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01. COMBINATORIAL ANALYSIS

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The Basic Principle of Counting

- combinatorial analysis → the mathematical theory of counting
- basic principle of counting \rightarrow Suppose that two experiments are performed. If exp1 can result in any one of m possible outcomes and if, for each outcome of exp1, there are n possible outcomes of exp2, then together there are mn possible outcomes of the two experiments.
- generalized basic principle of counting \rightarrow If r experiments are performed such that the first one may result in any of n_1 possible outcomes and if for each of these n_1 possible outcomes, and if ..., then there is a total of $n_1 \cdot n_2 \cdot \cdots \cdot n_r$ possible outcomes of r experiments.

Permutations

factorials - 1! = 0! = 1

N1 - if we know how to count the number of different ways that an event can occur, we will know the probability of the event.

N2 - there are n! different arrangements for n objects.

N3 - there are $\frac{n!}{n_1! n_2! \dots n_r!}$ different arrangements of n objects, of which n_1 are alike, n_2 are alike, ..., n_r are alike.

Combinations

N4 - $\binom{n}{r} = \frac{n!}{(n-r)! \, r!}$ represents the number of different groups of size r that could be selected from a set of n objects when the order of selection is not considered

N4b -
$$\binom{n}{r} = \binom{n-1}{r-1} + \binom{n-1}{r}, \quad 1 \le r \le n$$

Proof. If object 1 is chosen $\Rightarrow \binom{n-1}{r-1}$ ways of choosing the remaining objects. If object 1 is not chosen $\Rightarrow \binom{n-1}{n}$ ways of choosing the remaining objects.

N5 - The Binomial Theorem -
$$(x+y)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} x^k y^{n-k}$$

Proof. by mathematical induction: n=1 is true; expand; sub dummy variable; combine using N4b; combine back to final term

Multinomial Coefficients

 $\mathbf{N6} \cdot {n \choose n_1,n_2,\dots,n_r} = \frac{n!}{n_1!\,n_2!\dots n_r!} \text{ represents the number of possible divisions of } n_1!$ n distrinct objects into r distinct groups of respective sizes n_1, n_2, \ldots, n_3 , where $n_1 + n_2 + \cdots + n_r = n$

$$\begin{array}{l} \textit{Proof.} \text{ using basic counting principle,} \\ &= \binom{n}{n_1} \binom{n-n_1}{n_2} \binom{n-n_1-n_2}{n_3} \cdots \binom{n-n_1-n_2-n_{r-1}}{n_r} \\ &= \frac{n!}{(n-n_1)!} \sum_{\substack{n=1\\ (n-n_1)!}} \frac{(n-n_1)!}{(n-n_1-n_2)!} \times \cdots \times \frac{(n-n_1-n_2-\cdots-n_{r-1})}{0!} \\ &= \frac{n!}{n_1!} \sum_{\substack{n=1\\ n+1}} \frac{n!}{n_2! \dots n_r!} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{N7 - The Multinomial Theorem: } (x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_r)^n \\ = \sum\limits_{(n_1,\dots,n_r): n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_r = n} \frac{n!}{n_1! \, n_2! \, \dots n_r!} x_1^{n_1} \, x_2^{n_2} \, \dots x_r^{n_r} \end{array}$$

Number of Integer Solutions of Equations

N8 - there are $\binom{n-1}{r-1}$ distinct *positive* integer-valued vectors (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_r) satisfying $x_1 + x_2 + \cdots + x_r = n$, $x_i > 0$, $i = 1, 2, \ldots, r$! cannot be directly applied to N8 as 0 value is not included

N9 - there are $\binom{n+r-1}{r-1}$ distinct *non-negative* integer-valued vectors (x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_r) satisfying $x_1 + x_2 + \cdots + x_r = n$

Proof. let $y_k = x_k + 1 \Rightarrow y_1 + y_2 + \cdots + y_r = n + r$

02. AXIOMS OF PROBABILITY

Sample Space and Events

- sample space → The set of all outcomes of an experiment (where outcomes are not predictable with certainty)
- event → Any subset of the sample space
- **union** of events E and $F \to E \cup F$ is the event that contains all outcomes that are either in E or F (or both).
- intersection of events E and $F \to E \cap F$ or EF is the event that contains all outcomes that are both in E and in F.
- **complement** of $E \to E^c$ is the event that contains all outcomes that are *not* in E.
- **subset** $\to E \subset F$ is all of the outcomes in E that are also in F.
 - $E \subset F \land F \subset E \Rightarrow E = F$

DeMorgan's Laws

$$(\bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i)^c = \bigcap_{i=1}^n E_i^c$$

