

# probability and stochastic processes

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## 1. experiments, models, and probabilities

**theorem 1.1** demorgan's law related all three basic operations  $(A \cup B)^c = (A^c \cap B^c) \setminus$

**theorem 1.2** for mutually exclusive events  $A_1$  and  $A_2$ ,  $P[A_1 \cup A_2] = P[A_1] + P[A_2]$

**theorem 1.3** If  $A = A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_m$  and  $A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset$  for all  $i \neq j$ , then

$$P[A] = \sum_{i=1}^m P[A_i]$$

**theorem 1.4** The probability measure  $P[\cdot]$  is a function that satisfies the following properties:

1.  $P[\emptyset] = 0$
2.  $P[A^c] = 1 - P[A]$
3. For any A and B (not necessarily mutually exclusive),  $P[A \cup B] = P[A] + P[B] - P[A \cap B]$
4. If  $A \subset B$ , then  $P[A] \leq P[B]$

**Theorem 1.5** The probability of an event  $B = \{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_m\}$  is the sum of the probabilities of the outcomes contained in the event:

$$P[B] = \sum_{i=1}^m P[\{s_i\}]$$

**theorem 1.6** For an experiment with sample space  $S = \{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n\}$  in which each outcomes  $s_i$  is equally likely,

$$P[\{s_i\}] = \frac{1}{n} \quad 1 \leq i \leq n$$

**theorem 1.7** A conditional probability measure  $P[A|B]$  has the following properties that correspond to the axioms of probability:

Axiom 1:  $P[A|B] \geq 0$

Axiom 2:  $P[B|B] = 1$

Axiom 3: If  $A = A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_m$  and  $A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset$  for all  $i \neq j$ , then

$$P[A|B] = P[A_1|B] + P[A_2|B] + \dots + P[A_m|B]$$

**Theorem 1.8** For a partition  $B = \{B_1, B_2, \dots, B_m\}$  and any event  $A$  in the sample space, let  $C_i = A \cap B_i$ . For  $i \neq j$ , the events  $C_i$  and  $C_j$  are mutually exclusive and  $A = C_1 \cup C_2 \cup \dots$

**Theorem 1.9** For any event  $A$  and partition  $\{B_1, B_2, \dots, B_m\}$

$$P[A] = \sum_{i=1}^m P[A \cap B_i]$$

**Theorem 1.10** Law of total probability

For a partition  $\{B_1, B_2, \dots, B_m\}$  with  $P[B_i] > 0$  for all  $i$ ,

$$P[A] = \sum_{i=1}^m P[A|B_i] P[B_i]$$

**Theorem 1.11** Bayes' theorem

$$P[B|A] = \frac{P[A|B] P[B]}{P[A]}$$

**Definition 1.1 Outcome** An outcome of an experiment is a possible result of the experiment.

**Definition 1.2 Sample space** The sample space of an experiment is the finest-grain, mutually exclusive, collectively exhaustive set of all possible outcomes of the experiment.

**Definition 1.3 Event** An event is a subset of the sample space.

**Definition 1.4 Axioms of Probability** A probability measure  $P[\cdot]$  is a function that maps events in the sample space to real numbers such that

**Axiom 1** For any event  $A$ ,  $P[A] \geq 0$

**Axiom 2**  $P[S] = 1$

**Axiom 3** For any countable collection  $A_1, A_2, \dots$  of mutually exclusive events,

$$P[A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots] = P[A_1] + P[A_2] + \dots$$

**Definition 1.5 Conditional probability** The conditional probability of an event  $A$  given the occurrence of the event  $B$  is

$$P[A|B] = \frac{P[A \cap B]}{P[B]}$$

Conditional probability is defined only when  $P[B] > 0$ .

**Definition 1.6 Two independent events** Two events  $A$  and  $B$  are independent if

$$P[AB] = P[A]P[B]$$

**Definition 1.7 Three Independent Events**  $A_1, A_2, A_3$  are mutually exclusive and independent if and only if

(a)  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are independent

(b)  $A_2$  and  $A_3$  are independent

(c)  $A_1$  and  $A_3$  are independent

(d)  $P[A_1 \cap A_2 \cap A_3] = P[A_1]P[A_2]P[A_3]$

**Definition 1.8 More than Two Independent Events**

If  $n \geq 3$  events  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$  are mutually independent if and only if

(a) all collections of  $n - 1$  events chosen from  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$  are mutually independent,

(b)  $P[A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_n] = P[A_1]P[A_2] \dots P[A_n]$

## 2. Sequential Experiments

### Theorem 2.1

An experiment consists of two subexperiments. If one subexperiment has  $k$  outcomes and the other has  $n$  outcomes, then the experiment has  $kn$  outcomes.

### Theorem 2.2

The number of  $k$ -permutations of  $n$  distinguishable objects is

$$\{n \text{ choose } k\} = \frac{(n)_k}{k!} = \frac{n!}{k! (n - k)!}$$

### Theorem 2.4

Given  $m$  distinguishable objects, there are  $m^n$  ways to choose with replacement an ordered sample of  $n$  objects.

### Theorem 2.5

For  $n$  repetitions of a subexperiment with sample space  $S_{\text{sub}} = \{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_{m-1}\}$ , the sample space  $S$  of the sequential experiment has  $m^n$  outcomes.

### Theorem 2.6

The number of observation sequences for  $n$  subexperiments with sample space  $S = \{0, 1\}$  with  $0$  appearing  $n_0$  times and  $1$  appearing  $n_1 = n - n_0$  times is  $\{n \text{ choose } n_1\}$ .

