

# Stat 260 Welcome!

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## Office Hours:

One hour will be held in person and one hour will be held virtually through Zoom.

Information on the schedule, location, and Zoom link will be posted on our Brightspace page.



## Required Texts and Materials

The best resource to learn the definitions and material for this course is my collection of lecture notes.

### Textbooks:

- *Essentials of Probability & Statistics for Engineers & Scientists* by Walpole, Myers, Myers, & Ye. (Contains suggested problems, can purchase as E-Text from the [UVic Bookstore](#).)
- *Introduction to Probability and Statistics* by Tim Swartz. (Pdf posted on Brightspace, does not have our list of suggested problems.)  
↳ free textbook on brightspace



## Calculator Requirements

You will want a calculator for your tests and assignments.

The only allowed calculators for in-person tests are the Sharp EL-510R series calculators, which are the approved calculators for the UVic Math & Stats Department.

The calculators can be purchased through the UVic Bookstore.



## Calculation Of Your Final Grade

Your grade in the course will be calculated by:

Item	Date(s)	Weight
Written Assignments	On Crowdmark (best 6 of 8)	12%
R Assignments	On Crowdmark	6%
Online Assignments	On Brightspace	6%
Test 1	Friday February 10 <sup>th</sup>	10%
Test 2	Friday March 10 <sup>th</sup>	10%
Test 3	Tuesday April 4 <sup>th</sup>	10%
Final Exam	TBA	46%



# Format of the Course

## Written Assignments

- There will be 8 written assignments on Crowdmark, only your best 6 will count toward your final grade.
- You may handwrite your solutions on paper, or with a tablet, or type your work.

## R Assignments

- There will be 3 R Assignments on Crowdmark, they use the (free!) R statistical software.
- Step-by-step instructions will be included with each assignment.
- Your work must be typed (since you will be copying output from the software).

## Online Assignment

- There are 3 Online Assignments on Brightspace
- The purpose is to review the course material before each Term Test
- You may attempt each Online Assignment an unlimited number of times, only your highest attempt score will be used
- Questions are randomized and you will receive a new collection of questions on each attempt.



## Tests

- There will be 3 Term Tests (midterms):
  - Friday February 10<sup>th</sup>
  - Friday March 10<sup>th</sup>
  - Tuesday April 4<sup>th</sup>
- Tests will be written during our lecture time.
- More information on each test will be announced closer to the test date.
- We will provide you with a copy of the course formula sheet and stat tables during tests.

## Final Exam

- The final exam is cumulative and will be written in person.
- The exam is scheduled by Records to occur during the exam period Tuesday April 11<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday April 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Please do not make plans for employment or other activities which may conflict with our exam time during these days until the exam schedule is released in mid-February.
- Deferred exams are only given for excused absences.
- Practice tests (term tests and finals) will be posted on Brightspace.
- We will provide you with a copy of the course formula sheet and stat tables during tests.



## If You Miss A Test

- If you miss a term test due to a legitimate reason (illness, accident, family affliction, etc.) contact me via email ASAP, preferably before/on the test date.
- Documentation for missed tests is not needed. (Documentation for missed final exam may be needed, check the university regulations.)
- There is a time limit for requesting a concession on term work (within one week of grades being returned).
- Reweighting scheme is in the Course Outline. You cannot pass the course if you miss all three term tests.
- Alternate times for tests will not be provided. (i.e. You must write with your section, and there are no make-up tests.)



## If You Miss An Assignment

- If you miss an R Assignment: Hopefully this doesn't happen! Lots of working time (weeks) will be given, they typically take about 1 hour to complete. If something does happen though, contact me ASAP by email.
- If you miss a Written Assignment: Your lowest two scores (including missed assignments) will be dropped. Use these wisely! If you miss 3 or more assignments due to a valid reason, contact me ASAP by email.
- If you miss an Online Assignment: Again, hopefully this doesn't happen. Lots of working time (weeks) will be given and multiple attempts are allowed. If something does happen, contact me ASAP by email.
- Alternate assignments for missed or low-scoring work will not be provided.



