

Probability & Statistics for Machine Learning & Data Science

Week 1: Introduction to Probability and Probability Distribution

The probability of occurrence of an event within a sample space of choices is:

$$P(E) = \frac{\text{no. of Event}}{\text{no. of sample Space}}$$

The complement probability (probability of not occurring) is:

Complement Rule

$$P(E') = 1 - P(E)$$

Disjoint Events $A \& B \leadsto P(A \cap B) = 0$

Joint Events $A \& B \leadsto 0 < P(A \cap B) \leq 1$

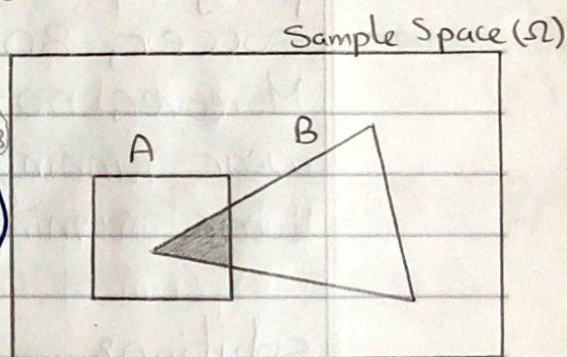
Sum Rule

Added once with A & once with B

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

OR $\rightarrow \cup$

AND $\rightarrow \cap$



\rightarrow Independence:

An event is independent of the other, when its occurrence doesn't affect of the occurrence of the other.

If events $X \& Y$ are independent, then:

$$P(X \cap Y) = P(X) \cdot P(Y)$$

General Product Rule

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

Conditional Probability

The probability of B given that A is happening; means if A happens or occurs what is the probability of B. This is:

conditional

$$P(B|A) = \frac{\text{no. of B exist in A occurrence}}{\text{no. of A}}$$

if B & A are independent $P(B|A) = P(B)$
 $P(A \cap B) = P(A) \cdot P(B)$

Example:

In a school of 100 students, 40 of them play soccer. Among the students who play soccer, 80% of them wear running shoes. Moreover, 50% of those who don't play soccer wear running shoes too. How many students wear running shoes?

Solutions:

S → Play Soccer

R → wear running shoes

$$P(R) = P(S \cap R) + P(S' \cap R)$$

$$= P(S) \cdot P(R|S)$$

$$+ P(S') \cdot P(R|S')$$

$$= (0.4) \cdot (0.8) + (0.6) \cdot (0.5)$$

$$P(R) = 0.62$$

$$P(S) = 0.4$$

S

R

$$P(R|S) = 0.8$$

$$P(S') = 0.6$$

S'

R

$$P(R|S') = 0.5$$

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$$P(R) = \frac{\text{no. of R}}{\text{no. of students}} \rightarrow \text{no. of R} = \underline{62} \text{ Students}$$

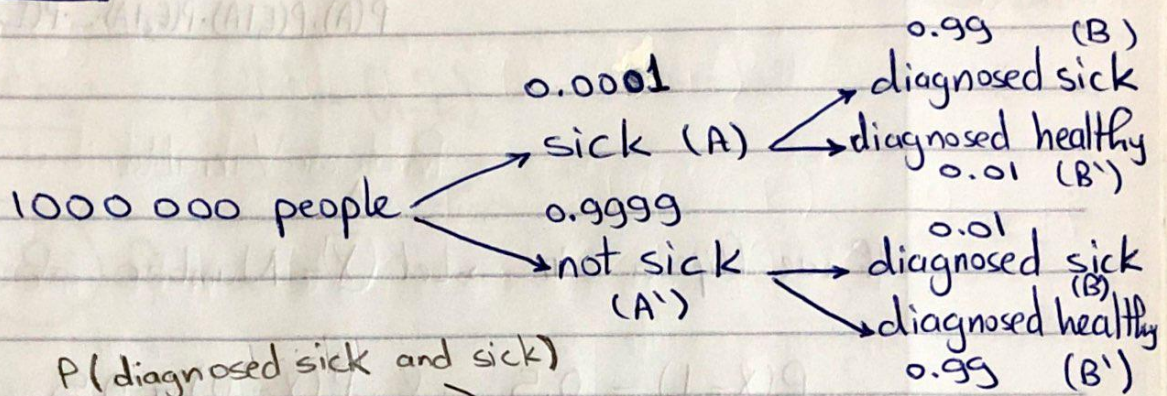
From general product rule: $P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$

Bayes Theorem: $P(A|B) = \frac{P(A) \cdot P(B|A)}{P(A) \cdot P(B|A) + P(A') \cdot P(B|A')}$

Example:

In a population of 1000000 people, there is a rare disease that gets 1 in each 10000 people. Moreover, the diagnostic test is 99% efficient. Find the probability of being sick given known that diagnosed sick.

