

## Lecture 1/2

### \* Axioms

- (1)  $P(A) \geq 0$
- (2)  $P(\Omega) = 1$
- (3)  $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B)$  if  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ .

Triple:  $(\Omega, \mathcal{E}, P)$        $P: \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  (probability map) assigns a numeric score to each event in  $\mathcal{E}$   
collects all outcomes = sample space  
 $\downarrow$   
 $\mathcal{E}$  = event space = a collection of subsets of  $\Omega$

Ex: Roll a die,  $\Omega = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

$$P(\text{roll } 2) = P(\{2\})$$

$$P(\text{roll an even number}) = P(\{2, 4, 6\})$$

$$P(\text{roll a prime number}) = P(\{2, 3, 5\})$$

$$\text{We can let } \mathcal{E} = \{\text{all subsets of } \Omega\} = 2^\Omega$$

Event space  $\mathcal{E}$  needs to be a  $\sigma$ -algebra

Axioms (again)

$$(1) P(A) \geq 0$$

$$(2) P(\Omega) = 1$$

$$(3) P(\underbrace{A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots}) = P(A_1) + P(A_2) + \dots$$

disjoint, countable: either finite, or countably infinite

"coherent": closed under

(a) complementations

(b) countable unions

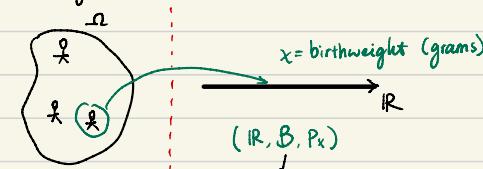
(c) countable intersections

$$\Omega \in \mathcal{E}, \emptyset \in \mathcal{E}$$

### \* Random Variables

$$X: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

Birthweight of human babies



$(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B}, P_x)$   
Borel  $\sigma$ -algebra: smallest  $\sigma$ -algebra which includes all intervals of  $\mathbb{R}$

- Don't care -

$Y: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

Birth height

$(\Omega, \mathcal{B}, P_Y) \xrightarrow{\quad} \mathbb{R}$

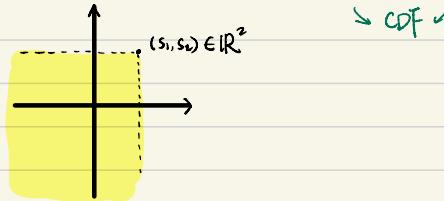
Then for  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ ,

the probability space is  $(\mathbb{R}^2, \mathcal{B}_2, P)$

Borel  $\sigma$ -algebra

\* CDF of  $(\mathbb{R}^2, \mathcal{B}_2, P)$

$$F(s_1, s_2) = P(\text{Yellow})$$



\* High dimensional pmf: multinomial

$$\text{For } (x_1, \dots, x_d), \quad f(x_1, \dots, x_d) = \frac{n!}{x_1! \cdots x_d!} p_1^{x_1} p_2^{x_2} \cdots p_d^{x_d}$$

where  $p = (p_1, \dots, p_d) \in \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $p_i \geq 0$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^d p_i = 1$ .

$$x = (x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \mathbb{N}_0^d, \quad \sum_{i=1}^d x_i = n$$

\* High dimensional pdf:

(1) MV Normal distribution

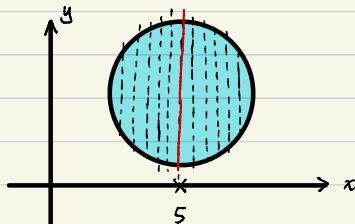
(2) Dirichlet distribution  $\leftrightarrow$  Beta

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_{d-1}) = x_1^{a_1-1} \cdots x_{d-1}^{a_{d-1}-1} \times (1 - x_1 - \cdots - x_{d-1})^{a_d-1} \cdot \frac{1}{D(a_1, \dots, a_d)}$$

where  $x_i \geq 0$ ,  $x_1 + \cdots + x_{d-1} \leq 1$ ,

$$D(a_1, \dots, a_d) = \frac{T(a_1) \times \cdots \times T(a_d)}{T(a_1 + \cdots + a_d)}$$

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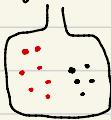
$Y|_{(x=5)}$  is a part of partition

a member of the slicing collection

The conditional distribution can be different by how you see the red segment as a part of partition.

\* Illustration of  $(\Omega, \mathcal{E}, P)$  v.s.  $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B}, P_x)$

Polya urn



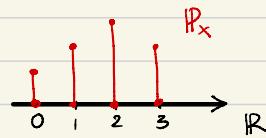
- (1) Grab a ball
- (2) Note the color and put it back
- (3) Add one more ball of the same color.

3 repeats

$\Omega$	$P$	$X = \# \text{ reds}$
RRR	$\frac{7}{12} \times \frac{8}{13} \times \frac{9}{14}$	3
RRB	$\frac{7}{12} \times \frac{8}{13} \times \frac{5}{14}$	2
RBR	$\vdots$	2
BRR	$\vdots$	2
RBB	$\frac{7}{12} \times \frac{5}{13} \times \frac{6}{14}$	1
BRB	$\vdots$	1
BBR	$\vdots$	1
BBB	$\frac{5}{12} \times \frac{6}{13} \times \frac{7}{14}$	0

$P: \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$   $(\Omega, \mathcal{E}, P)$

$X: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$   $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B}, P_x)$



$$P_x(A) = P(\{X \in A\}), \quad \{X \in A\} \in \mathcal{E}$$

Don't need  
any more

\* Dirichlet  $\text{Dir}(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_d)$

$\downarrow$  prob distr on

$$\Delta^d = \left\{ (x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \mathbb{R}^d : x_i \geq 0, \sum_{i=1}^d x_i = 1 \right\}$$

$\underbrace{\quad}_{\text{prob. vector}}$