## Expectations For This Semester

- We are still navigating some uncertainty brought on by the pandemic. Please be patient with us, instructors usually are told information at the same time as you.
- Please post content and policy questions on the Brightspace Discussion Forum, keeping email to questions of a more sensitive nature (e.g. grades, excused absences, etc.).
- Talking to me in person (in class or in office hours) or posting on the Brightspace Discussion Forum will generally give answers quicker than email.
- I am a sessional instructor (meaning I am not a full time nor a permanent faculty member). To set some boundaries: I will monitor the Discussion Forum every weekday throughout the day, and will reply to email 1-2 times per day. I will not reply to email or Forum posts between Friday evenings and Monday mornings.



## Let's Talk COVID Procedures

Live lectures will not be recorded. Instead, there are a collection of pre-recorded lecture videos which will be made available on Brightspace.

If you miss class you should obtain a copy of the lecture notes from that day. I will not post filled in lecture notes nor will I send copies via email. Instead ask your classmates for a copy of the notes (there is a space to share notes on the Brightspace Discussion Forum), or you can photograph my printed notes during lectures.

Documentation for missing assignments and tests is not needed.

It is VERY IMPORTANT that you do not attend any in-person lecture if you are not feeling well. If you are questioning whether you are well enough to attend class, you are not well enough to attend.

If I am not well enough to attend lecture, there will be an announcement made on Brightspace. Instructions on what to do will be in the Brightspace announcement.

I have to be extremely careful with the COVID risks I take, so I will be wearing a mask while I lecture this semester. I will wear a microphone so I can be heard clearly.



## Finally, Your To Do List:

- If you haven't yet, visit our Brightspace page. (This is how I will take attendance.)
- Read our Course Outline, and the handouts on Undergraduate Policies and Information.
- Get a calculator (required: Sharp EL-510R series).
- Visit Crowdmark and try use the interface. (It will be visible once the first assignment is posted, this should be on Wednesday January 11<sup>th</sup>.)
- Download the R statistical software. I have videos posted on how to download and use the program if you want more help.

I look forward to a great semester of working with you all!



## Set 1 - Basic Terminology and Concepts

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## Stat 260 Lecture Notes

### Set 1 - Basic Terminology and Concepts

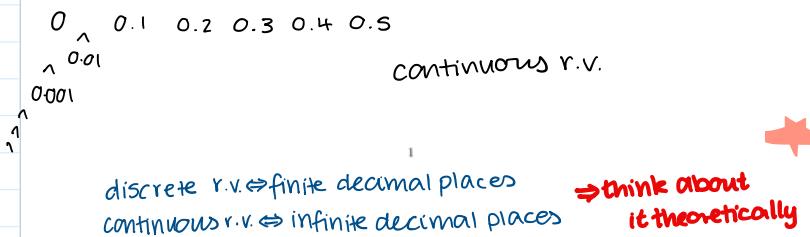
**Statistics:** Is the development and application of methods to collect, analyze, and interpret data.

Stats teaches us how to make intelligent judgments and informed decisions in the presence of uncertainty and variation.

### Definitions:

- population: a collection of objects big group we're interested in
  - sample: a selection from the population take a few from that group
  - parameter: a descriptive measure of the population (e.g. mean ( $\mu$ ), standard deviation ( $\sigma$ ), variance ( $\sigma^2$ ), etc.) comes from population
  - statistic: a descriptive measure of the sample (e.g. mean ( $\bar{x}$ ), standard deviation ( $s$ ), variance ( $s^2$ ), etc.) comes from sample
  - random variable (r.v.): a characteristic that changes from object to object in the population
    - discrete r.v. - set of all possible values are finite or are infinite and countable (they can be listed in a finite or infinite sequence)
    - continuous r.v. - set of all possible values are infinite and it's impossible to list all the possible values (e.g. it's impossible to list all the decimals between 0 and 0.5.)

