

Permutations: Given an array of n elements the first position can be filled with n different elements, the second with $n-1$, and so on. $n \cdot (n-1) \cdot (n-2) \cdot \dots \cdot 1 = n!$

$$P_{n,k} = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!}$$

$$P_{n,n} = n!$$

Combinations: In general we can “combine” n elements taking k at a time in $C_{n,k} = \frac{P_{n,k}}{k!} = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!k!} = \binom{n}{k}$.

Multinomial Coefficients: Consider splitting n elements into k ($k \geq 2$) groups in a way such that group j gets n_j elements and $\sum_{j=1}^k n_j = n$. The n_1 elements in the first group can be selected in $\binom{n}{n_1}$, the second in $\binom{n-n_1}{n_2}$, the third in $\binom{n-n_1-n_2}{n_3}$ and so on until we complete the k groups. Then: $\binom{n}{n_1} \cdot \binom{n-n_1}{n_2} \cdot \binom{n-n_1-n_2}{n_3} \cdot \dots \cdot \binom{n_k}{n_k} = \binom{n}{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k}$

Probability of union: If A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n are *disjoint events* then

$$\Pr(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_n) = \Pr\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i\right)$$

$$= \Pr(A_1) + \Pr(A_2) + \dots + \Pr(A_n)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \Pr(A_i)$$

If the events are not disjoint:

$$\text{Two events } A_1, A_2 : \Pr(A_1 \cup A_2) = \Pr(A_1) + \Pr(A_2) - \Pr(A_1 \cap A_2)$$

$$\text{Three events: } A_1, A_2, A_3 : \Pr(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3) = \Pr(A_1) + \Pr(A_2) + \Pr(A_3) - \Pr(A_1 \cap A_2) - \Pr(A_1 \cap A_3) - \Pr(A_2 \cap A_3) + \Pr(A_1 \cap A_2 \cap A_3)$$

Conditional Probability: If A, B are events such that $\Pr(A) > 0$ and $\Pr(B) > 0$ then

$$\Pr(B|A) = \frac{\Pr(A \cap B)}{\Pr(A)} \text{ and}$$

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Furthermore:

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$$\text{In general: } \Pr(A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_n)$$

$$= \Pr(A_1) \cdot \Pr(A_2|A_1) \cdot \dots \cdot \Pr(A_n|A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_{n-1})$$

Independence: A, B are independent events if $\Pr(A|B) = \Pr(A)$ and $\Pr(B|A) = \Pr(B)$. Then, if A, B are independent:

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In general if A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n are independent:

$$\Pr(A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_n) = \Pr(A_1) \cdot \Pr(A_2) \cdot \dots \cdot \Pr(A_n).$$

Note that if $A \cap B = \emptyset$ then the two events are *not independent*.

Note that if A, B are independent then A, B^c are also independent.

Conditionally Independent:

A_1, A_2, \dots, A_k are *conditionally independent* given B if, for every subset $A_{i_1}, \dots, A_{i_m} : \Pr(A_{i_1} \cap \dots \cap A_{i_m} | B) = \Pr(A_{i_1} | B) \cdot \dots \cdot \Pr(A_{i_m} | B)$.

Bayes' Theorem: Let $B_1, \dots, B_k := a$ partition of S such that $\Pr(B_j) > 0, j \in 1, \dots, k$. Assume you have A such that $\Pr(A) > 0$. Then: $\Pr(B_i | A) = \frac{\Pr(A|B_i) \cdot \Pr(B_i)}{\Pr(A)}$

$$= \frac{\Pr(A|B_i) \cdot \Pr(B_i)}{\sum_{j=1}^k \Pr(A|B_j) \cdot \Pr(B_j)}$$

Uniform Distribution: $X = x, x \in \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$ with all values x equally likely. The p.f. is $f_X(x) =$

$$\Pr(X = x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{k} & x = 1, 2, \dots, k \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

Bernoulli Distribution: An event A happens with probability p :

$$X = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } A \text{ happens} \\ 0 & \text{if } A^c \text{ happens} \end{cases}$$

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} (1-p) & x = 0 \\ p & x = 1 \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

Binomial: n Bernoulli trials repeated independently with probability of success p .

