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Basic Definitions :

1. Ω universal set(sample space);
A event; ω element; $A \subseteq \Omega$; $\omega \in \Omega$
2. Probability Measure(Function):
(1). $\mathbf{P}(A) = \frac{|A|}{|\Omega|} \geq 0 \forall A$;
(2). $\mathbf{P}(\Omega) = 1$;
(3). for $A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset$, $\mathbf{P}(A_i \cup A_j) = \mathbf{P}(A_i) + \mathbf{P}(A_j)$
3. n pick k (order, replacement) = $n^k, (1, 1); \binom{n}{k}, (0, 0);$
 $\frac{n!}{(n-k)!}, (1, 0); \binom{n+k-1}{k}, (0, 1);$
4. **Inclusion-Exclusion Principle** Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $A_i, i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ be events. Then $P(\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i) = \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{k+1} \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_k \leq n} P(A_{i_1} \cap A_{i_2} \cap \dots \cap A_{i_k})$
5. $\min(\mathbf{P}(A), \mathbf{P}(B)) \geq \mathbf{P}(A \cap B)$ **Upper bound for \cap**
6. $\max(\mathbf{P}(A), \mathbf{P}(B)) \leq \mathbf{P}(A \cup B)$ **Lower bound for \cup**
7. If $B \subseteq A$, then $B \cap A = B$, $P(B \cap A) = P(B)$
8. Let $A, B \in \Omega$ be events with $A \subseteq B$. Then $P(A) \leq P(B)$.

Conditional Probability :

1. $P(A \cap B) = P(A | B) \cdot P(B)$
2. **The multiplication rule:** $P(E_1 E_2 E_3 \dots E_n) = P(E_1) P(E_2 | E_1) P(E_3 | E_1 E_2) \dots P(E_n | E_1 \dots E_{n-1})$
3. **The Law of Total Probability** $P(B) = P(B | A_1) P(A_1) + \dots + P(B | A_n) P(A_n)$; $P(B) = P(B | A) P(A) + P(B | A^c) P(A^c)$
4. **Bayes' Formula:** $P(A | B) = \frac{P(B|A)P(A)}{P(B)}$
5. **Bayes' Theorem** Let our sample space Ω be partitioned into disjoint events $A_k, k = 1, 2, \dots, n$. Then for $1 \leq j \leq n$, $P(A_j | B) = \frac{P(B|A_j)P(A_j)}{\sum_{k=1}^n P(B|A_k)P(A_k)}$, (Use 3. to express $P(B)$)
6. **Independence of A and B** If $P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B)$ it is just $P(A) = P(A | B)$

Random Variable :

1. **RV - Random Variable:** sth in Ω , the outcome of some experiment. Some we can list all the RV, others we can't. Denote as X .
2. **CDF - Cumulative Distribution Function:** Let X be RV, $F_X(x) := P(X \leq x)$.
3. Let X be a random variable and F_X its cdf. Then F_X is non-decreasing; F_X is right-continuous; $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} F_X(x) = 0$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} F_X(x) = 1$. Furthermore, any function that fulfills the three properties above is a cdf.
4. **Discrete RV - Probability Mass Function PMF:**
 $p(x_j) = P(X = x_j)$
5. **Continuous RV - Probability Density Function PDF:**
 $P(X \in B) = \int_B f_X(x) dx$; $F_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f_X(t) dt$; $f_X(x) = F'_X(x)$; $P(X = x) = 0$; Always True : $f_X(x) \geq 0$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$; $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x) dx = 1$.

Discrete RV :

1. $X \sim \text{unif}(A)$, $P(X = x) = \frac{1}{|A|}$, $\forall x \in A$
2. $X \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p)$, $P(X = 1) = p, P(X = 0) = 1 - p$, $E[X] = p$
3. $X \sim \text{Bin}(n, p)$ or $\text{Binom}(n, p)$, $P(X = k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$, $E[X] = np$, $\text{Var}(X) = np(1-p)$
4. $X \sim \text{Geom}(p)$, $P(X = k) = (1-p)^{k-1} p$, $\forall k \in 1, 2, \dots$, $E[X] = \frac{1}{p}$, $\text{Var}(x) = \frac{1-p}{p^2}$
5. $X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$, $P(X = k) = \frac{\lambda^k e^{-\lambda}}{k!}$, $\forall k \in 0, 1, 2, \dots$, $E(x) = \lambda$, $\text{Var}(x) = \lambda$

6. Relation of the Poisson and Binomial distribution: If $X \sim \text{Bin}(n, p)$ and n is large and p is small, then $X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$ with $\lambda = np$.

