

MS 302 In-class Problems

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Chapter 1 Section 1

Suppose that you produce structural metal bars by heat treating them using induction heating and that they must withstand 10,000 lbs.

You set as your goal a breaking point of 15,000 lbs.

Will the breaking point be exactly 15,000 lbs?

Almost every procedure we deal with has some form of variation built into it.

1. The failure point of structural metal bars
2. How long it takes to brush your teeth in the morning
3. The location that a basketball hits as you practice your free throw shot.

In order to understand and maybe even control the *uncertainty* and *variation* we use

Definition 1 (statistical inference)

The drawing of inferences about a population based on data taken from a sample of that population.*

Two *factors* that contribute to the strength of a bar in our process are temperature and time in the heat treatment.

Definition 2 (factors)

are properties or characteristics of a population.

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To determine how much weight our bars can support we could put them into a machine that destructively tests them. But...?

Definition 3 (Population)

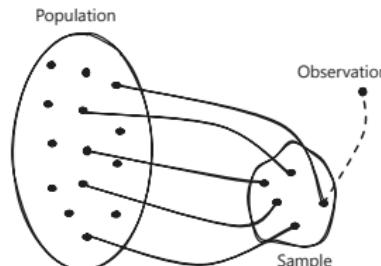
collection of all individuals in a particular scientific system or process.

Definition 4 (Sample)

collection of observations from the population.

Definition 5 (Observation)

individual or item of a particular type involved in the scientific system or process.



In addition to *Inferential statistics* there is *Descriptive statistics*.

Definition 6 (Descriptive statistics)

are used when seeking only to gain some summary of a set of data represented by a sample (single-number statistics that provide a sense of center, variability, or general nature of the distribution of the sample data).

An understanding of probability provides a basis to understand statistical inference.

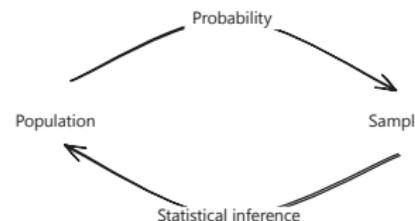
Ex The average height (in inches) of a male JSU student is $\mu_M = 68$ and the standard deviation is $\sigma_M = 3$ and for women $\mu_F = 63$ and $\sigma_F = 2.7$. Now suppose that someone believes that the average male JSU student height is $\mu_M = 63$. How can we show that this is not true without measuring almost every male JSU student? We can show that it is *probably* not true using statistical inference. Take a sample of heights

69.8, 68.0, 70.2, 70.6, 65.4, 72.0, 73.3, 63.1, 73.5, 69.1, 66.8, 64.8,

64.0, 66.4, 65.1, 70.8, 75.4, 71.5, 67.1, 66.0, 64.1, 64.9, 69.4, 68.2, 69.0

This $n = 25$ sample data set has a sample mean $\bar{x} = 68.4$ and sample standard deviation $s = 3.3$, but let's use $\sigma_M = 3$.

Population with known features + Probability: allow us to draw conclusions about characteristics of hypothetical data taken from the population.



Sample + Inferential Statistics: allow us to draw conclusions about the population.

Chapter 1 Section 2

Note to myself: Open mpg.csv

Definition 7 (Simple Random Sample)

Given a specified sample size, then every sample is as likely to be chosen as any other sample.

Ex Suppose that a city has two malls and you want to determine on average how many people visit each store per day. You could choose to use a sample of size of 10 and then

1. chose a mall at random
2. pick 10 stores at random.

While this is a *random sample* it is not a simple random sample.

Why?

Because while every store has an equally likely chance of being chosen, there is no way to get a store from mall 1 and mall 2 in a sample at the same time. Therefore there are samples that could never be chosen.

Definition 8 (Biased Sample)

is a sample that does not accurately represent the population (it over/under-represents some segment of the population).



Chapter 1 Section 3 Measures of Location

Definition 9 (Sample mean)

If the observations in a sample are x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n , then the sample mean is

$$\bar{x} = \frac{\sum x_i}{n} = \frac{x_1 + x_2 + \cdots + x_n}{n}$$

Problem is that it is influenced by outliers. Note that as a single value gets larger so does the mean.

Ex Find the sample mean of

50000, 30000, 45000, 33000, 47000, 51000, 6744000

Definition 10 (Sample median)

If the observations in a sample are x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n are arranged in increasing order, then the sample median is

$$\tilde{x} = \begin{cases} x_{\frac{n+1}{2}}, & \text{if } n \text{ odd} \\ \frac{1}{2} \left(x_{\frac{n}{2}} + x_{\frac{n}{2}+1} \right), & \text{if } n \text{ even} \end{cases}$$

Ex Find the sample median of

50000, 30000, 45000, 33000, 47000, 51000, 6744000

Chapter 1 Section 4

Measures of Variability

Both data sets

1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9

and

1, 1, 1, 9, 9, 9

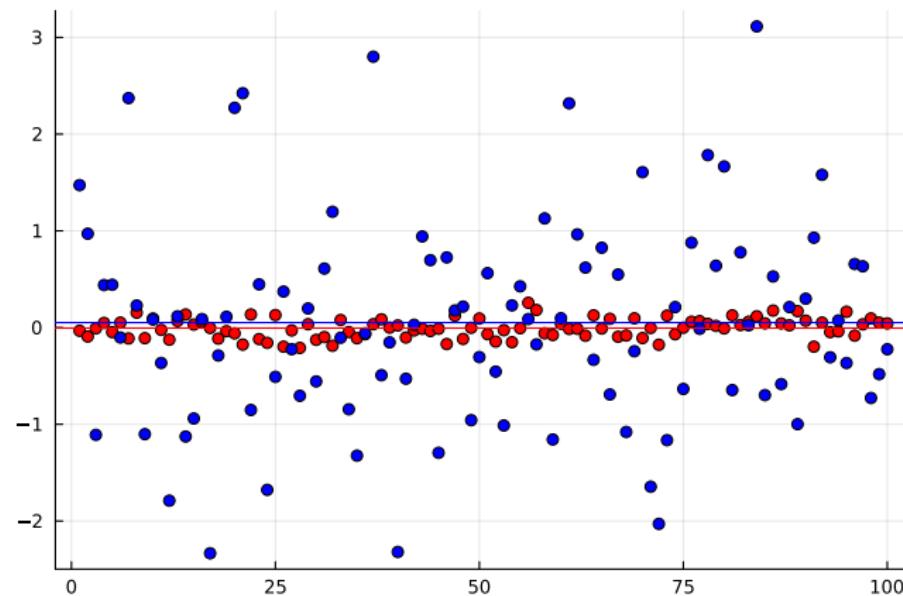
have a mean of 5.

But the data sets are clearly different.

These two data sets of 100 points each have slightly different centers (means)

$$\mu_{red} = -0.006, \quad \mu_{blue} = 0.051$$

but their spreads are very different.



How should we measure this variation in the data?

Definition 11

If the observations in a sample are x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n , then

sample range $x_{\max} - x_{\min}$

sample variance

$$s^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(x_i - \bar{x})^2}{n - 1}$$

sample standard deviation

$$s = \sqrt{s^2}$$

Ex Find the sample range, variance, and standard deviation for

1.7, 2.2, 3.9, 3.11, 14.7

Chapter 1 Section 5

Discrete and Continuous Distributions

Definition 12 (Discrete data)

can only take on certain values.