$X :=$ number of success in n trials.

$$x \in \{0, 1, \dots, n\}.$$

$$f_X(x) = \Pr(X = x)$$

$$= \begin{cases} \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x} & x = 0, \dots, n \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

$$\rightarrow X \sim \text{Bin}(n, p)$$

Quantile Function: X continuous r.v. $F^{-1}(p)$ is the quantile function of X for $0 \leq p \leq 1$. $F^{-1}(p) = x \Rightarrow p = F(x)$.

Joint Continuous Distributions:

Joint p.d.f. given by $f_{X,Y}(x, y) = \Pr((X, Y) \in A) = \iint_A f(x, y) dx dy$. To find the joint c.d.f. just integrate.

Negative-Binomial:

We repeat Bernoulli trials until r successes are observed.

$X :=$ number of failures $= \{0, 1, \dots\}$.

$p :=$ probability of success.

$\Pr(X = x) = \Pr(x \text{ failures before } r \text{ successes}) = \Pr(x \text{ failures and } r-1 \text{ successes in } x+r-1 \text{ trials}) \cdot \Pr(\text{one success in last trial})$

$$= \left[\binom{x+r-1}{x} (1-p)^x p^{r-1} \right] \cdot p = \binom{x+r-1}{x} (1-p)^x p^r.$$

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \binom{x+r-1}{x} (1-p)^x p^r & x = 0, 1, 2, \dots \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

Hypergeometric:

A box with A red balls and B blue balls.

n balls are drawn *without replacement*.

$X :=$ number of red balls.

$$X \leq \min(n, A).$$

$$\max(n-B, 0) \leq X \leq \min(n, A) \rightarrow f_X(x) =$$

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\binom{A}{x} \cdot \binom{B}{n-x}}{\binom{A+B}{n}} & \max(n-B, 0) \leq x \leq \min(n, A) \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

Geometric: Negative binomial with $r = 1$

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} (1-p)^x p & x = 0, 1, \dots \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

Poisson: Counts occurrences of an event. X is a Poisson r.v. with parameter λ (intensity)

$$\text{if the p.f. is } f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^x}{x!} & x = 0, 1, 2, \dots \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

with $\lambda > 0$.

Continuous Random Variables: A

r.v. X has a cont. distribution if there is a non-negative f s.t. $\Pr(a \leq X \leq b) = \int_a^b f(x) dx$. f is the probability density function p.d.f. To find the normalizing constant integrate the p.d.f. over the domain, it must equal 1.

Cumulative Distribution Function:

(c.d.f.) For any r.v. X the c.d.f. is given by $F(x) = \Pr(X \leq x)$. Properties:

$$\forall x : 0 \leq F(x) \leq 1$$

$F(x)$ is non-decreasing, i.e. if $x_1 < x_2 \Rightarrow \{X \leq x_1\} \subset \{X \leq x_2\}$ and so $\Pr(X \leq x_1) \leq \Pr(X \leq x_2) \Rightarrow F(x_1) \leq F(x_2)$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} F(x) = 0 \text{ and } \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} F(x) = 1$$

For a continuous r.v.:

$$F(x) = \Pr(X \leq x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(t) dt$$

$$F'(x) = f(x)$$

$$\Pr(a < X \leq b) = \Pr(a \leq X \leq b) = \Pr(a \leq X < b) = \Pr(a < X < b)$$

In general, $X \sim \text{Unif}[a, b] \Rightarrow f(x) =$

$$\begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a} & a \leq x \leq b \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{The c.d.f.: } F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < a \\ \frac{x-a}{b-a} & a \leq x \leq b \\ 1 & x > b \end{cases}$$

Marginal Distributions: In general

for discrete r.v. $f_X(x) = \sum_y f(x, y)$ and $f_Y(y) = \sum_x f(x, y)$. In the case of 2 cont. r.v. $f_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dy$ and $f_Y(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dx$. $f_X(x)$ is the marginal p.d.f. of X . $f_Y(y)$ is the marginal p.d.f. of Y .

Independence: Two r.v. are independent if they produce independent events: $\Pr(X \in A, Y \in B) = \Pr(X \in A) \cdot \Pr(Y \in B)$. This implies: $\Pr(X \leq x, Y \leq y) = \Pr(X \leq x) \cdot \Pr(Y \leq y) \Rightarrow F(x, y) = F_X(x) \cdot F_Y(y)$.

