

1 Useful Formulas

1.1 General

- Arithmetic Series: $\sum_{i=1}^n i = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$
- Geometric Series: $\begin{cases} \sum_{i=0}^n a^i = \frac{1-a^{n+1}}{1-a}, & \forall a \in \mathbb{R} \\ \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a^i = \frac{1}{1-a}, & \forall |a| < 1 \end{cases}$
- Binomial Thm: $\begin{cases} (x+y)^n = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} x^i y^{n-i} \\ \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}, n \in \mathbb{N} \end{cases}$
- Exponential Fn: $\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{a^i}{i!} = e^a, \quad \forall a \in \mathbb{R}$
- Gamma Fn: $\begin{cases} \Gamma(a) = \int_0^{\infty} x^{a-1} e^{-x} dx, & a > 0 \\ \Gamma(n) = (n-1)!, & n \in \mathbb{N} \end{cases}$

1.2 Probability

- Law of Total Probability: \forall partition $\{A_i\}_{i=1}^n$

$$P(B) = \sum_{i=1}^n P(B \cap A_i)$$

- Bayes Rule: \forall partition $\{A_i\}_{i=1}^n$

$$P(A_k|B) = \frac{P(B|A_k)P(A_k)}{\sum_{i=1}^n P(B|A_i)P(A_i)}$$

- Multiplication Rule: $P\left(\bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i\right) =$

$$P(A_1)P(A_2|A_1) \times \cdots \times P(A_n|A_1, \dots, A_{n-1})$$

- Inclusion-Exclusion Principle:

$$\begin{aligned} P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i\right) &= \sum_{i=1}^n P(A_i) - \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} P(A_i \cap A_j) + \\ &+ \sum_{1 \leq i < j < k \leq n} P(A_i \cap A_j \cap A_k) \\ &\vdots \\ &+ (-1)^{n-1} P(A_1 \cap \cdots \cap A_n) \end{aligned}$$

1.3 Calculus

- Change of Variables:

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx \stackrel{(x=h(u))}{=} \int_{h^{-1}(a)}^{h^{-1}(b)} f(h(u)) h'(u) du$$

- Fundamental Theorem of Calculus:

$$F'(x) = f(x) \Rightarrow \int_a^b f(x) dx = F(b) - F(a)$$

$$F(x) = \int_a^x f(u) du \Rightarrow F'(x) = f(x)$$

- Integration by Parts:

$$\int_a^b f(x) g'(x) dx = [f(x) g(x)]_a^b - \int_a^b f'(x) g(x) dx$$

1.4 Multivariate Distributions

- Marginal PDF

$$f_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(x, y) dy$$

- Conditional PDF

$$f_{X|Y}(x|y) = \frac{f_{X,Y}(x, y)}{f_Y(y)}$$

- 2D PDF method, for $(Z, W) = h(X, Y) \Leftrightarrow$

$$\Leftrightarrow (X, Y) = h^{-1}(Z, W)$$

$$f_{Z,W}(z, w) = \frac{f_{X,Y}(h^{-1}(z, w))}{|J(h^{-1}(z, w))|},$$

$$\text{where } |J| = \begin{vmatrix} dz/dx & dz/dy \\ dw/dx & dw/dy \end{vmatrix}$$

- Convolution method, for $Z = X + Y$

$$f_Z(z) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(x, z-x) dx$$

- Order Statistics, for $X_i \stackrel{iid}{\sim} F(x)$

$$P(X_{(i)} \leq x) = \sum_{k=i}^n \binom{n}{k} [F(x)]^k [1-F(x)]^{n-k}$$

1.5 Expectations

- Mean of Cont./Discr. RV X

$$E(X) = \mu = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_X(x) dx \Bigg/ = \sum_x x p_X(x)$$

- Mean of function h of RV X

$$E(h(X)) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(x) f_X(x) dx \Bigg/ = \sum_x h(x) p_X(x)$$

