

# 1 Relative Frequency

- $f_k(n) = \frac{N_k(n)}{n} \leftarrow$  **Relative Frequency**
  - $k$  is the outcome
  - $N_k(n)$  is the number of times outcome  $k$
- $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_k(n) = p_k \leftarrow$  **Statistical Regularity**
  - $p_k$  is the probability of event  $k$  occurring

## 1.1 Properties of Relative Frequencies

1.  $f_k(n) = \frac{N_k(n)}{n}$
2.  $0 \leq N_k(n) \leq n$
3.  $0 \leq f_k(n) \leq 1 = \frac{0}{n} \leq \frac{N_k(n)}{n} \leq \frac{n}{n}$
4.  $\sum_{k=1}^k f_k(n) = \sum_{k=1}^k \frac{N_k(n)}{n} = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^k N_k(n)}{n} = \frac{n}{n} = 1$
5.  $\sum_{k=1}^k f_k(n) = 1$
6. If events  $A$  and  $B$  are disjoint and event  $C$  is " $A$  or  $B$ ", then  $F_C = F_A(n) + F_B(n)$

# 2 Set Theory

- A *set* is a collection of objects, denoted by capital letters
- Denote the *universal set*,  $U$ ; consisting of all possible objects of interest in a given setting/application
- For any set  $A$ , we say that " $x$  is an element of  $A$ ", denoted  $x \in A$  if object  $x$  of the universal set  $U$  is contained in  $A$
- We say that " $x$  is not an element of  $A$ ", denoted  $x \notin A$  if object  $x$  of the universal set  $U$  is not contained in  $A$
- We say that " $A$  is a subset of  $B$ ", denoted  $A \subset B$  if every element in  $A$  also belongs to  $B$ ,  $x \in A \rightarrow x \in B$
- The *empty set*,  $\emptyset$  is defined as the set with no elements
  - The empty set is a subset of every set
- Sets  $A$  and  $B$  are equal if they contain the same elements. To show this:
  1. Enumerate the elements of each set
  2. Thm:  $A = B \iff A \subset B \text{ AND } B \subset A$
- The *union of 2 sets*  $A, B$ , denoted  $A \cup B$  is defined as the set of outcomes that are either in  $A$ , or in  $B$ , or both
- The *intersection of 2 sets*,  $A, B$ , denoted  $A \cap B$  is defined as the set of outcomes in  $A$  and  $B$
- The 2 sets  $A, B$  are said to be *disjoint or mutually exclusive* if  $A \cap B = \emptyset$
- The *complement of a set*  $A$ , denoted  $A^C$  is defined as the set of elements of  $U$  not in  $A$ 
  - $A^C = \{x \in U | x \notin A\}$
- *Relative complement or difference*, denoted  $A - B$ , is the set of elements in  $A$  that are not in  $B$ 
  - $A - B = A \cap B^C$
  - $A^C = U - A$

## 2.1 Properties of Set Operations

Set Operators are:

1. Commutative, Equation (1)

$$\begin{aligned} A \cup B &= B \cup A \\ A \cap B &= B \cap A \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

2. Associative, Equation (2)

$$\begin{aligned} A \cup (B \cup C) &= (A \cup B) \cup C \\ A \cap (B \cap C) &= (A \cap B) \cap C \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

3. Distributive, Equation (3)

$$\begin{aligned} A \cup (B \cap C) &= (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C) \\ A \cap (B \cup C) &= (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C) \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

4. Set Operations obey De Morgan's Laws, Equation (4)

$$\begin{aligned} (A \cup B)^C &= A^C \cap B^C \\ (A \cap B)^C &= A^C \cup B^C \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

Additionally,

**Defn 1** (Union of  $n$  Sets). The *union of  $n$  sets*  $\bigcup_{k=1}^n A_k = A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3 \cup \dots \cup A_n$  is the set consisting of all elements such that  $x \in A_k$  for some  $1 \leq k \leq n$ .