Conditional Distributions: X, Y discrete r.v. with p.f. $f_X(x), f_Y(y)$ and joint p.f. $f(x, y)$. Then:

$\Pr(X = x | Y = y) = \frac{\Pr(X=x, Y=y)}{\Pr(Y=y)} = \frac{f(x, y)}{f_Y(y)}$. This is a new distribution and the p.f. is (p.f. of $(X|Y)$):

$$g_X(x|y) = \begin{cases} \frac{f(x, y)}{f_Y(y)} & \forall x, y : f_Y(y) > 0 \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

Note that

$$\sum_x yX(x|y) = \sum_x x \frac{f(x, y)}{f_Y(y)} = \frac{1}{f_Y(y)} \cdot \sum_x x f(x, y) = \frac{f_Y(y)}{f_Y(y)} = 1.$$

We can also define the conditional distribution of Y given $X = x$ by:

$$g_Y(y|x) = \begin{cases} \frac{f(x, y)}{f_X(x)} & \forall x, y : f_X(x) > 0 \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

In the continuous case X, Y with joint p.d.f. $f(x, y)$ and marginal p.d.f.'s $f_X(x)$ and $f_Y(y)$:

$$g_X(x|y) = \begin{cases} \frac{f(x, y)}{f_Y(y)} & f_Y(y) > 0 \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

$$g_Y(y|x) = \begin{cases} \frac{f(x, y)}{f_X(x)} & f_X(x) > 0 \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

Again note that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g_X(x|y)dx &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{f(x,y)}{f_Y(y)} dx = \frac{1}{f_Y(y)} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x,y)dx \\ &= \frac{1}{f_Y(y)} \cdot f_Y(y) = 1. \end{aligned}$$

Multivariate Distributions:

X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n have a joint discrete distribution if (X_1, \dots, X_n) can have only a countable sequence of values in \mathcal{R}^n . The joint p.f. is $f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \Pr(X_1 = x_1, X_2 = x_2, \dots, X_n = x_n)$. X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n have a joint continuous distribution if there exists f such that $f((X_1, \dots, X_n) \in \mathcal{C}) = \int_{\mathcal{C}} \dots \int f(x_1, \dots, x_n) dx_1 \dots dx_n$. Here

$f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ is the joint p.d.f. and $f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \frac{d^n F(x_1, \dots, x_n)}{dx_1 \dots dx_n}$. $F(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \Pr(X_1 \leq x_1, X_2 \leq x_2, \dots, X_n \leq x_n)$.

Marginal Distributions: X_1, \dots, X_n are cont. r.v. with joint p.d.f. $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$. Then the marginal distribution of $X_1 = f_{X_1}(x_1) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \dots \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) dx_2 dx_3 \dots dx_n$. $F(x_1)$ is the marginal c.d.f. of X_1 and $F(x_1) = \Pr(X_1 \leq x_1) = \Pr(X_1 \leq x_1, X_2 < \infty, \dots, X_n < \infty)$.

Conditional Distribution:

$f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$: joint p.d.f. of x_1, \dots, x_n ; $f_0(x_1, \dots, x_k)$: joint p.d.f. of x_1, \dots, x_k with $k < n$. Then $\forall x_1, \dots, x_k$ such that $f_0(x_1, \dots, x_k) > 0$ the conditional p.d.f. of X_{k+1}, \dots, X_n given $X_1 = x_1, \dots, X_k = x_k$ is $g(x_{k+1}, \dots, x_n | x_1, \dots, x_k) = \frac{f(x_1, \dots, x_n)}{f_0(x_1, \dots, x_k)}$.

Functions of one R.V.:

Consider a r.v. X cont. with p.d.f. $f_X(x)$. Assume we are interested in $Y = r(X)$ with r a function. What is the dist. of Y ? Let $G_Y(y) = \Pr(Y \leq y)$ be the c.d.f. of Y : $G_Y(y) = \Pr(Y \leq y) = \Pr(r(X) \leq y) = \int f(x) dx \{x : r(x) \leq y\}$. To get the p.d.f. of Y take derivatives: $g_Y(y) = \frac{dG_Y(y)}{dy} = \frac{1}{2}y^{-\frac{1}{2}}$. For continuous r.v. such that $Y = r(X)$ with r differentiable and one-to-one: $g_Y(y) = f_X(r^{-1}(y)) \left| \frac{d}{dy} r^{-1}(y) \right|$.