How many classes? 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 discrete r.v.  
↪ b/c can list all of them  
0, 0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, ... discrete



Stat 260 consists of three main topics:

- **Descriptive Stats (Sets 1-3):** Ways to describe the data set (e.g., charts/graphs, mean (average), median, standard deviation, variance, etc.)
  - **Probability (Sets 4-21):** How likely events are to occur. We look at the population to see how likely events will be in the sample.
  - **Inferential Stats (Sets 22-31):** Use the sample to make generalizations about the population.

**Example 1:** Suppose we wish to look at the average height of adults who live in Canada. To do this we create a poll on our Stat 260 Brightspace page and ask the students in the class to report their height in cm.

- population: adults who live in Canada
  - sample: stat 260 students who answer  
 $\hookrightarrow$  is subset of population
  - parameter: average height of adults who live in Canada  
Notation:  $\mu$
  - statistic: average height of stat 260 students who answer the poll  
Notation:  $\bar{x}$
  - random variable: height (in cm)  
 $\hookrightarrow$  the thing that's being measured  
 $\hookrightarrow$  continuous r.v.  
(but theoretically height could have)

parameter/statistic: what we're calculating

- eye colour - answer changes from person to person  
→ thing that we're measuring

first written assignment posted  
(can do first question)

→ socioeconomic, gender, race, age, sample size

- random variable: height (in cm)
    - $\hookrightarrow$  the thing that's being measured
    - $\hookrightarrow$  continuous r.v. (bc theoretically height could have infinite decimals)
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**Example 2:** Suppose we wish to look at the average number of classes current UVic students are registered in this semester. To do this we randomly select 200 students who are registered this semester and from their UVic profile record the number of classes they are currently registered in.

- population: current UVic students
- sample: 200 UVic students measured
- parameter: average # of classes of current UVic students  
Notation:  $\mu$
- statistic: average # of classes of 200 UVic Student sample  
Notation:  $\bar{x}$
- random variable: number of classes
  - $\hookrightarrow$  discrete r.v.  
(all whole numbers, finite decimal)

**Example 3:** Determine if each of the following are discrete or continuous random variables.

- A person's height in cm. **continuous**
  - The number of courses a student is registered in this semester. **discrete**
  - The top running speed of greyhound dogs in km/h. **continuous**
  - The price of a cup of coffee in dollars. **discrete** (only 2 decimal places)
  - The number of accidents at a particular intersection on a highway in a year. **discrete**
  - The lowest temperature in the month. **continuous**  
 $\hookrightarrow$  bc theoretically infinite
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$\longrightarrow$  good set up

$\longrightarrow$  price you have to pay is discrete  
 $\hookrightarrow$  but might change based on context

discrete/continuous don't change how you calculate things but changes for probability

## Set 2 - Basic Descriptive Statistics

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### Stat 260 Lecture Notes Set 2 - Basic Descriptive Statistics

Knowing what type of data we have affects what can be done to analyze the data. **Univariate data** is collected from single measurements on subjects.

Suppose we take a sample with  $n$  observations  $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n$ . Each  $x_i$  represents the single value that was measured in that observation. This is univariate data (i.e. we measured only one number per each observation). We can display univariate data with a **frequency table** or a **histogram** or a **boxplot**.

**Example 1:** Measurements of lengths of lizards captured in months of August and October.

August measurements:

1st observation [1] 7.5 7.2 3.0 12.1 15.1 12.1 11.5 11.8 7.2 13.2 13.6 8.2 9.5 8.4 13.3  
 [16] 12.5 12.4 2.1 10.7 9.4 6.7 6.8 6.1 8.3 7.9 6.0 7.6 13.2 4.5 9.3  
 31st observation [31] 8.1 3.5 9.0 50.0  $n = 34$

October measurements:

