

Probability

$$P(\text{win}) = P(\text{first ball drawn is one of your chosen numbers})$$

$$\times P(\text{2nd ball drawn is one of your remaining chosen numbers} \mid \text{1st ball drawn being one of your chosen numbers})$$

$$\times P(\text{3rd ball drawn is one of your remaining chosen numbers} \mid \text{1st + 2nd balls were two of your chosen numbers})$$

$$\times P(\text{5th ball drawn is your last chosen number} \mid \text{1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th balls were 4 of your chosen numbers})$$

$$\times P(\text{your powerball choice is the number drawn})$$

$$= \frac{5}{69} \times \frac{4}{68} \times \frac{3}{67} \times \frac{2}{66} \times \frac{1}{65} \times \frac{1}{26}$$

$$= \frac{1}{292,201,338}$$

is 0.

Note: the ~~draw~~ 1st 5 balls are
dependent events

(each drawing depends on all the earlier draws)

The powerball is independent

Examples:

Draw 2 cards off the top of a well-shuffled deck.

prob. that the 2 cards are both aces.

4 out of 52
aces.

$$P(\text{1st card is A}) = \frac{4}{52}$$

given that 1st card is A, 3 A left out of ~~52~~⁵¹ cards

$$P(\text{2nd card is A} \mid \text{1st card was A})$$

$$= \frac{3}{51}$$

$$P(\text{1st 2 cards are both A}) = \frac{4}{52} \times \frac{3}{51} = \frac{12}{2652}$$

Toss coin twice.

what's the chance of HT?

$$P(\text{H on 1st toss}) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$P(\text{T on 2nd toss}) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$= P(\text{T on 2nd toss} \mid \text{H on 1st toss})$$

for the coins, what happened on earlier events does not affect later events

- they are independent.

Two events are independent if

the chances for the 2nd event given

the first are the same, regardless of

the outcome of the 1st event.

- otherwise they are dependent.



two draws, at random, with replacement

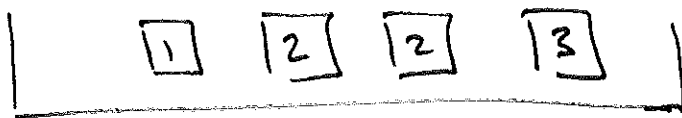
1st draw was a 1, what's the chance of 2 on 2nd draw?

When drawing with replacement, the content of the box is the same for every draw. → independent events

$$\Rightarrow P(\text{2 on 2nd draw}) = \frac{2}{5}$$

if ~~the~~ draws are made without replacement → dependent events

After ~~1~~ 1 is drawn on 1st draw, box now contains



$$P(\text{2 on 2nd draw} \mid \text{1 on 1st draw}) = \frac{2}{4} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Some Notation.

event A

probability of event A is written $P(A)$

events A and B

conditional probability of event B given event A = $P(B|A)$.

Multiplication Rule.

$$\begin{aligned}P(A \text{ and } B) &= P(B|A)P(A) \\ &= P(A|B)P(B)\end{aligned}$$

Independence.

requires that

$$P(B|A) = P(B)$$

$$P(A|B) = P(A)$$

implying that

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

for independent events

Probability of an event = $\frac{\# \text{ outcomes corresponding to that event}}{\text{total } \# \text{ outcomes}}$

when each outcome is equally likely.

ie list the possible outcomes.

count the relevant ones.

eg Roll two dice.

6 possible outcomes on 1st die

for each of these, there are 6 possible outcomes on 2nd die.

\Rightarrow 36 possible outcomes in total.

white die

	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	1,1	1,2	1,3	1,4	1,5	1,6
2	2,1	2,2	2,3	2,4	2,5	2,6
3	3,1	3,2	3,3	3,4	3,5	3,6
4	4,1	4,2	4,3	4,4	4,5	4,6
5	5,1	5,2	5,3	5,4	5,5	5,6
6	6,1	6,2	6,3	6,4	6,5	6,6

red die

$P(\text{sum of the two rolls will be 2})$

- only one possibility (1,1)

\Rightarrow prob. is $\frac{1}{36}$

$P(\text{sum will be 7})$

- 6 possibilities (6,1) (5,2) (4,3) (3,4), (2,5) (1,6).

