

## Probability Spaces

**Sample Space**  $\Omega \Rightarrow$  set of all outcomes (mutually exclusive) of random experiment

**Event**  $E \subseteq \Omega \Rightarrow$  any subset of sample space

**Extreme Events**  $\Rightarrow$  null event  $\emptyset$  & universal event  $S$

**Elementary Event**  $\Rightarrow$  singleton subsets of  $S$

If  $s \in E$  is experiment outcome, then  $E$  occurred

**Null event**  $\emptyset$  | never & universal event  $S$  | always - occurs

For events  $E_1, E_2, \dots$

$E_1 \text{ and } E_2 \text{ and } \dots \Rightarrow \bigcup_i E_i$

$E_1 \text{ and } E_2 \text{ and } \dots \Rightarrow \bigcap_i E_i$

$E_1, E_2, \dots$  are **Mutually Exclusive**  $\Rightarrow \forall i, j, E_i \cap E_j = \emptyset$  i.e.

they're pairwise-disjoint

$E_1, E_2, \dots$  are **Independent**  $\Rightarrow$

$P(\bigcap_{i=1}^n E_i) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(E_i)$  for any finite subset

$\{E_1, E_2, \dots, E_n\}$

If events  $A, B$  are independent, then  $\bar{A}, \bar{B}$  are also independent

**$\sigma$ -algebra**  $\mathcal{F} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\Omega) \Rightarrow$  family of subsets of  $\Omega$  s.t.

nonempty:  $\emptyset \in \mathcal{F}$

closed under complements:  $E \in \mathcal{F} \Rightarrow \bar{E} \in \mathcal{F}$

closed under countable union:

$E_1, E_2, \dots \in \mathcal{F} \Rightarrow \bigcup_i E_i \in \mathcal{F}$

**Immediate Basic Results:**

$\emptyset \in \mathcal{F}$

closed under countable intersection:

$E_1, E_2, \dots \in \mathcal{F} \Rightarrow \bigcap_i E_i \in \mathcal{F}$

$\{\emptyset, \Omega\}$  is smallest &  $\mathcal{P}(\Omega)$  is largest  $\sigma$ -algebras

**Generated  $\sigma$ -algebras:**

$\sigma(\mathcal{G}) \Rightarrow$  for family of subsets  $\mathcal{G} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$ , its smallest

$\sigma$ -algebra to contain  $\mathcal{G}$  (exists & unique)

$\sigma(f) \Rightarrow$  for  $f: \Omega \rightarrow E$  where  $[E, \mathcal{E}]$  is measurable space,

$\sigma(f) = \{f^{-1}(F) | F \in \mathcal{E}\}$  i.e. all pre-images

**trace  $\sigma$ -algebra** of  $\mathcal{B} \in \mathcal{F} \Rightarrow \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{B}} = \{B \cap A | A \in \mathcal{F}\}$

**Probability Measure**  $P: \mathcal{F} \rightarrow [0, 1]$  on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F})$

$\forall E \in \mathcal{F}, 0 \leq P(E) \leq 1$  i.e. between 0 and 1

$P(\Omega) = 1$  i.e. universal event  $S$  | always occurs

$\sigma$ -additive (countably additive)  $\Rightarrow P(\bigcup_i E_i) = \sum_i P(E_i)$

for pairwise-disjoint events  $E_1, E_2, \dots \in \mathcal{F}$

**Immediate Basic Results:**

$P(\bar{E}) = 1 - P(E)$

$P(\emptyset) = 0$

$P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$

**Measurable Space**  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}) \Rightarrow$  sample space  $\Omega$  with

$\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{F}$  on it

**Probability Space**  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P) \Rightarrow$  measurable space

$(\Omega, \mathcal{F})$  with probability measure  $P$  on it

## Conditional Probability

**Conditional Probability**  $\Rightarrow P(A | B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$  where

$A, B \subseteq \Omega$  and  $P(B) > 0$

The conditional probability space is  $(B, \mathcal{F}_B, P(\cdot | B))$

Sample space  $B \subseteq \Omega$

Trace  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{F}_B = \{B \cap A | A \in \mathcal{F}\}$

Probability measure  $P(\cdot | B)$

If  $A, B$  are independent then  $P(A | B) = P(A)$

$A_1, A_2$  are **Conditionally Independent** given  $B$  iff

$P(A_1 \cap A_2 | B) = P(A_1 | B)P(A_2 | B)$

**Law Of Total Probability**  $\Rightarrow$  for any events  $\{B_1, B_2, \dots\}$

which partition  $\Omega$   $P(A) = \sum_i P(A | B_i)P(B_i) = \sum_i P(A \cap B_i)$