[1] 43.7 37.2 29.0 31.6 47.5 48.3 38.3 19.7 32.5 45.2 36.1 30.5 37.2 50.5 36.9  
 [16] 44.5 35.9 28.7 37.5 30.2 36.9 43.2 27.0 26.2 41.8 26.4 34.3 28.6 35.9 22.0  
 [31] 45.4 30.3 29.8 46.1 42.7 31.5 37.4 25.1 27.2 45.0

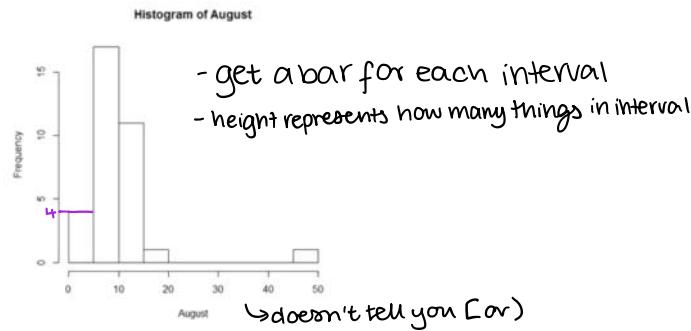
Look at the August measurements. Here we can create a frequency table.

Interval	Frequency	Relative Frequency	→ convert into percentage
equal → [0, 5)	1	$\frac{1}{34} = 0.029 = 2.9\%$	
[5, 10)	4	$\frac{4}{34} = 0.118 = 11.8\%$	
[10, 15)	17	$\frac{17}{34} = 0.5 = 50\%$	
[15, 20)	11	$\frac{11}{34} = 0.32 = 32\%$	
[20, 25)	0	$0$	
[25, 30)	0	$0$	
[30, 35)	0	$0$	
[35, 40)	0	$0$	
[40, 45)	0	$0$	
[45, 50]	1	$\frac{1}{34} = 0.029 = 2.9\%$	
	$n = 34$	$1 = 100\%$	

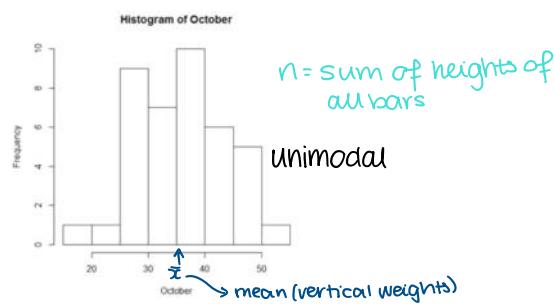
→ average height vs eye colour

\* 3-4 decimal places

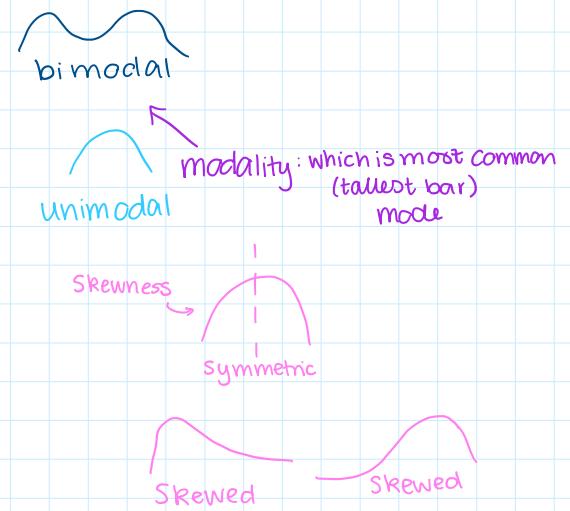
Using this frequency table we can create a histogram. The histogram for the August data looks like this:



