

## 01. COMBINATORIAL ANALYSIS

### The Basic Principle of Counting

- basic principle of counting** → 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** → 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, there are  $n_2$  possible outcomes of the 2nd exp, and if ..., then there is a total of  $n_1 \cdot n_2 \cdot \dots \cdot n_r$  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

$$\binom{n}{r} = \frac{n!}{(n-r)! r!} = \binom{n-1}{r-1} + \binom{n-1}{r}, \quad 1 \leq r \leq n$$

#### N5 - The Binomial Theorem

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

### Multinomial Coefficients

$$\binom{n}{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_r} = \frac{n!}{n_1! n_2! \dots n_r!}$$

**N6** - represents the number of possible divisions of  $n$  distinct objects into  $r$  distinct groups of respective sizes  $n_1, n_2, \dots, n_r$ , where  $n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_r = n$

**N7 - The Multinomial Theorem:**  $(x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_r)^n = \sum_{(n_1, \dots, n_r): n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_r = n} \frac{n!}{n_1! n_2! \dots n_r!} x_1^{n_1} x_2^{n_2} \dots x_r^{n_r}$

### 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  $x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_r = n$ ,  $x_i > 0$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, r$

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

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

## 02. AXIOMS OF PROBABILITY

### Sample Space and Events

- sample space** → The *set* of all outcomes of an experiment
- event** → Any *subset* of the sample space
- complement** of  $E \rightarrow E^c$  is the event that contains all outcomes that are *not* in  $E$ .
- subset** →  $E \subset F$  is all of the outcomes in  $E$  that are also in  $F$ .
  - $E \subset F \wedge F \subset E \Rightarrow E = F$

**DeMorgan's Laws:**  $(\bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i)^c = \bigcap_{i=1}^n E_i^c$  and  $(\bigcap_{i=1}^n E_i)^c = \bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i^c$

### Axioms of Probability

**definition 1: relative frequency**

$P(E) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n(E)}{n}$ . problems: (1)  $\frac{n(E)}{n}$  may not converge when  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

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

### Axioms (definition 2)

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

- $0 \leq P(E) \leq 1$
- $P(S) = 1$
- For mutually exclusive events,  $P(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(E_i)$ . same for finite case

**mutually exclusive** → events for which  $E_i E_j = \emptyset$  when  $i \neq j$

### Simple Propositions

**N1** -  $P(\emptyset) = 0$

**N6** - **probability function**  $\iff$  it satisfies the 3 axioms.

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

**N10** - Inclusion-Exclusion identity where  $n = 3$

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

**N11** - **Inclusion-Exclusion identity** -

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

$$(i) \quad P(\bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n P(E_i) \quad (\text{based on Inclusion-Exclusion identity})$$

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

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

(iv) and so on.

### Sample Space having Equally Likely Outcomes

Consider an experiment with sample space  $S = \{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n\}$ . Then  $P(\{e_1\}) = P(\{e_2\}) = \dots = P(\{e_n\}) = \frac{1}{n}$  or  $P(\{e_i\}) = \frac{1}{n}$ .

**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  $\{E_n, n \geq 1\} \rightarrow E_1 \subset E_2 \subset \dots \subset E_n \subset \dots$

**decreasing sequence** of events  $\{E_n, n \geq 1\} \rightarrow E_1 \supset E_2 \supset \dots \supset E_n \supset \dots$

increasing:  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E_n = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i$  decreasing:  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E_n = \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i$

**N2** - for both *increasing* and *decreasing* sequence,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(E_n) = P(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E_n)$

## 03. CONDITIONAL PROBABILITY AND INDEPENDENCE

### Conditional Probability

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

**multiplication rule:**

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

**N3** - **axioms of probability** apply to conditional probability

- $0 \leq P(E|F) \leq 1$
- $P(S|F) = 1$  where  $S$  is the sample space
- If  $E_i$  ( $i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$ ) are mutually exclusive, then  $P(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i|F) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(E_i|F)$

**N4** - If we define  $Q(E) = P(E|F)$ , then all previously proven results apply.

•  $P(E_1 \cup E_2|F) = P(E_1|F) + P(E_2|F) - P(E_1 E_2|F)$

### Total Probability & Bayes' Theorem

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

$$\begin{array}{c} P(F) \rightarrow F \begin{cases} \xrightarrow{P(E|F)} E \\ \xrightarrow{P(F^c)} E^c \end{cases} \\ P(F^c) \rightarrow F^c \begin{cases} \xrightarrow{P(E|F^c)} E \\ \xrightarrow{P(F)} E^c \end{cases} \end{array} \quad P(F|E) = \frac{P(EF)}{P(E)} = \frac{P(F) \cdot P(E|F)}{P(E)} \quad P(F^c|E) = \frac{P(EF^c)}{P(E)} = \frac{P(F^c) \cdot P(E|F^c)}{P(E)}$$

### 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

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

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.