### Theorem 2.7

For  $n$  repetitions of a subexperiment with sample space  $S = \{s_0, s_1, \dots, s_{m-1}\}$ , the number of length  $n = n_0 + n_1 + \dots + n_{m-1}$  observation sequences with  $s_i$  appearing  $n_i$  times is

$$\{n \text{ choose } n_0, n_1, \dots, n_{m-1}\} = \frac{n!}{n_0! n_1! \dots n_{m-1}!}$$

### Theorem 2.8

The probability of  $n_0$  failures and  $n_1$  successes in  $n = n_0 + n_1$  independent trials is

$$P[E_{\{n_0, n_1\}}] = \{n \text{ choose } n_1\} (1-p)^{n-n_1} p^{n_1} = \{n \text{ choose } n_0\} (1-p)^{n_0} p^{n-n_0}$$

### Theorem 2.9

A subexperiment has sample space  $S = \{s_0, s_1, \dots, s_{m-1}\}$  with  $P[s_i] = p_i$  for  $n = n_0 + n_1 + \dots + n_{m-1}$  independent trials, the probability of  $n_i$  occurrences of  $s_i$ ,  $i = 0, 1, \dots, m-1$  is

$$P[E_{\{n_0, n_1, \dots, n_{m-1}\}}] = \{n \text{ choose } n_0, n_1, \dots, n_{m-1}\} p_0^{n_0} p_1^{n_1} \dots p_{m-1}^{n_{m-1}}$$

**Definition 2.1  $n$  choose  $k$** 

For an integer  $n \geq 0$ , we define

$$\binom{n}{k} = \begin{cases} \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} & k = 0, 1, \dots, n \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

**Definition 2.2 Multinomial coefficient** For an integer  $n \geq 0$ , we define

$$\binom{n}{n_0, n_1, \dots, n_{m-1}} = \frac{n!}{n_0! n_1! \cdots n_{m-1}!}$$

### 3. Discrete Random Variables

**Theorem 3.1**

For a discrete random variable  $X$  with PMF  $P_X(x)$ , and range  $S_X$ :

(a) For any  $x \in S_X$ ,  $P_X(x) \geq 0$

(b)  $\sum_{x \in S_X} P_X(x) = 1$

(c) For any event  $B \subset S_X$ , The probability that  $X$  is in the set  $B$  is

$$P[B] = \sum_{x \in B} P_X(x)$$

**Theorem 3.2**

For any discrete random variable  $X$  with range  $S_X = \{x_1, x_2, \dots\}$  satisfying  $x_1 \leq x_2 \leq \dots$ ,

(a)  $F_X(-\infty) = 0$  and  $F_X(\infty) = 1$

(b) For all  $x' \geq x$ ,  $F_X(x') \geq F_X(x)$

(c) For all  $x' > x$ ,  $F_X(x') > F_X(x)$

(d)  $F_X(x) = F_X(x_i)$  for all  $x$  such that  $x_i \leq x < x_{i+1}$

**Theorem 3.3**

For all  $b > a$ ,  $F_X(b) - F_X(a) = P[a < X \leq b]$

**Theorem 3.4**

$$P_X(x_i) = p$$

**Theorem 3.5**

$$P_X(x_i) = 1/p$$

**Theorem 3.6**

(a) For the binomial  $(n, p)$  random variable  $X$  of Definition 3.6

$$P_X(x_i) = \binom{n}{i} p^i (1-p)^{n-i}$$

\$ \text{(b) For the Pascal (k, p) random variable X of Definition 3.7} \$

$$\checkmark = k/p$$

\$ \text{(c) For the discrete uniform (k, l) random variable X of Definition 3.8} \$

$$\checkmark = \frac{k + l}{2}$$

### Theorem 3.8

\$ \text{Perform } n \text{ Bernoulli trials. In each trial, let the probability of success be } \alpha / n, \text{ where } \alpha > 0 \text{ is a constant and } n > \alpha. \$

\$ \text{Let the random variable } K\_n \text{ be the number of successes in the } n \text{ trials. As } n \rightarrow \infty, P\_{K\_n}(k) \text{ converges to the PMF of a Poisson } (\alpha) \text{ random variable.} \$

### Theorem 3.9

\$ \text{For a discrete random variable X, the PMF of } Y = g(X) \text{ is} \$

$$P_Y(y) = \sum_{x: g(x) = y} P_X(x)$$

### Theorem 3.10

\$ \text{Given a random variable X with PMF } P\_X(x), \text{ and the derived random variable } Y = g(x), \text{ the expected value of Y is} \$

$$E[Y] = \mu_Y = \sum_{x \in S_X} g(x) P_X(x)$$

### Theorem 3.11

\$ \text{For any random variable X,} \$

$$E[X - \mu_X] = 0$$

### Theorem 3.12

\$ \text{For any random variable X,} \$

$$\checkmark + b$$

### Theorem 3.13

\$ \text{In the absence of observations, the minimum mean square error estimate random variable X is} \$

$$\checkmark$$

### Theorem 3.14

$$\checkmark = E[X^2] - \mu_X^2 = E[X^2] - (E[X])^2$$

### Theorem 3.15

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### Theorem 3.16

$$\checkmark = p(1-p) \text{ \$}$$

$$\checkmark = \frac{(1-p)}{p^2} \text{ \$}$$

$$\checkmark = np(1 - p) \text{ \$}$$

$$\checkmark = k(1 - p)/p^2 \text{ \$}$$

$$\checkmark = \alpha \text{ \$}$$

$$\checkmark = (l - k)(l - k + 2)/12 \text{ \$}$$

### Definition 3.1 Random Variable

$\text{\text{A random variable consists of an experiment with a probability measure } P[.] \text{ defined on a sample space } S \text{ and a function that assigns a real number to each outcome in the sample space of the experiment.}$