

Math Theory of Probability

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1 Chapter 1: Combinatorial Analysis

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Basic Principle of Counting.

Suppose that 2 experiments are to be preformed. Then if exp 1 can result in any one of n_1 possible outcomes and for each of these outcomes, exp 2 can result in any one of n_2 possible outcomes, then the total number of possible outcomes for the 2 experiments is $n_1 \cdot n_2$.

Permutations.

How many ways are there of arranging n distinct things?

There are n ways to choose the first thing, $n - 1$ ways to choose the second thing, $n - 2$ ways to choose the third thing, and so on.

Thus, the total number of ways of arranging n distinct things is $n \cdot (n - 1) \cdot (n - 2) \cdot \dots \cdot 2 \cdot 1 = n!$

Permutations with repeats.

$$\frac{n!}{n_1! \cdot n_2! \cdot \dots \cdot n_r!}$$

different permutation of n objects which any arbitrary n_i are alike.

Combinations.

$$\binom{n}{r} = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!r!}$$

How many ways are there of choosing r things from n distinct things?

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Example 4c: n items m are dysfunctional and $n - m$ are functional. What is the probability that no two dysfunctional items are adjacent?

Sol: There are $\binom{n-m+1}{m}$ ways. If we think of the functional (plus one for the before spot) we can put the dysfunctional items in. Thus resulting in $\binom{n-m+1}{m}$ ways.

Question Prove that $\binom{n}{r} = \binom{n-1}{r-1} + \binom{n-1}{r}$

It is shown in Pascal's triangle.

Since the left is the number of Combinations of n things taken r at a time, and the right is the number of Combinations of $n - 1$ things taken $r - 1$ at a time and r at a time.

Thus the right side is the number of Combinations in which A is included and the number of Combinations in which A is not included.

Binomial Theorem

$$(x + y)^n = \sum_{r=0}^n \binom{n}{r} x^{n-r} y^r$$

This gives the coefficients of the expansion of $(x + y)^n$

Multinomial Theorem

$$(x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_k)^n = \sum_{r_1+r_2+\dots+r_k=n} \frac{n!}{r_1!r_2!\dots r_k!} x_1^{r_1} x_2^{r_2} \dots x_k^{r_k}$$

This gives the coefficients of the expansion of $(x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_k)^n$

Something cool $\binom{n}{r} \binom{r}{k} = \frac{n!}{r!k!(n-r-k)!}$

Example 5: 8 players, 4 matches (identical) played of 2 players. How many ways can the matches be played?

Sol: There are $\frac{8!}{2!2!2!2!} = 105$ ways.

How many ways can people win?

16 ways.

Class Activity: Consider the equation $x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_r = n$ where each x_i is non-negative. How many possible solutions are there to this equation.

2 Chapter 2: Axioms of Probability

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Axioms of probability

The probability of Something happening is the number of ways the thing happens divided by the possible outcomes.

Axiom 1: $0 \leq P(A) \leq 1$

Axiom 2: $P(S) = 1$ where S is whole same space

Axiom 3: If A_1, A_2, \dots are mutually exclusive events, then $P(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots) = P(A_1) + P(A_2) + \dots$

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$$P(A \cup B \cup C) = P(A) + P(B) + P(C) - P(A \cap B) - P(A \cap C) - P(B \cap C) + P(A \cap B \cap C)$$

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n ppl who throw the hats in what is the probability that no one gets their own hat?

$\frac{1}{e}$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$

We want probability of $A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_n$

$$P(A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_n) = 1 - P(A_1^c \cup A_2^c \cup \dots \cup A_n^c)$$

$$P(A_1^c \cup A_2^c \cup \dots \cup A_n^c) = 1 - P(A_1^c) - P(A_2^c) - \dots - P(A_n^c) + P(A_1^c \cap A_2^c) + \dots$$

With a bunch of work we get:

$$1 - \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^{i+1} \frac{(x-i)!}{x!} \binom{x}{i}$$

This results in $1 - \frac{1}{2!} + \frac{1}{3!} - \frac{1}{4!} + \dots$

Example 50 on page 42 of 8th edition.