Proof. to show LHS \subset RHS: let $x \in (\bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i)^c$ $\begin{array}{l} \Rightarrow x\notin \bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i \Rightarrow x\notin E_1 \text{ and } x\notin E_2\dots \text{ and } x\notin E_n\\ \Rightarrow x\in E_1^c \text{ and } x\in E_2^c\dots \text{ and } x\in E_n^c \end{array}$ $\begin{array}{c} \Rightarrow x \in \bigcap_{i=1}^n E_i^c \\ \text{to show RHS} \subset \text{LHS: let } x \in \bigcap_{i=1}^n E_i^c \end{array}$

$$(\bigcap_{i=1}^{n} \mathbf{E}_{i})^{\mathbf{c}} = \bigcup_{i=1}^{n} \mathbf{E}_{i}^{\mathbf{c}}$$

Proof. using the first law of DeMorgan, negate LHS to get RHS

Axioms of Probability

definition 1: relative frequency

$$P(E) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{n(E)}{n}$$

problems with this definition:

- 1. $\frac{n(E)}{n}$ may not converge when $n \to \infty$
- 2. $\frac{n(E)}{n}$ may not converge to the same value if the experiment is repeated

definition 2: Axioms

Consider an experiment with sample space S. For each event E of the sample space S, we assume that a number P(E) is definned and satisfies the following 3 axioms:

- 1. 0 < P(E) < 1
- 2. P(S) = 1
- 3. For any sequence of mutually exclusive events E_1, E_2, \ldots (i.e., events for which $E_i E_i = \emptyset$ when $i \neq j$),

$$P(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(E_i)$$

P(E) is the probability of event E

Simple Propositions

$$\mathbf{N1} \cdot P(\emptyset) = 0$$

N2 -
$$P(\bigcup_{i=1}^{n} E_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} P(E_i)$$
 (aka axiom 3 for a finite n)

N3 - strong law of large numbers - if an experiment is repeated over and over again, then with probability 1, the proportion of time during which any specific event E occurs will be equal to P(E).

N6 - the definitions of probability are mathematical definitions. They tell us which se functions can be called **probability functions**. They do not tell us what value a probability function $P(\cdot)$ assigns to a given event E.

probability function \iff it satisfies the 3 axioms.

N7 - $P(E_c) = 1 - P(E)$

N8 - if $E \subset F$, then P(E) < P(F)

N9 - $P(E \cup F) = P(E) + P(F) - P(E \cap F)$ **N10** - Inclusion-Exclusion identity where n=3

 $P(E \cup F \cup G) = P(E) + P(F) + P(G)$ -P(EF) - P(EG) - P(FG)

N11 - Inclusion-Exclusion identity -

$$P(E_1 \cup E_2 \cup \dots \cup E_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n P(E_i) - \sum_{i_1 < i_2} P(E_{i_1} E_{i_2}) + \dots$$

$$+ (-1)^{r+1} \sum_{i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_r} P(E_{i_1} E_{i_2} \dots E_{i_r}) + \dots$$

$$+ (-1)^{n+1} P(E_1 E_2 \dots E_n)$$

+P(EFG)

Proof. Suppose an outcome with probability ω is in exactly m of the events E_i , where m > 0. Then

LHS: the outcome is in $E_1 \cup E_2 \cup \cdots \cup E_n$ and ω will be counted once in $P(E_1 \cup E_2 \cup \cdots \cup E_n)$

- the outcome is in exactly m of the events E_i and ω will be counted exactly $\binom{m}{1}$ times in $\sum_{i=1}^{n} P(E_i)$
- the outcome is contained in ${m \choose 2}$ subsets of the type $E_{i_1}E_{i_2}$ and ω will be counted ${m \choose 2}$ times in $\sum_{i_1 < i_2} \overset{\frown}{P}(E_{i_1}E_{i_2})$
- ... and so on

hence RHS =
$$\binom{m}{1}\omega - \binom{m}{2}\omega + \binom{m}{3}\omega - \cdots \pm \binom{m}{m}\omega$$

$$= \omega \sum_{i=0}^m \binom{m}{i}(-1)^i = \text{binomial theorem where } x=-1, y=1$$

$$= 0 = \text{LHS}$$

e.g. For an outcome with probability ω and n=3

• Case 1. $w = P(E_1 E_2)$ LHS = ω RHS = $(\omega + \omega + 0) - (\omega + 0 + 0) + 0 = \omega$

• Case 2. $\omega = P(E_1 \cap E_2 \cap E_3)$ RHS = $(\omega + \omega + \omega) - (\omega + \omega + \omega) + \omega = \omega$

N12 -

(i) $P(\bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i) \le \sum_{i=1}^n P(E_i)$

(ii)
$$P(\bigcup_{i=1}^{n} E_i) \ge \sum_{i=1}^{n} P(E_i) - \sum_{j < i} P(E_i E_j)$$

