# 1 Set Theory & Probability

General: (i)  $S = A \cup \overline{A}$  (ii)  $A - B = A \cap \overline{B}$  (iii)  $(A \cap B) \cup (A \cap \overline{B}) = A$ DeMorgan's Laws: (i)  $\overline{A \cap B} = \overline{A} \cup \overline{B}$  (ii)  $\overline{A \cup B} = \overline{A} \cap \overline{B}$ 

Semantic Meanings:

- (i) Neither  $\implies A^c \cap B^c = (A \cup B)^c$
- (ii) Xor  $\implies (A \cap B^c) \cup (A^c \cap B)$
- (iii) At least one  $\implies A \cup B$

## 2 Combinatorics

### Counting Tools:

- (a)  $\mathbf{m} \times \mathbf{n}$ : Number of pairs between m and n items.
- (b)  $\mathbf{m}^{\mathbf{n}}$ : Number of ways to fill n slots with m objects.
- (c)  $\mathbf{P_r^n} = \frac{\mathbf{n!}}{(\mathbf{n} \mathbf{r})!}$ : Number of ways of ordering n distinct objects taken r at a time.
- (d)  $\binom{\mathbf{n}}{\mathbf{r}} = \frac{\mathbf{n}!}{\mathbf{r}!(\mathbf{n}-\mathbf{r})!}$ : Number of subsets, each of size r, that can be formed from n objects.
- (e)  $\binom{\mathbf{n}}{\mathbf{n_1, n_2, ..., n_k}} = \frac{\mathbf{n!}}{\mathbf{n_1! n_2!...n_k!}}$ : Number of ways of partitioning n distinct objects into k distinct groups containing  $n_1, n_2, ..., n_k$  objects. This has restriction:  $\sum_{i=1}^k n_i = n$

Binomial Expansion:  $(x+y)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} x^{n-k} y^k$ 

## 3 Conditional Probability

A given B occurred:  $P(A \mid B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$ 

**Independence**: Two events A, B are independent  $\iff$ 

- (i)  $P(A \mid B) = P(A) \iff P(B \mid A) = P(B)$
- (ii)  $P(A \cap B) = P(A) P(B)$

## Properties:

(i) 
$$P(A \mid A \cup B) = \frac{P(A)}{P(A \cup B)}$$

(ii) 
$$P(A \cap B \mid A \cup B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(A \cup B)}$$

(iii) 
$$P(A^c \mid B) = 1 - P(A \mid B)$$

(iv) 
$$P(A) = P(A \cap B) + P(A \cap B^c) \equiv P(A \mid B) P(B) + P(A \mid B^c) P(B^c)$$

(v) If A, B are independent then  $\implies (A^c, B), (A, B^c)$  and  $(A^c, B^c)$  are all independent.

## Multiplicative Law:

(i) 
$$P(A \cap B) = P(A) P(B \mid A) = P(B) P(A \mid B)$$

(ii) 
$$P(A \cap B \cap C) = P(A) P(B \mid A) P(C \mid B \cap A)$$

### 3.1 Bayes

Total Law of Probability:

If  $\{B_1, B_2, \dots, B_n\}$  is a partition of  $S \implies P(A) = \sum_{k=1}^n P(A \mid B_k) P(B_k) = \sum_{k=1}^n P(A \cap B_k)$ 

Bayes' Theorem:

$$P(B_j \mid A) = \frac{P(A \mid B_j) P(B_j)}{\sum_{k} P(A \mid B_k) P(B_k)}; P(A \mid B) = \frac{P(B \mid A) P(A)}{P(B)}$$

## 4 Discrete Random Variables

P(Y = y): Probability that Y takes on y is the sum of the probabilities of all the sample points in S that are assigned the value y.

 $\mathrm{E}[Y] = \mu = \sum_{y} y \, \mathrm{P}(Y = y)$ : The expected value of Y. Alternatively, the mean.

 $Var(Y) = \sigma^2 = E[Y^2] - E[Y]^2$ : The spread of Y from its expected value.

