

ECE 341 - Homework #2

Card Games & z-Transforms

The card game *bridge* uses a 52-card deck. Each person is dealt 13 cards for their hand.

1) How many different hands are possible? (order doesn't matter)

$$N = \binom{52}{13} = \left(\frac{52!}{13!(52-13)!} \right) = 635,013,559,600$$

2) What is the probability of having 9 cards of one suit in your hand?

The number of hands with 9 cards of one suit are

$M = (4 \text{ suits, choose } 1) (13 \text{ cards in that suit, choose } 9) (39 \text{ remaining cards choose } 4)$

$$M = \binom{4}{1} \binom{13}{9} \binom{39}{4} = 235,237,860$$

the probability is

$$p = \left(\frac{M}{N} \right) = \left(\frac{\binom{4}{1} \binom{13}{9} \binom{39}{4}}{\binom{52}{13}} \right) = 0.000370$$

or 2699.45 : 1 odds against

3) What is the probability of having no points (no Jacks, Queens, Kings, or Aces)?

16 cards have points, 36 do not

$M = (36 \text{ cards with no points, choose } 13) (16 \text{ cards with points, choose } 0)$

$$M = \binom{36}{13} \binom{16}{0} = 2,310,789,600$$

$$p = \left(\frac{M}{N} \right) = \left(\frac{\binom{36}{13} \binom{16}{0}}{\binom{52}{13}} \right) = 0.003639$$

or 274.81 : 1 odds againse

In 4-card poker, you're dealt just 4 cards

4) Compute the odds of 2-pair in 4-card poker

$$\text{hand} = xx yy$$

hands = (52 choose 4)

$$N = \binom{52}{4} = 270,725$$

hands that are 2 pair are

$$M = (13 \text{ values choose } 2)(4 \text{ cards of 1st value, choose } 2)(4 \text{ cards of 2nd value choose } 2)$$

$$M = \binom{13}{2} \binom{4}{2} \binom{4}{2} = 2808$$

$$p = \left(\frac{M}{N} \right) = \left(\frac{\binom{13}{2} \binom{4}{2} \binom{4}{2}}{\binom{52}{4}} \right) = 0.010372$$

From enumeration (homework #1), $M = 2808$

5) Compute the odds being dealt one-pair

$$\text{hand} = xx y z$$

$$M = (13 \text{ values choose } 1)(4 \text{ cards choose } 2)(12 \text{ remaining values choose } 2)(4 \text{ values choose } 1)(4 \text{ c } 1)$$

$$M = \binom{13}{1} \binom{4}{2} \binom{12}{2} \binom{4}{1} \binom{4}{1} = 82,368$$

$$p = \left(\frac{\binom{13}{1} \binom{4}{2} \binom{12}{2} \binom{4}{1} \binom{4}{1}}{\binom{52}{4}} \right) = 0.30425$$

From enumeration (homework #1), $M = 82,368$

6) Determine the odds of a 2-pair and 1-pair using Matlab and a Monte-Carlo simulation and 1 million hands of 4-card poker

Code:

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% ECE 341 Homework #2
% 4-Card Stud

tic
Pair22 = 0;
Pair2 = 0;

for i0 = 1:1e5

    X = rand(1,52);
    [a,Deck] = sort(X);
    Hand = Deck(1:4);
    Value = mod(Hand,13) + 1;
    Suit = ceil(Hand/13);

    N = zeros(1,13);
    for n=1:13
        N(n) = sum(Value == n);
    end

    [N,a] = sort(N, 'descend');

    if ( (N(1)==2)*(N(2)==2) ) Pair22 = Pair22 + 1; end
    if ( (N(1)==2)*(N(2)==1) ) Pair2 = Pair2 + 1; end

end

disp([Pair22, Pair2]/1e5)
toc
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Result

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2-pair      pair
0.01092     0.30437
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Elapsed time is 10.824297 seconds.

Conditional Probability in 4-Card Poker

7) Compute the probability of getting 4-of-a-kind if there is a single draw step

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|--|-------------|---------------------|
| • If you are dealt 4-of-a-kind, draw no cards | hand = xxxx | draw 0 |
| • If you are dealt 3-of-a-kind, draw one card | hand = xxxy | discard y, draw 1 |
| • If you are dealt 2-pair or 2-of-a-kind, draw 2 cards | hand = xxyz | discard yz, draw 2 |
| • If you are dealt no pairs, draw 3 cards. | hand = xyzt | discard yzt, draw 3 |