- All sets need to be empty to make  $\bigcup_{k=1}^n A_k = \emptyset$

**Defn 2** (Intersection of  $n$  Sets). The *intersection of  $n$  sets*  $\bigcap_{k=1}^n A_k = A_1 \cap A_2 \cap A_3 \cap \dots \cap A_n$  is the set consisting of all elements such that  $x \in A_k$  for all  $1 \leq k \leq n$

- Just one set needs to be empty to make  $\bigcap_{k=1}^n A_k = \emptyset$

### 3 Probability Theory

There are 3 main components to Probability Theory.

1. Set Theory
2. Axioms of Probability
3. Conditional Probability and Independence

#### 3.1 Random Experiments

**Defn 3** (Random Experiment). A *random experiment* is an experiment whose outcome varies in an unpredictable fashion when performed under the same conditions.

**Defn 4** (Sample Space). A *sample space*,  $S$  of a random experiment is the set of all possible experiments.

**Defn 5** (Outcome/Sample Point). An *outcome*, or *sample point* of a random experiment is a result that cannot be decomposed into other results.

**Defn 6** (Event). An *event* corresponds to a subset of the sample space. We say an event occurs if and only if (iff) the outcome of the experiment is in the subset representing the event.

**Defn 7** (Event Classes). An *event class*  $\mathcal{F}$  is the collection of the all the events' sets.  $\mathcal{F}$  should be closed under unions, intersections, and complements.

- For  $S$  finite, or countably infinite, then we can let  $\mathcal{F}$  be all subsets of  $S$ .
- For  $S$  uncountably infinite, instead we can let  $\mathcal{F}$  consist of the subsets that can be obtained as countable unions and intersections of some sets of  $\mathcal{F}$ .

**Defn 8** (Probability Law). A *probability law* for a random experiment  $E$ , with sample space  $S$ , and an event class  $\mathcal{F}$  is a rule that assigns to each event  $A \in \mathcal{F}$  a number  $P[A]$ , called the probability of  $A$  that satisfies the axioms:

Axiom I:  $0 \leq P[A]$

Axiom II:  $P[S] = 1$

Axiom III: If  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ , then  $P[A \cup B] = P[A] + P[B]$

Axiom III': If  $A_1, A_2, \dots$  is a sequence of events such that  $A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset$  for all  $i \neq j$ , then  $P[\bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} A_k] = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} P[A_k]$

#### 3.2 Probability Law Corollaries

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**Corollary 3.1.**  $P[A^C] = 1 - P[A]$

**Corollary 3.2.**  $P[A] \leq 1$

**Corollary 3.3.**  $P[\emptyset] = 0$

**Corollary 3.4.** If  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$  are pairwise mutually exclusive ( $A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_n = \emptyset$ ), then  $P[\bigcup_{k=1}^n A_k] = \sum_{k=1}^n P[A_k]$  for  $n \geq 2$

**Corollary 3.5.**  $P[A \cup B] = P[A] + P[B] - P[A \cap B]$

**Corollary 3.6.**  $P[A \cup B] = \sum_{j=1}^n P[A_j] - \sum_{j < k} P[A_j \cap A_k] + \dots + (-1)^{n+1} P[A_1 \cap \dots \cap A_n]$

**Corollary 3.7.** If  $A \subset B$ , then  $P[A] \leq P[B]$

### 3.3 Conditional Probability

**Defn 9** (Conditional Probability). The *conditional probability* of event  $A$  **GIVEN THAT** event  $B$  occurred is denoted  $P[A|B]$  and is defined as

$$P[A|B] = \frac{P[A \cap B]}{P[B]} \quad (5)$$

**Theorem 1** (Theorem of Total Probability). Let  $B_1, B_2, \dots, B_n$  be mutually exclusive events whose union equals the sample space  $S$ , i.e.  $B_1, B_2, \dots, B_n$  is a partition of  $S$ .

