

§ 4.4 USEFUL COUNTING RULES

SUPPOSE N SIMPLE EVENTS, ALL EQUALLY LIKELY (SAME PROB.).

SO EACH SIMPLE EVENT HAS PROB. $\frac{1}{N}$.

THEN $P(A) = \frac{n_A}{N}$ ← # SIMPLE EVENTS THAT RESULT IN EVENT A.

ALL ABOUT COUNTING

THE MN RULE

EXPERIMENT IN 2 STAGES.

1st HAS m POSS. OUTCOMES, AND FOR EACH OF THESE,

2nd HAS n POSS. OUTCOMES

THEN THERE ARE mn POSS. OUTCOMES OF EXPERIMENT.

EX. HOW MANY CARDS IN A DECK? SUIT, DENOMINATION VALUE

EXTENDED MN RULE

K STAGES, 1st HAS n_1 POSS. OUTCOMES

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K^{th} HAS n_K POSS. OUTCOMES

n_1, \dots, n_K POSS. OUTCOMES.

PERMUTATIONS

GIVEN n DISTINCT OBJECTS, THE NUMBER OF WAYS TO CHOOSE & ARRANGE (ORDER) r OBJECTS IS

GIVEN BY

$$P_r^n = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!} = n(n-1)\dots(n-r+1)$$

(JUST r STAGE EXPERIMENT. USE EXTENDED MN RULE)

Note: $P_n^n = n!$ ($0! = 1$)

ex. BOOKSHELF

COMBINATIONS

GIVEN n DISTINCT OBJECTS, THE NUMBER OF WAYS TO CHOOSE (WITHOUT ORDERING) r OBJECTS IS GIVEN BY

$$C_r^n = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!} \quad \left(\text{NOTE } C_r^n = \frac{P_r^n}{r!} \right)$$

eg. How many 3 person committees from 5 people?

$$\left(\begin{matrix} 5 \\ 3 \end{matrix} \right)$$