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

### 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** -  $E$  and  $F$  are independent  $\iff E$  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.  $F \cup G$ )

**N6** - ( $E$  and  $F$  are indep)  $\wedge$  ( $E$  and  $G$  are indep)  $\nRightarrow E$  and  $FG$  are independent

**N7** - For independent trials with probability  $p$  of success, probability of  $m$  successes before  $n$  failures, for  $m, n \geq 1$ ,

*method 1*

*method 2*

$$\begin{array}{c} p \rightarrow S \begin{cases} \xrightarrow{P_{n-1}, m} \text{A win} \\ \xrightarrow{1-p} \text{B win} \end{cases} \\ 1-p \rightarrow F \begin{cases} \xrightarrow{P_{n,m-1}} \text{A win} \\ \xrightarrow{1-p} \text{B win} \end{cases} \end{array} \quad P_{n,m} = \sum_{k=n}^{m+n-1} \binom{m+n-1}{k} p^k (1-p)^{m+n-1-k} = P(\geq n \text{ successes in } m+n-1 \text{ trials})$$

## 04. RANDOM VARIABLES

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

### Types of Random Variables

r.v.	-	$E(X)$
binomial	$X = \#$ of successes in $n$ trials w/ replacement	$np$
negative binomial	$X = \#$ of trials until $k$ successes	$k/p$
geometric	$X = \#$ of trials until a success	$1/p$
hypergeometric	$X = \#$ of successes in $n$ trials, no replacement	$rn/N$

- $X$  is a **Bernoulli r.v.** with parameter  $p$  if →

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

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

- $P(X = k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$
- $P(k \text{ successes from } n \text{ independent trials each with probability } p \text{ of success})$
- $E(Y) = np, \quad \text{Var}(Y) = np(1-p)$

- Negative Binomial** →  $X =$  number of trials until  $k$  successes are obtained
  - e.g. number of balls drawn (with replacement) until  $k$  red balls are obtained

- Geometric** →  $X =$  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** →  $X =$  number of trials until success, *without replacement*

- $P(X = k) = \frac{\binom{m}{k} \binom{N-m}{n-k}}{\binom{N}{n}}, k = 0, 1, \dots, n$  (for  $m$  red balls of  $N$  balls)

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

Properties

**N1** - if  $X \sim \text{Binomial}(n, p)$ , and  $Y \sim \text{Binomial}(n - 1, p)$ , then  $E(X^k) = np \cdot E[(Y + 1)^{k-1}]$

**N2** - if  $X \sim \text{Binomial}(n, p)$ , then for  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,  $P(X = k) = \frac{(n-k+1)p}{k(1-p)} \cdot P(X = k - 1)$

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  $A_j = \{\text{no type } j \text{ coupon is contained among the first } n\}$

$P(T > n) = P(\bigcup_{j=1}^N A_j)$   
 $P(T > n) = \sum_j P(A_j) - \sum_{j_1 < j_2} P(A_{j_1} A_{j_2}) + \dots + (-1)^{N+1} P(A_1 A_2 \dots A_N)$  by inclusion-exclusion identity  
 $P(A_{j_1} A_{j_2} \dots A_{j_k}) = (\frac{N-k}{N})^n$

Hence  $P(T > n) = \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \binom{N}{i} (\frac{N-i}{N})^n (-1)^{i+1}$

Probability Mass Function

**probability mass function**, pmf of  $X \rightarrow (\text{discrete}) \quad p(a) = P(X = a)$

• if  $X$  assumes one of the values  $x_1, x_2, \dots$ , then  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} p(x_i) = 1$

• cdf,  $F(a) = \sum p(x)$  for all  $x \leq a$   
• the pmf  $p(a)$  is positive for at most a countable number of values of  $a$

Cumulative Distribution Function

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

**pmf**,  $\frac{a}{p(a)} \mid \frac{1}{2} \quad \frac{2}{\frac{1}{4}} \quad \frac{4}{\frac{1}{4}}$       **cdf**,  $F(a) = \begin{cases} 0, & a < 1 \\ \frac{1}{2}, & 1 \leq a < 2 \\ \frac{3}{4}, & 2 \leq a < 4 \\ 1, & a \geq 4 \end{cases}$