Example 5.1

1. *Number of students in my class, e.g. 0, 1, 2, . . . , 35*
2. *FM radio station frequencies can be from 88.1 MHz to 108.1 (or 107.9) MHz with a step size of 0.2 MHz, e.g. 106.9, 100.7, 103.5, 95.3, 95.1*

Definition 13 (Continuous data)

can take on any value in a range.

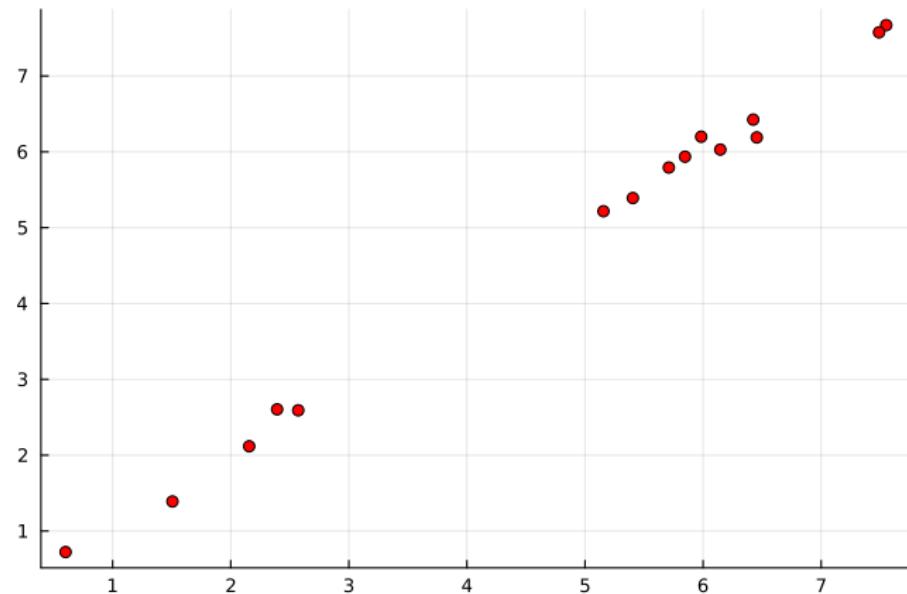
Example 5.2

Heights of adult humans can be anything from 20 inches to 110 inches.

Chapter 1 Section 6

Scatter plot

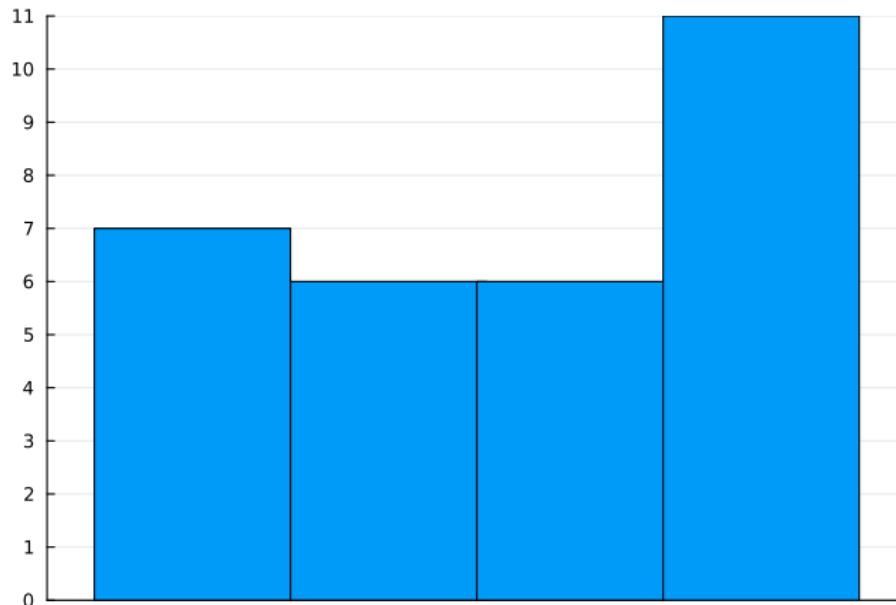
x	y
0.601	0.723
1.507	1.390
2.156	2.118
2.393	2.605
2.572	2.592
5.156	5.216
5.405	5.391
5.710	5.793
5.847	5.935
5.984	6.199
6.146	6.030
6.425	6.424
6.455	6.190
7.490	7.575
7.551	7.670



Histogram

Sam data as before:

20, 20, 20, 21, 22, 23, 27, 33, 33, 35, 38, 39, 39, 45, 46, 47, 47, 48, 48,
50, 52, 52, 53, 53, 54, 54, 56, 56, 56, 58



Steam and leaf

Ordered data:

20, 20, 20, 21, 22, 23, 27, 33, 33, 35, 38, 39, 39, 45, 46, 47, 47, 48, 48,
50, 52, 52, 53, 53, 54, 54, 56, 56, 56, 58

The stem are the digits excluding the least significant digit and they lie on the left of the plot.

The leaves are what remains after removing the stem and are written to the right and are vertically aligned.

2	0001237
3	335899
4	567788
5	02233446668

Key 3|5 = 35

Chapter 2 Section 1

Definition 14 (Experiment)

is any process that generates a set of data.

Definition 15 (Sample space)

is the set of all possible outcomes of a statistical experiment.

It is denoted by S .

Ex Flip a coin. What is the sample space as a set and a tree.

Ex Flip a coin twice. What is the sample space as a set and a tree.

Ex Flip a coin, if H roll a 4-sided die, else flip the coin again. What is the sample space as a set and a tree.

Ex Flip a coin until you get a H. What is the sample space as a set and a tree.

Ex Consider the set S to be all of the points that make up a circle with radius 5 that is centered at the origin.

List the sample space.

Chapter 2 Section 2

Definition 16 (Event)

is a subset of a sample space.

Definition 17 (Null (Empty) Set)

is the set with no elements.

Denoted by \emptyset .

Ex Flip a coin. List all events.

Ex Flip a coin twice.

1. $E_1 \equiv$ flip exactly one H .
2. $E_2 \equiv$ flip at least one H .
3. $E_3 \equiv$ the second flip is the same as the first.
4. $E_4 \equiv$ the coin lands on it's edge.

Ex Let $S = \{x : x \geq 0\}$ be the distance Forrest Gump ran before he tripped.

What is the event:

1. A that he trips after the 50th mile and before or at the 90th mile?
2. B that he never trips?

Definition 18 (Complement)

of the event A with respect to S is the set of all elements in S not in A .

Denoted as A'

Ex 2.15 Consider the sample space

$S = \{\text{copper, sodium, nitrogen, potassium, uranium, oxygen, zinc}\}$
and the events

$$A = \{\text{copper, sodium, zinc}\},$$

$$B = \{\text{sodium, nitrogen, potassium}\},$$

$$C = \{\text{oxygen}\}.$$

List the elements of the sets corresponding to the following events:

(a) A'

Definition 19 (Intersection of the events A and B)

is the set

$$A \cap B = \{x | x \in A \text{ and } x \in B\}$$

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1 $A \cap B$

Definition 20 (Mutually disjoint)

Events A and B are mutually disjoint if $A \cap B = \emptyset$.