Continuous RV :

1. $X \sim \text{Unif}([a, b])$, $f(x) = \mathbf{1}_{[a, b]}(x) \frac{1}{b-a}$, $F_X(x) = \frac{x-a}{b-a}$, $E[X] = \frac{a+b}{2}$, $E(X) = \frac{1}{2}$, $\text{Var}(X) = \frac{1}{12}$
2. $X \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda)$, $f(x) = \mathbf{1}_{[0, +\infty)}(x) \lambda e^{-x\lambda}$, $F_X(x) = (1 - e^{-x\lambda})$, Memoryless: $\mathbb{P}(X > t + s | X > s) = \mathbb{P}(X > t)$, $E(X) = \frac{1}{\lambda}$

Independence :

1. $\mathbb{P}(X = x, Y = y) = \mathbb{P}(X = x) \cdot \mathbb{P}(Y = y)$
2. $f_{X,Y}(x, y) = f_X(x) \cdot f_Y(y)$
3. **Expectation of Independent RVs:** $E[XY] = E[X]E[Y]$
4. **Variance of Independent RVs:** $\text{Var}(X + Y) = \text{Var}(X) + \text{Var}(Y)$, $\text{Var}(aX + bY) = a^2 \text{Var}(X) + b^2 \text{Var}(Y)$

Expectation :

1. **Expectation:** $E[X] = \sum_x x \cdot p(x)$ or $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \cdot f(x) dx$
 $E[X] = \sum_{x_i} x_i \cdot P(X = x_i)$
 $E[X] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \cdot f_X(x) dx$.
2. **median:** $F_X(x) = \frac{1}{2}$
3. **mode:** $f_X(x)$ Maximum
4. For $E[X] < \infty$, $E[aX + Y + b] = aE[X]E[Y] + b$, $E[X + Y] = E[X] + E[Y]$ E is linear
5. **Sample Mean for iid RVs X_i that $E(X) = \mu$:**
 $\bar{X} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{X_i}{n}$, $E(\bar{X}) = \mu$
6. If X, Y are discrete with joint pmf $p_{X,Y}$, then:
 $E[g(X, Y)] = \sum_x \sum_y g(x, y) p_{X,Y}(x, y)$.
If X, Y are continuous with joint pdf $f_{X,Y}$, then:
 $E[g(X, Y)] = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} g(x, y) f_{X,Y}(x, y) dy dx$.
7. **Conditional Probability:**
 $E[g(X)|A] = \sum_{x_i} g(x_i) P(X = x_i | A)$

Variance :

1. **Variance:** $\text{Var}(X) = E[(X - E[X])^2] = E[X^2] - E[X]^2$
2. $\text{Var}(aX + b) = a^2 \text{Var}(X)$

Transformation :

1. **Linear Transformation** $Y := aX + b$: $f_Y(y) = \frac{1}{|a|} f_X\left(\frac{y-b}{a}\right)$
2. **Monotone Transformation:** For strictly monotone function $Y := g(x)$, $f_Y(y) = f_X(g^{-1}(y)) \cdot |(g^{-1})'(y)|$
3. the absolute sign is given by the monotonic decrease and negativity of a, Be careful about the range(domain) of Y

Normal Distribution :

1. **Standard Normal Distribution:**
 $f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}$, $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$, where $\mu = 0, \sigma = 1$
2. **Normal Distribution:**
 $f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$

Joint Distributed RV :

Marginal Density:

$$f_X(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} f_{X,Y}(x, y) dy$$

$$f_Y(y) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} f_{X,Y}(x, y) dx$$

Marginal pmf:

$$P_X(x) = \sum_y p_{X,Y}(x, y)$$

$$P_Y(y) = \sum_x p_{X,Y}(x, y)$$

Independence of RV iff:

$$P_{X,Y}(x,y) = P_X(x) \cdot P_Y(y)$$

$$f_{X,Y}(x,y) = f_X(x) \cdot f_Y(y)$$

Sum(Convolution) of Independent RV :

1. $P_{X+Y}(k) = \sum_y P_X(k-y) \cdot P_Y(y)$
2. $f_{X+Y}(k) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} f_X(k-y) \cdot f_Y(y) dy$
3. Let $X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda_X)$ and $Y \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda_Y)$ be independent. Then $Z := X + Y$ has distribution $Z \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda_X + \lambda_Y)$.
4. Let $X \sim N(\mu_x, \sigma_x^2)$ and $Y \sim N(\mu_y, \sigma_y^2)$ be independent. Then $X + Y \sim N(\mu_x + \mu_y, \sigma_x^2 + \sigma_y^2)$.

Covariance and Correlation :

1. **Covariance:** $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = E[XY] - E[X]E[Y] = E(X - E[X])(Y - E[Y])$
2. **Covariance Property:** $\text{Cov}(aX + bY, Z) = a \text{Cov}(X, Z) + b \text{Cov}(Y, Z)$ for all $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$.
3. $(\text{Cov}(X, Y))^2 \leq \text{Var}(X)\text{Var}(Y)$
4. **Correlation:** $\text{Cor}(X, Y) = \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(X)\text{Var}(Y)}} \in [-1, 1]$
5. **More Variance:**
 $\text{Var}(X + Y) = \text{Var}(X) + \text{Var}(Y) + 2\text{Cov}(X, Y)$
6. if $|\text{Cor}(X, Y)| = 1$, $tX - Y = c$ where c is a constant and $t = \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\text{Var}(X)}$, this means X and Y are highly dependent where Y is just the linear transformation of X
7. Two normally distributed random variables X, Y are independent if and only if $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = 0$.