Expected Value

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

**N1** - if  $a$  and  $b$  are constants, then  $E(aX + b) = aE(X) + b$

**N2** - the  $n^{th}$  moment of  $X$  is given as  $E(X^n) = \sum_x x^n \cdot p(x)$

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

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  $X$ :  $E[f(x)] = \sum_x f(x)p(x)$

Variance

If  $X$  is a r.v. with mean  $\mu = E[X]$ , then the **variance** of  $X$  is defined by

$Var(X) = E[(X - \mu)^2]$   
 $= E(x^2) - [E(x)]^2$   
 $= \sum_{x_i} (x_i - \mu)^2 \cdot p(x_i)$  (deviation  $\cdot$  weight)

•  $Var(aX + b) = a^2 Var(X)$

Poisson Random Variable

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

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

- $\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} P(X = i) = 1$
- **Poisson Approximation of Binomial** - if  $X \sim \text{Binomial}(n, p)$ , where  $n$  is large and  $p$  is small, then  $X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$  where  $\lambda = np$ .
  - $\checkmark$  weak dependence is ok
- **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

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  $\lambda$  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  $\lambda t$ .

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

o(h) notation

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

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

Expected Value of sum of r.v.

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

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

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

e.g. 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  $[0, t]$ .

$V \sim \text{Poisson}(5t) \Rightarrow P(V = k) = \frac{e^{-5t} \cdot (5t)^k}{k!}$   
 $P(X > t) = P(\text{no accidents happen during } [0, t]) = P(V = 0) = e^{-5t}$   
 $P(X \leq t) = 1 - e^{-5t}$

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  $P(X \in B) = \int_B f(x) dx$

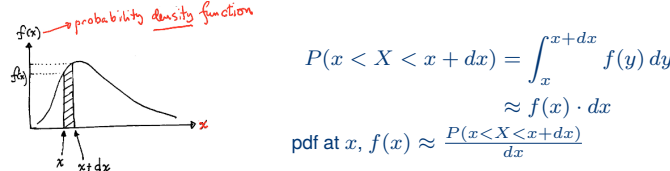
**N1** -  $P(X \in (-\infty, \infty)) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = 1$

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

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

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

**N5** - interpretation of **probability density function**



**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** -  $F(X) = U \sim \text{uniform}(0, 1)$ .

*Proof.* let  $Y = F(X)$ . then cdf of  $Y$ ,  $F_Y(y) = P(Y \leq y) = P(F(X) \leq y) = P(X \leq F^{-1}(y)) = F(F^{-1}(y)) = y$ .

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

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

Expectation & Variance

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

**N2** - if  $X$  is a continuous r.v. with pdf  $f(x)$ , then for any real-valued function  $g$ ,  $E[g(x)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x)f(x) dx$

**N2a**  $E[aX + b] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (aX + b) \cdot f(x) dx = a \cdot E(X) + b$

**N3** - for a non-negative r.v.  $Y$ ,  $E(Y) = \int_0^{\infty} P(Y > y) dy$

*Proof.*  $\int_0^{\infty} P(Y > y) dy = \int_0^{\infty} \int_y^{\infty} f_Y(x) dx dy$  (because  $f(x) = \frac{d}{dx} F(x)$ )  
 $= \int_0^{\infty} x f_Y(x) dx$   
 $= E(Y)$

**N4** - **variance of  $X$** ,  $Var(X) = E[(X - \mu)^2] = E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2$

example

Q - Find the pdf of  $(b - a)X + a$  where  $a, b$  are constants,  $b > a$ . The pdf of  $X$  is

given by  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & 0 \leq X \leq 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$ .

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

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

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

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

Uniform Random Variable

$X$  is a **uniform r.v.** on the interval  $(\alpha, \beta)$ ,  $X \sim \text{Uniform}(\alpha, \beta)$

if its pdf is given by

$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\beta-\alpha}, & \alpha < x < \beta \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$   
 $E(X) = \frac{\alpha+\beta}{2}$ ,  $Var(X) = \frac{(\beta-\alpha)^2}{12}$

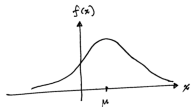
if  $X \sim \text{Uniform}(\alpha, \beta)$ , then  $\frac{x-\alpha}{\beta-\alpha} \sim \text{Uniform}(0, 1)$