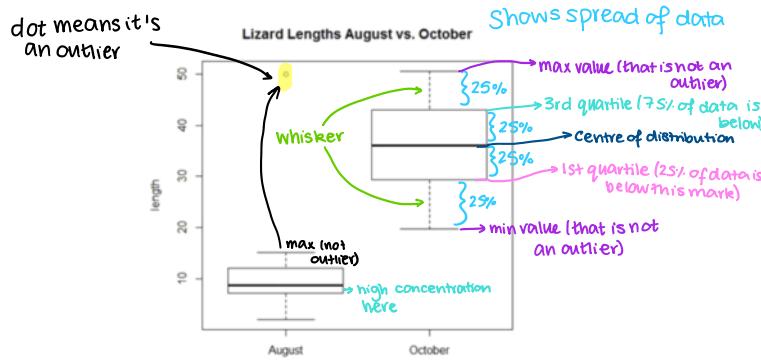
Doing a similar thing for the October data gives a histogram that looks like this:



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It can be difficult to compare two data sets like this, so we could also use a boxplot. The boxplots for the August and October data look like this:



With this boxplot it is easy to see that October lengths are larger than August lengths.

Categorical data occurs when our recorded data falls into categories. (e.g. eye colour, program major, customer satisfaction). While we cannot do many of the calculations with categorical data that we can do with univariate data, we can display categorical data with a **bar chart**.

for categories  
instead of numbers

**Outlier:** number that doesn't fit pattern of what other numbers are doing

→ the 50 from August is an outlier

→ Outliers are part of dataset, so max for August would still be 50

Suppose we have a sample with observations  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ .

- **sample mean**,  $\bar{x} = \frac{x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n}{n} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$ . The mean is the same thing as the average.
- **sample median**,  $\tilde{x}$ , is the middle observation. If there is an even number of observations then there are two middle observations so the median is the midpoint (here, the same as the average) of these two values. Remember that the data must be sorted first!
- **mode**, is the most common value. There may be many modes if many values are tied for occurring the most often.

**Example 2:** Suppose we have the sample:

$$0, 0, 2, 3, 6, 7, 10, 11, 20.$$

Calculate the mean, median, and mode.

mean:  $\bar{x} = \frac{0+0+2+3+6+7+10+11+20}{9} = \frac{59}{9}$  *leave as reduced fraction*

median:  $\tilde{x} = 6$

mode = 0

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In general: 3-4 decimals

1 more decimal than the data

**Example 3:** Suppose we have the sample:

1, 1, 2, 8, 15, 15, 25, 100.

Calculate the mean, median, and mode.

$$\text{mean: } \bar{x} = \frac{1+1+2+8+15+15+25+100}{8} = \frac{167}{8} = 20.875 \quad \text{exact}$$

$$\text{median: } \tilde{x} = 11.5 = \frac{8+15}{2}$$

mode = 1 and 15

Without 100:  $\frac{67}{7} = \text{mean} = 9.57$   
median = 8

Notes:

### Mean sensitive to outliers

- $\bar{x}$  doesn't have to be a value actually observed in the sample. Neither does  $\tilde{x}$ . (So don't round your final answers for average or median, even if they physically aren't possible for a single observation.)
- $\bar{x}$  is sensitive to outliers (extreme values),  $\tilde{x}$  is not. Look at what happens in Example 3 if the value of 100 is removed. The mean of the new data list changes quite a bit, the median of the new data list changes very little.
- The median splits the data in two: 50% of the observations are larger than  $\tilde{x}$ , and 50% of the observations are smaller than  $\tilde{x}$ .
- The mean and median tell us where the "center" of our sample data is.
- The mode tells us which observation is most common. The mode can be used for categorical data, whereas  $\bar{x}$  and  $\tilde{x}$  cannot be used for categorical data.
- In a histogram, the mean (average) occurs at the "balance point" of the picture. ↳ mean is the balance point (almost like the point of equilibrium)

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Mode is useful when we're talking about categories

**Example 4:** Look at the following two samples. How could we describe the difference in these samples?

sample 1:

10	
20	→ further out from the centre
49	
50	
51	
80	
90	

sample 2:

10	
48	
49	
50	
51	
52	
90	

Both samples have  $\bar{x} = \tilde{x} = 50$ . Which sample is more spread out?  
 mean → median

We look at **measures of variability** to describe differences between these samples.