Special Case  $\Rightarrow$

$P(A) = P(A \cap B) + P(A \cap \bar{B}) = P(A | B)P(B) + P(A | \bar{B})P(\bar{B})$

**Bayes Theorem**  $\Rightarrow P(A | B) = \frac{P(B | A)P(A)}{P(B)}$

## General Random Variables

**Random Variable**  $\Rightarrow$  measurable function  $X: \Omega \rightarrow E$

$(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  is a probability space,  $(E, \mathcal{E})$  is a measurable space

For every  $B \in \mathcal{E}$  the pre-image of  $B$  under  $X$  is in  $\mathcal{F}$

i.e.  $X^{-1}(B) = \{\omega \in \Omega | X(\omega) \in B\} \in \mathcal{F}$

i.e.  $\{X \in \mathcal{F}\}$  where  $\sigma(X)$  is generated by function  $X$

$g(X)(\omega) = (g \circ X)(\omega)$  is also random variable, for

measurable function  $g: E \rightarrow E'$

**Induced Probability**  $P_X(X \in B) \Rightarrow$  probability that  $X$

takes on value in  $B \in \mathcal{E}$

$P_X(X \in B) = P(X^{-1}(B)) = P(\{\omega \in \Omega | X(\omega) \in B\})$

Also called **Pushforward Measure** of  $P$  onto  $(E, \mathcal{E})$

induced by  $X \Rightarrow (E, \mathcal{E}, P_X)$  is a probability space

Also called the **Probability Distribution** of  $X$

## Real Random Variables

**Real Random Variable** is  $\mathbb{R}$ -valued whose co-domain is  $E = \mathbb{R}$

**Support**  $\text{supp}(X) \Rightarrow$  range of  $X$  i.e.  $\text{supp}(X) = X[\Omega]$

**Simple RRV** iff  $\text{finite supp}(X)$

**Discrete RRV** iff  $\text{countable supp}(X)$

**Continuous RRV**  $\Rightarrow$  uncountable  $\text{supp}(X)$

**Induced Probability**  $\Rightarrow P_X(X \leq x) = P(\{\omega \in \Omega | X(\omega) \leq x\})$

**Cumulative Distribution Func. (CDF)**  $F_X(x) = P_X(X \leq x)$

$F_X(x)$  is right-continuous w.r.t. any decreasing  $(x_n)$

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x_1 \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_X(x_n) = F_X(x_1)$

To check that function is valid CDF, must obey:

**Monotonicity**  $\forall x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}, x_1 < x_2 \Rightarrow F_X(x_1) \leq F_X(x_2)$

$F_X(-\infty) = 0, F_X(\infty) = 1$

$F_X$  is right-continuous

## Simple Properties

$0 \leq F_X(x) \leq 1, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$

$|P_X(a < X \leq b) = F_X(b) - F_X(a)|$  for finite intervals  $(a, b] \subseteq \mathbb{R}$

## Moments of RRVs

**Expectation**  $E[X] \Rightarrow$  the mean  $\mu_X$  of distribution of  $X$

**Discrete**  $\Rightarrow E_X[g(X)] = \sum_X g(x)p_X(x)$

**Continuous**  $\Rightarrow E_X[g(X)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x)f_X(x)dx$

**Linearity**  $\Rightarrow E[aX + b] = aE[X] + b$

**Sum**  $\Rightarrow$  for any  $X_1, \dots, X_n$

$E[\sum_{i=1}^n X_i] = \sum_{i=1}^n E[X_i] = E[\sum_{i=1}^n X_i]$

**Independent and Identically Distributed (i.i.d.)**  $\Rightarrow$

$E[X] = \mu_X$

**$n$ -th Raw Moment**  $\mu_n^r = E[X^n] \Rightarrow$  i.e. about zero

**$n$ -th Central Moment**  $\mu_n^c = E[(X - E[X])^n]$

**Variance**  $\sigma_X^2 = \text{Var}(X) = E[(X - E[X])^2]$

$\text{Var}(X) = E[X^2] - (E[X])^2$

$\text{Var}(aX + b) = a^2 \text{Var}(X)$

**Sum**  $\Rightarrow$  for independent  $X_1, \dots, X_n$

$\text{Var}(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n \text{Var}(X_i)$

$\text{Var}(\bar{X}) = \text{Var}(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i}{n}) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \text{Var}(X_i)}{n^2}$