\Rightarrow prob is $\frac{6}{36} = \frac{1}{6}$

$P(\text{1st die has larger \# pips than 2nd die})$

- this corresponds to all the entries in the bottom-left part of the table

- there are 15 ways that the 1st die shows more spots than 2nd die.

$$\text{prob} \text{ is } \frac{15}{36}$$

$P(\text{Red die showing more pips than white die} \mid \text{white die showing 4 pips})$

↑
Restrict our set of possible outcomes to those that fit the condition.

there are now 6 outcomes that we're interested in, and two of them $(5,4)$ $(6,4)$ have more spots on red than on white

$$\Rightarrow \text{prob} = \frac{2}{6} = \frac{1}{3}$$

Recall. multiplication rule for cases like.

$P(\text{1st ball is blue and 2nd ball is green})$

Now. look at "or" case.

event A happens or B happens or both

Start by looking at the case where it is impossible for both events to happen together.

Such events are called mutually exclusive

Two events are mutually exclusive when the occurrence of one prevents the occurrence of the other.

eg. roll 2 dice.

event A: sum is less than 3

event B: sum is greater than 6

events A and B cannot happen together

- they are mutually exclusive.

A card is dealt

A: card is Heart.

B: card is Spade

- it clearly can't be both at the same time.

if two events are mutually exclusive

the chance that at least one occurs

is the ~~the~~ sum of the chance of each.

Example.

what's the chance of the top card being either a H or a S.?

chance $\frac{13}{52} = \frac{1}{4}$ that it is H.

$\frac{13}{52} = \frac{1}{4}$ S

it cannot be both \Rightarrow mutually exclusive events

$$P(H \text{ or } S) = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Example

Roll 2 dice

what's the chance of at least one \square ?

chance of \square on red die is $\frac{1}{6}$

chance of \square on white die is $\frac{1}{6}$

total $\frac{1}{3}$

from the table of outcomes when we roll 2 dice

chance of at least one \square is $\frac{11}{36}$.

the two events (\square on Red, \square on white) are not mutually exclusive.

they can both occur at once (1,1)

addition rule overcounts ~~due~~ due to this.

- double counts the (1,1) outcome.

if two events are not mutually exclusive

the addition rule gives a result that is too big.

To correct for double counting, subtract the probability that both happen.

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

$$P(\boxed{0} \text{ on Red die } \underline{\text{or}} \boxed{0} \text{ on white die})$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6} - \frac{1}{36}$$

$$= \frac{11}{36}$$

mutually exclusive

vs

independent

if A happens,
B cannot.

knowing that A has
happened does not change
the probability that
B will happen.

mutually exclusive events are not independent.

↳ knowing that one has
happened tells you a lot
(everything) about the
probability of the other event.


$P(A)$.

$P(\neg A)$ "not A"

$$P(A) + P(\neg A) = 1.$$

one of A or its complement must happen.

Roll 4 dice.

what's the chance that at least one  shows?

it's not $\frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6}$

⊆ as the events ~~4 or die~~

 on 1st die,  on 2nd die, etc

are not mutually exclusive.

can list all possible outcomes

- 1 1 1 1
- 1 1 1 2
- 1 1 1 3
- 1 1 1 4
- 1 1 1 5
- 1 1 1 6
- 1 1 2 1
- 1 1 2 2
- 1 1 2 3

etc

but it's tedious + error prone

Event A is "at least one \square shows"

What is the complementary event?

- no \square 's show

not a \square on 1st die is independent of not a \square on 2nd die.

$$P(\text{not a } \square) = \frac{5}{6}$$

$$P(\text{1st die is not } \square \text{ AND 2nd die is not } \square) = \frac{5}{6} \times \frac{5}{6}$$

as the events are independent

$$P(\text{no } \square\text{'s on 4 dice}) = \frac{5}{6} \times \frac{5}{6} \times \frac{5}{6} \times \frac{5}{6}$$

The event we're interested in is the complementary event to "no \square on 4 dice"

