

# Last lecture

## Probability Event (Ch 1.2)

- Axioms of Probability

## Counting the size of events (Ch 1.3)

- Independent events
- Dependent but countable

# Agenda

Probability with equally likely outcomes (Ch 1.4)

- Draw socks from the drawer
- Poker hands

Random Variables (RV) (Ch 2.1)

- Definition
- Probability Mass Function (pmf)

Mean and Variance (Ch 2.2)

# Overcounting

# Permutation

- The            to order  $n$  different items
- How many ways can you order letters  $A, B, C, D$ ?
- $N$  letters ->
- What if I want to order " $A, B, C \dots G$ " 7 letters, but only pick the first 4?
- What if I want to order letters ILLINI?

# Principle of over-counting

- What if I want to order letters ILLINI?
- For an integer  $K \geq 1$ , if each element of a set is counted  $K$  times, then the number of elements in the set is the total count divided by  $K$

# Combination

- $\binom{n}{k}$  or  $C(n, k)$ 
  - The number of ways to choose  $k$  out of  $n$  different items
  - $\binom{n}{k} = \binom{n}{n-k}$
- Draw 3 balls out of 5 balls without replacement

# The Socks Problem

I have 4 pairs of black socks and 2 pairs of white socks

*$P(\text{Draw two socks, color is the same})?$*

# Slido!

A bag contains  $\{R, R, R, B, B, G\}$

What's the probability that I draw 3 balls all different colors?

A.  $\frac{3 \times 2 \times 1}{6!}$

B.  $\frac{3 \times 2 \times 1}{\binom{6}{3}}$

C.  $\frac{3 \times 2 \times 1}{6 \times 5 \times 4}$

D. None of the above



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# Poker Problem

$$\Omega_{card} =$$

Draw 5 cards out of 52 cards

FULL HOUSE = 3 same numbers, other 2 same numbers

$$P(FULL\ HOUSE) =$$

# Sample space with infinite cardinality

Interval probability space

- $\Omega = \{\omega: 0 \leq \omega \leq 1\}$   $P([a, b]) = b - a$
- $A = [0.2, 0.8]$

Probability of continuous intervals...

- $P(x = 0.234) = ?$
- Ask the right question!

# Random Variable

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Rolling a die  $\Omega = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$ , Event “odd”  $A = \{1, 3, 5\}$

- As if I put a “ ” to the die  $[1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0]$
- Coated die  $X$  is a “ ”

Random Variable ( )

- A random variable is a on  $\Omega$
- A random variable  $X$  is said to be if there's a finite/ countable infinite set  $\{u_1, u_2, \dots\}$  s.t.  
 $P\{X \in \{u_1, u_2, \dots\}\} = 1$

# RV in real-world

- Heights of the classmates
- # of computers fixed in the college life
- Scores of 313 midterm

Why do we need RV?

- Compute complex events
  - What's my final letter grade at 313?
- Evaluate relationships between events
  - Is heights related with the # of computers fixed?

# Probability Mass Function (PMF)

- $p_X(u) = P\{X = u\}$  for a discrete RV  $X$
- $\sum_i p_X(u_i) = 1$
- Let  $X$  be the outcome of a fair die roll
  - $p_X(2) =$
- PMF can                      probabilities of all events determined by  $X$

# Slido!

Let's create a custom die and plot the PMF

Please vote for your preferred number from 1-6



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# Probability Mass Function (PMF)

- Let  $S$  be the sum of rolling two dice
  - $p_S =$
- Let  $M$  be the max number of rolling two dice
  - $p_M =$



# Probability Mass Function (PMF)

- Let  $N$  be the # of toss until getting first tail
- Let  $M$  be the # of heads observed until getting first tail

# Mean and Variance (Ch 2.2)

# Mean

Do we need detailed  $p_{height}$ ?

- In many cases, we just need mean  $\mu_X$  instead of  $p_X$
- $\mu_X = E[X] = \sum_i a_i p_X(a_i)$
- $X$  is the number for a die roll
- $Y = 2X$
- $Z = |X - 3|$

# Function of RV - LOTUS

$X$  is RV uniformly sampled from  $\{-1, 0, 1, 2, 3\}$

- $p_X(x) =$

$$Y = X^2$$

- $\mu_y = E[Y] =$

# Function of RV - LOTUS

$X$  is RV uniformly sampled from  $\{-1, 0, 1, 2, 3\}$ ,  $Y = X^2$   
But we can also compute  $E[Y]$  from  $p_X$ !

Mean of RV function  $g(X)$  is

$$E[g(X)] =$$

Law of the unconscious statistician (LOTUS)



# LOTUS examples

$X$  is rolling a D6,  $Y$  is rolling a D8 (8-sided die)

$$E[XY] = ?$$



# LOTUS examples

Math magic trick

- Pick a number from 1-10
- Multiply it by 3
- Subtract it by 2
- Divided it by 6 and keep the remainder
- Plus 2
- Is it 3 or 6?