past data to answer about prob.

Event B =  $\{ \text{Rolling an even \#} \}$

Event B =  $\{ 2, 4, 6 \}$

$P(B) = \frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2}$   
 $= 50\%$   
 $= 0.5$

Representing a R.E. w a Tree Diagram  
(graph)

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R.E. : Flipping a coin 3 times

↳ always break into steps.

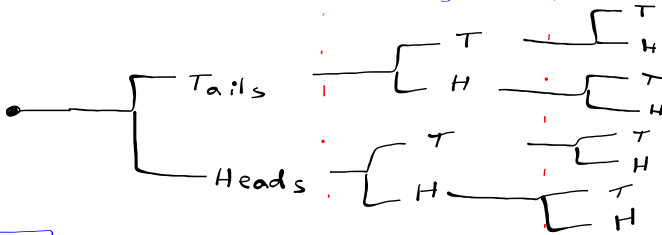
• step 1:  
• 2 possible outcomes  
"Flip once"

• step 2:  
• 2 possible outcomes  
"flip again"

• step 3:  
• 2 possible outcomes  
"flip a 3rd time"

Outcomes:

"the root of tree"



- (T, T, T)
  - (T, T, H)
  - (T, H, T)
  - (T, H, H)
  - (H, T, T)
  - (H, T, H)
  - (H, H, T)
  - (H, H, H)
- sample space  $\Omega$   
(ordered triples)

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: How to calculate the total # of possible outcomes of R.E.

Use: Multiplication Principle for R.E. w n steps.

ex.  $2 \times 2 \times 2 = 8$  possible outcomes

$$\left( \begin{matrix} \# \text{ of} \\ \text{possible} \\ \text{outcomes} \\ \text{in step 1} \end{matrix} \right) \times \left( \begin{matrix} \# \text{ of} \\ \text{P.O.} \\ \text{in step 2} \end{matrix} \right) \times \dots \times \left( \begin{matrix} \# \text{ of} \\ \text{P.O.} \\ \text{in step n} \end{matrix} \right)$$

N.B. - no tree for R.E w more 3 steps than

When M.P. is better than Tree Diagram:

1.1 Example

You play a game where you first draw a card from a 52-card deck and then roll a six-sided die. How many possible outcomes are there?

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \text{step 1} \\
 \cdot \text{draw a card} \\
 52 \text{ p.o.} \times \\
 \\
 \text{step 2} \\
 \cdot \text{roll die} \\
 6 \text{ p.o.} \\
 \\
 = \text{total possible outcomes} \\
 = 312 \text{ possible outcomes.}
 \end{array}$$

1.2 Example

You flip a coin, roll an eight-sided die and then roll a twenty-sided die. How many possible outcomes are there?

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \text{step 1} \quad \text{step 2} \quad \text{step 3} \\
 2 \text{ p.o.} \times 8 \text{ p.o.} \times 20 \text{ p.o.} = 320 \text{ p.o.}
 \end{array}$$

1.3 Example : F.K.

You are deciding on a password that is six characters in length. The first two characters must be numbers and the other characters must be letters. How many possible passwords are there?

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \cdot 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 \\
 \cdot 26 \text{ letters in alphabet} \\
 \frac{10}{\#} \times \frac{10}{\#} \times \frac{26}{\#} \times \frac{26}{\#} \times \frac{26}{\#} \times \frac{26}{\#} = 45697600 \\
 \text{possible passwords}
 \end{array}$$

1.4 Practice

You do 1.4 - 1.7

Takisha and Laurence each flip a coin. How many possibilities are there?

$$4$$

1.5 Practice

Takisha, Laurence and Bar each roll a six-sided die. How many possibilities are there?

$$\begin{array}{l}
 T \quad L \quad B \\
 6 \times 6 \times 6 = 216
 \end{array}$$

1.6 Practice

You are deciding on the menu for a cafeteria and must choose from three appetizer options, 4 main meal options, 2 desserts and 3 drinks. How many different meal combinations are there?

$$72$$

1.7 Practice

Consider the following license plate:



Assuming the first three characters must be numbers and the last three characters must be letters, how many different license plate combinations are there?

