

## Sample Spaces, collection of events, probability measure

- Sample space  $\Omega$ : set of all possible outcomes of an experiment. Comes in n-tuples where n represents number of repeated trials.
  - Collection of events  $\mathcal{F}$ : subset of state space to which we assign a probability.
  - Probability measure: function that assigns a probability to each event.  $P : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .
    - Range is  $[0, 1]$ .
    - $P(\Omega) = 1$  and  $P(\emptyset) = 0$
    - For pairwise disjoint events  $A_1, A_2, \dots$ ,  
 $P(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots) = P(A_1) + P(A_2) + \dots$
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## Sampling: Uniform, Replacement, Order

- uniform sampling: each outcome is equally likely
- Binomial coeff

$$\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} \quad (1)$$

### Replacement

- ex: sample K distinct marked balls from N balls in a box, **with** Replacement

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega &= \{1, 2, 3, \dots, N\}^K \\ \|\Omega\| &= N^K \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

$$P(\text{none of the balls is marked 1}) = \frac{(N-1)^K}{N^K}$$

- ex: sample K distinct marked balls from N balls in a box, **without** Replacement

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega &= \{(i_1, i_2, \dots, i_K) \mid i_1, \dots, i_K \in \{1, 2, \dots, N\}, \text{distinct}\} \\ \|\Omega\| &= \binom{N-1}{K} \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

$$P(\text{none of the balls is marked 1}) = \frac{\binom{N-1}{K}}{\binom{N}{K}} = \frac{N-K}{N}$$

### Order

- order matters:  $A_n^k = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!}$
  - order doesn't matter:  $\binom{n}{k} = C_n^k = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$
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## Infinite Sample Spaces

### discrete

$$\Omega = \{\infty, 1, 2, \dots\}$$

### continuous

$$P([a', b']) = \frac{\text{length of } [a', b']}{\text{length of } [a, b]} \quad (4)$$

single point, or sets of points:  $P(\{x\}) = P(\cup_{i=1}^{\infty} \{x_i\}) = 0$

- Complements:  $P(A) = 1 - P(A^C)$
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## Conditionoinal Probability, Law of Total Prob., Bayes' Theorem, Independence

### Conditional prob.

$$P(A|B) = \frac{|A \cap B|}{|B|} \Rightarrow P(AB) = P(B)P(A|B) \quad (5)$$

(new sample space is B, total number of outcomes is  $A \cap B$ )

### Law of total probability:

Given partitions  $B_1, B_2, \dots$  of  $\Omega$ ,

$$P(A) = \sum_i P(A|B_i)P(B_i) \quad (6)$$

### Bayes' Theorem:

Given events A, B,  $P(A)$  and  $P(B) > 0$ ,

$$P(B_i|A) = \frac{P(A|B_i)P(B_i)}{P(A)} \quad (7)$$

Considering the law of total prob., the generalized form, when  $B_i$  are partitions, is given as:

$$P(B_i|A) = \frac{P(A|B_i)P(B_i)}{\sum_j P(A|B_j)P(B_j)} \quad (8)$$

### Independence:

$$P(AB) = P(A)P(B) \Leftrightarrow P(B|A) = P(B) \quad (9)$$

Note: By virtue of conventions, we write  $A \cap B$  as  $AB$  in Probability.

If A,B,C,D are independent, it follows that  $P(ABCD) = P(A)P(B)P(C)P(D)$ ; however, the inverse is not always true.

- Independence of Random Variables (messy as hell...)

Given 2 random variables

$$\begin{aligned} X_1 &\in \{x_{11}, x_{12}, x_{13}, \dots, x_{1m}\} \\ X_2 &\in \{x_{21}, x_{22}, x_{23}, \dots, x_{2n}\} \\ \text{Random variables } X_1 \text{ and } X_2 \text{ are independent} &\Leftrightarrow \\ P(X_1 = x_{1i}, X_2 = x_{2j}) &= P(X_1 = x_{1i})P(X_2 = x_{2j}) \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

Need to check  $n \cdot m$  equations to verify independence.

### Conditional Independence:

For events  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n, B$ , any set of events in A:  $A_{i1}, A_{i2}, A_{i3}$ , they are conditionally independent given B if

$$P(A_{i1}A_{i2}A_{i3}|B) = P(A_{i1}|B) * P(A_{i2}|B) * P(A_{i3}|B) \quad (11)$$

## Independent Trials, Distributions

### Bernoulli distribution:

a single trial, with success probability  $p$ , and failure probability  $1-p$ . Parameter being the success probability.

$$X \sim \text{Ber}(p) \Rightarrow P(X = x) = p^x * (1 - p)^{1-x}, x \in \{0, 1\} \quad (12)$$

### Binomial Distribution:

multiple independent Bernoulli trials, with success probability  $p$ , and failure probability  $1-p$ . Parameters being the number of trials  $n$  and the success probability  $p$ .

$$X \sim \text{Bin}(n, p) \Rightarrow P(X = k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k * (1 - p)^{n-k}, k \in \{0, 1, \dots, n\} \quad (13)$$

### Geometric distribution:

multiple independent Bernoulli trials with success probability  $p$ , while stopping the experiment at the first success.

$$X \sim \text{Geom}(p) = p * (1 - p)^{k-1}, k \in \{1, 2, \dots\} \quad (14)$$

### Hypergeometric distribution:

There are  $N$  objects of type A, and  $N_A - N$  objects of type B. Pick  $n$  objects without replacement. Denote number of A objects we picked as  $k$ . Parameters are  $N, N_A, n$ .

$$P(X = k) = \frac{\binom{N_A}{k} \binom{N-N_A}{n-k}}{\binom{N}{n}} \quad (15)$$

choose  $k$  from  $N_A$ , choose  $n-k$  from  $N-N_A$ , divide by total number of ways to choose  $n$  from  $N$