

## Week 3: Multiple Random Variables

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Together, the 3 random variables completely describe the outcome of the experiment.

The event  $X_1 = 1$  is independent of  $X_2 = 1$  and  $X_3 = 1$ .

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$$\begin{aligned} 23 &\Rightarrow X=3 \\ &\quad Y=3 \\ 48 &\Rightarrow X=8 \\ &\quad Y=0 \end{aligned}$$

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In complex experiments, such relationships between random variables are useful in modeling.

## Section 1

Two random variables: Joint, marginal, conditional  
PMFs

# Two discrete random variables: Joint PMF

## Definition (Joint PMF)

Suppose  $X$  and  $Y$  are discrete random variables defined in the same probability space. Let the range of  $X$  and  $Y$  be  $T_X$  and  $T_Y$ , respectively. The joint PMF of  $X$  and  $Y$ , denoted  $f_{XY}$ , is a function from  $T_X \times T_Y$  to  $[0, 1]$  defined as

$$f_{XY}(t_1, t_2) = P(X = t_1 \text{ and } Y = t_2), t_1 \in T_X, t_2 \in T_Y.$$

- Joint PMF is usually written as a table or a matrix
- $P(X = t_1 \text{ and } Y = t_2)$  is denoted  $P(X = t_1, Y = t_2)$

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Table 1:  $f_{X_1 X_2}(t_1, t_2)$

$t_2 \setminus t_1 \rightarrow$	0	1
0	1/4	1/4
1	1/4	1/4

Joint PMF  $\Rightarrow$   $\left. \begin{array}{l} - \text{Each entry is between } 0 \text{ and } 1 \\ - \text{Sum of all entries equals } 1 \end{array} \right\}$

## Example: Random 2-digit number

$X$  = units place,  $Y$  = number modulo 4 *remainder when divided by 4*

- $f_{XY}(0, 0) = P(X = 0 \text{ and } Y = 0)$   
 $= P(\text{number ends in 0 and multiple of 4})$   
 $= P(\{00, 20, 40, 60, 80\}) = 5/100 = 1/20$
- $f_{XY}(1, 0) = P(\overset{X=1}{\text{number ends in 1}} \text{ and } \overset{Y=0}{\text{multiple of 4}}) = 0$
- $f_{XY}(4, 2) = P(\overset{X=4}{\text{number ends in 4}} \text{ and } \overset{Y=2}{\text{2 mod 4}})$   
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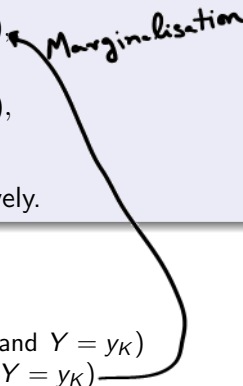
Table of  $f_{XY}(t_1, t_2)$

$t_2 \backslash t_1 \rightarrow$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
0	$\frac{1}{20}$	0	$\frac{1}{20}$	0	$\frac{1}{20}$	0	$\frac{1}{20}$	0	$\frac{1}{20}$	0
1	0	$\frac{1}{20}$	0	$\frac{1}{20}$	0	$\frac{1}{20}$	0	$\frac{1}{20}$	0	$\frac{1}{20}$
2	$\frac{1}{20}$	0	$\frac{1}{20}$	0	$\frac{1}{20}$	0	$\frac{1}{20}$	0	$\frac{1}{20}$	0
3	0	$\frac{1}{20}$	0	$\frac{1}{20}$	0	$\frac{1}{20}$	0	$\frac{1}{20}$	0	$\frac{1}{20}$

## Two random variables: Marginal PMF

### Definition (Marginal PMF)

Suppose  $X$  and  $Y$  are jointly distributed discrete random variables with joint PMF  $f_{XY}$ . The PMF of the individual random variables  $X$  and  $Y$  are called as marginal PMFs. It can be shown that

$$f_X(t) = P(X = t) = \sum_{t' \in T_Y} f_{XY}(t, t'),$$
$$f_Y(t) = P(Y = t) = \sum_{t' \in T_X} f_{XY}(t', t),$$


where  $T_X$  and  $T_Y$  are the ranges of  $X$  and  $Y$ , respectively.