$$\underline{10} \times \underline{10} \times \underline{10} \quad \checkmark$$

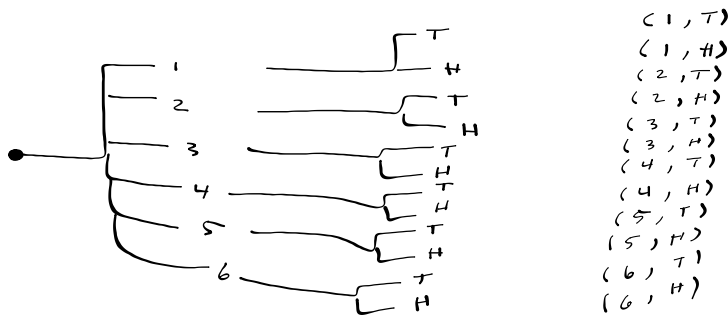
$$\underline{26} \times \underline{26} \times \underline{26}$$

$$10^3 \times 26^3$$

You draw a Tree for P.E.:

→ you roll a 6-sided die and flip a coin:

- step 1  
roll die  
• 6 possible outcomes
- step 2  
flip coin  
• 2 possible outcomes
- Outcomes



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How to calculate the probability of Event

$$P(E) = \frac{\text{\# of outcomes in event (E)}}{\text{total \# of outcomes (in P.E./}\Omega)}$$

$P(E) = 0$

• AN Impossible event

ex. Roll a 8 and flip a tail

$P(E) = \frac{0}{12}$

$P(E) = 0$

$0 < P < 1$

• A Probable event

ex Event B = roll a 6

Event B =  $\{(6, T), (6, H)\}$

$P(B) = \frac{2}{12}$

Event C = flip a tails

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

$P(C) = \frac{6}{12}$

$= \frac{1}{2}$   
 $= 50\%$   
 $= 0.5$

$P(E) = 1$   
 $= 100\%$   
 $= \frac{12}{12}$

Event D =  $\{ \text{roll } 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 \text{ or } 6 \text{ and flip T or H} \}$

$P(E) = \frac{12}{12}$

A Certain Event

2.1.1 Example

probable

Consider the following events and determine whether they are possible, impossible or certain:

(a) Rolling a six-sided die and landing on an even number.

R.E. event  
possible/probable.

(b) Rolling an eight-sided die and landing on a number greater than 8.

R.E. event  $P = 0$   
impossible

(c) Rolling a six-sided die and landing on a number that is both even and odd.

impossible

(d) Rolling a six-sided die and landing on a number that is either even or odd.

R.E. event  
 $P = \frac{6}{6} = 1$   
certain

$\Omega = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$   
 $E = \{2, 4, 6, 1, 3, 5\}$

(e) It will snow in July.

possible

(f) It will both rain and not rain at the same time tomorrow.

impossible

(g) It will either rain or it will not rain tomorrow.

certain

You do practice  
2.1.2 - 2.2.1 Check answers.  
p 10 2.2.3: Bonus.

2.1.2

f) . possible

0.0000001%

e)

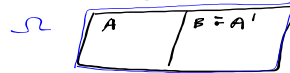


impossible

find a shape that's both a square  
and a rectangle.

possible

Describing Two Events:



Definition: Complementary Events are incompatible events (no outcomes in common / mutually exclusive) whose outcomes make up the entire sample space  $\Omega$

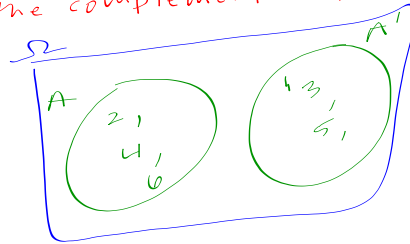
**N.B.:** The complementary event to A is  $\text{not } - A$  (or  $A'$ )  
 (A prime)  
 (not - A is the complement A)

Example: Find the complement.

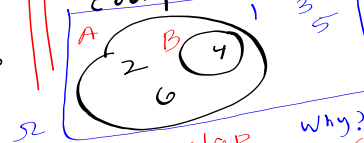
- i. R.E. Roll a 6-sided die  
Event A: Rolling an even #  
Event A': Rolling an odd # (not an even #)

Complementary

- Event B: Rolling a 4  
Event B': Rolling not - a 4 (not B) Rolling a 1, 2, 3, 5, 6



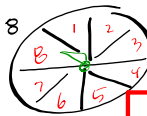
Q: Is event A and B complementary? **NO**



why?  
 • overlap  
 • more outcomes in R.E

- ii R.E. Spinning a Event C: 3, 4 or 6 on a spinner marked 1-8.