\Rightarrow prob. of at least one \square on 4 dice

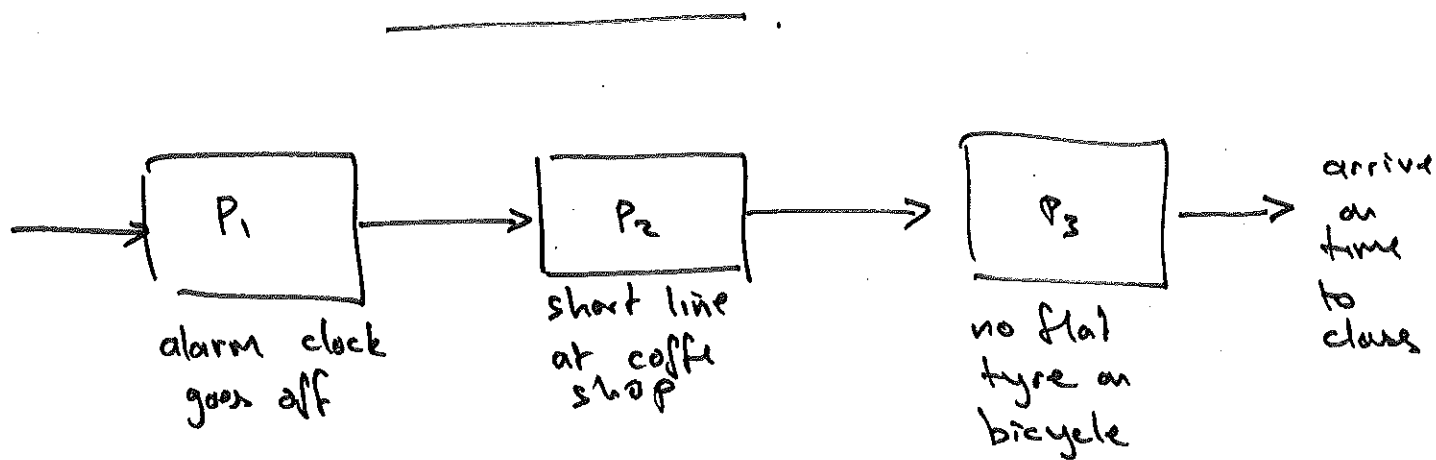
$$\text{is } 1 - \frac{5}{6} \times \frac{5}{6} \times \frac{5}{6} \times \frac{5}{6}$$

$$= 1 - 0.482$$

$$= 0.518$$

if ever looking for chance of "at least one something"

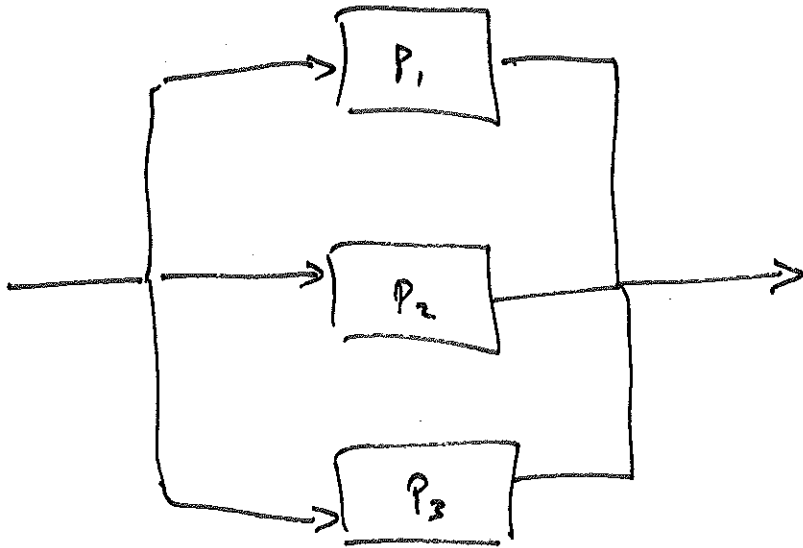
- compute chance of "no somethings"
- desired prob is $1 - \text{chance of "no somethings"}$



if all components are independent

the system works when all the components work.

all the components work with prob. $P_1 \times P_2 \times P_3$



System works if any one of the components works.

Easiest to consider the case of the system not working

- when all the components do not work.
- the components are independent.

⇒ system doesn't work with prob

$$(1 - P_1) \times (1 - P_2) \times (1 - P_3)$$

⇒ system works with prob $1 - (1 - P_1)(1 - P_2)(1 - P_3)$

Summary.

event A:

$$0 \leq P(A) \leq 1$$

opposite event

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

addition

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

(or both)

$\frac{\quad}{L=0}$
if A, B are mutually exclusive

multiplication

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

for independent events

$$= P(A)P(B)$$