# Stat 100a, Introduction to Probability. Rick Paik Schoenberg

Outline for the day:

- 1. Addiction.
- 2. Syllabus, etc.
- 3. Wasicka/Gold/Binger Example.
- 4. Meaning of Probability, axioms.
- 5. Axioms of probability.
- 6. Hw1 terms.
- 7. Ly vs. Negreanu (flush draw) example
- 8. Basic principle of counting.
- 9. Permutations and combinations.10. R.
- 11. A♠ vs 2♣ after first ace.

#### 2. Syllabus, etc.

For next class:

- (i) Learn the rules of Texas Hold'em.
   (see <u>http://www.fulltiltpoker.net/holdem.php</u>
   and http://www.fulltiltpoker.net/hondDophUiph
  - and <u>http://www.fulltiltpoker.net/handRankHigh.php</u>)
- (ii) Read addiction handout, addiction1.pdf, on the course website, http://www.stat.ucla.edu/~frederic/100a/sum14 .
- (iii) Download R and try it out.

(<u>http://cran.stat.ucla.edu</u>)

(iv) Read ch. 1-2 of the textbook.

If you are the **first** to find an error in the book not on the error website, email me and if you're right you'll get +1 pt on the final exam for a rel. major error (or <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> for a very minor error), but you get -<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> if you're wrong, for either type of error.

If you have taken Stat 35 before, please see me during the break.

### Wasicka/Gold/Binger Example

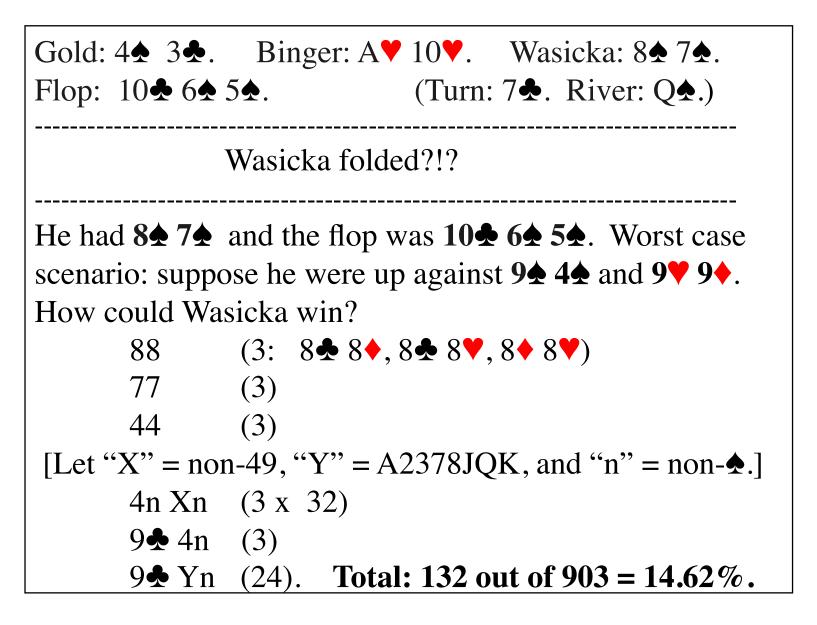
Blinds: \$200,000-\$400,000 with \$50,000 antes.

Chip Counts:		
Jamie Gold	\$60,000,000	
Paul Wasicka	\$18,000,000	
Michael Binger	\$11,000,000	

**Payouts:** 3rd place: \$4,123,310. 2nd place: \$6,102,499. 1st place: \$12,000,000.

Day 7, Hand 229. Gold: 4s 3c. Binger: Ah 10h. Wasicka: 8s 7s.

## Wasicka/Gold/Binger Example, Continued



## 4. Meaning of Probability.

Notation: "P(A) = 60%". A is an *event*. Not "P(60%)".

Definition of probability:

<u>Frequentist</u>: If repeated independently under the same conditions millions and millions of times, A would happen 60% of the times.

<u>Bayesian</u>: Subjective feeling about how likely something seems.

P(A or B) means P(A or B <u>or both</u>) Mutually exclusive: P(A and B) = 0. Independent: P(A given B) [written "P(A|B)"] = P(A).  $P(A^c)$  means P(not A).

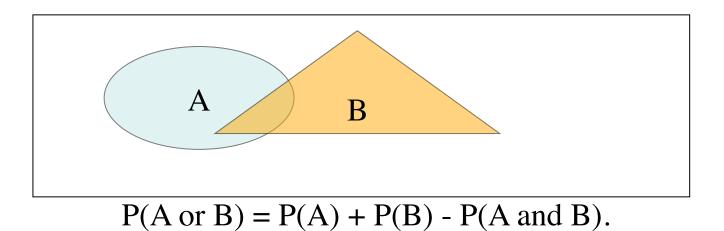
## 5. Axioms (initial assumptions/rules) of probability:

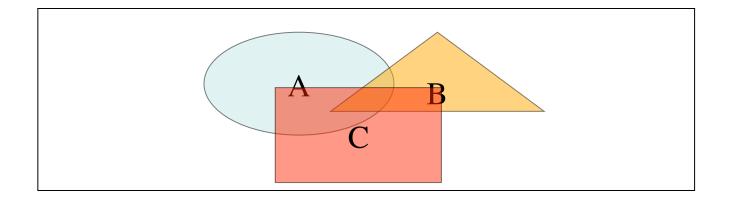
1) 
$$P(A) \ge 0$$
.

