

# 01. COMBINATORIAL ANALYSIS

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## The Basic Principle of Counting

- combinatorial analysis** → the mathematical theory 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, 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

**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 relevant.

**N4b** -  $\binom{n}{r} = \binom{n-1}{r-1} + \binom{n-1}{r}$ ,  $1 \leq r \leq n$

*Proof.* If object 1 is chosen  $\Rightarrow \binom{n-1}{r-1}$  ways of choosing the remaining objects.

If object 1 is not chosen  $\Rightarrow \binom{n-1}{r}$  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

**N6** -  $\binom{n}{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_r} = \frac{n!}{n_1! n_2! \dots n_r!}$  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  $n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_r = n$

*Proof.* using basic counting principle,

$$\begin{aligned} &= \binom{n}{n_1} \binom{n-n_1}{n_2} \binom{n-n_1-n_2}{n_3} \dots \binom{n-n_1-n_2-\dots-n_{r-1}}{n_r} \\ &= \frac{n!}{(n-n_1)! n_1!} \times \frac{(n-n_1)!}{(n-n_1-n_2)! n_2!} \times \dots \times \frac{(n-n_1-n_2-\dots-n_{r-1})!}{0! n_r!} \\ &= \frac{n!}{n_1! n_2! \dots n_r!} \end{aligned}$$

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

! 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

$(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_r)$  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 (where outcomes are not predictable with certainty)
- event** → Any *subset* of the sample space
- union** of events  $E$  and  $F \rightarrow E \cup F$  is the event that contains all outcomes that are either in  $E$  or  $F$  (or both).
- intersection** of events  $E$  and  $F \rightarrow E \cap F$  or  $EF$  is the event that contains all outcomes that are both in  $E$  and in  $F$ .
- complement** of  $E \rightarrow E^c$  is the event that contains all outcomes that are *not* in  $E$ .
- subset** →  $E \subset F$  if all of the outcomes in  $E$  that are also in  $F$ .
  - $E \subset F \wedge F \subset E \Rightarrow E = F$

## DeMorgan's Laws

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

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

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

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

## Axioms of Probability

### definition 1: relative frequency

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

problems with this definition:

- $\frac{n(E)}{n}$  may not converge when  $n \rightarrow \infty$
- $\frac{n(E)}{n}$  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 defined and satisfies the following 3 axioms:

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

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

$P(E)$  is the probability of event  $E$ .

## Simple Propositions

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

**N2** -  $P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n P(E_i)$  (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 set 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  $P(E) \leq P(F)$

**N9** -  $P(E \cup F) = P(E) + P(F) - P(E \cap F)$

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

$$\begin{aligned} P(E \cup F \cup G) &= P(E) + P(F) + P(G) \\ &\quad - P(EF) - P(EG) - P(FG) \\ &\quad + P(EFG) \end{aligned}$$

**N11 - Inclusion-Exclusion identity** -

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

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

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

**RHS:**

- the outcome is in exactly  $m$  of the events  $E_i$  and  $\omega$  will be counted exactly  $\binom{m}{1}$  times in  $\sum_{i=1}^n P(E_i)$

- the outcome is contained in  $\binom{m}{2}$  subsets of the type  $E_{i_1} E_{i_2}$  and  $\omega$  will be counted  $\binom{m}{2}$  times in  $\sum_{i_1 < i_2} P(E_{i_1} E_{i_2})$

- ... and so on

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

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

e.g. For an outcome with probability  $\omega$  and  $n = 3$

- Case 1.**  $\omega = P(E_1 E_2)$   
 LHS =  $\omega$   
 RHS =  $(\omega + \omega + 0) - (\omega + 0 + 0) + 0 = \omega$
- Case 2.**  $\omega = P(E_1 \cap E_2 \cap E_3)$   
 LHS =  $\omega$   
 RHS =  $(\omega + \omega + \omega) - (\omega + \omega + \omega) + \omega = \omega$

**N12** -

$$(i) \quad P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i\right) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n P(E_i)$$

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

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

(iv) and so on.