- sample variance,  $s^2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{n-1}$
  - sample standard deviation,  $s = \sqrt{\text{variance}}$
  - shortcut formula for sample variance,  $s^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - \frac{1}{n} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right)^2 \right]$
- looks longer but easier calculations

Note: The standard deviation  $s$  and the mean  $\bar{x}$  have the same units as your original data. The variance  $s^2$  uses  $(\text{units})^2$ .

Standard deviation: same units

Variance:  $(\text{units})^2$

(kind of like an error measurement)

How far is data from the mean?

$$S^2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{n-1}$$

distance of observation from mean

(if it wasn't squared you'd always get 0)

→ Course has a formula sheet (for exams)

If only 1 data point then variance = 0

Single number doesn't have a variance  
but outlier contributes to variance

**Example 5:** Calculate the sample variance for sample 1 and sample 2 in Example 4. Calculate the sample standard deviation for sample 1 in Example 4.

Sample 1: 10, 20, 49, 50, 51, 80, 90  
 $n=7$      $\bar{x}=50$

$$S^2 = \frac{\sum(x_i - \bar{x})^2}{n-1}$$

$x_i$	$x_i - \bar{x}$	$(x_i - \bar{x})^2$
10	-40	1600
20	-30	900
49	-1	1
50	0	0
51	1	1
80	30	900
90	40	1600
	$\sum(x_i - \bar{x})$	5002
	=0	

will always get 0 here

Shortcut formula

Sample 2: 10, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 90     $n=7$

$$S^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} [\sum x_i^2 - \frac{1}{n} (\sum x_i)^2]$$

$$\sum x_i = 360$$

$$\sum x_i^2 = 10^2 + 48^2 + \dots + 90^2 = 20,710$$

$$S^2 = \frac{1}{7-1} [20,710 - \frac{1}{7} (360)^2] = 535$$

Sample 1:  $S^2 = 833.7$  Variance from sample 1 is larger,  
 Sample 2:  $S^2 = 535$  so sample 1 is more spread out  
 from the mean.

Standard deviation of sample 1:  $s = \sqrt{\text{variance}} = \sqrt{833.7} = 28.874$

The numbers on their own don't mean much, useful for comparing them

Note: The population variance  $\sigma^2$  is calculated using a slightly different formula than the sample variance. Suppose our population has  $N$  items and we take a sample of  $n$  items from it.

- sample variance,  $s^2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{n-1}$  sample mean dividing by  $n-1$  gives the better estimate
- population variance,  $\sigma^2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \mu)^2}{N}$  population mean for population you divide by  $N$

In the sample, we don't know the whole picture so the sample variance  $s^2$  is just an estimate of the population variance  $\sigma^2$ . As it turns out (due to technical reasons and a definition we won't cover here) that dividing by  $n-1$  gives a better estimate of the population when we perform the sample variance calculation. Dividing by  $n$  gives an estimate that underestimates.

Lastly, the quickest way to calculate standard deviation, variance, and the mean is by using the stats functions on your calculator. On tests and assignments it is preferred that you use the calculator stat functions (so you do not need the formulas from Example 5).

Stat mode  $\rightarrow$  Store values (1)  $\rightarrow$  Stat functions above ()  $\times \div$   
 enter #, press M+  $\rightarrow$  [RCL] mean  $\bar{x}$   
 St. dev  $s_x$

