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Agenda: Problem of Points (Fermat)

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- Ross (?)

Problem of Points

$P_1, P_2, \dots, P_n$ ϕ : How to divide prize money in this scenario?

$S_1, S_2, \dots, S_n$ no. of rounds away

from winning the game.

each round, each player has $1/n$ chance of winning.

Set of outcomes

Two players: A B

$S_A=1$ $S_B=3$

You need to play at most 3 more rounds to get a winner.

$\Omega = \{AAA, AAB, ABA, ABB, \dots, BBB\}$

The idea is that $\|\Omega\|=8$.

winner of third last round $\leftarrow$ A $\downarrow$ A $\downarrow$ B $\rightarrow$ winner of last round.
winner of second last round

Now, we have in all cases except BBB, that A wins the game.

So, $P(A \text{ wins}) = 7/8$, $P(B \text{ wins}) = 1/8$.

Thus, the money should be divided in the ratio 7:1.

Key idea: Construction & Thinking behind Sample Space.

Assignment 2

(Q10) Let A, N, P be the subsets of students that like analysis, n.t., prob respectively.

We can find

$$|A^c \cap N^c \cap P^c| = 50 - |A \cup N \cup P|$$

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(a) $25/50 = 1/2$ (b) Sample space = Subsets of size 2
 $\Rightarrow \binom{25}{2} / \binom{50}{2}$

(Q3) $C = \{C_k : C \text{ is a color}, k=1, 2, \dots, 10\}$.

$\Omega = \{S \subseteq C : |S|=5\}$.

(a) Choose the color (b, b, g, g, y), create events $E_b, E_{b_1}, E_g, E_r, E_y$, note that:

$$E_b = \{b_{k_1}, \dots, b_{k_5} : \{k_1, \dots, k_5\} \subseteq \{1, \dots, 10\}\}$$

and finish.

(b) Choose the no. appearing 3 times, Choose the no. appearing 2 times, then choose the colours, so:

remember, $\leftarrow 10 \times 9 \times \binom{5}{3} \times \binom{5}{2}$

which no. is chosen for which purpose, matters there.

(Q5) Can place rooks conditionally:

R_1	-	-	-
-	-	R_3	-
-	R_2	-	-
-	-	-	R_4

Rook 1 placed in 16 ways,

then rook 2 in 9 ways

leads to $16 \times 9 \times 4 \times 1$,

but don't forget to divide by orderings of rooks i.e. $4!$, so

The answer is just $4!$.

So $8! / (64)$.

(Q8) The assumption that $P(\{w_1, w_2\}) = 1/2 \times 1/2$

was not to be assumed. (It is an independence assumption)

The notion of a pr. space goes beyond independence. Σ -g.

$\Omega_1 = \Omega_2 = \{0, 1\}$

$P(0,0) = 1/6$, $P(0,1) = 1/3$

$P(1,0) = 1/4$, $P(1,1) = 1/4$

Then $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$ is a pr. space. If we look at it as 2 coins being tossed,

then:

The 2nd coin depends on the 1st coin.

Hence, we can see why the independence condition fails to hold.

Additional Remarks

- In the rooks problem, we can create a bijection between the set of all non-attacking rook posns & the set of all $f: \{1, \dots, 8\} \rightarrow \{1, \dots, 8\}$ bijective.

By placing rooks in $(i, f(i))$ posns $i=1, 2, \dots, 8$.

- The cartesian prod. is used to combine different experiments into one.

- Q10 can be done via a Venn diagram as well.

- For useful math content:

- tricki.org

- Brilliant.org

- Art of Problem Solving (AOPS).