*Proof.*  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i = E_1 \cup E_1^c E_2 \cup E_1^c E_2^c E_3 \cup \dots \cup E_1^c E_2^c \dots E_{n-1}^c E_n$

$$P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i\right) = P(E_1) + P(E_1^c E_2) + P(E_1^c E_2^c E_3) + \dots + P(E_1^c E_2^c \dots E_{n-1}^c E_n)$$

## Sample Space having Equally Likely Outcomes

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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  $\{E_n, n \geq 1\} \rightarrow$

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

lim\_{n -> infinity} E\_n = union\_{i=1}^infinity E\_i

decreasing sequence of events {E\_n, n ≥ 1} -> E\_1 supset E\_2 supset ... supset E\_n supset E\_{n+1} supset ...

lim\_{n -> infinity} E\_n = intersection\_{i=1}^infinity E\_i

03. CONDITIONAL PROBABILITY AND INDEPENDENCE

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Conditional Probability

N1 - if P(F) > 0. then P(E|F) = (P(E intersection F))/P(F)

N2 - multiplication rule - P(E\_1 E\_2 ... E\_n) = P(E\_1)P(E\_2|E\_1)P(E\_3|E\_1 E\_2) ... P(E\_n|E\_1 E\_2 ... 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 ∈ Z\_{≥1}) are mutually exclusive events, then

P(intersection\_{i=1}^infinity E\_i | F) = intersection\_{i=1}^infinity 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.

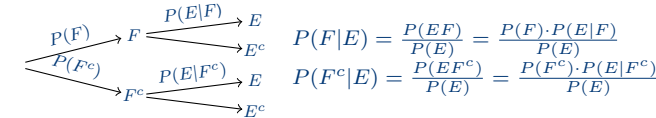
- Q(E\_1 union E\_2) = Q(E\_1) + Q(E\_2) - Q(E\_1 E\_2)
- P(E\_1 union E\_2 | F) = P(E\_1 | F) + P(E\_2 | F) - P(E\_1 E\_2 | F)
- theorem of total probability:
  - Q(E\_1) = Q(E\_1 | E\_2)Q(E\_2) + Q(E\_1 | E\_2^c)Q(E\_2^c)

• P(H | F\_n) = sum\_{i=0}^k P(H | F\_n c\_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)

tree diagram -



Total Probability

theorem of total probability - Suppose F\_1, F\_2, ..., F\_n are mutually exclusive events such that union\_{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) = (P(EF\_j))/P(E) = (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) = (P(A|B\_1) \* P(B\_1)) / (P(A|B\_1) \* P(B\_1) + P(A|B\_2) \* 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(A-bar   B_1)
false positives: P(A   B_2)	true negatives: P(A-bar   B_2)

Independent Events

N1 - E and F are independent <=> P(EF) = P(E) \* P(F)

N2 - E and F are independent <=> P(E|F) = P(E)

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

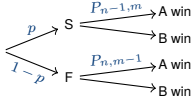
N4 - if E, F, G are independent, then E will be independent of any event formed from F and G. (e.g. F union G)

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, <math>\nRightarrow</math> 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,

method 1



method 2

P\_{n,m} = sum\_{k=n}^{m+n-1} (m+n-1 choose 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 ->

p(x) = { p, x=1, ('success') ; 1-p, x=0 ('failure') }

• Y is a Binomial r.v. with parameters n and p -> Y = X\_1 + X\_2 + ... + X\_n where X\_1, X\_2, ..., X\_n are independent Bernoulli r.v.'s with parameter p.

- P(X = k) = (n choose k) p^k (1-p)^{n-k}
- P(k successes from n independent trials each with probability p of success)
- e.g. number of red balls out of n balls drawn with replacement

• 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} \* 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

- 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

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

N2 - if X ~ Binomial(n, p), then for k ∈ Z^+, P(X = k) = ((n-k+1)p)/(k(1-p)) \* 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 ≥ n) = P(T = n) + P(T > n) -> P(T = n) = P(T > n-1) - P(T > n) Let A\_j = {no type j coupon is contained among the first n} P(T > n) = P(union\_{j=1}^N A\_j)

Using the inclusion-exclusion identity,

P(T > n) = sum\_j P(A\_j) - sum\_{j\_1, j\_2} P(A\_{j\_1} A\_{j\_2}) + ... + (-1)^{k+1} sum\_{j\_1, j\_2, ..., j\_k} P(A\_{j\_1} A\_{j\_2} ... A\_{j\_n}) + ... + (-1)^{N+1} P(A\_1 A\_2 ... A\_N)

P(A\_{j\_1} A\_{j\_2} ... A\_{j\_n}) = ((N-k)/N)^n

Hence P(T > n) = sum\_{i=1}^{N-1} (N choose i) ((N-1)/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 ≤ a