3 Chapter 3: Conditional Probability and Independence

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$$P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B|A) = P(A)P(B)$$

iff E and F are independent.

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Bayes formula

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(B|A)P(A)}{P(B)}$$

Odds

$$\frac{P(A)}{P(A^c)}$$

New Odds

$$\frac{P(A|B)}{P(A^c|B)} = \frac{P(B|A) \cdot P(A)}{P(B|A^c) \cdot P(A^c)}$$

4 Chapter 4: Random Variables

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Random Variable Info

Binomial Random Variable

$$P[x = n] = \binom{N}{n} p^n (1-p)^{N-n}$$

$$\mathbb{E}[x] = Np$$

$$\text{Var}[x] = Np(1-p)$$

Poisson Random Variable

$$P[x = n] = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^n}{n!}$$

$$\mathbb{E}[x] = \lambda$$

$$\text{Var}[x] = \lambda$$

Geometric Random Variable

$$P[x = n] = (1-p)^{n-1} p$$

$$\mathbb{E}[x] = \frac{1}{p}$$

$$\text{Var}[x] = \frac{1-p}{p^2}$$

Negative Binomial Random Variable

$$P[x = n] = \binom{n-1}{r-1} p^r (1-p)^{n-r}$$

$$\mathbb{E}[x] = \frac{r}{p}$$

$$\text{Var}[x] = \frac{r(1-p)}{p^2}$$

Hypergeometric Random Variable

$$P[x = n] = \frac{\binom{M}{k} \binom{N-M}{n-k}}{\binom{N}{n}}$$

$$\mathbb{E}[x] = \frac{Mk}{N}$$

$$\text{Var}[x] = \frac{N-M}{N-1} k \frac{M}{N} \frac{N-k}{N-1}$$

$$\text{Var}[x] = np(1-p) \left(1 - \frac{n-1}{N-1}\right)$$

Zeta Random Variable

$$P[x = k] = \frac{c}{k^{\alpha+1}}$$

$$\mathbb{E}[x] = \frac{c}{\alpha-1}$$

$$Var[x] = \frac{c^2}{(\alpha-1)^2(\alpha-2)}$$

5 Chapter 5: Continuous Random Variables

$$pdf[a \leq x \leq b] = \int_a^b f(x)dx$$

Where $f(x)$ is the probability density function.

A Cumulative Distribution Function is $cdf(x) = P[X \leq x]$

$$\text{Also } cdf(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(x)dx$$

Gaussian Random Variable

$$P[x = n] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

$$\mathbb{E}[x] = \mu$$

$$Var[x] = \sigma^2$$

Exponential Random Variable

$$P[x = n] = \lambda e^{-\lambda x}$$

$$\mathbb{E}[x] = \frac{1}{\lambda}$$

$$Var[x] = \frac{1}{\lambda^2}$$

A non negative Random variable c is memoryless if $P[x > s + t | x > s] =$

$P[x > t]$ Gamma Random Variable

$$P[x = n] = \frac{\lambda^\alpha x^{\alpha-1} e^{-\lambda x}}{(\alpha-1)!}$$

$$P[x = n] = \frac{\lambda^\alpha x^{\alpha-1} e^{-\lambda x}}{\Gamma(\alpha)}$$

$$\mathbb{E}[x] = \frac{\alpha}{\lambda}$$

$$Var[x] = \frac{\alpha}{\lambda^2}$$

Weibull Random Variable

$$P[x = n] = \frac{\alpha}{\beta} \left(\frac{x}{\beta}\right)^{\alpha-1} e^{-\left(\frac{x}{\beta}\right)^\alpha}$$

$$\mathbb{E}[x] = \beta \Gamma\left(1 + \frac{1}{\alpha}\right)$$

$$Var[x] = \beta^2 [\Gamma(1 + \frac{2}{\alpha}) - \Gamma^2(1 + \frac{1}{\alpha})]$$