2) 
$$P(A) + P(A^c) = 1$$
.

3) If  $A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots$  are mutually exclusive, then  $P(A_1 \text{ or } A_2 \text{ or } A_3 \text{ or } \dots) = P(A_1) + P(A_2) + P(A_3) + \dots$ 

(#3 is sometimes called the *addition rule*) Probability <=> Area. Measure theory, Venn diagrams





<u>Fact:</u> P(A or B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A and B).P(A or B or C) = P(A) + P(B) + P(C) - P(AB) - P(AC) - P(BC) + P(ABC).

Fact: If 
$$A_1, A_2, ..., A_n$$
 are equally likely & mutually exclusive,  
and if  $P(A_1 \text{ or } A_2 \text{ or } ... \text{ or } A_n) = 1$ ,  
then  $P(A_k) = 1/n$ .  
[So, you can *count*:  $P(A_1 \text{ or } A_2 \text{ or } ... \text{ or } A_k) = k/n$ .]

Ex. You have 76, and the board is KQ54. P(straight)? [52-2-4=46.] P(straight) = P(8 on river OR 3 on river) = P(8 on river) + P(3 on river) = 4/46 + 4/46. **6. Hw1 terms.** 2 pair tiebreaker, the nuts, the unbreakable nuts.

#### 7. Ly vs. Negreanu, p66.

#### **<u>8. Basic Principle of Counting.</u>**

If there are  $a_1$  distinct possible outcomes on experiment #1, and for each of them, there are  $a_2$  distinct possible outcomes on experiment #2, then there are  $a_1 \ge a_2$  distinct possible *ordered* outcomes on both.

e.g. you get 1 card, opp. gets 1 card. # of distinct possibilities? 52 x 51. [ordered:  $(A \clubsuit, K \heartsuit) \neq (K \heartsuit, A \clubsuit)$ .]

In general, with j experiments, each with  $a_i$  possibilities, the # of distinct outcomes *where order matters* is  $a_1 \ge a_2 \ge \dots \ge a_i$ .

#### 9. Permutations and Combinations.

e.g. you get 1 card, opp. gets 1 card.
# of distinct possibilities?
52 x 51. [ordered: (A♣, K♥) ≠ (K♥, A♣).]

Each such outcome, where order matters, is called a *permutation*. Number of permutations of the deck?  $52 \times 51 \times ... \times 1 = 52!$ ~ 8.1 x 10<sup>67</sup> A <u>combination</u> is a collection of outcomes, where order *doesn't* matter.
e.g. in hold'em, how many *distinct* 2-card hands are possible?
52 x 51 if order matters, but then you'd be double-counting each
[ since now (A♣, K♥) = (K♥, A♣) .]
So, the number of *distinct* hands where *order doesn't matter* is
52 x 51 / 2.

In general, with n distinct objects, the # of ways to choose k *different* ones, *where order doesn't matter*, is

"n choose k" = choose(n,k) =  $\underline{n!}$ . k! (n-k)!  $k! = 1 \times 2 \times ... \times k.$  [convention: 0! = 1.]

choose 
$$(n,k) = \binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k! (n-k)!}$$

Ex. You have 2  $\clubsuit$ s, and there are exactly 2  $\bigstar$ s on the flop. Given this info, what is P(at least one more  $\clubsuit$  on turn or river)? <u>Answer:</u> 52-5 = 47 cards left (9  $\clubsuit$ s, 38 others). So n = choose(47,2) = 1081 combinations for next 2 cards. Each equally likely (and obviously mutually exclusive). Two- $\clubsuit$  combos: choose(9,2) = 36. One- $\clubsuit$  combos: 9 x 38 = 342. Total = 378. So answer is 378/1081 = 35.0%.

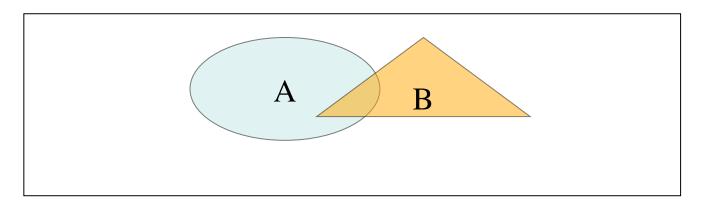
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### ADDITION RULE, revisited.....