- if X assumes one of the values x\_1, x\_2, ..., then sum\_{i=1}^infinity p(x\_i) = 1

- the pmf p(a) is positive for at most a countable number of values of a

e.g. a/p(a) | 1/2, 2/4, 4/4

• 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 ≤ x), -infinity < x < infinity, is called the cumulative distribution function (cdf) of X.
- aka distribution function
- F(x) is defined on the entire real line

e.g. F(a) = { 0, a < 1 ; 1/2, 1 ≤ a < 2 ; 3/4, 2 ≤ a < 4 ; 1, a ≤ 4 }

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 x \* 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 \* p(x)

• I is an indicator variable for event A if I = { 1, if A occurs ; 0, if A^c occurs }. then E(I) = P(A).

Proof of N1. E(aX + b) = sum\_x (aX + b)p(x) = a \* sum\_x xp(x) + b \* sum\_x p(x) = a \* 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 g is any real-valued function g

Variance

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

= sum x\_i (x\_i - μ)^2 \* p(x\_i) (deviation \* weight) = E(x^2) - [E(x)]^2

• 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  $\lambda > 0$ ,

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

- notation:  $X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$
- $\sum_{i=0}^\infty P(X = i) = 1$
- Poisson Approximation of Binomial** - if  $X \sim \text{Binomial}(n, p)$ ,  $n$  is large and  $p$  is small, then  $X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$  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
  - an approximation to the binomial distribution with large  $n$  and small  $p$
  - counting the number of events that occur at *random* at certain points in time

Mean and Variance

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

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  $\lambda$  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  $\lambda t$ .

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

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.  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$

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.

- $X = I_{E_1} + I_{E_2} + \dots + I_{E_n}$
- $P(E_i) = \frac{1}{n}$
- $P(E_i | E_j) = \frac{1}{n-1} \neq P(E_j)$  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  $X$ :  $X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$ 
  - $\lambda = n \cdot P(E_i) = n \cdot \frac{1}{n} = 1$
  - $P(X = i) = \frac{e^{-1} 1^i}{i!} = \frac{e^{-1}}{i!}$
  - $P(X = 0) = e^{-1} \approx 0.37$

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.

- $X = I_{E_1} + I_{E_2} + \dots + I_{E_n}$
- 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  $\Rightarrow P(E_{12} | E_{13} \cap E_{23}) = 1$
- $X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda), \lambda = \frac{\binom{n}{2}}{365} = \frac{n(n-1)}{730} \Rightarrow P(X = 0) = e^{-\frac{n(n-1)}{730}}$ 
  - for  $P(X = 0) \leq \frac{1}{2}, n \geq 23$

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  $[0, t]$ .

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

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

$$P(X \leq t) = 1 - e^{-5t}$$

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

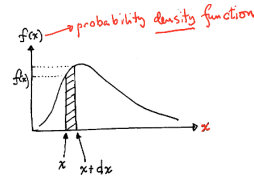
**N1** -  $P(X \in (-\infty, \infty)) = \int_{-\infty}^\infty f(x) dx = 1$

**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**



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

$$\approx f(x) \cdot dx$$

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

**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  $Y, F_Y(y) = P(Y \leq y) = P(F(X) \leq y) = P(X \leq F^{-1}(y)) = F(F^{-1}(y)) = y$ . 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  $X, \text{Var}(X) = E[(X - \mu)^2] = E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2$

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

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

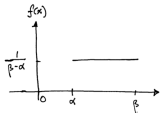
$$f_Y(y) = \frac{d}{dy} F_Y(y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a}, & a < y < b \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Uniform Random Variable

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

if its pdf is given by

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



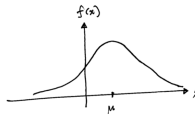
if  $X \sim \text{Uniform}(\alpha, \beta)$ , then  $\frac{x-\alpha}{\beta-\alpha} \sim \text{Uniform}(0, 1)$

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

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



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

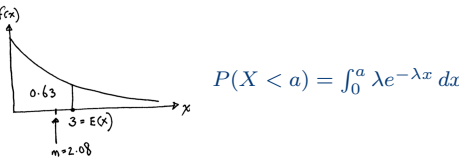
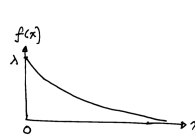
if  $S_n \sim \text{Binomial}(n, p)$ , then  $\frac{S_n - np}{\sqrt{np(1-p)}} \sim N(0, 1)$  for large  $n$ .  
 $\mu = np, \quad \sigma^2 = np(1 - p)$

