



f, g - functions of random variables.

f^{-1}, g^{-1} - inverse transforms, not necessarily true

X, Y - independent random variables
what we need to prove:

$$\Pr(a, b) = \Pr(a) \cdot \Pr(b), \text{ given that } \Pr(x, y) = \Pr(x) \cdot \Pr(y)$$

Proof:

$$\Pr(f(x)=a, g(y)=b) = \Pr(x \in A, y \in B) =$$

$$= \sum_{x \in A, y \in B} \Pr(x, y) = \sum_{x \in A} \Pr(x) \cdot \sum_{y \in B} \Pr(y) \quad \text{because } x \text{ and } y \text{ are independent.}$$

$$\text{Note, that } A = f^{-1}(a) \text{ and } B = g^{-1}(b) \Rightarrow$$

$$\sum_{x \in A} \Pr(x) \cdot \sum_{y \in B} \Pr(y) = \Pr(x \in f^{-1}(a)) \cdot \Pr(y \in g^{-1}(b)) =$$

$$= \Pr(a) \cdot \Pr(b) \quad \square$$

This is a proof for any discrete random variable, including Bernoulli trials.

Here I assumed, that inverse transforms exist, I'm not sure how to prove it.

The proof is inspired by the proof by Fang-Yi Yi posted on math.stackexchange.com.