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and the events

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$$B = \{\text{sodium, nitrogen, potassium}\},$$

$$C = \{\text{oxygen}\}.$$

Which pairs of A , B , and C are disjoint?

Definition 21 (Union of the events A and B)

is the set

$$A \cup B = \{x | x \in A \text{ or } x \in B\}$$

Ex 2.15 Consider the sample space

Consider the sample space

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and the events

$$A = \{\text{copper, sodium, zinc}\},$$

$$B = \{\text{sodium, nitrogen, potassium}\},$$

$$C = \{\text{oxygen}\}.$$

List the elements of the sets corresponding to the following events:

(b) $A \cup C$

(c) $(A \cap B') \cup C'$

Ex 2.15

(d) $B' \cap C'$

(e) $A \cap B \cap C$

(f) $(A' \cup B') \cap (A' \cap C)$

Chapter 2 Section 3 Counting

If we flip a fair coin, what is the probability of getting a head?

$$P(H) = \frac{1}{2}$$

We will see that the way we calculate probabilities is that

$$P(E) = \frac{\text{how many ways to get the event } E}{\text{total number of outcomes}}$$

So what we need to figure out how to do is count.

If we flip a coin and then roll a 20-sided die, how many outcomes are possible?

Definition 22 (Multiplication rule)

If there are n_1 ways to perform an operation and each of these are followed by n_2 ways to complete a second operation, then there is a total of

$$n_1 \cdot n_2$$

ways to perform both operations.

Ex Flip a coin and then roll a 20-sided die.

Ex 2.24 Students at a private liberal arts college are classified as being freshmen, sophomores, juniors, or seniors, and also according to whether they are male or female. Find the total number of possible classifications for the students of that college.

Ex 2.25 A certain brand of shoes comes in 5 different styles, with each style available in 4 distinct colors. If the store wishes to display pairs of these shoes showing all of its various styles and colors, how many different pairs will the store have on display?

Definition 23 (Generalized multiplication rule)

If theree are k different tasks to be accomplished in sequence with n_1 ways to do the first, n_2 ways to do the second, ..., n_k ways to do the k^{th} , then the total number of ways to accomplish these tasks is

$$n_1 \cdot n_2 \cdots n_k.$$

Ex How many ways can you pick a lower case letter, pick a digit, and then flip a coin to get H or T?

Ex 2.27 A developer of a new subdivision offers a prospective home buyer a choice of 4 designs, 3 different heating systems, a garage or carport, and a patio or screened porch. How many different plans are available to this buyer?

Ex Current Alabama license plates consist of a county code (there are 67 counties in Alabama - coded using the format 1 or 10 - but lets pretend we have a single character for each one, think hexadecimal - base 16 - but at least base 67) followed some number/letter combination depending on the year. See [Vehicle registration plates of Alabama](#)

1. In 1941 Alabama started using county codes in its license plates. The format was county code, followed by three digits. How many license plates can be issued.
2. Starting in January 2002 it consisted of the county code, a letter, three digits, a letter. How many license plates can be issued.
3. The current rule is it consists of the county code followed by 5 alphanumeric digits. How many license plates can be issued.

Suppose you have 3 books that you want to put on a shelf

Math, Computer Science, Physics

In how many ways can we do this?

Definition 24 (Permutation)

is an arrangement of a set of objects, either all or part of them.

Definition 25 (Factorial)

$$n! = n(n - 1) \cdots 1; \quad n \in \mathbb{N}$$

and

$$0! = 1$$

Theorem 1

The number of permutations of n objects is $n!$.

Ex 2.32 (a) In how many ways can 6 people be lined up to get on a bus?

Ex 2.34

- (a) How many distinct permutations can be made from the letters of the word COLUMNS?

- (b) How many of these permutations start with the letter M?

Ex 2.35 A contractor wishes to build 9 houses, each different in design. In how many ways can he place these houses on a street if 6 lots are on one side of the street and 3 lots are on the opposite side?

Ex 2.37 In how many ways can 4 boys and 5 girls sit in a row if the boys and girls must alternate?

If there are 5 boys and 5 girls.

Sometimes you don't need all n objects.

Definition 26 (Permutation of n objects taken r at a time)

$${}_nP_r = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!}$$

Ex 2.40 In how many ways can 5 starting positions on a basketball team be filled with 8 men who can play any of the positions?

When order does not matter

Definition 27 (Combination of n objects taken r at a time)

$$\binom{n}{r} = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!r!}$$

Ex 2.26 A California study concluded that following 7 simple health rules can extend a man's life by 11 years on the average and a woman's life by 7 years. These 7 rules are as follows: no smoking, get regular exercise, use alcohol only in moderation, get 7 to 8 hours of sleep, maintain proper weight, eat breakfast, and do not eat between meals. In how many ways can a person adopt 5 of these rules to follow

- (a) if the person presently violates all 7 rules?
- (b) if the person never drinks and always eats breakfast?

Ex 2.22 In a medical study, patients are classified in 8 ways according to whether they have blood type AB^+ , AB^- , A^+ , A^- , B^+ , B^- , O^+ , or O^- , and also according to whether their blood pressure is low, normal, or high. Find the number of ways in which a patient can be classified.

Ex How many odd four-digit numbers can be formed from the digits 8, 1, 2, 5, 6, and 9 where each digit is used once?

Ex A traditional poker hand has how many options?

Chapter 2 Section 4 Probability

Definition 28 (Probability)

is a function $P : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow [0, 1]$ such that for any event A in \mathcal{E} such that the following are satisfied:

1. $0 \leq P(A) \leq 1$
2. $P(\emptyset) = 0$
3. $P(S) = 1$

and if A_1, A_2, \dots are mutually exclusive then

$$P(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots) = P(A_1) + P(A_2) + \dots$$

Ex 2.49 Find the errors in each of the following statements:

1. The probabilities that an automobile salesperson will sell 0, 1, 2, or 3 cars on any given day in February are, respectively,
0.19, 0.38, 0.29, and 0.15

2. The probability that it will rain tomorrow is 0.40, and the probability that it will not rain tomorrow is 0.52.

3. The probabilities that a printer will make 0, 1, 2, 3, or 4 or more mistakes in setting a document are, respectively,
0.19, 0.34, -0.25, 0.43, and 0.29

4. On a single draw from a deck of playing cards, the probability of selecting a heart is $\frac{1}{4}$, the probability of selecting a black card is $\frac{1}{2}$, and the probability of selecting both a heart and a black card is $\frac{1}{8}$.

In this chapter all sample spaces S are finite.

The probability of an event A is the sum of the probability of every element in A .

Ex Flip a fair coin once.

1. Find the sample space.
2. State the set of all events.
3. What are
 - 3.1 $P(\emptyset) =$
 - 3.2 $P(\{H, T\}) = P(H, T) =$
4. Derive $P(H)$ and $P(T)$.

Example (pg 53) 2.25 A die is loaded in such a way that an even number is twice as likely to occur as an odd number. If E is the event that a number less than 4 occurs on a single toss of the die, find $P(E)$.