- Proof

- ▶ Suppose  $T_Y = \{y_1, \dots, y_K\}$
- ▶  $(\underline{X = t}) = (X = t \text{ and } Y = y_1) \text{ or } \dots \text{ or } (X = t \text{ and } Y = y_K)$
- ▶  $P(X = t) = P(X = t, Y = y_1) + \dots + P(X = t, Y = y_K)$

- Note that the marginal PMF is simply a PMF



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Table of  $f_{X_1 X_2}(t_1, t_2)$

$t_2 \setminus t_1$	0	1	$f_{X_2}(t_2)$
0	$1/4$	$1/4$	$1/2$
1	$1/4$	$1/4$	$1/2$
$f_{X_1}(t_1)$	$1/2$	$1/2$	

- Marginal PMF of  $X_1$ : add over the columns of joint PMF table
  - ▶  $f_{X_1}(0) = f_{X_1 X_2}(0, 0) + f_{X_1 X_2}(0, 1)$
  - ▶  $f_{X_1}(1) = f_{X_1 X_2}(1, 0) + f_{X_1 X_2}(1, 1)$
- Marginal PMF of  $X_2$ : add over the rows of joint PMF table
  - ▶  $f_{X_2}(0) = f_{X_1 X_2}(0, 0) + f_{X_1 X_2}(1, 0)$
  - ▶  $f_{X_2}(1) = f_{X_1 X_2}(0, 1) + f_{X_1 X_2}(1, 1)$

## Example: Marginal from joint PMF

Table of  $f_{X_1 X_2}(t_1, t_2)$

$t_2 \setminus t_1$	0	1	$f_{X_2}(t_2)$
0	0.05	0.35	0.40
1	0.25	0.35	0.60
$f_{X_1}(t_1)$	0.30	0.70	

Verify: valid <sup>Joint</sup> PMF  
 $0.05 + 0.35 + 0.25 + 0.35 = 1 \quad \checkmark$

## Example: Same marginal PMF from different joint PMFs

Case 1

$t_2 \setminus t_1$	0	1	$f_{X_2}(t_2)$
0	1/4	1/4	1/2
1	1/4	1/4	1/2
$f_{X_1}(t_1)$	1/2	1/2	

Case 2

$t_2 \setminus t_1$	0	1	$f_{X_2}(t_2)$
0	$x$	$1/2 - x$	1/2
1	$1/2 - x$	$x$	1/2
$f_{X_1}(t_1)$	1/2	1/2	

- For every  $x$  between 0 and  $1/2$ , we get a joint PMF that results in the same marginal.

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2	$\frac{1}{20}$	0	$\frac{1}{20}$	0	$\frac{1}{20}$	0	$\frac{1}{20}$	0	$\frac{1}{20}$	0	1/4
3	0	$\frac{1}{20}$	0	$\frac{1}{20}$	0	$\frac{1}{20}$	0	$\frac{1}{20}$	0	$\frac{1}{20}$	1/4
$f_X(t_1)$	$\frac{1}{10}$	$\frac{1}{10}$	$\frac{1}{10}$	$\frac{1}{10}$	$\frac{1}{10}$	$\frac{1}{10}$	$\frac{1}{10}$	$\frac{1}{10}$	$\frac{1}{10}$	$\frac{1}{10}$	

$$X \sim \text{Uniform}\{0, 1, \dots, 9\}$$

$$Y \sim \text{Uniform}\{0, 1, 2, 3\}$$

$$P(X=0, Y=0) = P(X=0 \text{ and } Y=0) = \frac{1}{20}$$

$$P(X=0)P(Y=0) = \frac{1}{10} \cdot \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{40}$$

Not equal

# Conditional distribution of a random variable given an event

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Suppose  $X$  is a discrete random variable with range  $T_X$ , and  $A$  is an event in the same probability space. The conditional PMF of  $X$  given  $A$  is defined as the PMF

$$Q(t) = P(X = t|A), \quad t \in T_X.$$

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## Definition (Conditional distribution of $Y$ given $X = t$ )

Suppose  $X$  and  $Y$  are jointly distributed discrete random variables with joint PMF  $f_{XY}$ . The conditional PMF of  $Y$  given  $X = t$  is defined as the PMF

$$Q(t') = P(Y = t' | X = t) = \frac{P(Y = t', X = t)}{P(X = t)} = \frac{f_{XY}(t, t')}{f_X(t)}.$$

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## Example: Compute conditional PMFs from joint PMF

Joint PMF  $f_{XY}(t_1, t_2)$

$t_2 \setminus t_1$	0	1	2	$f_Y(t_2)$
0	1/4	1/8	1/8	1/2
1	1/8	1/8	1/4	1/2
$f_X(t_1)$	3/8	1/4	3/8	

$$X \in \{0, 1, 2\}, Y \in \{0, 1\}$$

$$(Y|X=0) \in \{0, 1\} \quad f_{Y|X=0}(0) = \frac{f_{XY}(0,0)}{f_X(0)} = \frac{1/4}{3/8} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$f_{Y|X=0}(1) = \frac{f_{XY}(0,1)}{f_X(0)} = \frac{1/8}{3/8} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$(X|Y=1) \in \left\{ \frac{1/8}{1/2} = \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1/8}{1/2} = \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1/4}{1/2} = \frac{1}{2} \right\}$$