Solution: $A \rightarrow$ Sick $B \rightarrow$ diagnosed sick



$$P(\text{diagnosed sick and sick}) = (0.0001) \cdot (0.99)$$
$$P(\text{sick} | \text{diagnosed sick}) = \frac{(0.0001) \cdot (0.99)}{(0.0001) \cdot (0.99) + (0.9999) \cdot (0.01)}$$
$$= 0.0098 = 0.98\%$$

another solution:

no. of diagnosed sick = $(0.99 * \overset{\text{sick}}{100} = 99 \text{ people})$
 $+ (0.01 * \overset{\text{healthy}}{999900} = 9999 \text{ people})$
 $= 10098 \text{ people}$
no. of sick from those who are diagnosed sick = 99 people

$$P(\text{sick} | \text{diagnosed sick}) = \frac{\text{no. sick from diagnosed sick}}{\text{no. of diagnosed sick}}$$
$$= \frac{99}{10098} = 0.0098 = \underline{0.98\%}$$

⇒ In the previous example:

A → Prior: 100 out of 1000000 people are sick

E → Event: Diagnostic Test is 99% efficient

$P(A|E)$ → Posterior: $P(\text{sick} | \text{diagnosed sick}) = 0.0098$

⇒ Naive Assumption:

~~~~~ It's assuming that events (E) being considered building the model are happening independently. This can ease math a lot, even though they are dependent in many cases.

Naive Assumption

$$P(A|E_1 \& E_2 \& \dots \& E_n) = \frac{P(A) \cdot P(E_1|A) \cdot P(E_2|A) \cdot \dots \cdot P(E_n|A)}{P(A) \cdot P(E_1|A) \cdot P(E_2|A) \cdot \dots \cdot P(E_n|A) + P(A^c) \cdot P(E_1|A^c) \cdot P(E_2|A^c) \cdot \dots \cdot P(E_n|A^c)}$$

Random Variable

If we flip a coin → Let  $X$  = Number of heads  $\begin{cases} X=1 \\ X=0 \end{cases}$

$$P(X=1) = 0.5 \quad \& \quad P(X=0) = 0.5$$

# Random Variables allow you to model the whole experiment at once.

Discrete Random Variables

Continuous Random Variables

Not Precise

~~Finite Number of Values~~

~~Infinite Number of Values~~

(Can take only Countable Number of values)

(Take values on an interval)

can be put in a list

⇒ Variables

Deterministic: take Fixed outcomes

$$x=2, \quad f(x)=x^2$$

Random: take uncertain outcomes

$X$  = number of defective item in a shipment



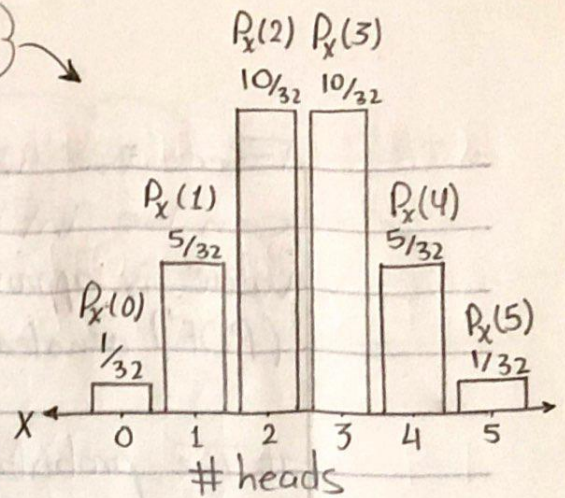
Histogram

$X \rightarrow$  Number of heads in 5 coin tosses

\*Probability Mass Function (PMF):

$$X=0,1,2,3,4,5 \text{ \& } P_x(x)=P(X=x)$$

$$P_X(x) \geq 0 \quad \& \quad \sum_x P_X(x) = 1$$



# There are 10 ways to have 2 heads in 5 coin tosses:

$$\frac{5!}{2!(5-2)!} = \underline{10} = C_2^5 = \binom{5}{2} \Rightarrow \text{Binomial Coefficient (combination)}$$

Property 3  $\binom{n}{k} = \binom{n}{n-k}$  counts all combinations

Binomial:  $P_X(x) = \frac{5!}{x!(5-x)!} p^x (1-p)^{5-x}$ ,  $x=0,1,2,3,4,5$

Event  $X=x$ :  $x$  is heads in 5 tosses

→  $X$  follows a binomial distribution

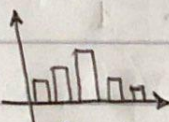
$$\rightarrow X \sim \text{Binomial}(5, p)$$

Number of Flips  $\rightarrow$   $P(H)$

Bernoulli:

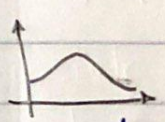
- Success: Occurrence of the preferable event ( $X$ )  
 $p$
- Failure: Not occurrence of the preferable event ( $X'$ )

Discrete



# Sum of heights equals 1.

## Continuous



# Area under curve equals 1.

$$\sum_x P_X(x) = 1$$

