

1. (i) State the three axioms

(a) Nonnegativity :  $\forall x, P(x) \geq 0$

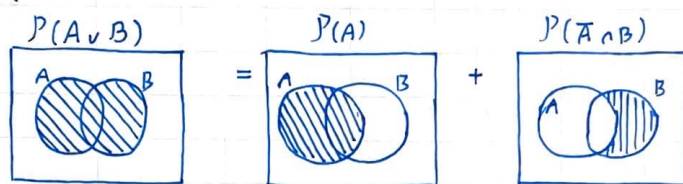
(b) Additivity :  $\forall A, B$  disjoint,  $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B)$

(c) Normalization :  $P(\Omega) = 1$

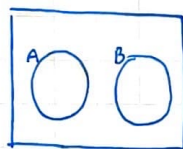
(a) Use Venn diagram and probability axioms to prove that  $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B)P(\bar{A}|B)$

$$\Rightarrow P(A) + P(B)P(\bar{A}|B) = P(A) + P(\bar{A} \cap B)$$

case 1:



case 2: disjoint



$$P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B), \quad P(\bar{A} \cap B) = P(B)$$

2. Given  $X$  is a discrete random variable with PMF  $p_X(x)$ ,  
its expectation is defined by  $E[X] = \sum_x x p_X(x)$ .

Let  $g(x)$  be a function of  $X$ .

Show that the expectation of the random variable  $g(X)$  is  $E[g(X)] = \sum_x g(x) p_X(x)$ .

$\Rightarrow$  Let  $Y = g(X)$

$$E[Y] = \sum_y Y p_Y(y) = \sum_y Y \sum_{\{x|g(x)=y\}} p_X(x) = \sum_y \sum_{\{x|g(x)=y\}} g(x) p_X(x) = \sum_x g(x) p_X(x) = E[g(X)]$$

3. Given that a Binomial distribution with parameters  $(n, p)$  can be viewed as the sum of  $n$  independent and identically distributed Bernoulli variables (with parameter  $p$ )
- Show that the mean and variance of the Binomial distribution is  $np$  and  $np(1-p)$ .

$$\text{mean} = E[x] = \sum_x x P_x(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n P_x(x=i) = n \times p \quad \#$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{variance} = \text{var}(x) &= E[x^2] - E[x]^2 = \sum_x x^2 P_x(x) - \left( \sum_x x P_x(x) \right)^2 \\ &= \frac{n^2 p - n^2 p^2}{n} = np(1-p) \quad \# \end{aligned}$$

4. Three classmates Minsky, Fred and Jelinek will individually and independently pass English oral test with a success probability of 0.8, 0.9, 0.6 respectively

(i) What is the probability that there is at least one of them passing the test

$$\Rightarrow 1 - P(\text{三人皆 fail}) = 1 - (0.2 \times 0.1 \times 0.4) = 1 - \frac{8}{1000} = 1 - \frac{1}{125} = \frac{124}{125} \quad \#$$

(ii) Given that at least one of them pass the test.

What is the probability that only Jelinek pass the test

$$\Rightarrow P(\text{only Jelinek} \mid \text{至少一人 pass}) = \frac{0.2 \times 0.1 \times 0.6}{\frac{124}{125}} = \frac{12/1000}{\frac{124}{125}} = \frac{3/250}{\frac{124}{125}} = \frac{3}{248} \quad \#$$

5. An experiment consists of 4 independent tosses of fair coin

Let random variable  $X$  model the number of heads obtained.

Given that a random variable  $Y$  is defined by  $Y = X \bmod 3$

Find  $E[Y]$ ,  $\text{var}(Y)$ , given that  $\text{var}(Y)$  is defined by  $E[(Y - E[Y])^2]$ .

$$P_X(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{16}, & x=0 \\ \frac{4}{16}, & x=1 \\ \frac{6}{16}, & x=2 \\ \frac{4}{16}, & x=3 \\ \frac{1}{16}, & x=4 \end{cases} \Rightarrow P_Y(y) = \begin{cases} \frac{5}{16}, & y=0 \\ \frac{5}{16}, & y=1 \\ \frac{6}{16}, & y=2 \end{cases}$$

$$E[Y] = \frac{5}{16} \times 0 + \frac{5}{16} \times 1 + \frac{6}{16} \times 2 = \frac{17}{16}$$

$$E[Y^2] = \frac{5}{16} \times 0 + \frac{5}{16} \times 1 + \frac{6}{16} \times 4 = \frac{29}{16}$$

$$\text{Var}(Y) = E[Y^2] - E[Y]^2$$

$$= \frac{29}{16} - \frac{289}{256} = \frac{175}{256} \neq$$

$$\star E[(Y - E[Y])^2] = E[Y^2 - 2YE[Y] + E[Y]^2]$$

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6. Given the random variables  $X$  and  $Y$  whose joint PMF  $p_{xy}(x, y)$  is given below, and a new random variable  $Z$  is defined by  $Z = X + Y^2$

