

- LO 1.** Define trial, outcome, and sample space.
- LO 2.** Explain why the long-run relative frequency of repeated independent events settle down to the true probability as the number of trials increases, i.e. why the law of large numbers holds.
- LO 3.** Distinguish disjoint (also called mutually exclusive) and independent events.
- If A and B are independent, then having information on A does not tell us anything about B.
  - If A and B are disjoint, then knowing that A occurs tells us that B cannot occur.
  - Disjoint (mutually exclusive) events are always dependent since if one event occurs we know the other one cannot.
- LO 4.** Draw Venn diagrams representing events and their probabilities.
- LO 5.** Define a probability distribution as a list of the possible outcomes with corresponding probabilities that satisfies three rules:
- The outcomes listed must be disjoint.
  - Each probability must be between 0 and 1, inclusive.
  - The probabilities must total 1.
- LO 6.** Define complementary outcomes as mutually exclusive outcomes of the same random process whose probabilities add up to 1.
- If A and B are complementary,  $P(A) + P(B) = 1$ .
- LO 7.** Distinguish between union of events (A or B) and intersection of events (A and B).
- LO 8.** Calculate the probability of union of events using the (general) addition rule.
- If A and B are not mutually exclusive,  $P(A \text{ or } B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \text{ and } B)$ .
  - If A and B are mutually exclusive,  $P(A \text{ or } B) = P(A) + P(B)$ , since for mutually exclusive events  $P(A \text{ and } B) = 0$ .

\* *Reading: Section 3.1 of OpenIntro Statistics*

\* *Videos:*

- *Basics of probability, YouTube (1:42)*
- *Union of events and the addition rule, YouTube (3:37)*
- *Independent events, intersection of events, multiplication rule, and Bayes' Theorem, YouTube (3:25)*

\* *Test yourself:*

1. What is the probability of getting a head on the 6th coin flip if in the first 5 flips the coin landed on a head each time?
2. True / False: Being right handed and having blue eyes are mutually exclusive events.
3.  $P(A) = 0.5$ ,  $P(B) = 0.6$ , there are no other possible outcomes in the sample space. What is  $P(A \text{ and } B)$ ?

- LO 9.** Distinguish marginal and conditional probabilities.
- LO 10.** Calculate the probability of intersection of independent events using the multiplication rule.
- If A and B are dependent,  $P(A \text{ and } B) = P(A) \times P(B|A)$ .
  - If A and B are independent,  $P(A \text{ and } B) = P(A) \times P(B)$ , since for independent events  $P(B|A) = P(B)$ .
- LO 11.** Construct tree diagrams to calculate conditional probabilities and probabilities of intersection of non-independent events using Bayes' theorem.
- \* *Reading: Section 3.2 of OpenIntro Statistics*
  - \* *Videos:*
    - *Probability trees, Dr. Çetinkaya-Rundel (8:23)*
    - *Conditional probability, YouTube (8:59 - watch from 3:33 onwards)*
    - *Bayes' Theorem worked out example, YouTube, (9:20, somewhat lengthy)*
    - *Another example of conditional probabilities using Bayes' Theorem, YouTube (7:20)*
  - \* *Test yourself: 50% of students in a class are social science majors and the rest are not. 70% of the social science students and 40% of the non-social science students are in a relationship. Create a contingency table and a tree diagram summarizing these probabilities. Calculate the percentage of students in this class who are in a relationship.*
- LO 12.** Sampling without replacement from a small population means we no longer have independence between our observations.
- LO 13.** A random variable is a random process or variable with a numerical outcome. Modeling a process using a random variable allows us to apply a mathematical framework and statistical principles for better understanding and predicting outcomes in the real world.
- LO 14.** We use measures of center and spread to define distributions of random variables.
- Center: Expected value, mean, i.e. average. Denoted as  $E(X)$  or  $\mu$ .
  - Variability: Variance (average squared deviation around the expected value). Denoted as  $Var(X)$  or  $\sigma^2$ .
- LO 15.** Expected value and variance of a discrete random variable,  $X$ , can be calculated as follows:

$$E(X) = \mu = \sum_{i=1}^k x_i P(X = x_i)$$

$$Var(X) = \sigma^2 = \sum_{j=1}^k (x_j - \mu)^2 P(X = x_j)$$

- LO 16.** Standard deviation is the square root of variance. We use standard deviation also as a measure of the variability of the random variable. Standard deviation is often easier to interpret since it's in the same units of the random variable.
- LO 17.** Linear combinations of random variables:
- $E(aX + bY) = a \times E(X) + b \times E(Y)$
  - $Var(aX + bY) = a^2 \times Var(X) + b^2 \times Var(Y)$

**LO 18.** Probability density functions represent the distributions of continuous random variables.

*\* Reading: Sections 3.3 - 3.5 of OpenIntro Statistics*