

Lesson 3 At Home Problem Solutions

Problem # 3.3 Computer the number of ways you can select n elements from N elements for each of the following:

a. $n=2, N=5 \quad \binom{N}{n} = \binom{5}{2} = \frac{5!}{2!(5-2)!} = \frac{5*4*3*2*1}{2*1*3*2*1} = \frac{120}{12} = 10$

b. $n=3, N=6 \quad \binom{N}{n} = \binom{6}{3} = \frac{6!}{3!(6-3)!} = \frac{6*5*4*3*2*1}{3*2*1*3*2*1} = \frac{720}{36} = 20$

c. $n=5, N=20 \quad \binom{N}{n} = \binom{20}{5} = \frac{20!}{5!(20-5)!} = \frac{20*19*18*...3*2*1}{5*4*3*2*1*15*14*13...3*2*1} = \frac{2.4329*10^{18}}{1.5692*10^{14}} = 15,504$

Problem # 3.6

Determine the probabilities of the following events.

- Adams loses.
 $P(\text{Adams loses}) = P(\text{Brown wins}) + P(\text{Collins wins}) + P(\text{Dalton wins}) = .09 + .27 + .22 = .58$
- Either Brown or Dalton wins.
 $P(\text{either Brown or Dalton wins}) = P(\text{Brown wins}) + P(\text{Dalton wins}) = .09 + .22 = .31$
- Adams, Brown, or Collins wins
 $P(\text{either Adams, Brown, or Collins wins}) = P(\text{Adams wins}) + P(\text{Brown wins}) + P(\text{Collins wins})$
 $= .42 + .09 + .27 = .78$

Problem # 3.9

- $\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$
- $\{4, 5\}$
- $P(5) = .10$
- $P(2, 3, \text{ or } 4) = P(2) + P(3) + P(4) = .26 + .21 + .18 = .65$
- $P(6) = 0$

Problem # 3.20 For two events, A and B, $P(A) = .4$, $P(B) = .2$, and $P(A \cap B) = .1$.

- $P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} = \frac{.1}{.2} = 0.5$
- $P(B|A) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(A)} = \frac{.1}{.4} = 0.25$
- Events A and B are said to be independent if $P(A|B) = P(A)$. In this case, $P(A|B) = .5$ and $P(A) = .4$. Thus A and B are not independent

Problem # 3.22

Table 3.3

	A_1	A_2
B_1	0.4	0.3
B_2	0.2	0.1

ANSWER: 6.17 $P(A_1) = .4 + .2 = .6$, $P(A_2) = .3 + .1 = .4$. $P(B_1) = .4 + .3 = .7$, $P(B_2) = .2 + .1 = .3$.

Problem # 3.23

$$P(A_1 | B_1) = \frac{P(A_1 \text{ and } B_1)}{P(B_1)} = \frac{.4}{.7} = .57$$

$$P(A_2 | B_1) = \frac{P(A_2 \text{ and } B_1)}{P(B_1)} = \frac{.3}{.7} = .43$$

Did your answers to parts a and b sum to 1? Is this a coincidence? Explain

Yes. It is not a coincidence. Given B_1 the events A_1 and A_2 constitute the entire sample space.

Illustrate

Problem # 3.24 Refer to 3-26. Calculate the following probabilities.

$$a. \quad P(A_1 | B_2) = \frac{P(A_1 \text{ and } B_2)}{P(B_2)} = \frac{.2}{.3} = .67$$

$$b. \quad P(B_2 | A_1) = \frac{P(A_1 \text{ and } B_2)}{P(A_1)} = \frac{.2}{.6} = .33$$

c. One of the conditional probabilities would be greater than 1, which is not possible.

Problem # 3.25

Let F = franchisees, C = company, and A = affiliates. Since A , C , and F are mutually exclusive events, $P(F \text{ or } A) = 21,328/31,967 + 4137/31,967 = 0.797$.

Problem # 3.26

Define the following events:

A = arrested for Homicide

B = arrested for Assault

C = arrested for Burglary

D = arrested for Arson

E = arrested for Drug Offenses

F = arrested for Weapons

G = arrested for Public Disorder

H = Prosecuted

I = Convicted

J = Jailed for > 1 year

Allen was arrested for burglary, Bill was arrested for a weapons offense, and Charlie was arrested on a public-disorder charge. The decisions regarding their fates are unrelated (independent).

a. $P(C \text{ and } J) = 0.28$

b. $P[(C \text{ and } I) \text{ or } (F \text{ and } I)] = P(C \text{ and } I) + P(F \text{ and } I) - P[(C \text{ and } I) \text{ and } (F \text{ and } I)]$
 $= 0.81 + 0.70 - (0.81)(0.70) = 0.943$

c. $P[(C \text{ and } J') \text{ and } (F \text{ and } J') \text{ and } (G \text{ and } J')] = P(C \text{ and } J') * P(F \text{ and } J') * P(G \text{ and } J')$
 $= (1 - 0.28) * (1 - 0.13) * (1 - 0.12) = 0.551$

d. $P[(C \text{ and } I) \text{ and } (F \text{ and } I) \text{ and } (G \text{ and } I')] = P(C \text{ and } I) * P(F \text{ and } I) * P(G \text{ and } I')$
 $= 0.81 * 0.70 * (1 - 0.85) = 0.08505$

e. $P[(C \text{ and } H') \text{ and } (F \text{ and } H') \text{ and } (G \text{ and } H')] = P(C \text{ and } H') * P(F \text{ and } H') * P(G \text{ and } H')$
 $= (1 - 0.88) * (1 - 0.83) * (1 - 0.92) = 0.001632$

f. The number of possible combinations of $n = 3$ with $r = 1$ person convicted is

$$\binom{n}{r} = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!} = \binom{3}{1} = \frac{3!}{1!2!} = 3.$$

g. The number of possible combinations of $n = 3$ with $r = 2$ people convicted is

$$\binom{n}{r} = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!} = \binom{3}{2} = \frac{3!}{2!1!} = 3.$$

h. The number of possible combinations of $n = 3$ with $r = 3$ people convicted is

$$\binom{n}{r} = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!} = \binom{3}{3} = \frac{3!}{3!0!} = 1.$$