(i) Calculate  $E[Z]$  &  $\text{var}(Z)$

	1	2	3	4
3	$\frac{3}{12}$	0	$\frac{3}{12}$	$\frac{1}{12}$
2	$\frac{1}{12}$	$\frac{1}{12}$	$\frac{1}{12}$	0
1	0	$\frac{1}{12}$	$\frac{1}{12}$	$\frac{3}{12}$

$$E[X] = \frac{3}{12} \times 1 + \frac{3}{12} \times 2 + \frac{4}{12} \times 3 + \frac{3}{12} \times 4 = \frac{31}{12}$$

$$E[Y^2] = \frac{4}{12} \times 1 + \frac{3}{12} \times 4 + \frac{5}{12} \times 9 = \frac{61}{12}$$

$$E[Z] = E[X] + E[Y^2] = \frac{92}{12} = \frac{23}{3} \neq$$

$$\text{var}(Z) = E[Z^2] - E[Z]^2$$

$$E[Z^2] = E[X^2] + 2E[X]E[Y^2] + E[Y^4] = \frac{95}{12} + 2 \times \frac{31}{12} \times \frac{61}{12} + \frac{451}{12} = \frac{5203}{72}$$

$$\text{var}(Z) = \frac{5203}{72} - \frac{529}{9} = \frac{971}{72}$$

(ii) Find the conditional PMFs  $p_{y|x}(y|3)$ ,  $p_{x|y}(x|2)$

$$p_{y|x}(y|3) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{4}, & (2, 3) (3, 3) \\ \frac{3}{4}, & (1, 3) \end{cases}$$

$(y, x)$

$$p_{x|y}(x|2) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{3}, & (1, 2) (2, 2) (3, 2) \\ 0, & (4, 2) \end{cases}$$

$(x, y)$

(iii) Calculate  $E[X]$  by way of  $E[X] = \sum_y P_Y(y) [X|Y=y]$

$$E[X] = \sum_y P_Y(y) E[X|Y=y]$$

$$= P_Y(1) E[X|Y=1] + P_Y(2) E[X|Y=2] + P_Y(3) E[X|Y=3]$$

$$= \frac{4}{12} \times \frac{13}{4} + \frac{3}{12} \times 2 + \frac{5}{12} \times \frac{12}{5} = \frac{31}{12} \neq$$

$$E[X|Y=1] = 1 \times 0 + 2 \times \frac{1}{12} + 3 \times \frac{1}{12} + 4 \times \frac{2}{12} = \frac{13}{4}$$

$$E[X|Y=2] = 1 \times \frac{1}{12} + 2 \times \frac{1}{12} + 3 \times \frac{1}{12} + 4 \times 0 = 2$$

$$E[X|Y=3] = 1 \times \frac{2}{12} + 2 \times 0 + 3 \times \frac{2}{12} + 4 \times \frac{1}{12} = \frac{17}{6}$$

(iv) Suppose that  $A$  is an event expressed by  $A = [X=1 \text{ and } 2 \leq Y \leq 3]$   
determine where  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent of each other given  $A$

$$\Rightarrow \text{If independent } P_{XY}(1,2) = P_X(1) P_Y(2) \Rightarrow \frac{1}{3} = 1 \times \frac{1}{3}$$

$$P_{XY}(1,3) = P_X(1) P_Y(3) \Rightarrow \frac{2}{3} = 1 \times \frac{2}{3} \Rightarrow \text{both independent}$$

$$P_X(1) = 1, P_Y(2) = \frac{1}{3}, P_Y(3) = \frac{2}{3}$$

7. Jenny and Ted alternate rolling a pair of 6-sided dice,  
stopping either when Jenny rolls the sum of 5 or Ted rolls the sum of 8.  
Given that Ted rolls first, find the probability that the final roll is made by Ted

$$P(\text{Jenny roll } 5) = \frac{4}{36}$$

$$P(\text{Ted roll } 8) = \frac{5}{36}$$

8. Let  $X$  be a Poisson random variable with parameter  $\lambda$  (PMF is defined by  $P_X(k) = e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!}$ )  
What value  $\lambda$  of that maximizes  $P(X=k)$

$$P_X(k) = e^{-\lambda} \times \frac{\lambda^k}{k!}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} = e^{-\lambda} \left[ \frac{\lambda}{1!} + \frac{\lambda^2}{2!} + \dots + \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} \right]$$

$$= e^{-\lambda}$$