(iii)
$$P(\bigcup_{i=1}^{n} E_i) \le \sum_{i=1}^{n} P(E_i) - \sum_{j < i} P(E_i E_j) + \sum_{k < j < i} P(E_i E_j E_k)$$

$$\begin{split} \textit{Proof.} \quad & \bigcup_{i=1}^{n} E_{i} = E_{1} \cup E_{1}^{c} E_{2} \cup E_{1}^{c} E_{2}^{c} E_{3} \cup \dots \cup E_{1}^{c} E_{2}^{c} \dots E_{n-1}^{c} E_{n} \\ & P(\bigcup_{i=1}^{n} E_{i}) = P(E_{1}) + P(E_{1}^{c} E_{2}) + P(E_{1}^{c} E_{2}^{c} E_{3}) + \dots + P(E_{1}^{c} E_{2}^{c} \dots E_{n-1}^{c} E_{n}) \end{split}$$

Sample Space having Equally Likely Outcomes

tricky - 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20

Consider an experiment with sample space $S = \{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n\}$. Then

 $P(\{e_1\}) = P(\{e_2\}) = \cdots = P(\{e_n\}) = \frac{1}{n} \quad \text{or} \quad P(\{e_i\}) = \frac{1}{n}.$ N1 - for any event E, $P(E) = \frac{\# \text{ of outcomes in } E}{\# \text{ of outcomes in } S} = \frac{\# \text{ of outcomes in } E}{n}$

increasing sequence of events $\{E_n, n \geq 1\} \rightarrow$

 $E_1 \subset E_2 \subset \cdots \subset E_n \subset E_{n+1} \subset \cdots$

$$\begin{split} &\lim_{n\to\infty}E_n=\bigcup_{i=1}^\infty E_i\\ &\text{decreasing sequence}\\ &E_1\supset E_2\supset\cdots\supset E_n\supset E_{n+1}\supset\ldots\\ &\lim_{n\to\infty}E_n=\bigcap^\infty E_i \end{split}$$

03. CONDITIONAL PROBABILITY AND INDEPENDENCE

tricky - E6, urns (p.37)

Conditional Probability

N1 - if
$$P(F)>0$$
. then $P(E|F)=\frac{P(E\cap F)}{P(F)}$

N2 - multiplication rule -
$$P(E_1E_2 \dots E_n) = P(E_1)P(E_2|E_1)P(E_3|E_1E_2)\dots P(E_n|E_1E_2\dots E_{n-1})$$

N3 - axioms of probability apply to conditional probability

- 1. 0 < P(E|F) < 1
- 2. P(S|F) = 1 where S is the sample space
- 3. If E_i ($i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$) are mutually exclusive events, then

$$P(\bigcup_{1}^{\infty} E_i|F) = \sum_{1}^{\infty} P(E_i|F)$$

N4 - If we define Q(E) = P(E|F), then Q(E) can be regarded as a probability function on the events of S, hence all results previously proved for probabilities apply.

- $Q(E_1 \cup E_2) = Q(E_1) + Q(E_2) Q(E_1 E_2)$
- $P(E_1 \cup E_2|F) = P(E_1|F) + P(E_2|F) P(E_1E_2|F)$
- · theorem of total probability:
 - $Q(E_1) = Q(E_1|E_2)Q(E_2) + Q(E_1|E_2)Q(E_2)$
 - $P(H|F_n) = \sum_{i=0}^k P(H|F_nc_i)P(c_i|F_n)$

Total Probability & Bayes' Theorem

conditioning formula - $P(E) = P(E|F)P(F) + P(E|F^c)P(F^c)$

$$P(F) \rightarrow F \xrightarrow{P(E|F)} E \qquad P(F|E) = \frac{P(EF)}{P(E)} = \frac{P(F) \cdot P(E|F)}{P(E)}$$

$$F^{c} \rightarrow E \qquad P(F^{c}|E) = \frac{P(EF^{c})}{P(E)} = \frac{P(F^{c}) \cdot P(E|F)}{P(E)}$$

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Total Probability

theorem of total probability - Suppose F_1, F_2, \dots, F_n are mutually exclusive events such that $\bigcup_{i=1}^n F_i = S$, then $P(E) = \sum_{i=1}^n P(EF_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n P(F_i) P(E|F_i)$

Bayes Theorem

$$P(F_j|E) = \frac{P(EF_j)}{P(E)} = \frac{P(F_j)P(E|F_j)}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} P(F_i)P(E|F_i)}$$

application of bayes' theorem

$$P(B_1 \mid A) = \frac{P(A|B_1) \cdot P(B_1)}{P(A|B_1) \cdot P(B_1) + P(A|B_2) \cdot P(B_2)}$$

Let A be the event that the person test positive for a disease.