Example: Compute marginal/conditional PMFs from joint PMF

Joint PMF  $f_{XY}(t_1, t_2)$

$t_2 \setminus t_1$	0	1	2	$f_Y(t_2)$
0	1/12	0	3/12	1/3
1	2/12	1/12	0	1/4
2	3/12	1/12	1/12	5/12
$f_X(t_1)$	1/2	1/6	1/3	

$$\sum_{t' \in T_Y} f_Y(t') = 1$$

$$Y|X=0 \sim \left\{ \begin{matrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{matrix} \right\} \sim \left\{ \frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{2} \right\}$$

$$Y|X=1 \sim \left\{ \begin{matrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{matrix} \right\} \sim \left\{ \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \right\}, \quad Y|X=2 \sim \left\{ \begin{matrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{matrix} \right\} \sim \left\{ \frac{3}{4}, \frac{1}{4} \right\}$$

$$X|Y=1 \sim \left\{ \begin{matrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{matrix} \right\} \sim \left\{ \frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{3} \right\}$$

$$f_{XY}(t_1, t_2) = f_{Y|X=t_1}(t_2) f_X(t_1) = f_{X|Y=t_2}(t_1) f_Y(t_2)$$

## Example: Throw a die and toss coins

Throw a die and toss a coin as many times as the number shown on die. Let  $X$  be the number shown on die. Let  $Y$  be the number of heads. What is the joint PMF of  $X$  and  $Y$ ?

$$X \sim \text{Uniform}(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6) \quad f_X(t) = \frac{1}{6} \quad 1 \leq t \leq 6$$

$$(Y|X=t) \sim \text{Binomial}(t, 1/2) \quad f_{Y|X=t}(t') = {}^t C_{t'} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{t'} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{t-t'}$$

$$= {}^t C_{t'} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^t \quad t' = 0, 1, 2, \dots, t$$

$$f_{X,Y}(t, t') = f_X(t) f_{Y|X=t}(t') = \frac{1}{6} \cdot {}^t C_{t'} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^t$$

$t' \backslash t$	1	2	3	4	5	6
0	$\frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{6} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2$				
1	$\frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{6} \cdot 2 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2$				
2	0	$\frac{1}{6} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2$				
3	0	0				
⋮	⋮	⋮				

Exercise

$$\text{Range}(Y|X=t) = \{0, 1, \dots, t\}$$

## Example: Poisson number of coin tosses

Let  $N \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$ . Given  $N = n$ , toss a fair coin  $n$  times and denote the number of heads obtained by  $X$ . What is the distribution of  $X$ ?

$$f_N(n) = e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^n}{n!}, n=0,1,2,\dots \quad f_X(x) = ?$$

$$(X|N=n) \sim \text{Binomial}(n, 1/2) \quad f_{X|N=n}(k) = \binom{n}{k} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n, k=0,1,\dots,n$$

$$f_{N,X}(n,k) = e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^n}{n!} \cdot \binom{n}{k} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n \quad n=0,1,2,\dots, k=0,1,\dots,n$$

$$f_X(k) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} f_{N,X}(n,k) = \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^n}{n!} \cdot \binom{n}{k} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n$$

(Note:  $nC_k = \binom{n}{k}$ )

Got  $k$  heads

= 0 if  $n < k$

$$= \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^n}{k!(n-k)!} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n$$

(Note:  $\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$ )

$$= \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^k}{k! \cdot 2^k} \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^{n-k}}{(n-k)! \cdot 2^{n-k}} = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^k}{k! \cdot 2^k} e^{\lambda/2} = e^{-\lambda/2} \frac{(\lambda/2)^k}{k!}$$

$X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda/2)$

$$f_X(k) = e^{-\lambda/2} \frac{(\lambda/2)^k}{k!}$$

$k=0,1,2,\dots$

## Example: IPL powerplay over

Let  $X$  = number of runs in the over. Let  $Y$  = number of wickets in the over. Assume the following:

$$Y \sim \left\{ \begin{matrix} 13/16 & 1/8 & 1/16 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{matrix} \right\},$$

$$(X|Y=0) \sim \text{Uniform}\{6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12\},$$

$$(X|Y=1) \sim \text{Uniform}\{2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\},$$

$$(X|Y=2) \sim \text{Uniform}\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}.$$