Exponential Random Variable

a *continuous* r.v.  $X$  is a **exponential r.v.**,  $X \sim \text{Exponential}(\lambda)$  or  $\text{Exp}(\lambda)$

if for some  $\lambda > 0$ , its pdf is given by

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



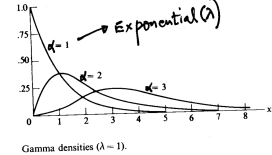
- an exponential r.v. is *memoryless*.
  - a non-negative r.v. is **memoryless**  $\rightarrow$  if  $P(X > s + t | X > t) = P(X > s)$  for all  $s, t > 0$ .

Gamma Distribution

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

f(x) = { lambda \* e^(-lambda \* x) \* (lambda \* x)^(alpha - 1) / Gamma(alpha), x >= 0; 0, x < 0; E(X) = alpha / lambda, Var(X) = alpha / lambda^2

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

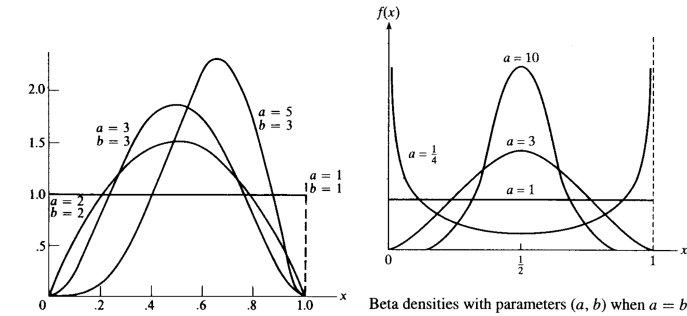


- N1 -  $\Gamma(\alpha) = (\alpha - 1)\Gamma(\alpha - 1)$
- Proof. using integration by parts of LHS to RHS
- N2 - if  $\alpha$  is an integer  $n$ , then  $\Gamma(n) = (n - 1)!$
- N3 - if  $X \sim \text{Gamma}(\alpha, \lambda)$  and  $\alpha = 1$ , then  $X \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda)$ .
- N4 - for events 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 event  $n$  occurs,  $T_n \sim \text{Gamma}(n, \lambda)$
- number of events in time period  $[0, t]$ ,  $N(t) \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda t)$
- N5 -  $\text{Gamma}(\alpha = \frac{n}{2}, \lambda = \frac{1}{2}) = \chi_n^2$  (chi-square distribution to  $n$  degrees of freedom)

Beta Distribution

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

f(x) = { 1 / (B(a,b)) \* x^(a-1) \* (1-x)^(b-1), 0 < x < 1; 0, otherwise; E(X) = a / (a+b), Var(X) = ab / ((a+b)^2 \* (a+b+1))



- N1 -  $\beta(a, b) = \int_0^1 x^{a-1} (1 - x)^{b-1} dx$
- N2 -  $\beta(a = 1, b = 1) = \text{Uniform}(0, 1)$
- N3 -  $\beta(a, b) = \frac{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)}{\Gamma(a+b)}$

Cauchy Distribution

a r.v.  $X$  has a **cauchy distribution**,  $X \sim \text{Cauchy}(\theta)$  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)

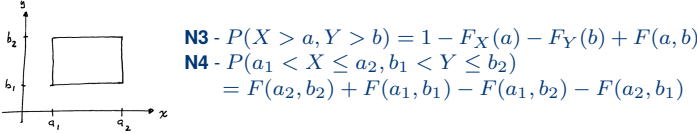
06. JOINTLY DISTRIBUTED RANDOM VARIABLES

Joint Distribution Function

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

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

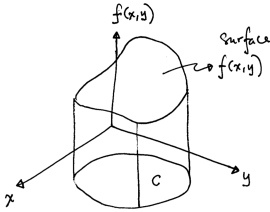
if  $X$  and  $Y$  are both discrete r.v., then their **joint pmf** is defined by  $p(i, j) = P(X = i, Y = j)$

- 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] = double integral over C of f(x, y) dx dy = volume under the surface over the region C.