Theorem 2

*Let an experiment have N different equally likely outcomes.
If the event A consists of exactly n of these outcomes, then*

$$P(A) = \frac{n}{N}$$

Ex Flip a coin twice and let $A = \{HT, TH, TT\}$.
Find $P(A)$.

Ex 2.51 A box contains 500 envelopes, of which 75 contain \$100 in cash, 150 contain \$25, and 275 contain \$10. An envelope may be purchased for \$25. What is the sample space for the different amounts of money? Assign probabilities to the sample points and then find the probability that the first envelope purchased contains less than \$100.

Ex 2.52 Statement Suppose that in a senior college class of 500 students it is found that

- ▶ 210 smoke,
- ▶ 258 drink alcoholic beverages,
- ▶ 216 eat between meals,
- ▶ 122 smoke and drink alcoholic beverages,
- ▶ 83 eat between meals and drink alcoholic beverages,
- ▶ 97 smoke and eat between meals, and
- ▶ 52 engage in all three of these bad health practices.

Ex 2.52 Questions If a member of this senior class is selected at random, find the probability that the student

- (a) smokes but does not drink alcoholic beverages;

- (b) eats between meals and drinks alcoholic beverages but does not smoke;

Example (pg 55) 2.28 In a poker hand consisting of 5 cards, find the probability of holding 2 aces and 3 jacks.

Chapter 2 Section 5

Additive Rules

Suppose you have a set $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$.

Let $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ and $B = \{3, 4, 5\}$ be two subsets of S .

How many elements are in $A \cup B$?

It's not $|A| + |B| = 6$. Why not?

Suppose you roll a fair 6-sided die.

Let $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ and $B = \{3, 4, 5\}$ be two events.

What is $P(A \cup B)$?

Theorem 3

If A and B are any two events, then

$$P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$$

Ex 2.56 An automobile manufacturer is concerned about a possible recall of its best-selling four-door sedan. If there were a recall, there is a probability of 0.25 of a defect in the brake system, 0.18 of a defect in the transmission, 0.17 of a defect in the fuel system, and 0.40 of a defect in some other area.

- (a) What is the probability that the defect is the brakes or the fueling system if the probability of defects in both systems simultaneously is 0.15?

If A and B are mutually exclusive, what is $P(A \cap B)$?

Corollary 1

If A and B are mutually exclusive, then

$$P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B)$$

Corollary 2

If A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n are mutually exclusive, then

$$P(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_n) = P(A_1) + P(A_2) + \dots + P(A_n)$$

Definition 29 (Partition)

of a set S is a collection of subsets

$$\{A_1, \dots, A_n\}$$

such that

$$A_1 \cup \dots \cup A_n = S$$

and A_1, \dots, A_n are mutually exclusive.

Theorem 4

If A, B, C are any three events, then

$$\begin{aligned} P(A \cup B \cup C) &= P(A) + P(B) + P(C) \\ &\quad - P(A \cap B) - P(A \cap C) - P(B \cap C) \\ &\quad + P(A \cap B \cap C) \end{aligned}$$

What can you tell me about the two events A and A' of S ?
They partition S .

Theorem 5

Let A and A' be events of S , then

$$P(A) + P(A') = 1$$

Ex 2.52 Suppose that in a senior college class of 500 students it is found that 210 smoke, 258 drink alcoholic beverages, 216 eat between meals, 122 smoke and drink alcoholic beverages, 83 eat between meals and drink alcoholic beverages, 97 smoke and eat between meals, and 52 engage in all three of these bad health practices.

If a member of this senior class is selected at random, find the probability that the student

- (c) neither smokes nor eats between meals.

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- (b) What is the probability that there are no defects in either the brakes or the fueling system?

Ex 2.58 A pair of fair dice is tossed. Find the probability of getting

- (a) a total of 8;

- (b) at most a total of 5.

(1, 1)	(1, 2)	(1, 3)	(1, 4)	(1, 5)	(1, 6)
(2, 1)	(2, 2)	(2, 3)	(2, 4)	(2, 5)	(2, 6)
(3, 1)	(3, 2)	(3, 3)	(3, 4)	(3, 5)	(3, 6)
(4, 1)	(4, 2)	(4, 3)	(4, 4)	(4, 5)	(4, 6)
(5, 1)	(5, 2)	(5, 3)	(5, 4)	(5, 5)	(5, 6)
(6, 1)	(6, 2)	(6, 3)	(6, 4)	(6, 5)	(6, 6)

Ex 2.59 In a poker hand consisting of 5 cards, find the probability of holding

- (a) 3 aces;
- (b) 4 hearts and 1 club.

Ex 2.62 Dom's Pizza Company uses taste testing and statistical analysis of the data prior to marketing any new product. Consider a study involving three types of crusts (thin, thin with garlic and oregano, and thin with bits of cheese). Dom's is also studying three sauces (standard, a new sauce with more garlic, and a new sauce with fresh basil).

- (a) How many combinations of crust and sauce are involved?

- (b) What is the probability that a judge will get a plain thin crust with a standard sauce for his first taste test?

Ex 2.64 Interest centers around the life of an electronic component. Suppose it is known that the probability that the component survives for more than 6000 hours is 0.42. Suppose also that the probability that the component survives no longer than 4000 hours is 0.04.

- (a) What is the probability that the life of the component is less than or equal to 6000 hours?

- (b) What is the probability that the life is greater than 4000 hours?

Ex 2.65 Consider the situation of Exercise 2.64. Let A be the event that the component fails a particular test and B be the event that the component displays strain but does not actually fail. Event A occurs with probability 0.20, and event B occurs with probability 0.35.

- (a) What is the probability that the component does not fail the test?

- (b) What is the probability that the component works perfectly well (i.e., neither displays strain nor fails the test)?

- (c) What is the probability that the component either fails or shows strain in the test?

Ex 2.72 Prove that

$$P(A' \cap B') = 1 + P(A \cap B) - P(A) - P(B)$$

Chapter 2 Section 6

Conditional Probability, Independence, Product Rule

Suppose that I have a screen setup so that you cannot see me rolling a fair 6-sided die. I roll the die.

What is $P(2) = ?$

Now suppose that I rolled the 6-sided die and tell you that I rolled an even number. Now what is $P(2) = ?$

Definition 30 (Conditional probability of B given A)

$$P(B|A) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(A)}$$

Ex 2.77 In the senior year of a high school graduating class of 100 students, 42 studied mathematics, 68 studied psychology, 54 studied history, 22 studied both mathematics and history, 25 studied both mathematics and psychology, 7 studied history but neither mathematics nor psychology, 10 studied all three subjects, and 8 did not take any of the three. Randomly select a student from the class and find the probabilities of the following events.

- (a) A person enrolled in psychology takes all three subjects.
- (b) A person not taking psychology is taking both history and mathematics.

Ex 2.79 Statement In USA Today (Sept. 5, 1996), the results of a survey involving the use of sleepwear while traveling were listed as follows:

	Male	Female	Total
Underwear	0.220	0.024	0.244
Nightgown	0.002	0.180	0.182
Nothing	0.160	0.018	0.178
Pajamas	0.102	0.073	0.175
T-shirt	0.046	0.088	0.134
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It is often convenient to also have column totals so...