$$f_{X,Y}(t, t') = f_Y(t') \cdot f_{X|Y=t'}(t)$$

$$f_X(t) = ?$$

$$t = 0, 1, 2, \dots, 12$$

$$f_X(0) = f_{X,Y}(0, 2) = \frac{1}{16} \cdot \frac{1}{7} = f_{X,Y}(0, 2)$$

$$f_X(2) = f_{X,Y}(2, 2) + f_{X,Y}(2, 1) = \frac{3}{16} \cdot \frac{1}{7}$$

$$f_{X,Y}(6, 1) = \frac{1}{8} \cdot \frac{1}{7}$$

$$f_{X,Y}(8, 2) = \frac{1}{8} \cdot 0 = 0$$

$$f_X(7) = \frac{15}{16} \cdot \frac{1}{7}$$

$$f_X(6) = f_{X,Y}(6, 2) + f_{X,Y}(6, 1) + f_{X,Y}(6, 0) = \frac{1}{7}$$

## Section 2

More than two random variables: Joint, marginal, conditional PMFs

# Multiple discrete random variables: Joint PMF

## Definition (Joint PMF)

Suppose  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are discrete random variables defined in the same probability space. Let the range of  $X_i$  be  $T_{X_i}$ . The joint PMF of  $X_i$ , denoted  $f_{X_1 \dots X_n}$ , is a function from  $T_{X_1} \times \dots \times T_{X_n}$  to  $[0, 1]$  defined as

$$f_{X_1 \dots X_n}(t_1, \dots, t_n) = P(X_1 = t_1 \text{ and } \dots \text{ and } X_n = t_n), t_i \in T_{X_i}.$$

- Joint PMF could be written as a table in small examples
- $P(X_1 = t_1 \text{ and } \dots \text{ and } X_n = t_n)$  is denoted  $P(X_1 = t_1, \dots, X_n = t_n)$

## Example: Toss a fair coin thrice

Let  $X_i = 1$  if  $i$ -th toss is heads and  $X_i = 0$  if  $i$ -th toss is tails,  $i = 1, 2, 3$ .

$t_1$	$t_2$	$t_3$	$f_{X_1 X_2 X_3}(t_1, t_2, t_3)$
0	0	0	1/8
0	0	1	1/8
0	1	0	1/8
0	1	1	1/8
1	0	0	1/8
1	0	1	1/8
1	1	0	1/8
1	1	1	1/8



## Example: Random 3-digit number 000 to 999

$X$  = first digit from left,  $Y$  = number modulo 2,  $Z$  = first digit from right

- Table is too long

$$X \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 9\}$$

$$Y \in \{0, 1\}$$

$$Z \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 9\}$$

$$f_{XYZ}(0, 0, 0) = P(\text{Starts with zero and number is even and number ends in zero}) \\ = \frac{10}{1000} = \frac{1}{100}$$

$$f_{XYZ}(1, 1, 1) = \frac{1}{100}, \quad f_{XYZ}(1, 0, 1) = 0$$
$$f_{XYZ}(8, 0, 6) = \frac{10}{1000} = \frac{1}{100}, \quad f_{XYZ}(8, 1, 6) = 0$$

$$f_{XYZ}(t_1, t_2, t_3) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } t_2 = 0 + t_3: \text{odd} \\ 0 & \text{if } t_2 = 1 + t_3: \text{even} \\ \frac{1}{100} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

## Example: IPL powerplay over

Suppose the over has 6 deliveries. Let  $X_i$  denote the number of runs scored in the  $i$ -th delivery.

$$X_i \in \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$$

$$i=1, 2, \dots, 6$$

Joint PMF

$$f_{\underbrace{X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4, X_5, X_6}}(0, 1, 4, 2, 0, 0) = ?$$



$8^6$ : too many possibilities.....

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$\vdots$

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$f_{X_1}$	0.5989	0.2685	0.0357	0.0031	0.0864	0.0050	0.0025
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$f_{X_3}$	0.5338	0.2847	0.0444	0.0044	0.1139	0.0025	0.0163
$f_{X_4}$	0.5344	0.2516	0.0394	0.0031	0.1489	0.0038	0.0188
$f_{X_5}$	0.5313	0.2672	0.0407	0.0056	0.1358	0.0025	0.0169
$f_{X_6}$	0.5056	0.2954	0.0394	0.0050	0.1414	0.0013	0.0119

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## Marginalisation: More examples

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0	0	0	0	1/12
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0	0	2	0	1/12
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0	1	1	1	1/12
0	1	2	0	1/12
1	0	0	1	1/12
1	0	2	0	1/12
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$$(X_1 | X_2=0) \sim \left\{ 0, 1 \right\} \quad \begin{matrix} (4/12) \\ (8/12) \end{matrix}, \begin{matrix} (3/12) \\ (7/12) \end{matrix}$$

$$(X_1 | X_3=0, X_4=1) \sim \left\{ 0, 1 \right\} \quad \begin{matrix} 1/3, 2/3 \end{matrix}$$

$$X_3, X_4 | X_1=0$$

$t_3 \backslash t_4$	0	1	2
0	1/4	1/4	2/4
1	1/4	2/4	0

$$\tau_{X_4} = \tau_{X_2} = \tau_{X_1} = \{0, 1\} \quad \tau_{X_3} = \{0, 1, 2\}$$