 B_1 : the person has the disease. B_2 : the person does not have the disease.

false negatives: $P(\bar{A} \mid B_1)$ true positives: $P(B_1 \mid A)$ false positives: $P(A \mid B_2)$ true negatives: $P(\bar{A} \mid B_2)$

Independent Events

N1 - E and F are independent $\iff P(EF) = P(E) \cdot P(F)$

N2 - E and F are independent $\iff P(E|F) = P(E)$

N3 - if E and F are independent, then E and F^c are independent.

N4 - if E, F, G are independent, then E will be independent of any event formed from F and G. (e.g. $F \cup G$)

N5 - if E, F, G are independent, then P(EFG) = P(E)P(F)P(G)

N6 - if E and F are independent and E and G are independent, $\Rightarrow E$ and FG are independent

N7 - For independent trials with probability p of success, probability of m successes before n failures, for m, n > 1,

 $\overbrace{ P_{n-1,m} \atop B \text{ win} \atop B \text{ win} }^{p \rightarrow S} \underbrace{ P_{n-1,m} \atop B \text{ win} \atop A \text{ win} \atop P_{n,m} = \sum_{k=n}^{m+n-1} \binom{m+n-1}{k} p^k (1-p)^{m+n-1-k}$ = P(exactly k successes in m+n-1 trials)

recursive approach to solving probabilities: see page 85 alternative approach

04. RANDOM VARIABLES

random variable
→ a real-valued function defined on the sample space

Types of Random Variables

• X is a **Bernoulli r.v.** with parameter p if \rightarrow

$$p(x) = \begin{cases} p, & x = 1, \text{ ('success')} \\ 1 - p, & x = 0 \text{ ('failure')} \end{cases}$$

• Y is a **Binomial r.v.** with parameters n and $p \to Y = X_1 + X_2 + \cdots + X_n$ where X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_n are independent Bernoulli r.v.'s with parameter p.

• $P(X = k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$

• P(k successes from n independent trials each with probability p of success)

 \bullet e.g. number of red balls out of n balls drawn with replacement

• Negative Binomial $\to X =$ number of trials until k successes are obtained

• e.g. number of balls drawn (with replacement) until k red balls are obtained

• **Geometric** $\rightarrow X =$ number of trials until a success is obtained

• $P(X = k) = (1 - p)^{k-1} \cdot p$ where k is the number of trials needed • e.g. number of balls drawn (with replacement) until 1 red ball is obtained

• **Hypergeometric** $\rightarrow X =$ number of trials until success, without replacement

• e.g. number of red balls out of n balls drawn without replacement

Summary

binomial	X= number of successes in n trials with replacement
negative binomial	X= number of trials until k successes
geometric	X= number of trials until a success
hypergeometric	X= number of successes in n trials without replacement

Properties

$$\begin{array}{ll} \mathbf{N1} \text{ - if } X \sim \operatorname{Binomial}(n,p), \text{ and } Y \sim \operatorname{Binomial}(n-1,p), \\ \text{then} \qquad E(X^k) = np \cdot E[(Y+1)^{k-1}] \\ \mathbf{N2} \text{ - if } X \sim \operatorname{Binomial}(n,p), \text{ then for } k \in \mathbb{Z}^+, \\ P(X=k) = \frac{(n-k+1)p}{k(1-p)} \cdot P(X=k-1) \end{array}$$

Coupon Collector Problem

Q. Suppose there are N distinct types of coupons. If T denotes the number of coupons needed to be collected for a complete set, what is P(T = n)?

A.
$$P(T>n-1)=P(T\geq n)=P(T=n)+P(T>n)$$
 $\Rightarrow P(T=n)=P(T>n-1)-P(T>n)$ Let $A_j=\{\text{no type } j \text{ coupon is contained among the first } n\}$ $P(T>n)=P(\bigcup_{i=1}^{N}A_i)$

Using the inclusion-exclusion identity,

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$$P(T>n) = \sum_{j} P(A_{j}) \quad \text{- coupon } j \text{ is not among the first } n \text{ collected}$$

$$-\sum_{j_1} \sum_{j_2} P(A_{j_1} A_{j_2}) \quad \text{- coupon } j_1 \text{ and } j_2 \text{ are not the first } n$$

$$+ \dots + (-1)^{k+1} \sum_{j_1} \sum_{j_2} \dots \sum_{j_k} P(A_{j_1} A_{j_2} \dots A_{j_n}) + \dots$$

$$+ (-1)^{N+1} P(A_1 A_2 \dots A_N)$$

$$P(A_{j_1} A_{j_2} \dots A_{j_n}) = (\frac{N-k}{N})^n$$
 Hence
$$P(T>n) = \sum_{j_1}^{N-1} {N \choose j} {N-1 \choose N}^n (-1)^{i+1}$$