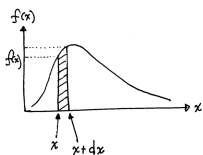
- N1 - if  $C = \{(x, y) : x \in A, y \in B\}$ , then  $P(X \in A, Y \in B) = \int_B \int_A f(x, y) dx dy$

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

for double integral: when integrating  $dx$ , take  $y$  as a constant

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

interpretation of pdf

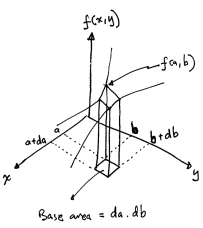


P(x < X < x + dx) = integral from x to x+dx of f(y) dy approx f(x) dx

pdf at x, f(x) approx P(x < X < x + dx) / dx

- N4 - pdf of  $X$ ,  $f_X(x) = \int_0^\infty f(x, y) dy$
- N5 - pdf of  $Y$ ,  $f_Y(y) = \int_0^\infty f(x, y) dx$

interpretation of joint pdf

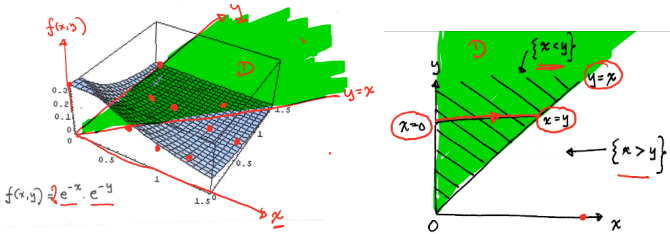


P(a < X < a + da, b < Y < b + db) = integral from b to b+db integral from a to a+da of f(x, y) dx dy approx f(a, b) da db (density of probability) marginal pdf of X, f\_X(x) = integral from -infinity to infinity of f(x, y) dy marginal pdf of Y, f\_Y(y) = integral from -infinity to infinity of f(x, y) dx

how to do a double integral

e.g. find  $P(X < Y)$  where the joint pdf of  $X$  and  $Y$  are given by

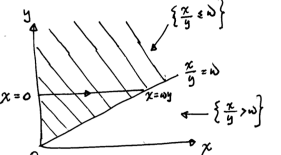
f(x, y) = { 2e^(-x) \* e^(-y), 0 < x < infinity, 0 < y < infinity; 0, otherwise



- 1. to get the bounds for  $dx$  and  $dy$ , plot  $X < Y$ 
  - 1.1. draw horizontal lines to determine the bounds for  $x$ , from  $x = a$  to  $x = b$
  - 1.2. draw vertical lines to determine the bounds for  $y$ , from  $y = c$  to  $y = d$
- 2. integrate  $\int_c^d \int_a^b f(x) dx dy$

**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 -  $X$  and  $Y$  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**  $\rightarrow \forall a, b, P(X \leq a, Y \leq b) = P(X \leq a) \cdot P(Y \leq b)$  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  $x, y$ .
- N5 - independence is a **symmetric** relation  $\rightarrow X$  is independent of  $Y \iff Y$  is independent of  $X$

Sum of Independent Random Variables

- N1 - for independent, continuous r.v.  $X$  and  $Y$  having pdf  $f_X$  and  $f_Y$ ,  $F_{X+Y}(a) = \int_{-\infty}^\infty F_X(a - y) f_Y(y) dy$   $f_{X+Y}(a) = \int_{-\infty}^\infty f_X(a - y) f_Y(y) dy$
- impt example** - E52 (pdf of  $X + Y$ )

Distribution of Sums of Independent r.v.

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

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

$$f_{X|Y}(x|y) = \frac{f(x,y)}{f_Y(y)} \quad \text{for all } y \text{ s.t. } f_Y(y) > 0$$

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

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

**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!!  
(see Ex. 69(b, c))

**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  $x_1 = h_1(y_1, y_2), x_2 = h_2(y_1, y_2)$

<b>commutative</b>	$E \cup F = F \cup E$	$E \cap F = F \cap E$
<b>associative</b>	$(E \cup F) \cup G = E \cup (F \cup G)$	$(E \cap F) \cap G = E \cap (F \cap G)$
<b>distributive</b>	$(E \cup F) \cap G = (E \cap G) \cup (F \cap G)$	$(E \cap F) \cup G = (E \cup G) \cap (F \cup G)$
<b>DeMorgan's</b>	$(\bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i)^c = \bigcap_{i=1}^n E_i^c$	$(\bigcap_{i=1}^n E_i)^c = \bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i^c$