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$$f_{X_1 X_2 X_3}(0, 0, 0) = f_{X_3}(0) \cdot f_{X_1 X_2 | X_3=0}(0, 0) \cdot f_{X_1 | X_2=0, X_3=0}(0)$$

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Example:  $X_1, X_2, X_3 \sim f_{X_1 X_2 X_3}$

$t_1$	$t_2$	$t_3$	$f_{X_1 X_2 X_3}(t_1, t_2, t_3)$
0	0	0	1/9
0	0	1	1/9
0	0	2	1/9
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0	1	2	1/9
1	0	0	1/9
1	0	2	1/9
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$$f_{X_1 X_2 X_3}(0,0,0) = f_{X_1}(0) \cdot f_{X_2|X_1=0}(0) \cdot f_{X_3|X_1=0, X_2=0}(0)$$

$\downarrow$                        $\downarrow$                        $\downarrow$                        $\downarrow$   
 $1/9$                        $5/9$                        $3/5$                        $1/3$



# Independence of two random variables

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$$f_{XY}(t_1, t_2) = f_X(t_1)f_Y(t_2)$$

for  $t_1 \in T_X$ ,  $t_2 \in T_Y$ .

- General case vs independent case
  - ▶ General:  $f_{XY}(t_1, t_2) = f_X(t_1)f_{Y|X=t_1}(t_2)$  (always true)
  - ▶ Independent:  $f_{Y|X=t_1}(t_2) = f_Y(t_2)$
- If  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent
  - ▶ Joint PMF equals product of marginal PMFs
  - ▶ Conditional PMF equals marginal PMF

## Simple examples

Independent

$t_2 \setminus t_1$	0	1	$f_Y$
0	$1/4$	$1/4$	$1/2$
1	$1/4$	$1/4$	$1/2$
$f_X$	$1/2$	$1/2$	

$$f_{X,Y}(t_1, t_2) = f_X(t_1)f_Y(t_2) \text{ for all } t_1, t_2$$

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indep

NOT INDEPENDENT

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0	$1/2$	$1/4$	$3/4$
1	$1/8$	$1/8$	$1/4$
$f_X$	$5/8$	$3/8$	

$$f_{XY}(0,0) = 1/2 \neq f_X(0) \cdot f_Y(0)$$

$\frac{5}{8} \quad \frac{3}{4}$

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0	1/4	1/4	
1	1/4	1/4	
$f_X$	<u>indep</u>		

$t_2 \setminus t_1$	0	1	$f_Y$
0	1/2	1/4	
1	1/8	1/8	
$f_X$	<u>not indep</u>		

$t_2 \setminus t_1$	0	1	$f_Y$
0	$x$	$1/2 - x$	$1/2$
1	$1/2 - x$	$x$	$1/2$
$f_X$	$1/2$	$1/2$	

if  $x = 1/4$ , indep  
 $x \neq 1/4$ , not indep.

## More examples

$t_2 \setminus t_1$	0	1	2	$f_Y$
0	$1/9$	$1/9$	$1/9$	$1/3$
1	$1/9$	$1/9$	$1/9$	$1/3$
2	$1/9$	$1/9$	$1/9$	$1/3$
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0	$1/6$	$1/12$	$1/12$	$1/3$
1	$1/4$	$1/8$	$1/8$	$1/2$
2	$1/12$	$1/24$	$1/24$	$1/6$
$f_X$	$1/2$	$1/4$	$1/4$	

indep

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*indep*

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0	1/4	1/8	1/8	1/4
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*dependent*

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for **some**  $t_1 \in T_X$  and  $t_2 \in T_Y$ .

- ▶ Special case:  $f_{XY}(t_1, t_2) = 0$  when  $f_X(t_1) \neq 0$ ,  $f_Y(t_2) \neq 0$

## Example: Random 2-digit number

A 2-digit number from 00 to 99 is selected at random. Partial information is available about the number as two random variables. Let  $X$  be the digit in units place. Let  $Y$  be the remainder obtained when the number is divided by 4.

$$X \sim \text{Uniform}\{0, 1, 2, \dots, 9\}$$

$$Y \sim \text{Uniform}\{0, 1, 2, 3\}$$

$$f_{XY}(1, 0) = 0 \neq f_X(1) \cdot f_Y(0)$$

$$\Rightarrow X \neq Y: \text{dependent}$$

## Example: IPL powerplay over

Let  $X$  = number of runs in the over. Let  $Y$  = number of wickets in the over.

Are  $X$  &  $Y$  independent?

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Handwritten notation showing a box containing  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n \sim \text{i.i.d. } X$ . An arrow points from the  $X$  to the PMF  $f_X$ . Below the box, it says  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n \stackrel{\text{con}}{\sim} \text{i.i.d. } f_X$ .