Functions of two or more R.V.s:

Discrete case: X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n r.v. with joint p.f. $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$: $Y_1 =$

$r_1(X_1, \dots, X_n) \dots Y_m = r_m(X_1, \dots, X_n)$. Let $A := \{(x_1, \dots, x_n) := \text{such that } y_1 = r(x_1, \dots, x_n) \dots y_m = r(x_1, \dots, x_n)\}$. Then: $g(y_1, \dots, y_m) = \Pr(Y_1 = y_1, \dots, Y_m = y_m) = \sum_{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in A} f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$

Continuous case: X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n cont. r.v. with joint p.d.f. $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$. Let $Y = r(X_1, \dots, X_n) \rightarrow A_y = \{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \text{ s.t. } r(x_1, \dots, x_n) \leq y\}$. Then the c.d.f. of Y is $G(y) = \Pr(Y \leq y) = \Pr(r(X_1, \dots, X_n) \leq y) = \int \dots \int f(x_1, \dots, x_n) dx_1 dx_2 \dots dx_n$. The A_y

density/p.d.f. of Y is $g(y) = \frac{dG(y)}{dy}$.

Transformations: X_1, \dots, X_n cont. r.v.'s with joint pdf $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$. Let $Y_1 = r_1(X_1, \dots, X_n), \dots, Y_n = r_n(X_1, \dots, X_n)$. To find the joint pdf of Y_1, \dots, Y_n for a one-to-one differentiable transformation $x_1 = s_1(y_1, \dots, y_n), \dots, x_n = s_n(y_1, \dots, y_n) \rightarrow$ The joint pdf of Y_1, \dots, Y_n is $g(y_1, \dots, y_n) = f(s_1, \dots, s_n) |J|$ where

$$J = \det \begin{bmatrix} \frac{ds_1}{dy_1} & \dots & \frac{ds_1}{dy_n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{ds_n}{dy_1} & \dots & \frac{ds_n}{dy_n} \end{bmatrix}$$

Linear Transformations:

Suppose $\vec{X} = \begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ \vdots \\ X_n \end{pmatrix}$ and $\vec{Y} = \begin{pmatrix} Y_1 \\ \vdots \\ Y_n \end{pmatrix} = A\vec{X}$ (with A a non-singular matrix). Then $\vec{X} = A^{-1}\vec{Y}$ and $g_Y(y) = f_X(A^{-1}y) \cdot \frac{1}{|\det A|}$

Markov Chains:

A sequence of r.v.'s X_1, X_2, \dots is a stochastic process with discrete time parameter. X_1 is the initial state and X_n is the state at time n . A stochastic process with discrete time parameter is a Markov chain if for each n , $\Pr(X_{n+1} \leq b | X_1 = x_1, X_2 = x_2, \dots, X_n = x_n) = \Pr(X_{n+1} \leq b | X_n = x_n)$. A Markov Chain is finite if there are finite possible states. Then: $\Pr(X_1 = x_1, \dots, X_n = x_n) = \Pr(X_1 = x_1) \Pr(X_2 = x_2 | X_1 = x_1) \dots \Pr(X_n = x_n | X_{n-1} = x_{n-1})$. Transition distributions: When a MC has k possible states then it has a transition distribution where there exist probabilities p_{ij} for $i, j = 1, \dots, k$ such that $\forall n : \Pr(X_{n+1} = j | X_n = i) = p_{ij}$ and if $\Pr(X_{n+1} = j | X_n = i) = p_{ij} \forall n$ then it is a stationary transition distribution. In this case

there is a matrix s.t. $\sum_{j=1}^k p_{ij} = 1, \forall i$:

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} p_{11} & \dots & p_{1k} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ p_{k1} & \dots & p_{kk} \end{bmatrix}$$

Transition of several steps: $P^m = P \dots P$ Just exponentiate P and then find the resulting p_{ij} .

Expectation:

$$E(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} xf(x)dx$$

$$E(X) = \sum_x xf(x) = \sum_x \Pr(X = x)$$

If $Y = r(X)$ and $f(x)$ is the p.d.f. of X :

$$E(Y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} r(x)f(x)dx$$

$$Y = aX + b \rightarrow E(Y) = aE(X) + b$$

a constant s.t. $\Pr(X \geq a) = 1$ then $E(X) \geq a$

b constant s.t. $\Pr(X \leq b) = 1$ then $E(X) \leq b$.