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Total	0.614	0.386	1.000

Ex 2.79 Questions

- (a) What is the probability that a traveler is a female who sleeps in the nude?

- (b) What is the probability that a traveler is male?

- (c) Assuming the traveler is male, what is the probability that he sleeps in pajamas?

- (d) What is the probability that a traveler is male if the traveler sleeps in pajamas or a T-shirt?

Ex 2.80 The probability that an automobile being filled with gasoline also needs an oil change is 0.25; the probability that it needs a new oil filter is 0.40; and the probability that both the oil and the filter need changing is 0.14.

- (a) If the oil has to be changed, what is the probability that a new oil filter is needed?

- (b) If a new oil filter is needed, what is the probability that the oil has to be changed?

Theorem 6

If events A and B can both occur in any experiment, then

$$P(A \cap B) = P(B|A)P(A), \quad \text{if } P(A) > 0.$$

Ex 2.81 The probability that a married man watches a certain television show is 0.4, and the probability that a married woman watches the show is 0.5. The probability that a man watches the show, given that his wife does, is 0.7. Find the probability that

- (a) a married couple watches the show;
- (b) a wife watches the show, given that her husband does;
- (c) at least one member of a married couple will watch the show.

Roll a fair 6-sided die, let $A = \{2\}$, and $B = \{2, 4, 6\}$.

$$P(A) = \quad P(B|A) =$$

Flip a fair coin twice. Let

$$H_1 = \text{head on 1st flip}, \quad H_2 = \text{head on 2nd flip}$$

$$P(H_1) = \quad P(H_2) = \quad P(H_2|H_1) =$$

Definition 31 (Independent)

Events A and B are independent iff

$$P(B|A) = P(B) \quad \text{or} \quad P(A|B) = P(A)$$

provided the conditional probability exists.

Otherwise they are dependent.

Theorem 7

Events A and B are independent iff

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B)$$

Ex 2.36 Suppose that we have a fuse box containing 20 fuses, of which 5 are defective. If 2 fuses are selected at random and removed from the box in succession without replacing the first, what is the probability that both fuses are defective?

Ex 2.38 A small town has one fire engine and one ambulance available for emergencies. The probability that the fire engine is available when needed is 0.98, and the probability that the ambulance is available when called is 0.92. In the event of an injury resulting from a burning building, find the probability that both the ambulance and the fire engine will be available, assuming they operate independently.

Ex Suppose you are flipping a fair coin.

1. If you have flipped 4 heads what is the probability that the 5th flip is a head?

2. What is the probability of flipping 5 heads in a row?

Chapter 2 Section 7

Bayes' Rule

Suppose you get checked for prostate (or breast) cancer.
You are told that the test's sensitivity is 90%.
This means that if you have cancer (C), then the test will return a positive result (+) 90% of the time

$$P(+|C) = 0.90$$

If the test comes back positive, how concerned should you be?

Ex pg 72 Suppose a town can be divided into the categories:

E : employed, $U = E'$: unemployed; M : male, F : female
as seen in the table:

	E	E'	
M	460	40	500
F	140	260	400
	600	300	900

We also know that 36 employed and 12 unemployed are members of the Rotary Club.

Let $A \equiv$ is a Rotary Club member, find $P(A)$.

Theorem 8

If events B_1, B_2, \dots, B_k are a partition of S such that $P(B_i) \neq 0 \ \forall i$, then for any event A of S

$$P(A) = \sum_{i=1}^k P(B_i \cap A) = \sum_{i=1}^n P(B_i)P(A|B_i)$$

Ex 2.41 pg 74 In a certain assembly plant, three machines, B_1 , B_2 , and B_3 , make 30%, 45%, and 25%, respectively, of the products. It is known from past experience that 2%, 3%, and 2% of the products made by each machine, respectively, are defective. Now, suppose that a finished product is randomly selected. What is the probability that it is defective?

Back to our cancer discussion.

We know the sensitivity,

$$P(+|C) = 0.90,$$

but that's not what we want to know.

We want to know is

$$P(C|+).$$

Theorem 9 (Bayes' Rule)

If B_1, B_2, \dots, B_k are a partition of S such that $P(B_i) \neq 0 \forall i$, then for any event A of S such that $P(A) \neq 0$

$$P(B_r|A) = \frac{P(B_r \cap A)}{\sum_{i=1}^k P(B_i \cap A)} = \frac{P(B_r)P(A|B_r)}{\sum_{i=1}^k P(B_i)P(A|B_i)}$$

Ex 2.101 A paint-store chain produces and sells latex and semigloss paint. Based on long-range sales, the probability that a customer will purchase latex paint is 0.75. Of those that purchase latex paint, 60% also purchase rollers. But only 30% of semigloss paint buyers purchase rollers. A randomly selected buyer purchases a roller and a can of paint. What is the probability that the paint is latex?

Ex 2.99 Suppose that the four inspectors at a film factory are supposed to stamp the expiration date on each package of film at the end of the assembly line. John, who stamps 20% of the packages, fails to stamp the expiration date once in every 200 packages; Tom, who stamps 60% of the packages, fails to stamp the expiration date once in every 100 packages; Jeff, who stamps 15% of the packages, fails to stamp the expiration date once in every 90 packages; and Pat, who stamps 5% of the packages, fails to stamp the expiration date once in every 200 packages. If a customer complains that her package of film does not show the expiration date, what is the probability that it was inspected by John?

Ex 2.100 A regional telephone company operates three identical relay stations at different locations. During a one-year period, the number of malfunctions reported by each station and the causes are shown below.

Station	<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>C</i>
Problems with electricity supplied	2	1	1
Computer malfunction	4	3	2
Malfunctioning electrical equipment	5	4	2
Caused by other human errors	7	7	5

Suppose that a malfunction was reported and it was found to be caused by other human errors. What is the probability that it came from station *C*?

Finally, let's work the prostate cancer problem.

Let C represent the event that you have cancer, C' that you do not have cancer, + that the prostate cancer test came back positive, and - that the prostate cancer test came back negative.

	+	-	
C Yes	1688	187	1875
C' No	32381	65744	98125
	34069	65931	100000

So

$$P(C) = \quad , \quad P(C') =$$

$$P(+|C) = \quad , \quad P(+|C') =$$

Now we know the sensitivity, $P(+|C)$, and the specificity, $P(+|C')$.

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$$P(C|+) =$$

Now when a male is 60 year old or older, then $P(C) = .4$.
This results in

$$P(C|+) = .645.$$

Chapter 3 Section 1

Flip a fair coin 3 times. What is the sample space?

$$S = \{HHH, HHT, \dots, TTT\}$$

What is the average of these coin flips?

Definition 32 (Random variable)

is a function that associates a real number with each element in S .

We could let the function be

1. the number of heads
2. the number of tails
3. the number of heads minus the number of tails

Let's let our random variable count the number of heads. We will call this function X .

So for example,

$$X(HHH) = 3, X(HTT) = 1, X(TTT) = 0$$

What you usually see is:

$$X = 0, X = 1, X = 2, X = 3$$

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Ex 3.2 An overseas shipment of 5 foreign automobiles contains 2 that have slight paint blemishes. If an agency receives 3 of these automobiles at random, list the elements of the sample space S , using the letters B and N for blemished and nonblemished, respectively; then to each sample point assign a value x of the random variable X representing the number of automobiles with paint blemishes purchased by the agency.