$$\int_x P_x(x) dx = 1$$



Because in continuous random variables <sup>number of</sup> values can be infinite, and the probability of an exact value is approximately zero. The probability density function (PDF) denoted as  $f_x(x)$  uses intervals of  $x$  instead.

# The probability density function  $f_x(a \leq x \leq b) = \int_a^b f_x(x) dx$

# The cumulative distribution function  $F_x(x \leq a) = \int_0^a f_x(x) dx$   
 $0 \leq \text{CDF} \leq 1$  and denoted as  $(F_x(x))$ .

→ It is a curve that starts from zero to 1 at the end; where zero and one are the heights.

→  $F_x(x)$  can never decrease, it only increases till 1.

### Uniform Distribution

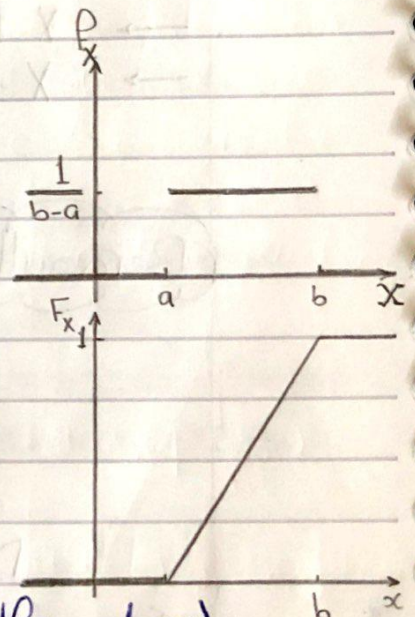
A continuous random variable can be modelled with it, if all possible values lie in an interval have the same frequency of occurrence. Its parameters are:

→  $a$ : beginning of the interval

→  $b$ : end of the interval

$$f_x(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a} & a < x < b \\ 0 & x \notin (a, b) \end{cases}$$

$$F_x(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < a \\ \frac{x-a}{b-a} & a \leq x < b \\ 1 & b \leq x \end{cases}$$



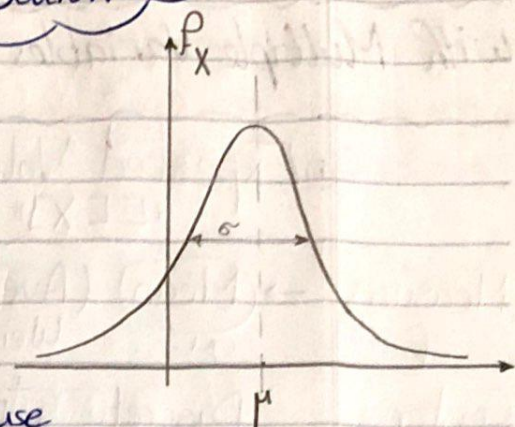
# mean →  $\mu$  (average) or (center of the values)

# standard deviation →  $\sigma$  (measures the spread of values)



# Normal (Gaussian) Distribution

# It is a distribution that is symmetric and takes the bell-shaped.



# The closest function to this curve is  $e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}$ . But because it doesn't fit well, we use this formula instead:

$$P_X(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2} \rightarrow X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$$

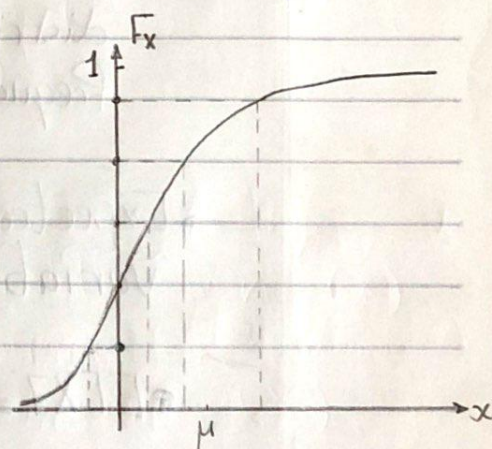
# Standardization: The way of transforming any normal distribution to a standard one.

→ we calculate  $z = \frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}$ , then the new  $\mu = 0$  &  $\sigma = 1$

$$P_X(z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}z^2}$$

# Most of the natural phenomena can be represented using normal distribution.

→ To sample from distributions the y-axis of the CDF ( $F_X$ ) gets divided into the number of samples, then these values gets translated into the sample values.



$$\# \operatorname{erf}(x) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^x e^{-t^2} dt$$

# erf → error Function

#  $\operatorname{erfinv}$  is  $y = F(x) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ 1 + \operatorname{erf}\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma\sqrt{2}}\right) \right]$

From `scipy.special`

$$x = F^{-1}(y) = [\sigma\sqrt{2} \cdot \operatorname{erf}^{-1}(2y-1)] + \mu$$

Code

Binomial

$$y = F(x) = \sum_{k=0}^x \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$$

$0 \leq x \leq n$

$$x = F^{-1}(y) = \operatorname{scipy.stats.binom.ppf}(y, n, p)$$