## Problem: i.i.d. Geometric

Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be i.i.d. with a Geometric( $p$ ) distribution. What is the probability that all of these random variables are larger than some positive integer  $j$ ?

$$X \sim \text{Geometric}(p) : X \in \left\{ 1, 2, 3, \dots \right\} \quad P(X=k) = (1-p)^{k-1} p$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(X_1 > j, X_2 > j, \dots, X_n > j) &= P(X_1 > j) P(X_2 > j) \dots P(X_n > j) \\ &= \left( P(X > j) \right)^n = (1-p)^{jn} \end{aligned}$$

$$P(X > j) = \sum_{k=j+1}^{\infty} (1-p)^{k-1} p = \frac{(1-p)^j p}{1 - (1-p)} = (1-p)^j$$

## Problem: i.i.d. samples

Let  $X \sim \left\{ 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 \right\}$  with probabilities  $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{8}, \frac{1}{16}, \frac{1}{16}$  respectively, and let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be i.i.d. samples with distribution  $X$ .

- What is the probability that 4 is missing in the samples?
- What is the probability that 4 appears exactly once in the samples?
- What is the probability that 3 and 4 appear at least once in the samples?

$$\textcircled{1} P(X_1 \neq 4, X_2 \neq 4, \dots, X_n \neq 4) = (P(X \neq 4))^n = \left(\frac{15}{16}\right)^n$$

$$\textcircled{2} P(4 \text{ appears exactly once}) = P(X_1 = 4, X_2 \neq 4, \dots, X_n \neq 4) + P(X_1 \neq 4, X_2 = 4, X_3 \neq 4, \dots, X_n \neq 4) + \dots + P(X_1 \neq 4, \dots, X_{n-1} \neq 4, X_n = 4) = n P(X=4) (P(X \neq 4))^{n-1} = n \left(\frac{1}{16}\right) \left(\frac{15}{16}\right)^{n-1}$$

$$\textcircled{3} P(3 \text{ at least once} \cap 4 \text{ at least once})$$

$$A \cap B = (A^c \cup B^c)^c$$

$$P(A^c) = \left(\frac{15}{16}\right)^n, P(B^c) = \left(\frac{15}{16}\right)^n, P(A^c \cap B^c) = \left(\frac{14}{16}\right)^n \Rightarrow P(A^c \cup B^c) = 2\left(\frac{15}{16}\right)^n - \left(\frac{14}{16}\right)^n$$

$$P(A \cap B) = 1 - \left(2\left(\frac{15}{16}\right)^n - \left(\frac{14}{16}\right)^n\right)$$

## Problem: Memoryless property of Geometric

Let  $X \sim \text{Geometric}(p)$ . Find the following.

①  $P(X > n)$

②  $P(X > m + n | X > m)$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{1} \quad P(X > n) &= \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} (1-p)^{k-1} p = (1-p)^n p + (1-p)^{n+1} p + \dots \\ &= \frac{(1-p)^n p}{1 - (1-p)} = (1-p)^n \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{2} \quad P(X > m+n | X > m) &= \frac{P(X > m+n \cap X > m)}{P(X > m)} = \frac{P(X > m+n)}{P(X > m)} \\ &= \frac{(1-p)^{m+n}}{(1-p)^m} = (1-p)^n \end{aligned}$$

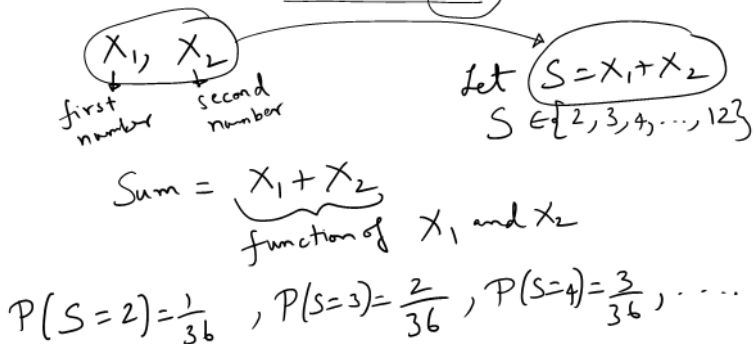
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## Section 4

### Functions of random variables

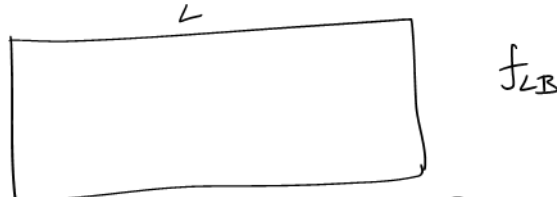
## Example: Throw a die twice

A fair die is thrown twice. What is the probability that the sum of the two numbers seen is 6? What is the PMF of the sum?