Normal Random Variable

$X$  is a **normal r.v.** with parameters  $\mu$  and  $\sigma^2$ ,  $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$

if the pdf of  $X$  is given by

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



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**  $\rightarrow X \sim N(0, 1)$

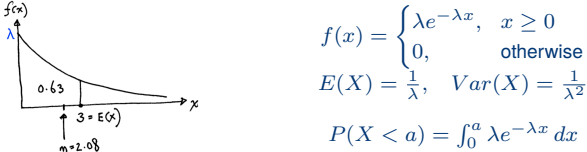
•  $F(x) = P(X \leq x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^x e^{-\frac{1}{2}y^2} dy = \Phi(x)$

Normal Approximation to the Binomial Distribution

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

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



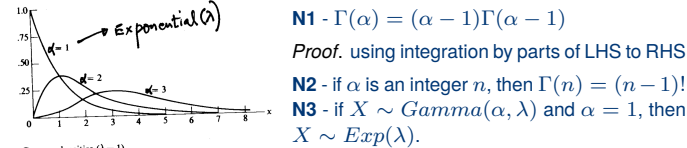
- an exponential r.v. is **memoryless**.
  - a non-negative r.v. is **memoryless**  $\rightarrow$  if  $P(X > s + t | X > t) = P(X > s)$  for all  $s, t > 0$ .

Gamma Distribution

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

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\lambda e^{-\lambda x} (\lambda x)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)}, & x \geq 0 \\ 0, & x < 0 \end{cases}$$
$$E(X) = \frac{\alpha}{\lambda} \quad Var(X) = \frac{\alpha}{\lambda^2}$$

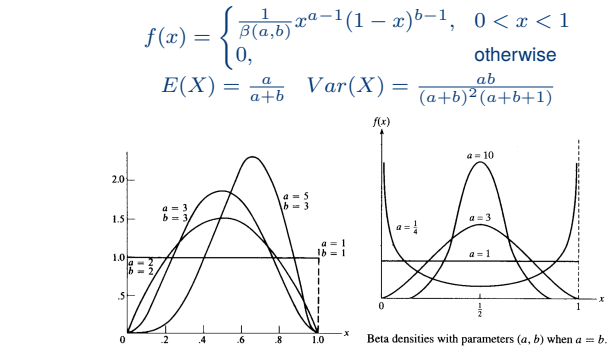
where the gamma function  $\Gamma(\alpha)$  is defined as  $\Gamma(\alpha) = \int_0^\infty e^{-y} y^{\alpha-1} dy$ .



- 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  $(n, \lambda)$ .
  - time at which the  $n$ -th event 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**,  $X \sim Beta(a, b)$



- 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

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

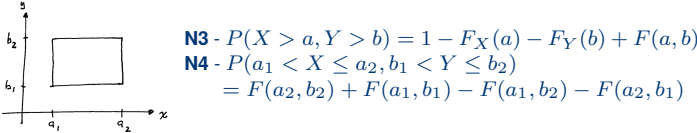
06. JOINTLY DISTRIBUTED RANDOM VARIABLES

Joint Distribution Function

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

**N1** - **marginal cdf of  $X$** ,  $F_X(x) = \lim_{y \rightarrow \infty} F(x, y)$ .

**N2** - **marginal cdf of  $Y$** ,  $F_Y(y) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} F(x, y)$ .



- N3** -  $P(X > a, Y > b) = 1 - F_X(a) - F_Y(b) + F(a, b)$
- N4** -  $P(a_1 < X \leq a_2, b_1 < Y \leq b_2) = F(a_2, b_2) + F(a_1, b_1) - F(a_1, b_2) - F(a_2, b_1)$

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  $C$ ,

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

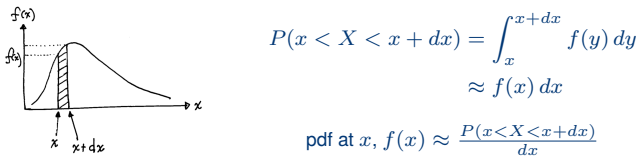
= volume under the surface over the region  $C$ .

