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MAIN DIFFERENCE:

URN CONTAINS BALLS OF
2 COLORS (BLACK AND WHITE)EXPERIMENT: PICK N BALLS
AT RANDOM (W OR W/OUT
REPLACEMENT)

ASSUMPTION

GOALS

PROBABILITY VS STATISTIC

THE COMPOSITION OF THE
URN IS KNOWN
(KNOW HOW MANY BLACK
AND HOW MANY WHITE)THE EXPERIMENT ARE REALLY
OBSERVED I KNOW A SPECIFIC
OUTCOMEGUESS THE OUTCOME
OF THE EXPERIMENT
(ATTACH TO EVERY
OUTCOME THEIR
PROBABILITY)NOW THE COMPOSITION
OF THE URN IS UNKNOWN,
THE GOAL IS TO GUESS THE
REAL COMPOSITION OF THE URN

TWO KEY WORDS: EXPERIMENT, GUESS

RANDOM VARIABLE PROBABILITY

BRIEF RECAP ON PROBABILITY AND RANDOM VARIABLE

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CHAPTER 1 - RECAP

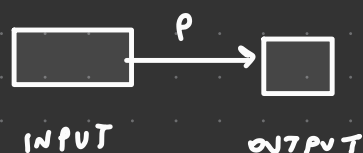
 (Ω, \mathcal{F}, P)

↑ PROBABILITY

- Ω = SET (NON EMPTY)
- \mathcal{F} = COLLECTION OF ALL THE EVENTS
THAT ARE WORTH OF CONSIDERATION → IS A COLLECTION OF SUBSET
OF Ω "THE INTERESTING SET"

PROPERTY OF THE ELEMENTS of \mathcal{F}

- Ω BELONGS TO \mathcal{F}
- IF A BELONGS TO \mathcal{F} THEN, A^c BELONGS TO \mathcal{F}
- IF $A_1, A_2, A_3 \in \mathcal{F}$, THEN $\bigcup_{n=1}^{+\infty} A_n \in \mathcal{F}$
- IF $A \in \mathcal{F}$; $P(A) \in [0, 1]$ P IS A FUNCTION



AXIOMS

1) $P(\Omega) = 1$

2) $A_1, A_2, \dots \in \mathcal{F}$ WITH $A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset$ IF $i \neq j$

THEN $P\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{+\infty} A_n\right) = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} P(A_n)$



$P(A_1) + P(A_2) + P(A_3) = P(\bigcup A_i)$

ANY EXPERIMENT CAN BE OF TWO TYPES

QUALITATIVE OR QUANTITATIVE

FEATURES THAT CAN
BE OBSERVED ABOUT
SOME CHARACTERS

[COLOR OF EYES]

CAN BE MEASURED BY
AN INSTRUMENT OR
COUNTING SOMETHING

[TEMPERATURE]

• A **DISCRETE RANDOM VARIABLE** MODELIZE
EITHER A QUALITATIVE CHARACTER OR SOME COUNTING

• A **CONTINUOUS RANDOM VARIABLE** MODELIZE THE MEASUREMENT
OF A PHYSICAL QUANTITY (LIKE TIME, HEIGHT, MONEY)

WHEN I PERFORM AN EXPERIMENT I HAVE TO TAKE INTO
ACCOUNT A RANDOM VARIABLE x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N EACH ONE
DESCRIBING THE OUTCOMES OF THE RESPECTIVE EXPERIMENT

x_1 = OUTCOME OF THE FIRST EXPERIMENT

x_2 = " " SECOND " "

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x_N = " " " "

• FOR A DISCRETE RANDOM VARIABLE, FIRST WE HAVE
TO FIX THE CODOMAIN OF THIS VARIABLE

• IF I OBSERVE A **QUALITATIVE CHARACTER** WITH k -DIFFERENT
MODALITIES, I CAN FIRST ATTACH TO THESE MODALITIES THE
(FICTITIOUS) NAME $1, 2, \dots, k$

COLOR OF EYES = $\left\{ \begin{matrix} \text{BROWN} & \text{BLACK} & \text{GREEN} & \text{BLUE} \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \end{matrix} \right\}$

• FOR COUNTING THE OUTCOME IS ALREADY AN INTEGER

• FOR QUALITATIVE CHARACTERS
WITH k MODALITIES

CODOMAIN = $\{1, 2, \dots, k\}$

• FOR COUNTING

CODOMAIN $\rightarrow N_0 = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$

$\rightarrow N = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$

A **DISCRETE RANDOM VARIABLE** IS A FUNCTION DEFINED ON Ω AND TAKING VALUES IN $\{1, 2, 3, \dots, k\}$
ON IN N_0 (OR N)

$X: \Omega \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, k\}$ [FOR QUALITATIVE CHARACTERS]

$: \Omega \rightarrow N_0 \text{ (OR } N)$

WE ALSO DEFINE THE SO-CALLED **PROBABILITY MASS FUNCTION** GIVEN BY

QUAL.
CHAR

$P: \{1, \dots, k\} \rightarrow [0, 1]$

$p(i) = P[X=i]$ FOR $i \in \{1, \dots, k\}$

COUNTING

$P: N_0 \rightarrow [0, 1]$

$p(i) = P[X=i]$

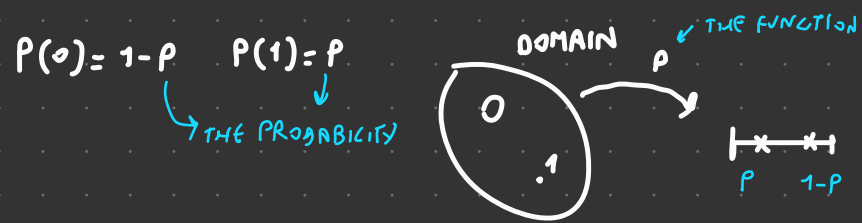
THE SIMPLEST **DISCRETE RANDOM VARIABLE** IS **BERNOULLI RANDOM VARIABLE**. IN THIS CASE, I AM OBSERVING
SOME QUALITATIVE CHARACTERS WITH TWO MODALITIES. THEY CAN BE CALLED ON/OFF OR SUCCESS/FAILURE OR 1/0

$X: \Omega \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$

IF I CONSIDER N EXPERIMENTS WITH MODALITY 0/1 THEN I CAN DESCRIBE THIS MULTIPLE OBSERVATION BY CONSIDERING

X_1, X_2, \dots, X_N $X_i =$ OUTCOME OF i -TH EXPERIMENT

FOR A SINGLE BERNULLI VARIABLE THE PROBABILITY MASS FUNCTION IS JUST $(P(0,1))$ FIXED A PRIORI



FOR EXAMPLE $p = 0.4$ THEN $P(0) = 0.6$
 $P(1) = 0.4$

PROBABILITY

FUNCTION

FOR BERNULLI RANDOM VARIABLE

$$E[X] = 0 \cdot P(0) + 1 \cdot P(1) = p$$

VALUE

PROB.

VALUE

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$$VAR(X) = E[X^2] - (E[X])^2 = E[(X - E[X])^2]$$

USEFUL FOR EXERCISE

$$E[X^2] = 0^2 P(0) + 1^2 P(1) = 0(1-p) + 1 \cdot p = p$$

$$VAR(X) = p - p^2 = p(1-p)$$

• $E[X] = 0.4$

• $VAR(X) = 0.4 \cdot 0.6 = 0.24$

NEXT TIME

- BINOMIAL
- HYPERGEOMETRIC
- POISSON
- GEOMETRIC