**Defn 10** (Baye's Rule). Let  $B_1, B_2, \dots, B_n$  be a partition of sample space  $S$ .

$$P[B_j|A] = \frac{P[A \cap B_j]}{P[A]} = \frac{P[A|B_j] * P[B_j]}{\sum_{k=1}^n P[A|B_k] * P[B_k]} \quad (6)$$

## 4 Single Discrete Random Variables

## 5 Single Continuous Random Variables

## 6 Multiple Random Variables

### 6.1 Joint Probability Mass Function

**Defn 11** (Joint Probability Mass Function). The *joint probability mass function (joint PMF)* of 2 discrete random variables  $X, Y$  is defined as:

$$p_{X,Y} = P[\{X = x\} \cap \{Y = y\}] \text{ for all } x, y \in S_{X,Y} \quad (7)$$

- This satisfies ALL propoerties of single random variable PMFs

#### 6.1.1 Marginal Probability Mass Function

**Defn 12** (Marginal Probability Mass Function). Given a joint PMF of discrete random variables  $X, Y$ , the *Marginal Probability Mass Function (Marginal PMF)* of  $X$  is defined as:

$$p_X(x_i) = P[X = x_i] \text{ for } x_i \in S_X \quad (8)$$

and is calculated as:

$$p(x_i) = \sum_{y \in S_Y} p_{X,Y}(x_i, y) \quad (9)$$

### 6.2 Joint Cumulative Distribution Function

**Defn 13** (Joint Cumulative Distribution Function). The *Joint Cumulative Distribution Function (Joint CDF)* of  $X$  and  $Y$  is defined as the probability of the event  $\{X \leq x\} \cap \{Y \leq y\}$

$$\begin{aligned} F_{X,Y}(x, y) &= P[\{X \leq x\} \cap \{Y \leq y\}] \text{ for all } (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \\ &= P[\{X \leq x\}, \{Y \leq y\}] \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

(i)  $F_{X,Y}(x, y)$  is non decreasing.

$$F_{X,Y}(x_1, y_1) \leq F_{X,Y}(x_2, y_2) \text{ if } x_1 \leq x_2 \text{ and } y_1 \leq y_2 \quad (11)$$

(ii)

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{y \rightarrow -\infty} F_{X,Y}(x, y) &= 0 \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} F_{X,Y}(x, y) &= 0 \\ \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (\infty, \infty)} F_{X,Y}(x, y) &= 1 \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

(iii) The Marginal CDFs can be obtained from the Joint CDF by removing restrictions for all but one variable.

$$\begin{aligned} F_X(x) &= P[\{X \leq x\}, \{Y \text{ is anything}\}] \\ &= P[\{X \leq x\}, \{-\infty \leq y \leq \infty\}] \\ &= \lim_{y \rightarrow \infty} F_{X,Y}(x, y) \\ F_Y(y) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} F_{X,Y}(x, y) \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

(iv) The Joint CDF is continuous from  $\infty$  to  $-\infty$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} F_{X,Y}(x, y) &= F_{X,Y}(a, y) \\ \lim_{y \rightarrow b^+} F_{X,Y}(x, y) &= F_{X,Y}(x, b)\end{aligned}\tag{14}$$

(v) The probability of the “rectangle”  $\{x_1 \leq X \leq x_2, y_1 \leq Y \leq y_2\}$

$$\begin{aligned}P[\{x_1 \leq X \leq x_2, y_1 \leq Y \leq y_2\}] &= P[\{X \leq x_2, Y \leq y_2\}] - P[\{X \leq x_1, Y \leq y_2\}] - \\ &P[\{X \leq x_2, Y \leq y_1\}] + P[\{X \leq x_1, Y \leq y_1\}] \\ &= F_{X,Y}(x_2, y_2) - F_{X,Y}(x_1, y_2) - F_{X,Y}(x_2, y_1) + F_{X,Y}(x_1, y_1)\end{aligned}\tag{15}$$

### 6.2.1 Marginal Cumulative Distribution Function

**Defn 14** (Marginal Cumulative Distribution Function). We obtain the *Marginal Cumulative Distribution Functions (Marginal CDFs)* by removing the constraint on one of the variables.

$$\begin{aligned}F_X(x) &= P[\{X \leq x\}, \{Y \text{ is anything}\}] \\ &= P[\{X \leq x\}, \{-\infty \leq y \leq \infty\}] \\ &= \lim_{y \rightarrow \infty} F_{X,Y}(x, y) \\ F_Y(y) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} F_{X,Y}(x, y)\end{aligned}\tag{16}$$

## 6.3 Joint Probability Density Function