

Let \mathcal{E} be a set of every possible outcomes of a random experiment and \mathcal{E} be the sample space.

Let $P(\cdot): \mathcal{E} \rightarrow [0,1]$
 $C \subseteq \mathcal{E}$

st

$$P(C) \geq 0$$

$$P(C_1 \cup C_2 \cup \dots) = P(C_1) + P(C_2) + \dots \quad \text{where } C_i \text{ are disjoint}$$

$$P(\mathcal{E}) = 1$$

$P(C)$ is called the probability set function.

Thm 1 : For each $C \in \mathcal{E}$ $P(C) = 1 - P(C^c)$
 C & C^c are disjoint

Thm 2 : $P(\emptyset) = 0$

$$P(\emptyset \cup \mathcal{E})$$

Thm 3 : C_1 & C_2 are subset of \mathcal{E} st $C_1 \subset C_2$

$$P(C_2) = P(C_1 \cup (C_1^c \cap C_2))$$

Thm 4

For each $C \in \mathcal{E}$ $0 \leq P(C) \leq 1$

$$\emptyset \subseteq C \subseteq \mathcal{E}$$

P(C)

Thm 5

$$P(C_1 \cup C_2) = P(C_1) + P(C_2) - P(C_1 \cap C_2)$$

$$P(C_1 \cup C_2) = P(C_1) + P(C_1^* \cap C_2)$$

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Random variables

Definition :- Given a random experiment with a sample ^{space} \mathcal{C}

A function X which assigns to each element $c \in \mathcal{C}$ one and only one real number $X(c) = x$ is called random variable.

The space of x is the set of real numbers $A = \{x; x = X(c), c \in \mathcal{C}\}$

if \mathcal{C} themselves have real numbers $X(c) = c$

$$\text{so } A = \mathcal{C}$$

Let A be a subset of A

Define $Pr(X \in A)$

$P(C)$ where $C = \{c; c \in \mathcal{C} \text{ and } X(c) \in A\}$

Notice $P_X(A)$ or $P_X(X \in A)$
will satisfy all the theorems.

Definition:- Given a random experiment with sample \mathcal{C}

Consider two random variables x_1 & x_2 st

$$x_1(c) = x_1 \quad x_2(c) = x_2 \quad c \in \mathcal{C}$$

$$I_A = \{ (x_1, x_2) \mid x_1 \in X_1(c) \& x_2 \in X_2(c), c \in \mathcal{C} \}$$

$P_X[(x_1, x_2) \in A]$ A is a subset of I_A

$$P(\{c : x_1(c) = x_1 \& x_2(c) = x_2\})$$

Example

Let $\mathcal{C} = (0, 1)$ Let $P(c) = \int_c dx$

is $C = (1/4, 1/2)$

$$P(c) = \int_{1/4}^{1/2} dx$$

Define $X(c) = 3c + 2$

$$I_A = \{x; 2 < x < 5\}$$

Let $A = (2, 3)$

$$\therefore C = (0, 1/3)$$

$$\Rightarrow P(c) = \int_0^{1/3} dx$$

Discrete random variable.

Let X denote a random variable with one dimensional space A .

suppose A has finitely many points.

Let $f(x)$ be a function

$$f: A \rightarrow (0,1)$$

st

$$\sum_A f(x) = 1$$

when even $A \subseteq A$ it can be expressed in terms of $f(x)$ by

$$P(A) = \sum_{x \in A} f(x)$$

Continuous type of random variable

~~$f(x)$~~

Let A be one dimensional ~~st~~ and $f: A \rightarrow (0,1)$ st

$$\int_A f(x) dx = 1$$

X is said to be of continuous type

if $A \subset A$ then

$$P(A) = \int_A f(x) dx$$

The notion of pdf of one variable X can be extended to notion of pdf of two or more random variables

X & Y are two discrete type or of the continuous type we have a distribution

$$P(A) = P\{(X, Y) \in A\} = \sum_A f(x, y)$$

$$P(A) = \iint_A f(x, y) dx dy$$

This notion can be extended further to n random variables

If $f(x)$ is the pdf of a continuous type of random variable X and A is a set $\{x; a < x < b\}$ then $P(A) = P\{X \in A\}$ or $P(a < X < b)$ is formulated as

$$P(X \in A) = \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

If A is singleton $\{x=a\}$

$$P(X \in A) = \int_a^a f(x) dx = 0$$

This fact enable us to write

$$P(a < X < b) = P(a \leq X \leq b)$$

This helps us to change the value of the pdf of a continuous type of random variable at a single point without altering the distribution of X .

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} e^{-x} & x > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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More generally if two probability density functions of a random variables of the continuous type differ only on a set having probability zero, the two probability density functions are exactly same.

The Distribution Function

Let variable X have the probability set function $P(A)$.

Take x to be a real number and consider the set $(-\infty, x]$ for such $P(A)$ the probability depends upon on point x .

$$F(x) = \Pr(X \leq x)$$

$$= \sum_{\omega \leq x} f(\omega)$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^x f(z) dz$$

we shall use $F(\infty)$ & $F(-\infty)$ to denote

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} F(x) \quad \& \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} F(x) \quad \text{respectively}$$

Some properties

i) $0 \leq F(x) \leq 1$ because $0 \leq P(A) \leq 1$

ii) $F(x)$ is non decreasing function of x

ie if $x \geq y$ Then $F(x) \geq F(y)$

$$\Rightarrow \{ \alpha : \alpha \leq x \} = \{ \alpha : \alpha \leq y \} \cup \{ \alpha : y < \alpha \leq x \}$$

$$P(\{ \alpha : \alpha \leq x \}) = P(\{ \alpha : \alpha \leq y \}) + P(\{ \alpha : y < \alpha \leq x \})$$

$$F(x) = F(y) + \Pr(x \in (y, x])$$

$$\therefore F(x) \geq F(y)$$

iii)

$$\Pr(y < x \leq x) = F(x) - F(y)$$

Remark

$$\Pr(X=b) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \Pr(b-h < X \leq b)$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} F(b) - F(b-h)$$

$$= F(b) - F(b^-)$$

iv) F is right continuous

\Rightarrow Let $h > 0$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \Pr(a < X \leq a+h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} F(a+h) - F(a)$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \{a < x \leq a+h\} = \emptyset$$

suppose not \emptyset

$$\text{say } k \in \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (a, a+h]$$

$$\therefore \text{take } h \text{ smaller than } = \frac{k-a}{2}$$

$$\text{hence } k \notin (a, \frac{a+k}{2}]$$

$$0 = F(a+) - F(a)$$

\therefore right continuous