Sample values are estimates of the population

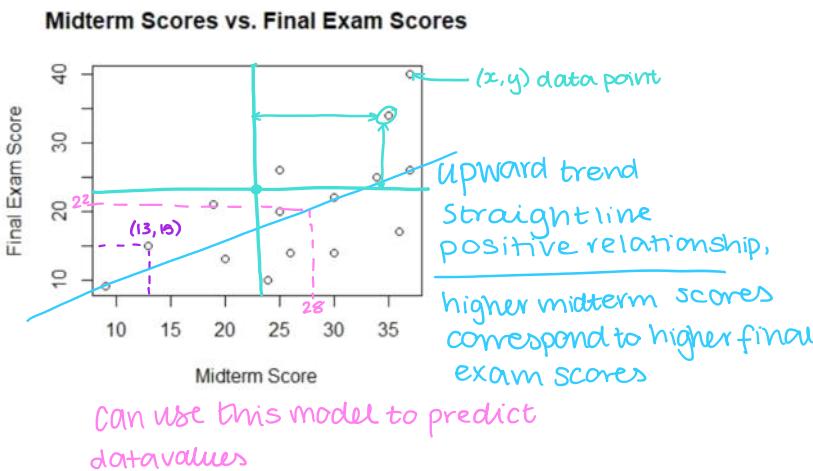
## Set 3 - The Correlation Coefficient

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### Stat 260 Lecture Notes Set 3 - The Correlation Coefficient

When data arise in pairs, such as  $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), (x_3, y_3) \dots (x_n, y_n)$  the structure is called **bivariate**.

Here we may want to see if there is a relationship between the  $x$  and  $y$  values. To do this we can use a scatterplot.



Be careful with **extrapolating** (making predictions). This data only shows what happens on the final exam for students with midterm scores between 9 and 37. The data included here would not be useful for making final exam predictions for midterm scores of, say, 80. (In other words, your data is only useful in making predictions for other data values close to your collection.)

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Recall: variance =  $s^2 = \frac{\sum(x_i - \bar{x})^2}{n-1} = \frac{\sum(x_i - \bar{x})(x_i - \bar{x})}{n-1}$

When we work with bivariate data we can calculate the covariance,  $s_{xy}$ .

$$s_{xy} = \frac{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{n-1} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{can be positive} \\ \text{or negative} \end{matrix}$$

**Example 1:** Calculate the covariance for the data  $(3, 4), (8, 7), (10, 8), (11, 8)$ .

$x$	$y$	$x_i - \bar{x}$	$y_i - \bar{y}$	$(x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})$
3	4	-5	-2.75	$(-5)(-2.75) = 13.75$
8	7	0	0.25	$0(0.25) = 0$
10	8	2	1.25	$(2)(1.25) = 2.5$
11	8	3	1.25	$(3)(1.25) = 3.75$
$\bar{x} = 8$		$\bar{y} = 6.75$		$n$ describes how many observations
$s_{xy} = \frac{\sum(x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{n-1} = \frac{13.75 + 0 + 2.5 + 3.75}{4-1} = \frac{20}{3} = 6.67$				

Positive covariance: positive slope

$$\bar{x} = 8 \quad \bar{y} = 6.75$$

$$S_{xy} = \frac{\sum(x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{n-1} = \frac{13.75 + 0 + 2.5 + 3.75}{4-1} = \frac{20}{3} = 6.67$$

Kind of meaningless  
on its own (only tells you positive slope)

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The **correlation coefficient**,  $r$ , measures the strength of the linear relationship between  $x$  and  $y$  values.

$$r = \frac{\sum(x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{\sqrt{\sum(x_i - \bar{x})^2 \sum(y_i - \bar{y})^2}} = \frac{s_{xy}}{s_x s_y}$$

where  $s_{xy}$  = the covariance of  $x$  and  $y$ ,  $s_x$  = the standard deviation of  $x$  values,  $s_y$  = the standard deviation of  $y$  values

**Example 2:** Calculate the correlation coefficient using the data from Example 1.  $(3, 4), (8, 7), (10, 8), (11, 8)$

$$S_{xy} = \frac{20}{3}$$

$$S_x = 3.559 \quad \frac{20}{(3.559)(1.893)} = \frac{20}{3(3.559)(1.893)} = 0.9895$$

