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## JOINT PMF.

The joint or PMFs of multiple random variables say in pairs  $X$  and  $Y$  are called as joint distributions of  $X$  &  $Y$ .

While individual PMF of  $X$  and individual of  $Y$  are thus called as marginal distributions.

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Consider a discrete Random variable, a PMF gives the probability of each possible value a random variable can have.

## Marginal PMF

Now, when you have 2 random variable  $X$  &  $Y$ , the marginal probabilities / PMF of  $X$  or  $Y$  is obtained by summing the joint prob of one over the other.

**JOINT PMF** gives probability of both  $X$  &  $Y$  taking specific values.

$$P(X=x, Y=y)$$

e.g: you toss two coins/die

$X$  = event when 2 occurs in one die

$Y$  = event when 5 occurs in one die.

The probability when both 2 & 5 occurs  $P(2, 5)$ .

$$P_X(x) \Rightarrow \sum_y (P_{X=x, Y=y}) \text{ (summing over } Y \text{)}$$

$$P_Y(y) \Rightarrow \sum_x (P_{X=x, Y=y}) \text{ Summing over } X$$



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## INDEPENDANCE OF RANDOM VARIABLES.

Now in the previous example  $X$  and  $Y$  were 2 different Random variable which can be dependant or independant.

$$\text{if } P(X=x, Y=y) = P_X(x) \cdot P_Y(y)$$

i.e joint PMF is the product of marginal PMF of  $X$  and  $Y$  then they are independant.

Example: Two fair six-sided dices are rolled. Let  $X$  represent the outcomes of the first dice and  $Y$  represent the outcome of the second die.

- (i) Find Marginal PMF of  $X$  &  $Y$ .
- (ii) Compute the joint PMF for each case where  $X=2$  and  $Y=4$ .
- (iii) Are  $X$  and  $Y$  independant? Prove it.

(i) The marginal PMF of  $X$   $\Rightarrow \frac{1}{6}$  (equally likely for all as relative outcomes.)  
 $X = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$   
Similarly PMF of  $Y \Rightarrow \frac{1}{6}$

ii) Joint Probability when  $X=2$  &  $Y=4$   
 $P(X=2, Y=4) \Rightarrow \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{6} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{36}$