## Example: Area of a random rectangle

The length of a rectangle  $L \sim \text{Uniform}\{5, 7, 9, 11\}$ . Given  $L = l$ , the breadth  $B \sim \text{Uniform}\{l - 1, l - 2, l - 3\}$ .



$t_1$	$t_2$	$f_{L,B}(t_1, t_2)$	<u>Area = <math>L B</math></u>
5	4	$\frac{1}{12}$	20
	3	$\frac{1}{12}$	15
	2	$\frac{1}{12}$	10
7	6	$\frac{1}{12}$	42
	5	$\frac{1}{12}$	35
	4	$\frac{1}{12}$	28
9	8	$\frac{1}{12}$	72
	7	$\frac{1}{12}$	63
	6	$\frac{1}{12}$	54
11	10	$\frac{1}{12}$	110
	9	$\frac{1}{12}$	99
	8	$\frac{1}{12}$	88

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Suppose  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  have joint PMF  $f_{X_1 \dots X_n}$  with  $T_{X_i}$  denoting the range of  $X_i$ . Let  $g : T_{X_1} \times \dots \times T_{X_n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function with range  $T_g$ . The PMF of  $X = g(X_1, \dots, X_n)$  is given by

$$f_X(t) = P(g(X_1, \dots, X_n) = t) = \sum_{\underbrace{(t_1, \dots, t_n) : g(t_1, \dots, t_n) = t}_{g^{-1}(t)}} f_{X_1 \dots X_n}(t_1, \dots, t_n).$$

- Proof: write the event and use definition of joint PMF
- Directly useful for small problems
- Can be extended for joint PMF of two functions  $g$  and  $h$

## Example: Given a small table for joint PMF

$t_1, t_2$	$g(t_1, t_2, t_3)$	$t_1, t_2, t_3$	$t_1$	$t_2$	$t_3$	$f_{X_1 X_2 X_3}(t_1, t_2, t_3)$
0	-	0	0	0	0	1/9
0	.	1	0	0	1	1/9
0	.	2	0	0	2	1/9
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①  $g(X_1, X_2, X_3) = X_1 + X_2 + X_3$   
 $\in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$

→ Any other function is similar

②  $X = g(X_1, X_2, X_3) = X_1 + X_2 + X_3$   
 $Y = h(X_1, X_2, X_3) = X_2 X_3$


		<u><math>f_{X,Y}</math></u>			
		$t_1, t_2, t_3$			
		0	1	2	3
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# Working

## Example: Binomial from Bernoulli trials

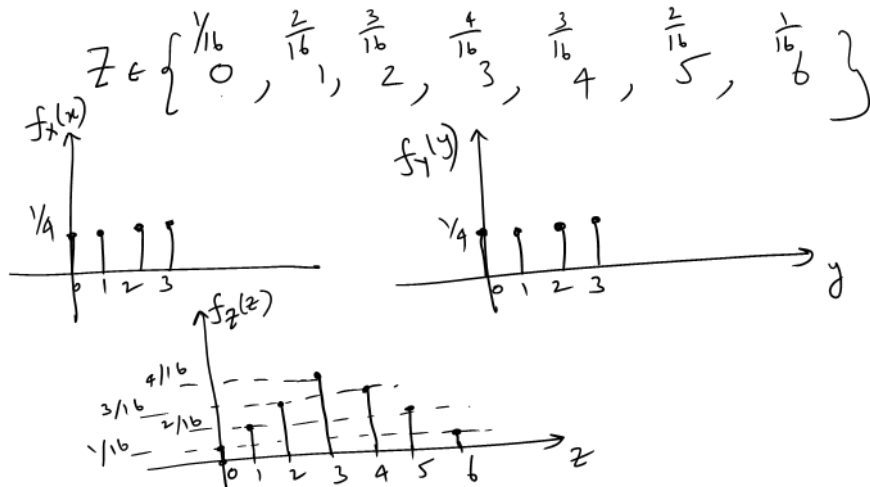
Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be the results of  $n$  i.i.d. Bernoulli( $p$ ) trials. The sum of the  $n$  random variables  $X_1 + \dots + X_n$  is Binomial( $n, p$ ).

  
# of successes  
in  $n$  indep Bernoulli trials

→ Sum of  $n$  indep Bernoulli( $p$ ) = Binomial( $n, p$ )

## Example: Sum of two uniforms

Let  $X \sim \text{Uniform}\{0, 1, 2, 3\}$  and  $Y \sim \text{Uniform}\{0, 1, 2, 3\}$  be independent. Find the PMF of  $Z = X + Y$ .