### Properties:

(i) E[c] = c where c is a constant

(ii)  $E[g(Y)] = \sum_{y} g(y) P(Y = y)$ 

(iii) Given  $g_1(Y), g_2(Y), \dots, g_k(Y) \implies E[g_1(Y) + g_2(Y) + \dots + g_k(Y)] = E[g_1(Y)] + E[g_2(Y)] + \dots + E[g_k(Y)]$ 

(a)  $Var(g_1(Y) + g_2(Y) + \dots + g_k(Y)) = Var(g_1(Y)) + Var(g_2(Y)) + \dots + Var(g_k(Y))$ 

(iv)  $Var(aY + b) = Var(aY) = a^2 Var(Y)$ 

## 4.1 Moment Generating Functions

 $MGF ext{ of } Y$ :

$$M_Y(t) = E[e^{tY}] = \sum_y e^{ty} P(Y = y)$$

 $k^{\text{th}}$  Moment of Y:  $E[Y^k]$ 

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}^k}{\mathrm{d}t^k} M_Y(t) \Big|_{t=0} = \begin{cases} k = 1 & \Longrightarrow & \mathrm{E}[Y] \\ k = 2 & \Longrightarrow & \mathrm{E}[Y^2] \\ \vdots \\ k = n & \Longrightarrow & \mathrm{E}[Y^n] \end{cases}$$

#### 4.1.1 Calculus

Chain Rule:  $(f \circ g)' = (f \circ g)'g'$ Product Rule:  $(f \cdot g)' = f'g + fg'$ Quotient Rule:  $(\frac{f}{g})' = \frac{f'g - fg'}{g^2}$ 

Integration by parts:

$$\int u \, \mathrm{d}v = uv - \int v \, \mathrm{d}u$$

Power Rule:

$$\int x^n \, \mathrm{d}x = \frac{1}{n+1} x^{n+1}$$

## 5 Discrete Distribution Dictionary

•  $Y \sim \text{Binomial}(n, p)$ : Observing  $y \in [0, n]$  successes in fixed n trials.

$$P(Y = y) = \binom{n}{y} p^y (1 - p)^{n-y} \implies \mu = n \cdot p \text{ and } \sigma^2 = np(1 - p)$$
$$M_Y(t) = \left[ pe^t + (1 - p) \right]^n$$

•  $Y \sim NB(r, p)$ : Observing the fixed  $r^{th}$  success in  $y \in [r, \infty)$  trials.

$$P(Y = y) = {y-1 \choose r-1} p^r (1-p)^{y-r} \implies \mu = \frac{r}{p} \text{ and } \sigma^2 = \frac{r(1-p)}{p^2}$$
$$M_Y(t) = \left[\frac{pe^t}{1 - (1-p)e^t}\right]^r$$

•  $Y \sim \text{Geometric}(p) = \text{NB}(1, p)$ : Observing 1 success in  $y \in [1, \infty)$  trials.

$$P(Y = y) = (1 - p)^{y-1}p \implies \mu = \frac{1}{p} \text{ and } \sigma^2 = \frac{1 - p}{p^2}$$

$$M_Y(t) = \frac{pe^t}{1 - (1 - p)e^t}$$

•  $Y \sim \text{Hypergeometric}(N, r, n)$ : Observing  $y \in \begin{cases} [0, n] \text{ if } n \leq r, \\ [0, r] \text{ if } n > r \end{cases}$  successes in n draws, without replacement, from a population of N that contains r success states.

$$P(Y = y) = \frac{\binom{r}{y} \binom{N-r}{n-y}}{\binom{N}{n}} \implies \mu = \frac{r \cdot n}{N} \text{ and } \sigma^2 = n \left(\frac{r}{N}\right) \left(\frac{N-r}{N}\right) \left(\frac{N-r}{N-1}\right)$$

•  $Y \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$ : Observing  $y \in [0, \infty)$  indepedent events that occur with a constant mean rate of  $\lambda$  in a fixed interval of time or area. Note:  $Y \sim \text{Poisson}(n \cdot p) = Y \sim \text{Binomial}(n, p)$  if n is very large, or p is small. That is to say, it may be used to approximate the binomial distribution.

$$P(Y = y) = \frac{\lambda^y e^{-\lambda}}{y!} \implies \mu = \lambda \text{ and } \sigma^2 = \lambda$$

$$M_Y(t) = e^{\lambda(e^t - 1)}$$