- Variance of RV

$$V(X) = \sigma^2 = E[(X - \mu)^2] = E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2$$

- Moment Generating Function of RV X

$$m_X(t) = E(e^{tX})$$

$$E(X^k) = m_X^{(k)}(0)$$

- Covariance of two RVs

$$Cov(X, Y) = E(XY) - E(X)E(Y)$$

- Expectation of Linear Function of RVs

$$E\left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i X_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i E(X_i)$$

- Variance of Linear Function of RVs

$$V\left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i X_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2 V(X_i) + 2 \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} a_i a_j Cov(X_i, X_j)$$

- Law of Total Expectation/Variance

$$E(X) = E(E(X|Y))$$

$$V(X) = E(V(X|Y)) + V(E(X|Y))$$

1.6 Inequalities

- Markov Inequality, for $X > 0$

$$P(X \geq a) \leq E(X)/a$$

- Chebyshev Inequality

$$P(|X - \mu| \geq a) \leq V(X)/a^2$$

- Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality

$$(E(XY))^2 \leq E(X^2)E(Y^2)$$

- Jensen Inequality, for convex $g(\cdot)$

$$E(g(X)) \geq g(E(X))$$

1.7 Limit Theorems

- Weak Law of Large Numbers for i.i.d. X_i

$$(X_1 + \dots + X_n)/n = \bar{X}_n \xrightarrow{P} \mu$$

- Central Limit Theorem for i.i.d. X_i

$$\frac{\bar{X}_n - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \xrightarrow{D} N(0, 1)$$

1.8 Important Distributions

Name	PMF/PDF	CDF	Mean	Variance	MGF
Discrete Distributions					
Binomial(n, p)	$\binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x}$ $x = 0, \dots, n$		np	$np(1-p)$	$(1-p + pe^t)^n$
Geometric(p) (# trials)	$p(1-p)^{x-1}$ $x = 1, \dots, \infty$	$1 - (1-p)^x$	$1/p$	$(1-p)/p^2$	$\frac{pe^t}{1-(1-p)e^t}$ $t < -\ln(1-p)$
Poisson(λ)	$e^{-\lambda} \lambda^x / x!$ $x = 0, \dots, \infty$		λ	λ	$\exp\{\lambda(e^t - 1)\}$
NegBinom(r, p)	$\binom{x-1}{r-1} p^r (1-p)^{x-r}$ $x = r, r+1, \dots, \infty$		r/p	$r(1-p)/p^2$	$\left(\frac{pe^t}{1-(1-p)e^t}\right)^r$ $t < -\ln(1-p)$
HyperGeom (n, M, N)	$\binom{M}{x} \binom{N-M}{n-x} / \binom{N}{n}$ $x = 0, \dots, n, x \leq M$, $x \geq n - N + M$		nM/N	$n \frac{M}{N} \frac{(N-M)}{N} \frac{(N-n)}{(N-1)}$	
Continuous Distributions					
Uniform(ℓ, u)	$1/(u-\ell), x \in [\ell, u]$	$\frac{x-\ell}{u-\ell}$	$\frac{u+\ell}{2}$	$\frac{(u-\ell)^2}{12}$	$\frac{e^{tu} - e^{t\ell}}{t(u-\ell)}$
Exponential(λ)	$\lambda e^{-\lambda x}, x \geq 0$	$1 - e^{-\lambda x}$	$1/\lambda$	$1/\lambda^2$	$\frac{\lambda}{\lambda-t}, t < \lambda$
Normal(μ, σ^2)	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2\right\}$ $x \in \mathbb{R}$		μ	σ^2	$\exp\{\mu t + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 t^2\}$
Gamma(a, λ)	$\frac{\lambda^a}{\Gamma(a)} x^{a-1} e^{-\lambda x}, x \geq 0$		a/λ	a/λ^2	$\left(\frac{\lambda}{\lambda-t}\right)^a, t < \lambda$