

MATH 341 Study Guide

Midterm 1

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Definitions and Laws

1. A and B are **mutually exclusive** or **disjoint** if $A \cap B = \emptyset$.
2. A_1, A_2, \dots, A_k are **exhaustive events** if $A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_k = S$.
3. Commutative laws
 - $A \cup B = B \cup A$
 - $A \cap B = B \cap A$
4. Associative laws
 - $A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap C$
 - $A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup C$
5. Distributive laws
 - $A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$
 - $A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$
6. De Morgan's laws
 - $\overline{(A \cup B)} = \overline{A} \cap \overline{B}$
 - $\overline{(A \cap B)} = \overline{A} \cup \overline{B}$

Axioms

1. For any event A in S , $0 \leq P(A) \leq 1$.
2. $P(S) = 1$.
3. For any sequence of mutually exclusive (disjoint) events A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots in S (i.e., $A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset$ whenever $i \neq j$), then

$$P(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3 \dots) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A_i).$$

These axioms imply that

- $P(\emptyset) = 0$.
- $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B)$ when A and B are mutually exclusive.

Permutations and Combinations

Select r from n	Order matters	Order does not matter
Without replacement	${}_nP_r = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!}$	${}_nC_r = \binom{n}{r} = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$
With replacement	n^r	$\binom{n+r-1}{r}$

Conditional Probability

The **conditional probability** of A given B has occurred is

$$P(A \mid B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} \qquad P(A \cap B) = P(A \mid B)P(B).$$

Bayes' Theorem

$$P(A \mid B) = \frac{P(B \mid A)P(A)}{P(B)}.$$