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

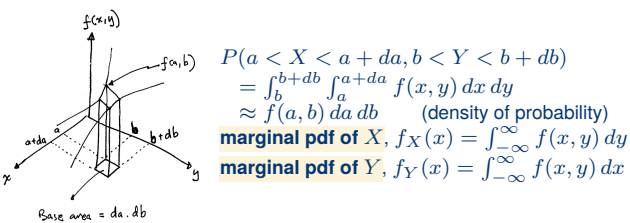
**N2** -  $F(a, b) = P(X \in (-\infty, a], Y \in (-\infty, b]) = \int_{-\infty}^b \int_{-\infty}^a f(x, y) dx dy$

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

interpretation of pdf



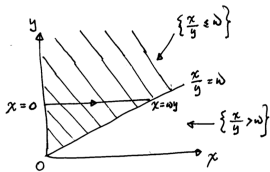
interpretation of joint pdf



how to do a double integral

**example** - given the joint pdf of  $X$  and  $Y$ , find the pdf of r.v.  $X/Y$ .

**ans.** set dummy variable  $W = X/Y$ , then  
 $F_W(w) = P(W \leq w) = P(\frac{X}{Y} \leq w)$   
 $P(\frac{X}{Y} \leq w) = \int_0^\infty \int_0^{wy} e^{-x-y} dx dy$



Independent Random Variables

**N1** -  $X, Y$  are **independent**  $\rightarrow P(X \in A, Y \in B) = P(X \in A) \cdot P(Y \in B)$

**N2** -  $X$  and  $Y$  are **independent**  $\rightarrow P(X \leq a, Y \leq b) = P(X \leq a) \cdot P(Y \leq b)$  or  $F(a, b) = F_X(a) \cdot F_Y(b) \Rightarrow$  joint cdf is the product of the marginal cdfs

**N3** - **discrete case**: discrete r.v.  $X$  and  $Y$  are **independent**  $\iff P(X = x, Y = y) = P(X = x) \cdot P(Y = y)$  for all  $x, y$ .

**N4** - **continuous case**: jointly continuous r.v.  $X$  and  $Y$  are **independent**  $\iff f(x, y) = f_X(x) \cdot f_Y(y)$  for all  $x, y$ .  
 $-\infty < x < \infty, -\infty < y < \infty$

**N5** - independence is a **symmetric** relation  $\rightarrow X$  indep of  $Y \iff Y$  indep of  $X$   
if  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent, then for any functions  $h$  and  $g$ ,  
 $E[g(X)h(Y)] = E[g(X)] \cdot E[h(Y)]$

Sum of Independent Random Variables

**N1** - for independent, continuous r.v.  $X$  and  $Y$  having pdf  $f_X$  and  $f_Y$ ,  
 $F_{X+Y}(a) = \int_{-\infty}^\infty F_X(a-y) f_Y(y) dy$   
 $f_{X+Y}(a) = \int_{-\infty}^\infty f_X(a-y) f_Y(y) dy$

Distribution of Sums of Independent r.v.

for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ,

- $X_i \sim Gamma(t_i, \lambda) \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \sim Gamma(\sum_{i=1}^n t_i, \lambda)$
- $X_i \sim Exp(\lambda) \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \sim Gamma(n, \lambda)$
- $Z_i \sim N(0, 1) \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n Z_i^2 \sim \chi_n^2 = Gamma(\frac{n}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$
- $X_i \sim N(\mu_i, \sigma_i^2) \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \sim N(\sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i, \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^2)$
- $X \sim Poisson(\lambda_1), Y \sim Poisson(\lambda_2) \Rightarrow X + Y \sim Poisson(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)$
- $X \sim Binom(n, p), Y \sim Binom(m, p) \Rightarrow X + Y \sim Binom(n+m, p)$

Conditional Distribution (discrete)

for discrete r.v.  $X$  and  $Y$ , the **conditional pmf** of  $X$  given that  $Y = y$  is  
 $P_{X|Y}(x|y) = P(X = x | Y = y) = \frac{P(X=x, Y=y)}{P(Y=y)} = \frac{p(x, y)}{p_Y(y)}$

for discrete r.v.  $X$  and  $Y$ , the **conditional pdf** of  $X$  given that  $Y = y$  is  
 $F_{X|Y}(x|y) = P(X \leq x | Y = y) = \sum_{a \leq x} \frac{P(X=a, Y=y)}{P(Y=y)} = \sum_{a \leq x} P_{X|Y}(a|y)$

**N0** - equivalent notation:

- $P_{X|Y}(x|y) = P(X = x | Y = y)$
- $P_X(x) = P(X = x)$

**N1** - if  $X$  is independent of  $Y$ , then  $P_{X|Y}(x|y) = P_X(x)$

Conditional Distribution (continuous)

for  $X$  and  $Y$  with joint pdf  $f(x, y)$ , the **conditional pdf** of  $X$  given that  $Y = y$  is  
 $f_{X|Y}(x|y) = \frac{f(x, y)}{f_Y(y)}$  for all  $y$  s.t.  $f_Y(y) > 0$

$$f_{X|Y}(a|y) = P(X \leq a | Y = y) = \int_{-\infty}^a f_{X|Y}(x|y) dx$$

**N1** - for any set  $A$ ,  $P(X \in A | Y = y) = \int_A f_{X|Y}(x|y) dx$

**N2** - if  $X$  is independent of  $Y$ , then  $f_{X|Y}(x|y) = f_X(x)$ .

! "find the marginal/conditional pdf of  $Y$ "  $\Rightarrow$  must include the **range** too!!