4-of a kind

$$M = \binom{13}{1} \binom{4}{1} = 13$$

p(getting 4-of-a-kind) from here

$$p = 1$$

p(3 of a kind)

$$M = \binom{13}{1} \binom{4}{3} \binom{48}{1} = 2496$$

p(getting 4-of-a-kind) from here is

$$p = \frac{1}{47}$$

p(2 of a kind)

$$M = \binom{13}{1} \binom{4}{2} \binom{48}{2} = 87,984$$

p(getting 4-of-a-kind from here) is

$$p = \frac{\binom{2}{2}}{\binom{47}{2}} = 0.000925$$

p(high card)

$$M = \binom{13}{4} \binom{4}{1} \binom{4}{1} \binom{4}{1} \binom{4}{1} = 183,040$$

p(drawing 4 of a kind when keeping one card)

$$p = \frac{\binom{3}{3}}{\binom{47}{3}} = 0.000062$$

The total odds are then

$$p = p(4|4) \cdot p(4) + p(4|3) \cdot p(3) + p(4|2) \cdot p(2) + p(4|1) \cdot p(1)$$

$$p = 1 \cdot \left(\frac{4}{\binom{52}{4}} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{47} \right) \left(\frac{2496}{\binom{52}{4}} \right) + \left(\frac{\binom{2}{2}}{\binom{47}{2}} \right) \left(\frac{87984}{\binom{52}{4}} \right) + \left(\frac{\binom{3}{3}}{\binom{47}{3}} \right) \left(\frac{183040}{\binom{52}{4}} \right)$$

$$p = 0.000015 + 0.000196 + 0.000301 + 0.000042$$

$$p = 0.000554$$

8) Check your answers using a Monte Carlo simulation with 1 million hands of 4-card draw poker

Result

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Pair4 = 643 out of 1 million
Elapsed time is 77.263381 seconds

p = 0.000 643 ( Monte-Carlo )
p = 0.000 554 ( computed )
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Code:

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% ECE 341 Homework #2
% 4-Card draw looking for 4 of a kind

tic
Pair4 = 0

clc

for i0 = 1:1e6

    X = rand(1,52);
    [a,Deck] = sort(X);
    Hand = Deck(1:4);
    Value = mod(Hand,13) + 1;
    Suit = ceil(Hand/13);

    N = Suit / 10;
    for i=1:4
        for j=1:4
            if(Value(i) == Value(j))
                N(i) = N(i) + 1;
            end
        end
    end

    [a,b] = sort(N, 'descend');
    Hand = Hand(b);
    Value = Value(b);
    Suit = Suit(b);

    N = N(b);
    N = floor(N);

    % draw cards

    if(N(1) == 4) end
    if(N(1) == 3) Hand(4) = Deck(5); end
    if(N(1) == 2) Hand(3:4) = Deck(5:6); end
    if(N(1) == 1) Hand(2:4) = Deck(5:7); end

    Value = mod(Hand,13) + 1;
    Suit = floor(Hand/13) + 1;

    N = Suit / 10;
    for i=1:4
        for j=1:4
            if(Value(i) == Value(j))
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        N(i) = N(i) + 1;
    end
end
end
N = floor(N);

if ( N(1) == 4 ) Pair4 = Pair4 + 1; end

end

[Pair4]
toc
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9) A new Tesla Model Y costs \$58,990. If you take out a 36-month loan at 2.34% interest, what is your monthly payment? Solve using z-transforms.

Assuming you make constant payments (p) each month starting at month #1, the loan balance next month is

$$x(k+1) = \left(1 + \frac{0.0234}{12}\right)x(k) + (\$58,990)\delta(k) - p \cdot u(k-1)$$

$$x(k+1) = (1+a)x(k) + L\delta(k) - Pu(k-1)$$

or using z-transforms

$$zX = (1+a)X + L - P\left(\frac{1}{z-1}\right)$$

Doing some algebra

$$(z - (1+a))X = L - P\left(\frac{1}{z-1}\right)$$

$$X = \left(\frac{1}{z-(1+a)}\right)L - P\left(\frac{1}{(z-1)(z-(1+a))}\right)$$

$$X = \left(\frac{1}{z-(1+a)}\right)L - P\left(\frac{-1/a}{z-1} + \frac{1/a}{z-(1+a)}\right)$$

Take the inverse z-transform

$$zX = \left(\frac{z}{z-(1+a)}\right)L - \left(\frac{P}{a}\right)\left(\frac{-z}{z-1} + \frac{z}{z-(1+a)}\right)$$

$$zx(k) = \left(\left(1+a\right)^k L - \frac{P}{a}\left(\left(1+a\right)^k - 1\right)\right)u(k)$$

$$x(k) = \left(\left(1+a\right)^{k-1} L - \frac{P}{a}\left(\left(1+a\right)^{k-1} - 1\right)\right)u(k-1)$$

After 36 payments, the balance is zero

$$x(36) = 0 = \left(\left(1+a\right)^{35} L - \frac{P}{a}\left(\left(1+a\right)^{35} - 1\right)\right)$$

Your monthly payments are thus

$$P = \left(\frac{a \cdot (1+a)^{35}}{(1+a)^{35} - 1}\right)L$$

Plugging in numbers

$$P = \left(\frac{0.00195 \cdot (1.00195)^{35}}{1.00195^{35} - 1}\right) \cdot \$58,990$$

$$P = \$1745.24$$

Your monthly payments to own a Tesla Model Y would be \$1745.24

- \$1834.47 / month at 5.74% interest (car loan interest rate as of May 20, 2022)