Definition 33 (Bernoulli random variable)

is a random variable with 0 and 1 as the only possible values.

Ex 3.2, pg 82 Consider the simple condition in which components are arriving from the production line and they are stipulated to be defective or not defective. Can we find a Bernoulli random variable for this?

Ex Suppose we flip a coin until we get a H . What is the sample space?

Definition 34 (Discrete sample space)

is a sample space that contains a finite number of elements or is an infinite sequence with the same number of elements as \mathbb{N} , that is they can be listed.

Definition 35 (Continuous sample space)

is a sample space that contains as many points as a line segment.

Ex Let T be a random variable defined by the amount of time between two mouse clicks. So T can be any value $t \geq 0$.

Ex Let W be defined as the length of time it takes a student to complete an hour long test. Then W can be any value $0 \leq w \leq 1$.

Chapter 3 Section 2

We will concentrate on discrete probability distributions for the time being.

Definition 36 (Probability mass function)

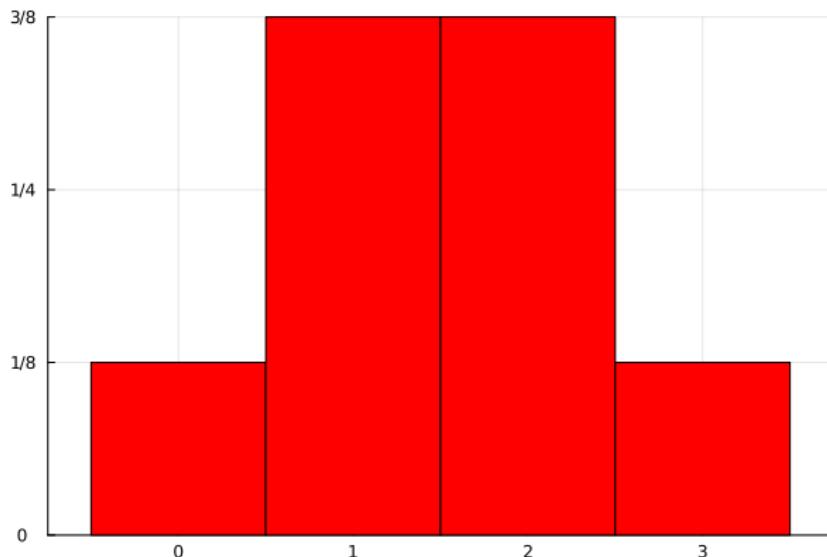
is a set of $(x, f(x))$ of a random variable X if $\forall x$:

1. $f(x) \geq 0$
2. $\sum_x f(x) = 1$
3. $P(X = x) = f(x)$

A pmf is also called a *probability function* and a *probability distribution*.

Looking again at our flip a fair coin three times with $X \equiv \#H$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{8}, & x = 0 \\ \frac{3}{8}, & x = 1 \\ \frac{3}{8}, & x = 2 \\ \frac{1}{8}, & x = 3 \end{cases}$$



Ex 3.8 pg 84 A shipment of 20 similar laptop computers to a retail outlet contains 3 that are defective. If a school makes a random purchase of 2 of these computers, find the probability distribution for the number of defectives.

Sometimes it is convenient to have the probability computed for all values $\leq x$. This is often how tables of probabilities are given.

Definition 37 (Cumulative distribution function)

of a random variable X with pmf $f(x)$ is

$$F(x) = P(X \leq x) = \sum_{t \leq x} f(t), \text{ for } -\infty < x < \infty$$

Flip a fair coin three times with $X \equiv \#H$ pmf:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{8}, & x = 0 \\ \frac{3}{8}, & x = 1 \\ \frac{3}{8}, & x = 2 \\ \frac{1}{8}, & x = 3 \end{cases}$$

It's cdf

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x < 0 \\ \frac{1}{8}, & 0 \leq x < 1 \\ \frac{1}{2}, & 1 \leq x < 2 \\ \frac{7}{8}, & 2 \leq x < 3 \\ 1, & x \geq 3 \end{cases}$$

Chapter 3 Section 3

Recall that an integral is just an infinite sum.

For a discrete rv $P(X \leq x) \neq P(X < x)$.

But for a constant rv $P(X \leq x) = P(X < x)$, since excluding a finite number of points from an integral does not change the integral.

Definition 38 (Probability density function)
of a continuous random variable X , $f(x)$, satisfies

1. $f(x) \geq 0, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$

- 2.

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = 1$$

- 3.

$$P(a < X < b) = \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

Definition 39 (Cumulative distribution function)
of a continuous random variable X with pdf $f(x)$ is

$$F(x) = P(X \leq x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(t) dt, x \in (-\infty, \infty)$$

Note $f(x) = \frac{dF}{dx}$ and $P(a < X < b) = F(b) - F(a)$.

Ex 3.11 pg 89; part 1

Suppose that the error in the reaction temperature, in degrees celsius, for a controlled laboratory experiment is a continuous random variable X having the probability density function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2}{3}, & -1 < x < 2 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- 1) Verify that $f(x)$ is a density function.

Ex 3.11 pg 89; part 2

Suppose that the error in the reaction temperature, in degrees celsius, for a controlled laboratory experiment is a continuous random variable X having the probability density function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2}{3}, & -1 < x < 2 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- 2) Find $P(0 < X \leq 1)$.

Ex For

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{24}(2x + 3), x \in [1, 4]$$

- 1) Check properties 1) and 2) of pdf definition;

Ex For

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{24}(2x + 3), x \in [1, 4]$$

- 2) find the cdf.

Chapter 4 Section 1

Suppose we have a fair 1D3 die.

Let the random variable $X \equiv$ the number rolled.

What is the average?

$$\frac{1 + 2 + 3}{3} = \frac{6}{3} = 2$$

The probability distribution is

x	1	2	3
$P(X = x)$	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{3}$

Suppose that the die is unfair and the probability distribution is

x	1	2	3
$P(X = x)$	0.25	0.25	0.5

What is the average of this die?

$$0.25(1) + 0.25(2) + 0.5(3) = 2.25$$

This value, 2.25, is in a sense the center of the distribution

Definition 40 (Expected value)

of a random variable X with probability distribution $f(x)$ is:
discrete

$$\mu = E(X) = \sum_x xf(x)$$

continuous

$$\mu = E(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} xf(x)dx$$

a.k.a. the mean.

Ex 4.4 A coin is biased such that a head is three times as likely to occur as a tail. Find the expected number of tails when this coin is tossed twice.

Ex Find $E(X)$ for

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{24}(2x + 3), \quad x \in [1, 4]$$

Sometimes it is useful/necessary to find the expected value where the random value is a function of X .

Theorem 10

Let X be a random variable with probability distribution $f(x)$.

The expected value of the random variable $g(X)$ is

discrete

$$E(g(X)) = \sum_x g(x)f(x)$$

continuous

$$E(g(X)) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x)f(x)dx$$

Ex 4.17 Let X be a random variable with the following probability distribution:

x	-3	6	9
$f(x)$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{3}$

Find $\mu_{g(X)}$, where $g(X) = (2X + 1)^2$.