Axioms (initial assumptions/rules) of probability:

- 1)  $P(A) \ge 0$ .
- 2)  $P(A) + P(A^c) = 1$ .
- 3) Addition rule:

If  $A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots$  are mutually exclusive, then P(A<sub>1</sub> or A<sub>2</sub> or A<sub>3</sub> or  $\dots$ ) = P(A<sub>1</sub>) + P(A<sub>2</sub>) + P(A<sub>3</sub>) +  $\dots$ 



As a result, even if A and B might not be mutually exclusive, P(A or B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A and B). (p6 of book) Ex. You have 2  $\clubsuit$ s, and there are exactly 2  $\clubsuit$ s on the flop. Given this info, what is P(at least one more  $\clubsuit$  on turn or river)? <u>Answer #1:</u> 52-5 = 47 cards left (9  $\clubsuit$ s, 38 others). So n = choose(47,2) = 1081 combinations for next 2 cards. Each equally likely (and obviously mutually exclusive). Two- $\clubsuit$  combos: choose(9,2) = 36. One- $\clubsuit$  combos: 9 x 38 = 342. Total = 378. So answer is 378/1081 = 35.0%.

<u>Answer #2:</u> Use the addition rule. P(≥ 1 more ♣) = P(♣ on turn OR river) = P(♣ on turn) + P(♣ on river) - P(both) = 9/47 + 9/47 - choose(9,2)/choose(47,2) = 19.15% + 19.15% - 3.3% = 35.0%.

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<u>Ex.</u> You have AK. Given this, what is P(at least one A or K comes on board of 5 cards)?

#### Wrong Answer:

 $P(A \text{ or } K \text{ on } 1\text{ st card}) + P(A \text{ or } K \text{ on } 2\text{ nd card}) + \dots$ 

 $= 6/50 \ge 5 = 60.0\%$ .

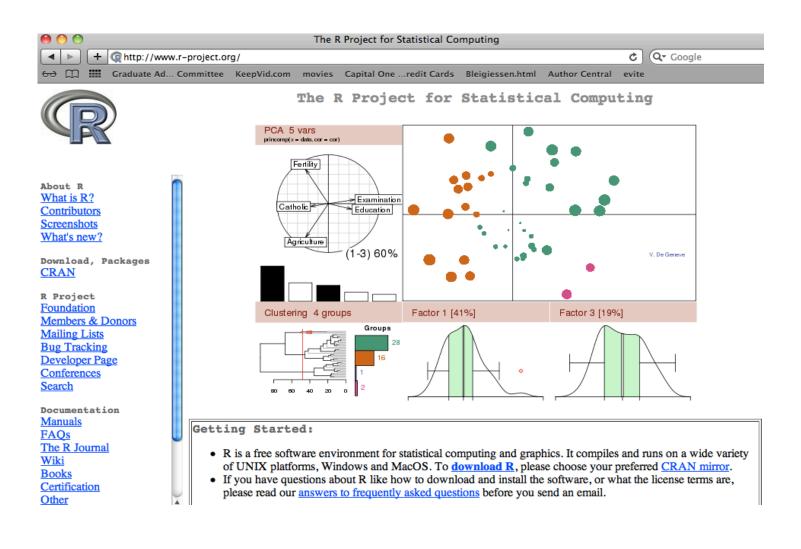
No: these events are NOT Mutually Exclusive!!!

#### **Right Answer:**

choose(50,5) = 2,118,760 boards possible.

How many have exactly one A or K? 6 x choose(44,4) = 814,506# with exactly 2 aces or kings? choose(6,2) x choose(44,3) = 198,660# with exactly 3 aces or kings? choose(6,3) x choose(44,2) = 18,920 ... ... altogether, 1,032,752 boards have at least one A or K, So it's 1,032,752 / 2,118,760 = 48.7%.

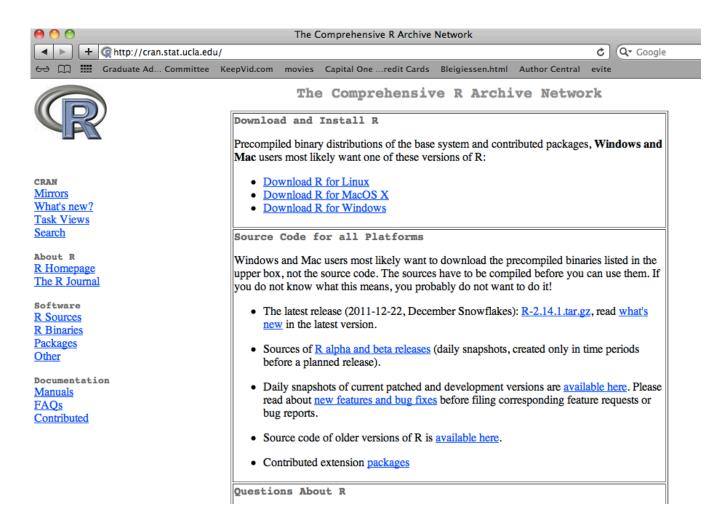
<u>Easier way</u>: P(no A and no K) = choose(44,5)/choose(50,5) = 1086008 / 2118760 = 51.3%, so answer = 100% - 51.3% = 48.7% **10. R.** To download and install *R*, go directly to cran.stat.ucla.edu, or as it says in the book at the bottom of p157, you can start at <u>www.r-project.org</u>, in which case you click on "download *R*", scroll down to UCLA, and click on cran.stat.ucla.edu. From there, click on "download R for …", and then get the latest version.



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**11.** Deal til first ace appears. Let X = the next card after the ace.  $P(X = A \clubsuit)$ ?  $P(X = 2 \clubsuit)$ ?