Probability Mass Function

- for a discrete r.v., we define the **probability mass function** (pmf) of X by p(a) = P(X = a)
 - cdf, $F(a) = \sum p(x)$ for all $x \le a$
 - if X assumes one of the values x_1, x_2, \ldots , then $\sum\limits_{i=1}^{\infty} p(x_i) = 1$
 - the pmf p(a) is positive for at most a countable number of values of a
- discrete variable → a random variable that can take on at most a countable number of possible values

Cumulative Distribution Function

- for a r.v. X, the function F defined by $F(x) = P(X \le x), -\infty < x < \infty$, is called the **cumulative distribution function (cdf)** of X.
 - · aka distribution function
- F(x) is defined on the entire real line

$$\bullet \text{ e.g. } F(a) = \begin{cases} 0, & a < 1 \\ \frac{1}{2}, & 1 \leq a < 2 \\ \frac{3}{4}, & 2 \leq a < 4 \\ 1, & a \leq 4 \end{cases}$$

Expected Value

- aka population mean/sample mean, μ
- if X is a discrete random variable having pmf p(x), the **expectation** or the **expected value** of X is defined as $E(X) = \sum x \cdot p(x)$

N1 - if a and b are constants, then E(aX+b)=aE(X)+b N2 - the n^{th} moment of of X is given as $E(X^n)=\sum_x x^n\cdot p(x)$

 $\bullet \ I \ \text{is an indicator variable for event} \ A \ \text{if} \ I = \begin{cases} 1, \text{if} \ A \ \text{occurs} \\ 0, \text{if} \ A^c \ \text{occurs} \end{cases} \quad \text{. then} \ E(I) = P(A).$

Proof of N1.
$$E(aX + b) = \sum_{x} (aX + b)p(x)$$

= $a \cdot \sum_{x} xp(x) + b \cdot \sum_{x} p(x) = a \cdot E(X) + b$

finding expectation of f(x)

- method 1, using pmf of Y: let Y = f(X). Find corresponding X for each Y.
- method 2, using pmf of X: $E[g(x)] = \sum_i g(x_i)p(x_i)$
 - where X is a discrete r.v. that takes on one of the values of x_i with the respective probabilities of $p(x_i)$, and q is any real-valued function q

Variance

If X is a r.v. with mean $\mu=E[X]$, then the variance of X is defined by $Var(X) = E[(X - \mu)^2]$

$$= \sum x_i (x_i - \mu)^2 \cdot p(x_i) \qquad \text{(deviation \cdot weight)}$$

$$= E(x^2) - [E(x)]^2$$

• $Var(aX + b) = a^2Var(x)$

Poisson Random Variable

a r.v. X is said to be a **Poisson r.v.** with parameter λ if for some $\lambda > 0$,

$$P(X=i) = e^{-\lambda} \cdot \frac{\lambda^i}{i!}$$

- notation: $X \sim \mathsf{Poisson}(\lambda)$
- $\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} P(X=i) = 1$
- Poisson Approximation of Binomial if $X \sim \text{Binomial}(n, p), n$ is large and p is small, then $X \sim Poisson(\lambda)$ where $\lambda = np$.
 - For n independent trials with probability p of success, the number of successes is approximately a *Poisson r.v.* with parameter $\lambda = np$ if n is large & p is small.
 - Poisson approximation remains even when the trials are not independent. provided that their dependence is weak.
- 2 ways to look at the Poisson distribution
 - 1. an approximation to the binomial distribution with large n and small p
 - 2. counting the number of events that occur at random at certain points in time

Mean and Variance

if
$$X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$$
, then $E(X) = \lambda$, $Var(X) = \lambda$

Poisson distribution as random events

Let N(t) be the number of events that occur in time interval [0, t].

N1 - If the 3 assumptions are true, then $N(t) \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda t)$.

N2 - If λ is the rate of occurrences of events per unit time, then the number of occurrences in an interval of length t has a Poisson distribution with mean λt .

$$P(N(t)=k)=rac{e^{-\lambda t}(\lambda t)^k}{k!}$$
 , for $k\in\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$

o(h) notation

$$o(h)$$
 stands for any function $f(h)$ such that $\lim_{h \to 0} \frac{f(h)}{h} = 0$

- o(h) + o(h) = o(h)
- $\frac{\lambda t}{t} + o(\frac{t}{n}) = \frac{\lambda t}{n}$ for large n

Expected Value of sum of r.v.