Joint Probability Distribution of Functions of r.v.

Let  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  be jointly continuous r.v. with joint pdf  $f_{x_1,x_2}(x_1,x_2)$ . Suppose  $Y_1 = g_1(X_1,X_2)$  and  $Y_2 = g_2(X_1,X_2)$  satisfy

- 1. the equations  $y_1 = g_1(X_1,X_2)$  and  $y_2 = g_2(X_1,X_2)$  can be *uniquely* solved for  $x_1,x_2$  in terms of  $y_1$  and  $y_2$
- 2.  $g_1(x_1,x_2)$  and  $g_2(x_1,x_2)$  have continuous partial derivatives at all points

$(x_1,x_2)$  such that  $J(x_1,x_2) = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\delta g_1}{\delta x_1} & \frac{\delta g_1}{\delta x_2} \\ \frac{\delta g_2}{\delta x_1} & \frac{\delta g_2}{\delta x_2} \end{vmatrix} = \frac{\delta g_1}{\delta x_1} \cdot \frac{\delta g_2}{\delta x_2} - \frac{\delta g_2}{\delta x_1} \cdot \frac{\delta g_1}{\delta x_2} \neq 0$

then 
$$f_{Y_1,Y_2}(y_1,y_2) = f_{X_1,X_2}(x_1,x_2) \frac{1}{|J(x_1,x_2)|}$$
 where  $x_1 = h_1(y_1,y_2), x_2 = h_2(y_1,y_2)$

07. PROPERTIES OF EXPECTATION

- recap:
- for a **discrete** r.v.  $X, E(X) = \sum_x x \cdot p(x) = \sum_x \cdot P(X = x)$
  - for a **continuous** r.v.  $X, E(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \cdot f(x) dx$
  - for a **non-negative integer-valued** r.v.  $Y, E(Y) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(Y \geq i)$
  - for a **non-negative** r.v.  $Y, E(Y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P(Y > y) dy$

Expectations of Sums of Random Variables

for  $X$  and  $Y$  with joint pmf  $p(x,y)$  and joint pdf  $f(x,y)$ ,

$$E[g(x,y)] = \sum_y \sum_x g(x,y)p(x,y)$$
$$E[g(x,y)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x,y)f(x,y) dx dy$$

- N2** - if  $P(a \leq X \leq b) = 1$ , then  $a \leq E(X) \leq b$
  - N4** - for r.v.s  $X$  and  $Y$ , if  $X \geq Y$ , then  $E(X) \geq E(Y)$
  - N5** - let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be independent and identically distributed r.v.s having distribution  $P(X_i \leq x) = F(x)$  and expected value  $E(X_i) = \mu$ .
- if  $\bar{X} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{X_i}{n}$ , then  $E(\bar{X}) = \mu$

- N6** -  $\bar{X}$  is the **sample mean**.  $\Rightarrow$  sample mean = population mean
- !** trick: express a r.v. as a sum of r.v. with easier to find expectation

examples

- hypergeometric with  $r$  red balls out of  $N$  balls with  $n$  trials
  - indicator r.v. = 1 if the  $i$ th ball selected is red
  - $P(Y_i = 1) = \frac{r}{N} \Rightarrow E(Y_i) = \frac{r}{N} \Rightarrow E(X) = \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i = n \frac{r}{N}$
- coupon collector problem:
  - let  $X$  = number of coupons collected for a complete set
  - let  $X_i$  = additional number to be collected to obtain distinct type after  $i$  distinct types have been collected.  $X_i \sim Geometric(p = \frac{N-i}{N})$
  - $E(X) = \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} E(X_i) = 1 + \frac{1}{\frac{N-1}{N}} + \frac{1}{\frac{N-2}{N}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\frac{1}{N}}$   
 $= N(\frac{1}{N} + \frac{1}{N-1} + \dots + 1)$