Maximum and Minimum of RVs :

X_i be iid RVs

The probability of $\text{Max} \leq z$ means $\forall X_i, X_i \leq z$

The probability of $\text{Min} \leq z$ means **at least one** $X_i, X_i \leq z$ - Use $(1 - P)$

1. $Ma_n := \max_{i \in \{1, \dots, n\}}(X_i) :$
 $F_{Ma_n}(z) = \mathbb{P}(Ma_n \leq z) = \prod_{i=1}^n F_{X_i}(z) = (F_{X_i}(z))^n$
2. $Min_n := \min_{i \in \{1, \dots, n\}}(X_i) :$
 $F_{Min_n}(z) = \mathbb{P}(Min_n \leq z) = 1 - \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - F_{X_i}(z)) = 1 - (1 - F_{X_i}(z))^n$
3. Let X_i be independent $\text{Exp}(\lambda_i)$ distributed RVs. Then $Y := \min_{1 \leq i \leq n} X_i$ has distribution $Y \sim \text{Exp}(\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i)$.

Important Summations :

1. $\sum_{k=0}^n k^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$
2. $\sum_{k=0}^n k^3 = \left(\frac{n(n+1)}{2}\right)^2$
3. $e^\lambda = \sum_{k=0}^n \lambda^k / k!$
4. $\sin(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k x^{2k+1} / (2k+1)!$
5. $\cos(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k x^{2k} / (2k)!$

(Central) Limit Theorem :

1. **Markov's inequality** : $P(X \geq a) \leq \frac{E[X]}{a}$
2. **Chebyshev's inequality** : $P(|X - E[X]| \geq a) \leq \text{Var}(X)/a^2$
3. **CLT- Central Limit Theorem:**
 Let X_1, \dots, X_n be iid random variables with $\mathbb{E}[X_1] = \mu \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\text{Var}(X_1) = \sigma^2 > 0$. We define $\bar{X}_n := \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$. Then $\mathbb{P}\left(\frac{\bar{X}_n - \mathbb{E}[\bar{X}_n]}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(\bar{X}_n)}} \leq x\right) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \Phi(x)$.
4. **Other form of CLT:**
 $\mathbb{P}\left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i - n\mu}{\sqrt{n}\sigma} \leq x\right) \approx \Phi(x)$
5. **Weak LLN Law of Large Number:** Let $(X_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a sequence of i.i.d. random variables with finite variance. Then for any $a > 0$, we have
 $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P}\left(\left|\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i - \mathbb{E}[X_1]\right| \geq a\right) = 0$.

Moment Generating Function :

1. Let X be a random variable. The moment generating function (MGF) of X , denoted by $M_X(t)$, is defined as:
 $M_X(t) = E(e^{tX}) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{tx} f_X(x) dx$ or $\sum_x e^{tx} \cdot P_X(x)$
2. $E(X^n) = M_X^{(n)}(0)$
3. $X \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p)$, $M_X(t) = 1 - p + pe^t$
4. $X \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda)$, $M_X(t) = \frac{\lambda}{1 - \lambda t}$
5. $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$, $M_X(t) = \exp\left(\mu t + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 t^2\right)$
6. $M_{X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n}(t) = M_{X_1}(t) M_{X_2}(t) \dots M_{X_n}(t)$

Tips :

1. **METHOD: When dealing with At Least problem, To find $\mathbb{P}(A)$ Better to use $\mathbb{P}(A) = 1 - \mathbb{P}(A^c)$**
2. **iid = independent identically distributed**
3. **METHOD: Fare 6D:** $E(X) = 3.5$, $\text{Var}(x) = \frac{35}{12}$
4. continuous (like time) and memoryless $\rightarrow \text{Exp}(\lambda)$
5. **Integral of pdf is always 1, can use for calculation**

Example :

1. - **Cov(X, Y) = 0, but X, Y are not independent**
 /**/ - **Var(X+Y) = Var(X) + Var(y), But X, Y are not independent:**
 $X \sim \text{unif}[-1, 1]$, $Y = X^2$, $\text{Cov}(XY) = E[XY] - E[X]E[Y]$
 $f_X(x) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \mathbf{1}_{[-1, 1]}(x)$, $E[XY] = E[X^3] = \int_{-1}^1 \frac{1}{2} x^3 dx = 0$
 Similarly $E(X) = 0$, therefore $\text{Cov}(XY) = 0$ but $Y = X^2$ which means they are not independent