Event C' = spinning 1, 2, 5, 7, 8 (not C) (not 3, 4, or 6)



$$P(C) = \frac{3}{8}$$

$$P(C') = \frac{5}{8}$$

$$P(E) = \frac{\text{\# of outcomes in event}}{\text{total \# of outcomes in } \Omega}$$

$$P(C) + P(C') = 1$$

where C and C' are complementary events. solve/isolate

$$P(C') = 1 - P(C)$$

or

$$P(C) = 1 - P(C')$$

$$P(C) + P(C') = 1 - P(C)$$

$$P(C') = 1 - P(C)$$

handy:

Draw a card out of 52-deck. What's the prob the card is not 2

$$P(\text{not } 2) = 1 - P(2)$$

$$P = \frac{\text{\# of out}}{\text{total}}$$

$$P(\text{not } 2) = \frac{1 \times 52}{1 \times 52} = \frac{4}{52}$$

$$P(\text{not } 2) = \frac{48}{52}$$

You do 2.4.1 / 2.4.3.



## 2.4.1 Example

A bag contains 5 white, 3 black, and 2 red balls. Determine the probability that the ball is not red.

$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{not red}) &= 1 - P(\text{red}) \\ &= 1 - \frac{2}{10} \\ &= \frac{8}{10} \end{aligned}$$

$$P = \frac{\# \text{ of outcomes}}{\text{total}}$$

## 2.4.2 Practice

When tossing a fair standard die, determine the complement of rolling a number less than 2.

$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{not less than } 2) &= 1 - P(\text{less than } 2) \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{6} = \frac{5}{6} \end{aligned}$$

## 2.4.3 Practice

What is the probability you will not get a sum of 6 if the probability of getting a sum of 6 when rolling two dice is  $\frac{5}{36}$ ?

$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{not sum}) &= 1 - P(\text{sum}) \\ &= 1 - \frac{5}{36} \\ &= \frac{31}{36} \end{aligned}$$

← the house always wins  
 - not fair  
 - gates of hell  
 → casino craps  
 (unfair man)  
 → shooting dice ✓

# Rules of Casino Craps:

1st Roll:

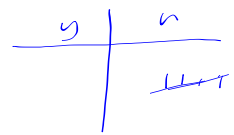
Event Win:

- if you roll 7 or 11.

Event Lose:

- if you roll 2, 3, or 12.

Are they complementary?  
NO.



Event Stop Rolling

- if you win or lose

if 7, 11, 2, 3, 12

Event Do Not Stop Rolling

e.g. a 6

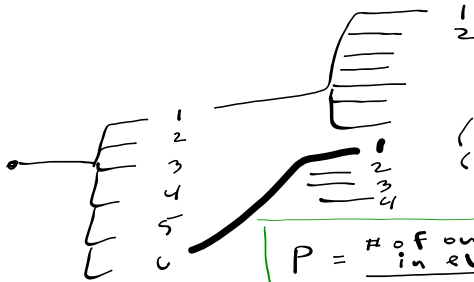
↳ if you get any other # in  $\Omega$  other than 7, 11, 2, 3, 12

↳ that's your point.

step i  
Roll one die

step ii  
Roll 2nd die

6 P.O. x 6 P.O. = 36 P.O.



$(6, 1) = 7$   
 $(6, 2) = 8$

$P = \frac{\text{\# of outcomes in event}}{\text{total \# outcomes}}$

(1, 1)	= a 2
(1, 2)	= a 3
(1, 3)	= a 4
(1, 4)	= a 5
(1, 5)	= a 6
(1, 6)	= a 7

(2, 1)	= a 3
(2, 2)	= a 4
(2, 3)	= a 5
(2, 4)	= a 6
(2, 5)	= a 7
(2, 6)	= a 8

(3, 1)	= a 4
(3, 2)	= a 5
(3, 3)	= a 6
(3, 4)	= a 7
(3, 5)	= a 8
(3, 6)	= a 9

# 1 Roll

• Event Win  
- a 7 =  $\frac{6}{36}$   
or a 11 =  $\frac{2}{36}$   
+  $\frac{8}{36} = 22\%$

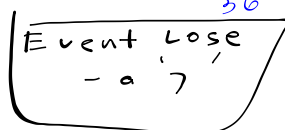
Event Lose  
- a 2  $P = \frac{1}{36}$   
or 3  $P = \frac{2}{36}$   
or 12 =  $\frac{1}{36}$   
+  $\frac{4}{36} = 11\%$

Event Keeping Rolling  
Event (Not win nor lose)

$P(W \cup L) = 1 - P(W \cap L)$   
 $= 1 - (\frac{6}{36} + \frac{4}{36})$   
 $= \frac{24}{36} = 67\%$

# 2 Roll

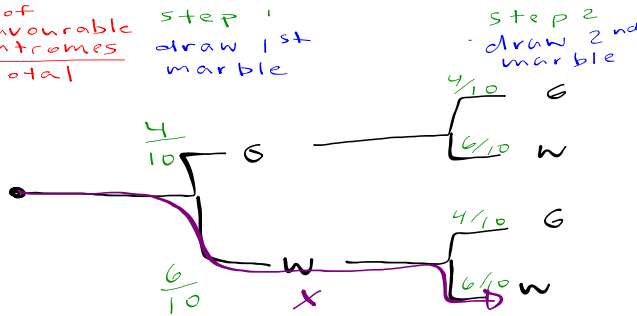
- Event Win your point
- e.g. - a '6'