For a r.v. X, let X(s) denote the value of X when $s \in \mathcal{S}$

N1 -
$$E(x) = \sum_i x_i P(X=x_i) = \sum_{s \in \mathcal{S}} X(s) p(s)$$
 where $\mathcal{S}_i = \{s: X(s)=x_i\}$

N2 -
$$E(\sum_{i=1}^{n}) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} E(X_i)$$
 for r.v. X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n

examples

Selecting hats problem

Let n be the number of men who select their own hats. Let I_E be an indicator r.v. for E. E_i is the event that the i-th man selects his own hat. Let X be the number of men that select their own hats.

- $X = I_{E_1} + I_{E_2} + \cdots + I_{E_n}$
- $P(E_i) = \frac{1}{n}$
- $P(E_i|E_j) = \frac{1}{n-1} \neq P(E_j)$ for j < i (hence E_i and E_j are not independent)
 - but dependence is weak for large *n*
- X satisfies the other conditions for binomial r.v., besides independence (n trials with equal probability of success)
- Poisson approximation of $X: X \sim \mathsf{Poisson}(\lambda)$
 - $\lambda = n \cdot P(E_i) = n \cdot \frac{1}{n} = 1$
 - $P(X = i) = \frac{e^{-1}1^i}{i!} = \frac{e^{-1}}{i!}$ $P(X = 0) = e^{-1} \approx 0.37$

No 2 people have the same birthday

For $\binom{n}{2}$ pairs of individuals i and j, $i \neq j$, let E_{ij} be the event where they have the same birthday. Let X be the number of pairs with the same birthday.

- $X = I_{E_1} + I_{E_2} + \cdots + I_{E_n}$
- Each E_{ij} is only pairwise independent. $P(E_{ij}) = \frac{1}{365}$ • i.e. E_{ij} and E_{mn} are independent

- but E_{12} and $(E_{13} \cap E_{23})$ are not independent $\Rightarrow P(E_{12}|E_{13} \cap E_{23}) = 1$
- $\bullet \ X \dot{\sim} \mathrm{Poisson}(\lambda), \ \lambda = \frac{\binom{n}{2}}{365} = \frac{n(n-1)}{730} \qquad \Rightarrow P(X=0) = e^{-\frac{n(n-1)}{730}}$ • for $P(X=0) \le \frac{1}{2}, n \ge 23$

distribution of time to next event

Q. suppose an accident happens at a rate of 5 per day. Find the distribution of time starting from now, until the next accident.

A. Let X = time (in days) until the next accident.

Let V = be the number of accidents during time period [0, t].

$$V \sim \mathsf{Poisson}(5t) \qquad \Rightarrow P(V=k) = \frac{e^{-5t} \cdot (5t)^k}{k!}$$

 $P(X > t) = P(\text{no accidents happen during } [0, t]) = P(V = 0) = e^{-5t}$ $P(X \le t) - 1 - e^{-5t}$

05. CONTINUOUS RANDOM VARIABLES

X is a **continuous r.v.** \rightarrow if there exists a nonnegative function f defined for all real $x \in (-\infty, \infty)$, such that $P(X \in B) = \int_{B} f(x) dx$

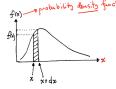
N1 - $P(X \in (-\infty, \infty)) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = 1$

N2 - $P(a \le X \le b) = \int_a^b f(x) dx$

N3 - $P(X = a) = \int_a^a f(x) dx = 0$

N4 - $P(X < a) = P(X \le a) = \int_{-\infty}^{a} f(x) dx$

N5 - interpretation of probability density function



$$\begin{split} P(x < X < x + dx) &= \int_{x}^{x + dx} f(y) \, dy \\ &\approx f(x) \cdot dx \\ \text{pdf at } x, f(x) &\approx \frac{P(x < X < x + dx)}{dx} \end{split}$$

N6 - if X is a continuous r.v. with pdf f(x) and cdf F(x), then $f(x) = \frac{d}{dx}F(x)$. (Fundamental Theorem of Calculus)

N7 - median of X, x occurs where $F(x) = \frac{1}{2}$

Generating a Uniform r.v.

if X is a continuous r.v. with cdf F(x), then

• N8 - $F(X) = U \sim uniform(0, 1)$.

Proof. let
$$Y=F(X)$$
. then cdf of Y , $F_Y(y)=P(Y\leq y)=P(F(X)\leq y)=P(X\leq F^{-1}(y))=F(F^{-1}(y))=y$. hence Y is a uniform r.v.

• N9 - $X = F^{-1}(U) \sim \text{cdf } F(x)$.

• generating a r.v. from a uniform(0, 1) r.v. and a r.v. with cdf F(x).