Ex 4.20 A continuous random variable X has the density function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} e^{-x}, & x > 0 \\ 0, & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

Find the expected value of

$$g(X) = e^{\frac{2X}{3}}$$

Chapter 4 Section 2

The expected value is a measure of centrality.
Knowing this helps us to understand our data.
The other major measure is a measure of variability.
This will tell us how spread out the data is from the center.
Let's look at the data

1, 1, 2, 5, 8, 9, 9

It has an expected value of

$$\mu = \frac{1 + 1 + 2 + 5 + 8 + 9 + 9}{7} = 5$$

To find the variance:

x	$x - \mu$	$(x - \mu)^2$
1	-4	16
1	-4	16
2	-3	9
5	0	0
8	3	9
9	4	16
9	4	16

To find the variance:

x	$x - \mu$	$(x - \mu)^2$
1	-4	16
1	-4	16
2	-3	9
5	0	0
8	3	9
9	4	16
9	4	16
	0	82

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{82}{7} = 11.7$$

Definition 41 (Variance)

of the random variable X with probability function $f(x)$ and mean μ is

discrete

$$\sigma^2 = E[(X - \mu)^2] = \sum_x (x - \mu)^2 f(x)$$

continuous

$$\sigma^2 = E[(X - \mu)^2] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - \mu)^2 f(x) dx$$

Definition 42 (Standard deviation)

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\sigma^2}$$

Ex 4.36 Suppose that the probabilities are 0.4, 0.3, 0.2, and 0.1, respectively, that 0, 1, 2, or 3 power failures will strike a certain subdivision in any given year. Find the mean and variance of the random variable X representing the number of power failures striking this subdivision.

Theorem 11

The variance of a random variable X is

$$\sigma^2 = E[X^2] - \mu^2$$

Ex 4.36 again

x	0	1	2	3
$f(x)$	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.1

Ex 4.41 Find the standard deviation of the random variable $g(X) = (2X + 1)^2$ in Exercise 4.17 on page 118.

Chapter 4 Section 3

Theorem 12

If a and b are constants, then

$$E[aX + b] = aE[X] + b$$

Theorem 13

If a and b are constants, then

$$\sigma_{aX+b} = a^2 \sigma_X$$

Chapter 5 Section 2

Let's look at $(p + q)^n$ for $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

$$(p + q)^0 = 1$$

$$(p + q)^1 = 1p^1 + 1q^1$$

$$(p + q)^2 = 1p^2 + 2pq + 1q^2$$

$$(p + q)^3 = 1p^3 + 3p^2q + 3pq^2 + 1q^3$$

⋮

That looks familiar.

						1
				1	1	
			1	2	1	
		1	3	3	1	
	1	4	6	4	1	
1	5	10	10	5	1	

That's Pascal's triangle.

Note that each line is a combination:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & \binom{0}{0} & & \binom{1}{1} & & \\
 & & \binom{1}{0} & \binom{1}{1} & \binom{2}{1} & & \\
 & & \binom{2}{0} & \binom{2}{1} & \binom{3}{2} & \binom{2}{2} & \\
 & & \binom{3}{0} & \binom{3}{1} & \binom{3}{2} & \binom{3}{3} & \\
 & & & \vdots & & & \\
 \binom{n}{0} & \binom{n}{1} & \cdots & & \binom{n}{n-1} & \binom{n}{n}
 \end{array}$$

Recall that a Bernoulli trial is a random process whose random variable X can be written

$$X = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{failure} \\ 1, & \text{success} \end{cases}$$

Ex Flip a coin once. How should we define the random variable X ?

Ex Let the random variable $Z \equiv$ patient died after surgery. How should we define the random variable Z ?

If we flip a coin multiple times then we get a Bernoulli Process:

1. experiment consists of repeated trials,
2. each outcome is either a success or failure
3. probability of success, p , remains constant for all trials
4. repeated trials are independent

Let's flip a fair coin twice and let the random variable $X \equiv \#\text{Hs}$. Does this satisfy the properties of a Bernoulli Process? Yes, so $p = \frac{1}{2}$ is the probability of success and letting q be the probability of failure $q = \frac{1}{2}$.

How to find the pmf

x	0	1	2
$f(x)$			

S	HH	HT	TH	TT
x	0	1	1	2
prob				

What if we flipping a fair coin three times with $X \equiv \#\text{Hs}$

S	HHH	HHT	HTH	THH	TTH	THT	HTT	TTT
x	3	2	2	2	1	1	1	0
prob	$\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3$	$\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 \cdot \frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2$	$\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 \cdot \frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2$	$\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3$

So the pmf is

x	0	1	2	3
$f(x)$	$1\left(\frac{1}{8}\right)$	$3\left(\frac{1}{8}\right)$	$3\left(\frac{1}{8}\right)$	$1\left(\frac{1}{8}\right)$

Ex pg 144 Consider the set of Bernoulli trials where three items are selected at random from a manufacturing process, inspected, and classified as defective or nondefective. A defective item is designated a success, $X \equiv \#Ds$ assuming integral values from 0 through 3. The items are selected independently and we assume that the process produces 25% defectives.

Definition 43 (Binomial Distribution)

Let X be a random variable of the number of successes in a Bernoulli Process with the probability of success p and failure $q = 1 - p$ and n independent trials, then the probability mass function is

$$b(x; n, p) = f(x) = \binom{n}{x} p^x q^{n-x}, x \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n\}$$

Ex 5.3 An employee is selected from a staff of 10 to supervise a certain project by selecting a tag at random from a box containing 10 tags numbered from 1 to 10. Find the formula for the probability distribution of X representing the number on the tag that is drawn. What is the probability that the number drawn is less than 4?

Ex 5.5 According to *Chemical Engineering Progress* (November 1990), approximately 30% of all pipework failures in chemical plants are caused by operator error.

1. What is the probability that out of the next 20 pipework failures at least 10 are due to operator error?
2. What is the probability that no more than 4 out of 20 such failures are due to operator error?

Ex 5.6 According to a survey by the Administrative Management Society, one-half of U.S. companies give employees 4 weeks of vacation after they have been with the company for 15 years. Find the probability that among 6 companies surveyed at random, the number that give employees 4 weeks of vacation after 15 years of employment is

1. anywhere from 2 to 5;
2. fewer than 3.

Ex 5.10 A nationwide survey of college seniors by the University of Michigan revealed that almost 70% disapprove of daily pot smoking, according to a report in Parade. If 12 seniors are selected at random and asked their opinion, find the probability that the number who disapprove of smoking pot daily is

1. anywhere from 7 to 9;
2. at most 5;
3. not less than 8.

Theorem 14

for the binomial distribution $b(x; n, p)$

Expected value:

$$\mu = np$$

Variance:

$$\sigma^2 = npq$$

Appendix

Definition 44 (Set)

A set is a collection of objects. We usually denote sets by capital letters from the end of the alphabet: X , Y , Z .

Definition 45 (Element)

The objects in a set are called elements. Elements are usually denoted by lower case letters: x , y , z . If x is an element of the set X we denote this by $x \in X$.

There are two ways of showing what elements are in a set.