P.E. with and without Replacement.

e.x. make tree diagram of the P.E. of drawing 2 marbles from bag  $\bar{w}$  replacement) 6 white and 4 green marbles. AND you put marble back in bag

$P = \frac{\text{\# of favourable outcomes}}{\text{total}}$



Outcomes: Probabilities:

$(G, G) \rightarrow \frac{4}{10} \times \frac{4}{10} = \frac{16}{100} = 16\%$   
 $(G, W) \rightarrow \frac{4}{10} \times \frac{6}{10} = \frac{24}{100} = 24\%$   
 $(W, G) \rightarrow \frac{6}{10} \times \frac{4}{10} = \frac{24}{100} = 24\%$   
 $(W, W) \rightarrow \frac{6}{10} \times \frac{6}{10} = \frac{36}{100} = 36\%$   
 $1 = \frac{100}{100} = 100\%$

nota bene = multiply the probs when going horizontally along tree (when you say "and"; example, draw a white and a green)

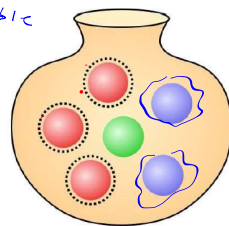
Event Win = draw 2 marbles of same colour.

$W = \{ (G, G) \text{ or } (W, W) \}$   
 $P(W) = \frac{16}{100} + \frac{36}{100} = \frac{52}{100} = 52\%$  (complementary)  
 $P(Lose) = 1 - 52\% = 48\%$

nota bene = add the probs when going vertically along tree (when you say "or"; ex. you win if you get (W,W) or (G,G))

2.2 Example

You are participating in game in which you select two balls in turn from an urn. Two rules are possible: either you replace the balls in the urn after selection, or you do not. Winning the game involves selecting a green and blue ball (in any order).



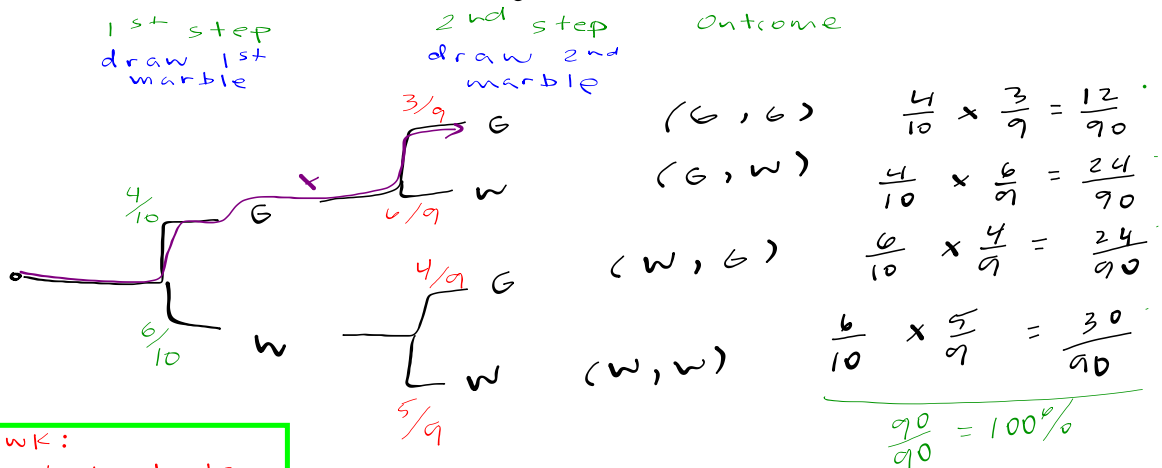
- (a) What is the probability of winning the game with replacement?
- (b) What is the probability of winning the game without replacement?
- (c) If we change the winning conditions in each case as follows: winning the game involves selecting a green and blue ball (in that order) or selecting a green and red ball (in that order), how will it affect the probability of winning the game?

You do:

- Make a tree  $\bar{w}$  replacement and answer a) & b)
- Make a tree  $\bar{w}$  out replacement and answer b)

P.F. Without Replacement.

draw 2 marbles (without replacement)  
 from bag containing 6 white and 4 green.



- Homwk:
- finish handouts
  - P 128 - 129 (a.a.b).
  - P 141
  - P 144
  - P 152