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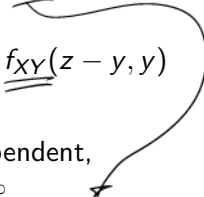
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*Handwritten annotations:*  
- An arrow points from the  $z$  in  $P(X + Y = z)$  to the  $z - x$  in  $P(X = x, Y = z - x)$ .  
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**Convolution:** If  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent,

$$f_{X+Y}(z) = \sum_{x=-\infty, \text{integer}}^{\infty} f_X(x) f_Y(z - x)$$

# Sum of two independent Poissons

Let  $X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda_1)$  and  $Y \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda_2)$  be independent.

① Find the PMF of  $Z = X + Y$ .

② Find the conditional distribution of  $X|Z$ .

①  $z \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$

$$f_Z(z) = \sum_{x=0}^z f_X(x) \cdot f_Y(z-x)$$

*Annotations:  $x=0$  is circled. Below the sum, it says "if  $x < 0$ " and "if  $x > z$ ".*

$$= \sum_{x=0}^z e^{-\lambda_1} \frac{\lambda_1^x}{x!} \cdot e^{-\lambda_2} \frac{\lambda_2^{z-x}}{(z-x)!}$$

$$= \frac{e^{-\lambda_1} e^{-\lambda_2}}{z!} \left( \sum_{x=0}^z \frac{z!}{x!(z-x)!} \lambda_1^x \lambda_2^{z-x} \right)$$

*Annotation: The sum in parentheses is circled and labeled with a double equals sign to  $(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)^z$ .*

$$f_Z(z) = \frac{e^{-(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)} (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)^z}{z!}$$

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②  $P(X=k|Z=n) = \frac{P(X=k, Z=n)}{P(Z=n)} = \frac{P(X=k) \cdot P(Z=n|X=k)}{P(Z=n)} = \frac{P(X=k) P(Y=n-k)}{P(Z=n)}$

$$= \frac{e^{-\lambda_1} \frac{\lambda_1^k}{k!} \cdot e^{-\lambda_2} \frac{\lambda_2^{n-k}}{(n-k)!}}{e^{-(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)} \frac{(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)^n}{n!}} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} \left( \frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2} \right)^k \left( \frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2} \right)^{n-k}$$

*Annotations: The final result is boxed. To the left of the box, it says  $X|Z \sim \text{Binomial}(n, \frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2})$  and  $Y|Z \sim \text{Binomial}(n, \frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2})$ .*

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- Functions of non-overlapping sets of independent random variables are also independent.

# Exercises

- Sum of independent  $\text{Binomial}(m, p)$  and  $\text{Binomial}(n, p)$
- Sum of independent  $\text{Geometric}(p)$  and  $\text{Geometric}(q)$
- Sum of  $r$  i.i.d.  $\text{Geometric}(p)$
- Sum of independent  $\text{Negative-Binomial}(r, p)$  and  $\text{Negative-Binomial}(s, p)$

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3	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36
4	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36	1/36
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$$P(Z=1) = \frac{11}{36} \quad P(Z=2) = \frac{9}{36} \quad P(Z=3) = \frac{7}{36}$$

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## Problem: Min and max of i.i.d. sequences

Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n \sim \text{i.i.d. } X$ . Find the distribution of the following:

①  $\min(X_1, \dots, X_n)$

②  $\max(X_1, \dots, X_n)$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{2} \quad P(\max(X_1, \dots, X_n) \leq z) &= P(X_1 \leq z, X_2 \leq z, \dots, X_n \leq z) \\ &= (P(X \leq z))^n = (F_X(z))^n \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{1} \quad P(\min(X_1, \dots, X_n) \geq z) &= P(X_1 \geq z, X_2 \geq z, \dots, X_n \geq z) \\ &= (P(X \geq z))^n \end{aligned}$$

## Problem: Min of two independent Geometrics

Let  $X \sim \text{Geometric}(p)$  and  $Y \sim \text{Geometric}(p)$  be independent. Find the distribution of  $\min(X, Y)$ .

$$P(X=k) = (1-p)^{k-1} \cdot p$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(\underline{\min(X, Y)} \geq k) &= P(X \geq k) \cdot P(Y \geq k) \\ &= (1-p)^{k-1} (1-p)^{k-1} = ((1-p)^2)^{k-1} \end{aligned}$$

$$P(\min(X, Y) \geq k+1) = ((1-p)^2)^k \quad q = (1-p)^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(\underline{\min(X, Y)} = k) &= P(\min(X, Y) \geq k) - P(\min(X, Y) \geq k+1) \\ &= q^{k-1} - q^k = q^{k-1} (1-q) \end{aligned}$$

$$\min(X, Y) \sim \text{Geometric}(1-q)$$

$$X_1 \sim \text{Geometric}(p_1), X_2 \sim \text{Geometric}(p_2) \text{ indep}$$

$$\min(X_1, X_2) \sim \text{Geometric}(1 - (1-p_1)(1-p_2))$$

$\rightarrow p_1 + p_2 - p_1 p_2$