

# mit math lectures 20 and 21

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## 1 Chapter 20 Summary

### 1.1 Independent Definition

**Def:** If  $P(A|B) = P(A)$ , then A is independent of B

1. disjoint can not get independent  
eg. two events A and B are disjoint, then  $P(A|B) = 0 \neq P(A)$

2. Theorem(Product Rule For Independent Events): If A is independent of B, then  $P(A \wedge B) = P(A)P(B)$   
It is an equivalent definition, which means if  $P(A \wedge B) = P(A)P(B)$ , then A is independent of B

3. Theorem(Symmetry of Independence): If A is independent of B, then If B is independent of A

### 1.2 Mutually Independent

**Def:** Events  $A_1, A_2, \dots$  are mutually independent,  
if  $\forall i$  and  $\forall J \subseteq [1, n] - i$ ,  $P(A_i | \bigcap_{j \in J} A_j) = P(A_i)$  or  $P(\bigcap_{j \in J} A_j) = 0$

**Equivalent Def:**(Product Rule Form):  $A_1, A_2, \dots$  are mutually independent,  
If  $\forall J \subseteq [1, n]$ ,  $P(\bigcap_{j \in J} A_j) = \prod_{j \in J} P(A_j)$

**Note:** all the events are independent with each other, and put them together also independent

### 1.3 Pairwise Independent

**Def:** Events  $A_1, A_2, \dots$  are pairwise independent,  
if  $\forall i, j$  ( $i \neq j$ ),  $A_i$  and  $A_j$  are independent.

**Note:** all the events are independent with each other, but put them together not sure if it is independent

**Note:**

pairwise  $\nRightarrow$  mutual

mutual  $\Rightarrow$  pairwise

Stirling's formula:  $N! \sim \sqrt{2\pi N} \left(\frac{N}{e}\right)^N$

## 1.4 Birthday Principle: x collides with y

hash:  $L \rightarrow S$ , and  $L' \subseteq L$ ,  $L'$  is pretty small, we want  $L'$  after hash matched one by one

**Def:** x collides with y, if  $h(x) = h(y)$ , but  $x \neq y$

**Def Birthday Principle:** If  $|S| \geq 100$ ,  $L' \subseteq L$ ,  $|L'| \geq 1.2\sqrt{|S|}$ , and if the values of  $h$  on  $L'$  are random(uniform) and mutually independent, then with prob  $\geq 1/2$ ,  $\exists x, y \in L'$ , such that  $x \neq y$ , but  $h(x) = h(y)$

## 2 Chapter 21 Summary

### 2.1 Random Variable

**Def:** A random variable  $R$  is a function

$R: S \rightarrow R$ , first  $IR$  is the random variable,  $S$  is the sample space, the second  $IR$  is the reals.

**Def:**  $P(R = x) = \sum_{w: R(w)=x} P(w)$ , which means the probability of the random variable is  $x$  equal to the probability of the event happens. Suit for the set also.

**Def:** Two random variable(*r.v.*)  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are independent if

$\forall x_1, x_2 \in IR, P(IR_1 = x_1 | IR_2 = x_2) = P(IR_1 = x_1)$  or  $P(IR_2 = x_2)$

**Equivalent Def:**  $\forall x_1, x_2 \in IR, P(IR_1 = x_1 \wedge IR_2 = x_2) = P(IR_1 = x_1)P(IR_2 = x_2)$

**Note:** If asked to show independent, need to show everything required, if dependent just find one

### 2.2 Indicator

**Def An indicator(known as Bernoulli or Characteristic):**

*r.v.* is a *r.v.* with range  $0, 1$

$w | R(w) = x$  is the event that  $R = x$ ,  $R$  is the random variable

### 2.3 Mutually Independent

**Def mutually independent *r.v.*:**  $R_1, R_2, \dots$  are mutually independent

if  $\forall x_1, x_2, \dots \in IR, P(IR_1 = x_1 \wedge IR_2 = x_2 \wedge \dots) = P(IR_1 = x_1)P(IR_2 = x_2) \dots$

$$x_2)P(IR_3 = x_3)...$$

## 2.4 Distribution Function

**Def:** Given a *rv*  $R$ , the probability(also point) distribution function (pdf) for  $R$  is  $f(x) = P(R = x)$

**Def:** The cumulative distribution function  $F$  for  $R$  is  $F(x) = P(R \leq x) = \sum_{y \leq x} P(R = y)$

## 2.5 Winning Strategy—Random Guess(uniform distribution problem eg)

**Note:**Improve the probability to win

$$1/2 + (z - y)/2n \geq 1/2 + 1/2n$$

## 2.6 Binomial Distribution

**Def Unbiased Binomial Distribution:**

$$f_n(k) = \binom{n}{k} 2^{-n} \quad n \geq 1, 0 \leq k \leq n$$

**Def Normal Binomial Distribution:**

$$f_{n,p}(k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k} \quad n \geq 1, 0 \leq k \leq n, 0 < p < 1$$

**Note:**Unbiased Binomial Distribution is when  $p = 1/2$