Expectation & Variance

expectation

N1 - expectation of X, $E(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \cdot f(x) dx$

N2 - for a non-negative r.v. $Y, E(Y) = \int_0^\infty P(Y > y) dy$

N3 - if X is a continuous r.v. with pdf f(x), then for any real-valued function g, $E[g(x)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x)f(x) dx$

• e.g. $E[aX + b] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (aX + b) \cdot f(x) dx = a \cdot E(X) + b$

variance

N1 - variance of X, $Var(X) = E[(X - \mu)^2] = E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2$

 ${\it Q}$ - Find the pdf of (b-a)X+a where a,b are constants, b>a. The pdf of X is given by $f(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & 0 \le X \le 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

A. Let Y = (b-a)X + a.

$$\operatorname{cdf}, F_Y(y) = P(Y \le y) = P((b-a)X + a \le y) = P(X \le \frac{y-a}{b-a})$$

$$F_Y(y) = \int_0^{\frac{y-a}{b-a}} 1 \, dx = \frac{y-a}{b-a}, \quad a < y < b$$

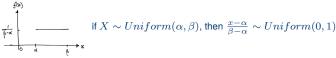
$$f_Y(y) = \frac{d}{dy} F_Y(y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a}, & a < y < b \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Uniform Random Variable

X is a **uniform r.v.** on the interval (α, β) , $X \sim Uniform(\alpha, \beta)$ if its pdf is given by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\beta - \alpha}, & \alpha < x < \beta \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$E(X) = \frac{\alpha + \beta}{2}, \quad Var(X) = \frac{(\beta - \alpha)^2}{12}$$

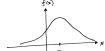


Normal Random Variable

X is a **normal r.v.** with parameters μ and σ^2 , $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ if the pdf of X is given by

$$f(x) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\frac{x}{\mu}\sigma)^2}, \quad -\infty < x < \infty$$

$$E(x) = \mu, \quad Var(X) = \sigma^2$$



if
$$X\sim N(\mu,\sigma^2)$$
, then $\frac{X-\mu}{\sigma}\sim N(0,1)$ if $Y\sim N(\mu,\sigma^2)$ and a is a constant, $F_y(a)=\Phi(\frac{a-\mu}{\sigma})$

standard normal distribution $\to X \sim N(0,1)$

•
$$F(x) = P(X \le x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{r\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{x} e^{-\frac{1}{2}y^2} dy = \Phi(x)$$

Normal Approximation to the Binomial Distribution

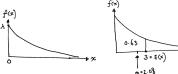
if
$$S_n \sim Binomial(n,p)$$
, then $\frac{S_n-np}{\sqrt{np(1-p)}} \sim N(0,1)$ for large n .
$$\mu=np, \quad \sigma^2=np(1-p)$$

Exponential Random Variable

a continuous r.v. X is a exponential r.v., $X \sim Exponential(\lambda)$ or $Exp(\lambda)$ if for some $\lambda > 0$, its pdf is given by

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

$$E(X) = \frac{1}{\lambda}, \quad Var(X) = \frac{1}{\lambda^2}$$



- an exponential r.v. is memoryless.
- a non-negative r.v. is memoryless → if
- $P(X > s + t \mid X > t) = P(X > s)$ for all s, t > 0.

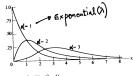
Gamma Distribution

a r.v. X has a **gamma distribution**, $X \sim Gamma(\alpha, \lambda)$ with parameters (α, γ) , $\lambda > 0$ and $\alpha > 0$ if its pdf is given by

$$f(x) \begin{cases} \frac{\lambda e^{-\lambda x} (\lambda x)^{\alpha - 1}}{\Gamma(d)}, & x \ge 0\\ 0, & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$E(X) = \frac{\alpha}{\lambda} Var(X) = \frac{\alpha}{\lambda^2}$$

where the gamma function $\Gamma(\alpha)$ is defined as $\Gamma(\alpha) = \int_0^\infty e^{-y} y^{\alpha-1} \, dy$.



N1 -
$$\Gamma(\alpha) = (\alpha - 1)\Gamma(\alpha - 1)$$

Proof. using integration by parts of LHS to RHS

N2 - if α is an integer n, then $\Gamma(n)=(n-1)!$ **N3** - if $X\sim Gamma(\alpha,\lambda)$ and $\alpha=1$, then

$$X \sim Exp(\lambda)$$
.

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m N4}$ - for events occurring randomly in time following the 3 assumptions of poisson distribution, the amount of time elapsed until a total of n events has occurred is a gamma r.v. with parameters (n,λ) .