Covariance, Variance of Sums and Correlations

**covariance**  $\rightarrow$  measure of *linear relationship*

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

- N1** -  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent  $\Rightarrow Cov(X,Y) = 0$
- N2** -  $Cov(X,Y) = 0 \nRightarrow X$  and  $Y$  are independent. *Proof.* let  $E(X) = 0, E(XY) = 0 \Rightarrow Cov(X,Y) = 0$ , but not independent e.g. non-linear relationship

Covariance properties

- 1.  $Cov(X,Y) = Cov(Y,X)$
- 2.  $Cov(X,X) = Var(X)$
- 3.  $Cov(aX,Y) = aCov(X,Y)$
- 4.  $Cov(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i, \sum_{j=1}^m Y_j) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m Cov(X_i,Y_j)$

- for variance:
- N1** -  $Var(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n Var(X_i) + 2 \sum_{i < j} Cov(X_i,X_j)$
  - N2** - if  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are *pairwise independent*,  $Var(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n Var(X_i)$
  - N3** - for  $n$  independent and identically distributed r.v. with variance  $\sigma^2$ ,  
$$\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \quad S^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2$$
$$Var(\bar{X}) = \frac{\sigma^2}{n} \quad E(S^2) = \sigma^2$$
 $\Rightarrow S^2$  is an *unbiased estimator* for  $\sigma^2$ .

Correlation

- correlation** of two r.v.  $X$  and  $Y, \rho(X,Y) = \frac{Cov(X,Y)}{\sqrt{Var(X) \cdot Var(Y)}}$
- N1** -  $-1 \leq \rho(X,Y) \leq 1$  where  $-1$  and  $1$  denote a perfect negative and positive linear relationship respectively.
  - N2** -  $\rho(X,Y) = 0 \Rightarrow$  no *linear* relationship - uncorrelated
  - N3** -  $\rho(X,Y) = 1 \Rightarrow Y = aX + b, a = \frac{\delta y}{\delta x} > 0$
  - N4** - for independent events  $A, B$  with indicator r.v.  $I_A, I_B: Cov(I_A, I_B) = 0$ .
  - N5** - deviation is not correlated with the sample mean. For independent & identically distributed r.v.  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  with variance  $\sigma^2$ , then  $Cov(X_i - \bar{X}, \bar{X}) = 0$ .

Conditional Expectation

- the **conditional expectation** of  $X$  given that  $Y = y, \forall y$  s.t.  $P_Y(y) > 0$ , is:
- $$E[X|Y = y] = \sum_x x \cdot P(X = x|Y = y) = \sum_x x \cdot p_{X|Y}(x|y)$$
- $$E(X|Y = y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \cdot f_{X|Y}(x|y) dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \cdot \frac{f(x,y)}{f_Y(y)} dx$$
- !** note the range for  $f_{X|Y}(x|y)$

- N1** - If  $X, Y \sim Geometric(p)$ , then  $P(X = i|X + Y = n) = \frac{1}{n-1}$ , a uniform distribution.
- N2** -  $E(X|X + Y = n) = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} i \cdot P(X = i|X + Y = n) = \frac{n}{2}$   
discrete case:  $E[g(x)|Y = y] = \sum g(x)P_{X|Y}(x|y)$   
continuous case:  $E[g(x)|Y = y] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x)f_{X|Y}(x|y) dx$   
then  $E(X) = E_{w.r.t. y}(E_{w.r.t. X|Y=y}(X|Y))$

Deriving Expectation

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

discrete case:  $E(X) = \sum_y E(X|Y = y)P(Y = y)$

continuous case:  $E(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} E(X|Y = y)f_Y(y) dy$

- N3** - 3 methods for finding  $E(X)$  given  $f(x,y)$ 
  - 1. using  $E(g(x,y)) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x,y)f(x,y) dx dy \Rightarrow$  let  $g(x,y) = x$
  - 2. using  $E(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_X(x) dx$
  - 3. using  $E(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} E(X|Y = y)f_Y(y) dy$
- N4** -  $E(\sum_{i=1}^N X_i) = E_N(E(\sum_{i=1}^N X_i|N)) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E(\sum_{i=1}^N X_i|N = n) \cdot P(N = n)$

Computing Probabilities by Conditioning

*discrete:*  $P(E) = \sum_y P(E|Y = y)P(Y = y)$

*continuous:*  $P(E) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P(E|Y = y)f_Y(y) dy$