If X_1, \dots, X_n are r.v. then $E(X_1 + \dots + X_n) = E(X_1) + \dots + E(X_n)$

$$E\left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n (E(X_i))$$

X_1, \dots, X_n independent r.v.'s with finite expectation: $E\left(\prod_{i=1}^n X_i\right) = \prod_{i=1}^n (E(X_i))$

Bernoulli(p): $E(X) = p$

Binomial(n, p): $E(X) = np$

Poisson: $E(X) = \lambda$

Geometric: $E(X) = \frac{1-p}{p}$

Negative Binomial: $E(X) = \frac{r(1-p)}{p}$

Variance:

$V(X) = E[(X - \mu)^2]$ with $\mu = E(X)$

S.D.: $\sigma = \sqrt{V(X)}$

$V(X) \geq 0!!!$

X discrete: $V(X) = \sum_X (x - \mu)^2 f(x)$

X cont.: $V(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - \mu)^2 f(x)dx$

$V(X) = E[(X - \mu)^2] = E(X^2) - \mu^2$

$V(X) = 0 \iff \Pr(X = c) = 1$ with c constant

a, b constant: $V(aX + b) = a^2 V(X)$

X_1, \dots, X_n independent: $V(X_1 + \dots + X_n) = V(X_1) + \dots + V(X_n)$

Bernoulli: $V(X) = p(1 - p)$

Binomial: $V(X) = np(1 - p)$

Poisson: $V(X) = \lambda$

Geometric: $V(X) = \frac{1-p}{p^2}$

Negative Binomial: $V(X) = \frac{r(1-p)}{p^2}$

Covariance:

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = E[(X - \mu_X)(Y - \mu_Y)] = E(XY) - \mu_X \mu_Y$$

Discrete: $E(XY) = \sum_x \sum_y xyf(x, y)$

Discrete: $\mu_X = E(X) = \sum_x \sum_y xf(x, y)$

Discrete: $\mu_Y = E(Y) = \sum_x \sum_y yf(x, y)$

Cont: $E(XY) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} xyf(x, y) dx dy$

If X and Y are independent: $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = 0$

Correlation:

$$\text{Corr}(X, Y) = \rho(X, Y)$$

$$= \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\sqrt{V(X)}\sqrt{V(Y)}} = \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\sigma_X \sigma_Y}$$

Schwarz Ineq: $[E(UV)]^2 \leq E(U^2)E(V^2)$

$$[\text{Cov}(X, Y)]^2 \leq V(X) \cdot V(Y)$$

$$-1 \leq \rho(X, Y) \leq 1$$

Indep: $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = 0$ and $\rho(X, Y) = 0$

X r.v. w/ finite variance and $Y = aX + b$ s.t. $a \neq 0, a, b$, constant, then

$a > 0 \rightarrow \rho(X, Y) = 1$ and

$a < 0 \rightarrow \rho(X, Y) = -1$

X, Y w/ finite var. then $V(X + Y) = V(X) + V(Y) + 2 \cdot \text{Cov}(X, Y)$

$$V(aX + bY) = a^2 V(X) + b^2 V(Y) + 2ab \cdot \text{Cov}(X, Y)$$

Other Stuff:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}, \sum_{i=1}^n i^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^n c^i = \frac{c^{n+1}-1}{c-1}, c \neq 1; \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} c^i = \frac{1}{1-c}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(a^x) = \ln a$$

$$(fg)' = f'g + fg'$$

$$\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)' = \frac{f'g - fg'}{g^2}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(f(g(x))) = f'(g(x))g'(x)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(e^{g(x)}) = g'(x)e^{g(x)}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\ln g(x)) = \frac{g'(x)}{g(x)}$$

$$\int \frac{1}{x} dx = \ln |x| + c, \int \frac{1}{ax+b} dx = \frac{1}{a} \ln |ax+b| + c$$

$$\int e^u du = e^u + c, \int a^u du = \frac{a^u}{\ln a} + c$$

$$\int_a^b f(g(x))g'(x)dx \Rightarrow u = g(x) \Rightarrow \int_{g(a)}^{g(b)} f(u)du$$

$$\int u dv = uv - \int v du$$