

Class Examples 9/25/18

Example 1: A probability experiment consists of rolling a single fair die.

- a. Identify the outcomes of the probability experiment.
- b. Determine the sample space
- c. Define the event $E = \text{"roll and even number"}$

$e_1 = \text{rolling a one} = \{1\}$

$e_2 = \text{"a two"} = \{2\}$

\vdots
 $e_6 = \text{"a six"} = \{6\}$

$S = \{e_i\} = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

c. $E = \text{"roll and even no."} = \{2, 4, 6\}$

Example 2: Determine if the table below is a probability model.

Color	Probability
Brown	0.13
Yellow	0.14
Red	0.13
Blue	0.24
Orange	0.20
Green	0.16

The notation $P(E)$ means "The probability that event E occurs"

Rules of probabilities: The probability of any event E , $P(E)$, must be greater than or equal to zero and less than or equal to one. $0 \leq P(E) \leq 1$

② The sum of all probabilities of all outcomes must equal 1 if $S = \{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n\}$ then

$$P(e_1) + P(e_2) + \dots + P(e_n) = 1$$

A probability model lists the possible outcomes of a

probability experiment and each outcomes probability. A probability model must satisfy rules 1 and 2 of the

Example 3: A pair of fair dice is rolled. Fair die are die where each outcome is equally likely.

a. Compute the probability of rolling a seven. $\{(1,6), (2,5), (3,4), (4,3), (5,2), (6,1)\} = \frac{6}{36}$

b. Compute the probability of rolling "snake eyes"; that is, compute the probability of rolling a two. $\{(1,1)\} = \frac{1}{36} \approx 0.0278$

c. Comment on the likelihood of rolling a seven versus rolling a two.

we are more likely

$P(E) = 0$ (impossible event)

to roll a seven from

$P(E) = 1$ (certain event)

we are to roll a two,

An unusual event is an event that has a low probability

chance of occurring

Typically we consider an event with probability

less than 0.05 (5%) to be unusual.

Researchers also use 0.01 (1%) and 0.10 (10%) as other

cut off points for unusual events.

$$\frac{\text{Frequency of } E}{\text{Total no. of trials}}$$

Empirical method: $P(E) \approx$ relative frequency of E

Classical method: $P(E) = \frac{\text{no. of ways that } E \text{ can occur}}{\text{no. of possible outcomes}} = \frac{m}{n}$

$$P(E) = \frac{N(E)}{N(S)}$$

The sample space S of a probability experiment is the collection of all possible outcomes.

An event is any collection of outcomes from a probability experiment

Example 4: Sophia has three tickets to a concert, but Yolanda, Michael, Kevin, and Marissa all want to go to the concert with her. To be fair, Sophia randomly selects the two people who can go with her.

$$a. S = \{(Y, M), (Y, K), (Y, Ma), (K, Ma), (M, Ma), (M, K)\}$$

- Determine the sample space of the experiment. In other words, list all possible simple random samples of size $n = 2$.
- Compute the probability of the event "Michael and Kevin attend the concert". $\{M, K\} = \frac{1}{6}$
- Compute the probability of the event "Marissa attends the concert". $\frac{3}{6}$
- Interpret the probability in part c.

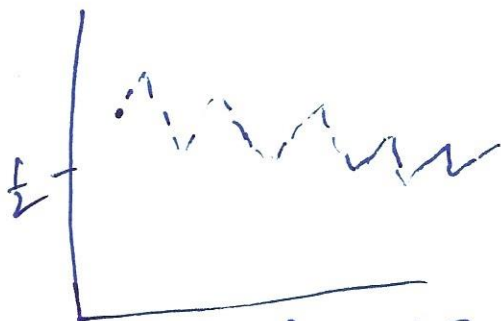
An event that consists of one outcome is called a simple event, denoted e_i .

In general events are denoted by capital letters, such as, E

Example 5: Suppose that a survey asked 500 families with three children to disclose the gender of their children and found that 180 of the families had two boys and one girl.

- Estimate the probability of having two boys and one girl in a three-child family using the empirical method.
- Compute and interpret the probability of having two boys and one girl in a three-child family using the classical method, assuming boys and girls are equally likely.

probability:



$$\frac{0}{1} = 0, \frac{2}{3} = 0.667$$

$$\frac{1}{2} = 0.5$$

law of large nos - As the number of repetitions increases, the proportion with which a certain outcome is observed gets closer to the probability of the outcome.

An experiment is any process with uncertain results that can be repeated