*Proof.*  $X$  is an indicator r.v.;  $E(X|Y = y) = P(X = 1|Y = y) = P(E|Y = y)$

- N5** -  $P(X < Y) = \int P(X < Y|Y = y) \cdot f_Y(y)$

Conditional Variance

$$Var(X|Y) = E[(X - E(X|Y))^2 | Y] = E(X^2|Y) - [E(X|Y)]^2$$

- N6** -  $Var(X) = E[Var(X|Y)] + Var[E(X|Y)]$
- N7** -  $E(f(Y)) = E(f(Y)|Y = t) = E(f(t)|Y = t) = E(f(t))$  if  $N(t)$  and  $Y$  are independent

Moment Generating Functions

- moment generating function**  $M(t)$  of the r.v.  $X \rightarrow$
- $$M(t) = E(e^{tX}) \quad \text{for all real values of } t$$
- if  $X$  is *discrete* with pmf  $p(x), M(t) = \sum_x e^{tx} \cdot p(x)$
  - if  $X$  is *continuous* with pdf  $f(x), M(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{tx} f(x) dx$
- $M(t)$  is called the **mgf** because *all moments* of  $X$  can be obtained by successively differentiating  $M(t)$  and then evaluating the result at  $t = 0$ . ]
- $M'(0) = E(X), M''(0) = E(X^2), M^n(0) = E(X^n), n \geq 1$
  - $M'(t) = E(X^n e^{tX}), n \geq 1$
- if  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent and have mgf's  $M_X(t)$  and  $M_Y(t)$  respectively,
- N10** - the mgf of  $X + Y$  is  $M_{X+Y}(t) = M_X(t) \cdot M_Y(t)$
  - N11** - if  $M_X(t)$  exists and is finite in some region about  $t = 0$ , then the distribution of  $X$  is **uniquely** determined.  $M_X(t) = M_Y(t) \iff X = Y$

Common mgf's

- $X \sim Normal(0, 1), M(t) = e^{t^2/2}$
- $X \sim Binomial(n, p), M(t) = (pe^t + (1 - p))^n$
- $X \sim Poisson(\lambda), M(t) = \exp[\lambda(e^t - 1)]$
- $X \sim Exp(\lambda), M(t) = \frac{\lambda}{\lambda - t}$

08. LIMIT THEOREMS

- Markov's Inequality**  $\rightarrow$  if  $X$  is a non-negative r.v.,  $\forall a > 0, P(X \geq a) \leq \frac{E(x)}{a}$ .
- Chebyshev's inequality**  $\rightarrow$  if  $X$  is an r.v. with finite mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$ , then for any value of  $k > 0, P(|X - \mu| \geq k) \leq \frac{\sigma^2}{k^2}$ .
- N1** - if  $Var(X) = 0$ , then  $P(X = E[X]) = 1$
- weak law of large numbers**  $\rightarrow$  let  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  be a sequence of independent and identically distributed r.v.s, each with finite mean  $E[X_i] = \mu$ . Then, for any  $\epsilon > 0, P\{|\frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n}{n} - \mu| \geq \epsilon\} \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

- central limit theorem**  $\rightarrow$  let  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  be a sequence of independent and identically distributed r.v.s each having mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$ . Then the distribution of  $\frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n - n\mu}{\sigma\sqrt{n}}$  tends to the standard normal as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .
- aka:  $\frac{\bar{x} - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \rightarrow z \sim N(0, 1)$
- for  $-\infty < a < \infty, as n \rightarrow \infty,$   
 $P(\frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n - n\mu}{\sigma\sqrt{n}} \leq a) \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^a e^{-x^2/2} dx = F(a)$  - cdf of  $N(0, 1)$
- N2** - Let  $Z_1, Z_2, \dots$  be a sequence of r.v.s with distribution functions  $F_{Z_n}$  and moment generating functions  $M_{Z_n}, n \geq 1$ . Let  $Z$  be a r.v. with distribution function  $F_Z$  and mgf  $M_Z$ .
- If  $M_{Z_n}(t) \rightarrow M_Z(t)$  for all  $t$ , then  $F_{Z_n}(t) \rightarrow F_Z(t)$  for all  $t$  at which  $F_Z(t)$  is continuous.

- strong law of large numbers**  $\rightarrow$  let  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  be a sequence of independent and identically distribution r.v.s, each having finite mean  $\mu = E[X_i]$ .
- Then, with probability 1,  $\frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n}{n} \rightarrow \mu$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

approximations -  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1 - \frac{\lambda}{n})^n = e^{-\lambda}$