- time at which event n occurs, $T_n \sim Gamma(n, \lambda)$
- number of events in time period [0,t], $N(t) \sim Poisson(\lambda t)$

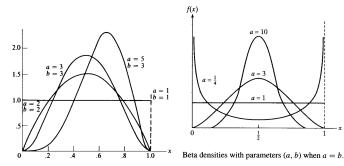
N5 - $Gamma(\alpha=\frac{n}{2},\lambda=\frac{1}{2})=\chi_n^2$ (chi-square distribution to n degrees of freedom)

Beta Distribution

a r.v. X is said to have a **beta distribution**, $X \sim Beta(a,b)$ if its density is given by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\beta(a,b)} x^{a-1} (1-x)^{b-1}, & 0 < x < 1\\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$E(X) = \frac{a}{a+b} \quad Var(X) = \frac{ab}{(a+b)^2(a+b+1)}$$



N1 -
$$\beta(a,b) = \int_0^1 x^{a-1} (1-x)^{b-1} dx$$

N2 -
$$\beta(a = 1, b = 1) = Uniform(0, 1)$$

N3 - $\beta(a,b) = \frac{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)}{\Gamma(a+b)}$

Cauchy Distribution

a r.v. X has a cauchy distribution, $X \sim Cauchy(\theta)$ with parameter $\theta, \infty < \theta < \infty$ if its density is given by

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \cdot \frac{1}{1 + (x - \theta)^2}, -\infty < x < \infty$$

Proof. $E(X^n)$ does not exist for $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

$$E(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \cdot f(x) dx = \infty - \infty$$
 (undefined)

06. JOINTLY DISTRIBUTED RANDOM VARIABLES

Joint Distribution Function

the **joint cumulative distribution function** of the pair of r.v. X and Y is \to $F(x,y) = P(X \le x, Y \le y), -\infty < x < \infty, -\infty < y < \infty$

N1 - marginal cdf of
$$X$$
, $F_X(x) = \lim_{y \to \infty} F(x,y)$.
N2 - marginal cdf of Y , $F_Y(y) = \lim_{x \to \infty} F(x,y)$.
N3 - $P(X > a, Y > b) = 1 - F_X(a) - F_Y(b) + F(a,b)$
N4 - $P(a_1 < X \le a_2, b_1 < Y \le b_2)$
= $F(a_2, b_2) + F(a_1, b_1) - F(a_1, b_2) - F(a_2, b_1)$

Joint Probability Mass Function

if X and Y are both discrete r.v., then their **joint pmf** is defined by

$$p(i,j) = P(X = i, Y = j)$$

N1 - marginal pmf of
$$X$$
, $P(X=i) = \sum_{j} P(X=i, Y=j)$

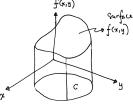
N2 - marginal pmf of Y,
$$P(Y = i) = \sum_{i} P(X = i, Y = j)$$

Joint Probability Density Function

the r.v. X and Y are said to be *jointly continuous* if there is a function f(x,y) called the **joint pdf**, such that for any two-dimensional set C,

$$P[(X,Y) \in C] = \iint_C f(x,y) dx dy$$

= volume under the surface over the region C.

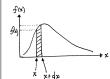


N1 - if
$$C=\{(x,y):x\in A,y\in B\}$$
, then $P(X\in A,Y\in B)=\int\limits_{B}\int\limits_{A}f(x,y)\,dx\,dy$

N2 -
$$F(a,b) = P(X \in (-\infty,a], Y \in (-\infty,b]) = \int_{-\infty}^{b} \int_{-\infty}^{a} f(x,y) dx dy$$

N3 -
$$f(a,b) = \frac{\delta^2}{\delta a \delta b} F(a,b)$$

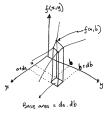
interpretation of pdf



$$P(x < X < x + dx) = \int_x^{x + dx} f(y) \, dy$$

$$\approx f(x) \, dx$$
 pdf at $x, f(x) \approx \frac{P(x < X < x + dx)}{dx}$

interpretation of joint pdf



$$P(a < X < a + da, b < Y < b + db)$$

$$= \int_{b}^{b+db} \int_{a}^{a+da} f(x, y) dx dy$$

$$\approx f(a, b) da db$$
marginal pot of X $f_{Y}(x) = \int_{a}^{\infty} f(x) dx dy$

marginal pdf of X, $f_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x,y) \, dy$ marginal pdf of Y, $f_Y(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x,y) \, dx$

 $\begin{array}{lll} \textbf{commutative} & E \cup F = F \cup E & E \cap F = F \cap E \\ \textbf{associative} & (E \cup F) \cup G = E \cup (F \cup G) & (E \cap F) \cap G = E \cap (F \cap G) \\ \textbf{distributive} & (E \cup F) \cap G = (E \cap F) \cup (F \cap G) & (E \cap F) \cup G = (E \cup F) \cap (F \cup G) \\ \textbf{DeMorgan's} & (\bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i)^c = \bigcap_{i=1}^n E_i^c & (\bigcap_{i=1}^n E_i)^c = \bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i^c \\ \end{array}$