

In the case of equally likely outcomes,
 $P(E) = \frac{|E|}{|\Omega|}$. (Axiom 3).

$$P(E) = P\left(\bigcup_{a \in E} a\right) = \sum_{a \in E} P(a) = \sum_{a \in E} \frac{1}{|\Omega|} = \frac{|E|}{|\Omega|}$$

Ex: Assume ♠ J is the face-up trump. What is the probability that your initial hand has 0 trumps?

E = set of hands with 0 trumps

Ω = set of all possible hands

$$|E| = \binom{15}{5}, \quad |\Omega| = \binom{19}{5}$$

$$P(E) = \frac{|E|}{|\Omega|} = \frac{\binom{15}{5}}{\binom{19}{5}} = \frac{15 \cdot 14 \cdot 13 \cdot 12 \cdot 11 / 5!}{19 \cdot 18 \cdot 17 \cdot 16 \cdot 15 / 5!} \approx 0.258$$

Ex: Suppose your 5-card hand is dealt before a trump is turned up. What is the probability that you have at least one marriage?

E = set of hands with ≥ 1 marriage

Ω = set of all possible hands. $|\Omega| = \binom{20}{5}$

$$P(E) = \frac{\binom{4}{1} \binom{18}{3} - \binom{4}{2} \binom{16}{1}}{\binom{20}{5}} \approx 0.204$$

Ex: Assume 365 birthdays are equally likely. What is the probability that, out of n people, none share the same birthday?

$$|\Omega| = 365^n$$

E = assignment of distinct birthdays to all n

$$|E| = P(365, n) = 365 \cdot 364 \cdot \dots \cdot (365 - n + 1)$$

$$P(E) = \frac{365 \cdot 364 \cdots (365 - n + 1)}{365^n} = p_n$$

$$n = 23 : p_{23} < 0.5$$

$$n = 77 : p_{77} < 1/5000$$

$$n = 100 : p_{100} < 1/3 \times 10^{15}$$

Ex: n chips are manufactured, d of them defective. k chips are selected randomly for testing. Let E be that at least 1 of the k chips is defective. What is $P(E)$? $\Omega =$ all possible sets of k chips.

$$P(\bar{E}) = \frac{\binom{n-d}{k}}{\binom{n}{k}}, \quad P(E) = 1 - P(\bar{E}) = 1 - \frac{\binom{n-d}{k}}{\binom{n}{k}}$$

Conditional probability of E given F , where E and F are events, is written $P(E|F)$, where $F \neq \emptyset$. $P(E|F)$ is the probability of event E , given that F occurred.



Sample space is reduced to F , and the event is reduced to $E \cap F$.

With equally likely outcomes,

$$P(E|F) = \frac{|E \cap F|}{|F|}$$

$$= \frac{|E \cap F| / |\Omega|}{|F| / |\Omega|} = \frac{P(E \cap F)}{P(F)}$$

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true even if outcomes not equally likely

Ex: Roll a fair die. What is $P(5 | \text{odd})$

$$E = \{5\}, F = \{1, 3, 5\}$$

$$P(E|F) = \frac{|E \cap F|}{|F|} = \frac{|E|}{|F|} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$P(E|F) = \frac{P(E \cap F)}{P(F)} = \frac{1/6}{1/2} = \frac{1}{3}$$