Bracket notation The first way we will represent the elements in a set is to list the elements in the set between curly braces, $\{\}$. Let us have the set consisting of the elements 1, 2, and 3. This set is written in bracket notation as: $\{1, 2, 3\}$.

Set builder notation The other way that we represent the elements in a set is to use what is known as set builder notation. This looks like

$$\{x \mid P(x)\}$$

and is read as

$\{ \quad x \quad | \quad P(x) \}$
the set of all x such that x satisfies property P

The property P is a proposition.

Example 0.1

Suppose E is the set of all positive even integers. Let write this using both bracket and set builder notation. For bracket notation we write

$$E = \{2, 4, 6, 8, \dots\}$$

and in set builder notation we would write

$$E = \{x \mid x \text{ is an integer} \wedge x > 0 \wedge x \text{ is divisible by } 2\}$$

If E is the set of all positive even integers, then 2 is an element of E . So we can write $2 \in E$. Since 3 is odd we have $3 \notin E$.

Now suppose we have the sets $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ and $B = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$. We note that every element of A is also an element of B , since $1 \in A, 1 \in B, 2 \in A, 2 \in B$ and $3 \in A, 3 \in B$. We say that A is a subset of B .

Definition 46 (Subset)

The set A is a subset of B , $A \subset B$, if for every $a \in A$, then $a \in B$.

So $\{1, 2, 3\} \subset \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$, but $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ is not a subset of $\{1, 2, 3\}$.

There is a special set that contains no elements.

Definition 47 (Empty set)

The empty set is the set that has no elements. It is denoted by \emptyset or $\{\}$

Let $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$. Is $\emptyset \subset A$?

It turns out that the empty set is a subset of any set. Why? Well in order for A to be subset of B each element of A must also be an element of B . We can restate this as

$$\text{If } x \in A, \text{ then } x \in B.$$

So, if we ask, “Is the empty set a subset of the set X ?”, then we must have:

$$\text{If } x \in \emptyset, \text{ then } x \in X$$

Let us look at the statement $x \in \emptyset$. Is this true or false? Since the empty set has no elements, the statement that x is an element of \emptyset must be false. We recall from the truth table for conditionals that if the hypothesis is false, then the conditional is true. So the empty set is a subset of every set.

Theorem 15

For any set A , $\emptyset \subset A$.

Proof.

Let A be any set. In order for $\emptyset \subset A$ then the following must be true, if $a \in \emptyset$, then $a \in A$. Since it is false that $a \in \emptyset$ by the definition of the empty set, the conditional must be true. This is because any time the antecedent of a conditional is false the conditional must be true. Hence $\emptyset \subset A$. □

Suppose we want to combine two sets together. So for example we want to combine the sets

$$\{2, 4, 6, 8, 10\}$$

and

$$\{1, 3, 5, 7, 9\}.$$

We want this combined set to be

$$\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10\}.$$

The way we do this is to take the union of the sets.

Definition 48 (Union)

The union of the sets A and B is

$$A \cup B = \{x \mid x \in A \vee x \in B\}.$$

So x is an element of A ∪ B if x is in A or x is in B.

Let us see some examples.

Example 0.2

1. Let $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ and $B = \{4, 5, 6\}$
Then $A \cup B = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$.
2. Let $A = \{1, 2, 4\}$ and $B = \{3, 5, 6\}$
Then $A \cup B = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$.
3. Let $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ and $B = \{3, 4, 5\}$
Then $A \cup B = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$.
4. Let $A = \{2, 4, 6, \dots\}$ and $B = \{1, 3, 5, \dots\}$
Then $A \cup B = \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$.

Now what if we wanted a set that only contained elements that are in both sets A and B . That is called the intersection.

Definition 49 (Intersection)

The intersection of the sets A and B is

$$A \cap B = \{x \mid x \in A \wedge x \in B\}.$$

So x is an element of $A \cap B$ if x is in A and x is in B .

Let us see some examples.

Example 0.3

1. Let $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ and $B = \{2, 3, 4\}$
Then $A \cap B = \{2, 3\}$.
2. Let $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ and $B = \{3, 4, 5, 6\}$
Then $A \cap B = \{3, 4\}$.
3. Let $A = \{1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19\}$ and
 $B = \{2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19\}$
Then $A \cap B = \{3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19\}$.
4. Let $A = \{2, 4, 6, 8, 10\}$ and $B = \{1, 3, 5, 7, 9\}$
Then $A \cap B = \emptyset$.

Let us set up some notation for the different sets of numbers that we commonly use.

Name(Symbol)	Set
Natural numbers(\mathbb{N})	$\{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$
Integers(\mathbb{Z})	$\{\dots, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$
Rational numbers(\mathbb{Q})	$\{\frac{m}{n} \mid m, n \in \mathbb{Z} \wedge n \neq 0\}$
Irrational numbers(\mathbb{J})	$\{x \mid x \text{ has nonrepeat. nonterminat. decimal}\}$
Real numbers(\mathbb{R})	$\mathbb{Q} \cup \mathbb{J}$

Since some sets are infinite, let us think about what it means to be infinite. For the moment we will restrict ourselves to the natural numbers, \mathbb{N} . The first thing we notice is that there is no largest natural number. Why? Well suppose there is a largest natural number. Lets call it L . But $L + 1$ is bigger than L . So L cannot have been the biggest natural number. Hence there is no biggest natural number.

Now there is a smallest natural number, 1. What about the positive real numbers? Is there a smallest positive real number? Suppose there is a smallest real number. Let us call it a . So we have $0 < a$ and there does not exist a positive real number b such that $0 < b < a$, otherwise b would be the smallest positive real number. Now we recall that given any positive number if we take half of it it becomes smaller. So $0 < \frac{a}{2} < a$. But this contradicts our assumption that a was the smallest positive real number. Therefore there must not be a smallest positive real number.

Let us look at another interesting thing that happens with infinity. Suppose we have an urn and an infinite number of balls numbered 1, 2, 3, Let us also suppose that we can move as fast as we want to. Now here is the situation. At 11:00 we put the first ten balls, 1, 2, ..., 10, in the urn and draw out ball numbered 1. Next at 11:30 (half way to 12:00) we put the next ten balls, 11, 12, ..., 20, in the urn and draw out ball number 11. Continuing the process of putting in the next ten balls and pulling out the last ball we put in half way to 12:00 we get:

Time	Put in balls	Removed ball
11:00	{1, ..., 10}	10
11:30	{11, ..., 20}	20
11:45	{21, ..., 30}	30
11:52:30	{31, ..., 40}	40
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How many balls are in the urn at 12:00?

Now suppose we do the same process as above except we first remove ball number 1, then ball number 2, then ball number 3, etc. So

Time	Put in balls	Removed ball
11:00	$\{1, \dots, 10\}$	1
11:30	$\{11, \dots, 20\}$	2
11:45	$\{21, \dots, 30\}$	3
11:52:30	$\{31, \dots, 40\}$	4
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Now how many balls will be in the urn at 12:00?

Theorem 16 (Distributive law)

- ▶ $A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$
- ▶ $A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$

Theorem 17 (De Morgan's law)

- ▶ $(A \cap B)' = A' \cup B'$
- ▶ $(A \cup B)' = A' \cap B'$