**Independent and Identically Distributed (i.i.d.)**  $\Rightarrow$

$\text{Var}(\bar{X}) = \frac{\sigma_X^2}{n}$

**Standard Deviation**  $\sigma_X = \text{sd}(X) = \sqrt{\text{Var}(X)}$

**$n$ -th Standardized Moment**  $\hat{\mu}_n = \frac{\mu_n^c}{\sigma^n} = \frac{E[(X - E[X])^n]}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(X)}^n}$

**Skewness**  $\gamma_1 = \mu_3 = \frac{E[(X - \mu)^3]}{\sigma^3}$  measures asymmetry

positive skew  $\Rightarrow$  distribution leans left

negative skew  $\Rightarrow$  distribution leans right

## Moment Generating Function (MGF)

$M_X(t) = E[e^{tX}]$

$E[X^n] = \frac{d^n M_X}{dt^n} \Big|_{t=0}$  if open interval around  $t=0$  exists

because  $e^{tX} = 1 + tX + \frac{t^2 X^2}{2!} + \frac{t^3 X^3}{3!} + \dots + \frac{t^n X^n}{n!} + \dots$

so  $M_X(t) = E[e^{tX}] = 1 + tE[X] + \frac{t^2 E[X^2]}{2!} + \dots + \frac{t^n E[X^n]}{n!} + \dots$

**Sum**  $\Rightarrow$  for independent  $X_1, \dots, X_n$

let  $X = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \Rightarrow M_X(t) = \prod_{i=1}^n M_{X_i}(t)$

## Discrete Random Variables

**Discrete RRV** iff  $\text{countable supp}(X)$

Let  $\text{supp}(X) = \{x_1, x_2, \dots\}$  be ordered s.t.  $x_1 < x_2 < \dots$

**CDF**  $F_X$  will be monotonic increasing step function,

i.e.  $F_X(x_i) = F_X(x_{i-1}) + P_X(x = x_i)$

i.e.  $P_X(x = x_i) = F_X(x_i) - F_X(x_{i-1})$

## Probability Mass Function (PMF)

$p(x) = P_X(X = x)$

$0 \leq p(x) \leq 1, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$

$\sum_{x \in \text{supp}(X)} p(x) = 1$

$p(x_i) = F(x_i) - F(x_{i-1})$

$F(x_i) = \sum_{j=1}^i p(x_j)$

**Bernoulli(P)**  $\Rightarrow$  TODO: HEREEEE!!!!

**Binomial(N, p)**  $\Rightarrow$  TODO: HEREEEE!!!!

**Poisson(P)**  $\Rightarrow$  TODO: HEREEEE!!!!

**Poisson( $\lambda$ )**  $\Rightarrow$  TODO: HEREEEE!!!!

**Uniform(U)**  $\Rightarrow$  TODO: HEREEEE!!!!

**Negative Binomial Distribution(U)**  $\Rightarrow$  TODO: HEREEEE!!!!

**Poisson Binomial Distribution**  $\Rightarrow$  TODO: HEREEEE!!!!

## Continuous Random Variables

$X$  is (Absolutely) Continuous RRV if  $\exists f_X: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such

that  $F_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f_X(u)du$

$f_X$  called **Probability Density Function (PDF)** of  $X$

$P_X(a < X \leq b) = P_X(X \leq b) - P_X(X \leq a)$

$P_X(a < X \leq b) = F_X(b) - F_X(a) = \int_a^b f_X(x)dx$

$P_X(X = x) = F_X(x) - F_X(x) = 0$  and

$P_X(X \in \{x_1, x_2, \dots\}) = P_X(X = x_1) + P_X(X = x_2) + \dots$  for

countable sets

## Properties of PDFs:

$f_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f_X(t)dt$  &  $f_X(x) = \frac{d}{dx} F_X(x)$

$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x)dx = 1$

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**Quantiles and Percentiles:**

The lower and upper quartiles and median of sample

of data are the points  $(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{3}{4}, \frac{1}{2})$  way through the

ordered dataset, respectively

**$\alpha$ -quantile**  $Q_X(\alpha) \Rightarrow$  for continuous  $X$  and  $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$  the

i.e.  $Q_X(\alpha) = F_X^{-1}(\alpha)$

$Q(1/2)$  is median &  $k$ -th percentile is  $Q(k/100)$

**Uniform(A, b)**  $\Rightarrow$  TODO: HEREEEE!!!!

**Exp( $\lambda$ )**  $\Rightarrow$  TODO: HEREEEE!!!!

**Normal( $\mu, \sigma^2$ )**  $\Rightarrow$  TODO: HEREEEE!!!!

**Lognormal**  $\Rightarrow$  TODO: HEREEEE!!!!