



# Bernoulli Trials & Binomial Probability

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Lecture 3

EE 640  
Stochastic Systems



## Outline

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- Bernoulli Trials
  - Considers the presence or absence of sampled events
  - combinatorics
- Binomial Coefficient
  - Sampling with replacement
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- Binomial Probability
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- Multinomial Probability



## Sampling with Replacement

Assume  $n$  possible outcomes such as numbered balls 1 through  $n$ . We sample  $r$  balls and replace the ball each time we sample. The total combination is  $n^r$ .

[Ex] Let  $n=2$ ,  $r=3$ ,

We predict  $2^3 = 8$  combinations

- 1: 1 1 1
- 2: 1 1 2
- 3: 1 2 1
- 4: 1 2 2
- 5: 2 1 1
- 6: 2 1 2
- 7: 2 2 1
- 8: 2 2 2



## Sampling without Replacement

First sample,  $n$  balls are available; Second sample,  $n-1$  balls, ...,  $r^{\text{th}}$  sample,  $n-r+1$  balls

Number of possible ordered samples is  
 $n(n-1)(n-2)\dots(n-r+1) = n!/(n-r)!$

[Ex] Consider a group of 4 numbered balls, what different combinations can you select 2 balls



## Solution

|   | 1   | 2   | 3   | 4   |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1 | 1,1 | 1,2 | 1,3 | 1,4 |
| 2 | 2,1 | 2,2 | 2,3 | 2,4 |
| 3 | 3,1 | 3,2 | 3,3 | 3,4 |
| 4 | 4,1 | 4,2 | 4,3 | 4,4 |

$$n!/(n-r)! = 4!/(4-2)! = 3 \times 4 = 12$$

$n(n-1) = 12$ : number of possible ordered samples, w/o replacement

$n(n-1)/2 = 6$ : unique combination, order doesn't count

$n^2 = 16$ : with replacement, number of possible ordered samples



## Binomial Coefficient

For a combination subset size  $r$  from a set size  $n$  without replacement, we have

$$n!/(n-r)!/r! \text{ unique combination}$$

$$\text{Let } C_r^n = \binom{n}{r} = n!/(n-r)!/r! = \text{Binomial Coefficient}$$

[Ex]  $n = 4, r = 2$

$$4!/2!/2! = 4 \times 3 \times 2 / 2 / 2 = 6$$



## Bernolli Trials and Binomial Distribution

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Outcome is binary Like tossing a coin

Let  $A_k$  represent the event of getting  $k$  "1"s in  $n$  trials, where the outcomes are either "0" or "1".

$$\text{Then } P(A_k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k q^{n-k}$$

where  $P(a_1) = p$

and  $P(a_0) = q = 1 - p$

$a_1$ : getting a "1" in one trail;

$a_0$ : getting a "0" in one trial

When  $np \ll 1$ , it can be approximated by Poisson distribution



## Example

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[Ex] 5 missiles are fired at a ship. It takes two to destroy the ship.

$q$  = prob. that the missile misses the ship = 0.9

$p$  = prob. That the missile hits the ship =  $1 - q = 0.1$

$E$  : the ship doesn't sink

$P(E) = P(0 \text{ or } 1 \text{ missile hits the ship})?$



## Solution

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$P(E) = P(0 \text{ or } 1 \text{ missile hits the ship})$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^1 \binom{n}{k} p^k q^{n-k}$$

$$= \binom{5}{0} (0.1)^0 (0.9)^5 + \binom{5}{1} (0.1)^1 (0.9)^4$$

$$= 5!/5!/0! 0.9^5 + 5!/4!/1!0.1(0.9)^4 = 0.95+0.5 (0.9)^4$$



## Multi-nomial Coefficient

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Let  $r_1, \dots, r_k$  be a set of non-negative number such that  
 $r_1 + r_2 + \dots + r_k = n$

The number of partitioned combinations from a  
population size  $n$  is

$$n!/r_1!/r_2!/\dots/r_k! \quad \text{Multinomial coefficient}$$



## Example

[Ex]  $n = 5$ , unique balls,  $r_1 = 3$ ,  $r_2 = 2$

then

$$5!/3!/2! = 1 \times 2 \times 3 \times 4 \times 5 / (1 \times 2 \times 3) / 2 = 10$$

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|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| group1 | 1 2 3 | 2 3 4 | 3 4 5 | 4 5 1 | 5 1 2 |
| group2 | 4 5   | 5 1   | 1 2   | 2 3   | 3 4   |

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|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| group1 | 2 4 5 | 2 3 5 | 1 3 5 | 1 3 4 | 1 2 4 |
| group2 | 1 3   | 1 4   | 2 4   | 2 5   | 3 5   |



## Multi-nomial Probability

For a test of  $n$  trials, in which there are  $k$  possible outcomes for each trial with probabilities of  $[p_1, p_2, \dots, p_k]$ , the probability of having  $[r_1, r_2, \dots, r_k]$ , where  $r_1 + r_2 + \dots + r_k = n$ , different outcomes will be

$$n! / r_1! / r_2! \dots / r_k! \quad p_1^{r_1} p_2^{r_2} \dots p_k^{r_k}$$