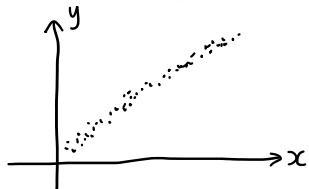
$$S_y = 1.893$$

Scaling covariance measurement into a percentage

**Rule:** No matter what we have for  $x$  and  $y$  values,  $-1 \leq r \leq +1$ .

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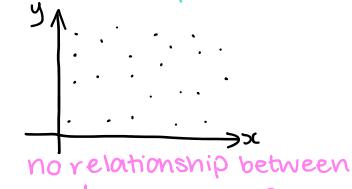
The closer that that correlation coefficient  $r$  is to  $+1$  or  $-1$ , the stronger the linear relationship there is. A positive value of  $r$  indicates a positive linear relationship, and a negative value of  $r$  indicates a negative linear relationship. A value of  $0$  indicates no linear relationship.



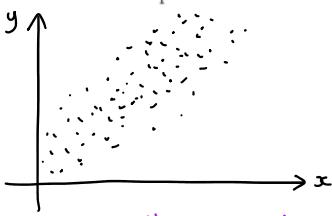
$r$  is positive, strong linear relationship,  $r$  is close to  $+1$ .



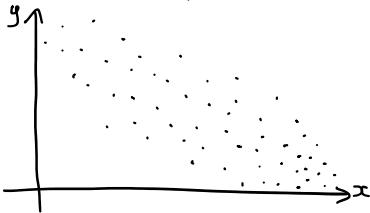
$r$  is negative, strong linear relationship,  $r$  is close to  $-1$ .



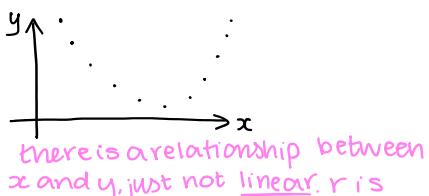
no relationship between  $x$  and  $y$ ,  $r$  is close to  $0$



$r$  is positive, weak linear relationship,  $r$  is not close to  $+1$ .



$r$  is negative, weak linear relationship,  $r$  is not close to  $-1$ .



there is a relationship between  $x$  and  $y$ , just not linear.  $r$  is close to  $0$

An exact linear relationship occurs when  $r = 1$  or  $r = -1$  and in this case we can represent the data as a straight line in the form  $y_i = ax_i + b$ .

Be careful! Correlation  $\neq$  causation. (spurious correlations)

\*  $r$  tells us nothing about the value of the slope, other than if it is positive or negative

(generally cutoff strong relationship around 0.8)

## Set 4 - Basic Set Theory

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### Stat 260 Lecture Notes Set 4 - Basic Set Theory

The **sample space**  $\mathcal{S}$  of a random experiment is a list of all the possible outcomes of the experiment.

**Example 1:** The students in our Stat 260 class are asked to report what month they were born in.

$$\mathcal{S} = \{\text{Jan, Feb, Mar, ..., Dec}\}$$

A **simple event** is a single outcome from the sample space.

e.g. person is born in March

An **event** is a set of one or more simple events.

e.g. the event  $E = \{\text{Jan, Feb, Mar}\}$  = person is born in the first three months of the year

There are multiple ways to assign probabilities to events:

- **classical approach:** used when possible outcomes are equally likely

**Theoretical approach**

$$P(A) = \frac{\#A}{\#\mathcal{S}} = \frac{\#\text{ of ways event } A \text{ can occur}}{\#\text{ of outcomes in } \mathcal{S}}$$

$A = \text{born in Jan}$

$$P(A) = \frac{1}{12} \frac{\text{Jan}}{\text{12 total months}}$$

assuming that being born in any month is equal to being born in any other month.

doesn't take into account real life things

- **frequency approach:** counts the number of times the event occurs in many, many observations

$$P(A) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{\#\text{ of occurrences of } A}{N} \right) \approx \frac{f}{n} \frac{\text{frequency}}{\text{number of observations}}$$

$P(A) = \frac{4}{150} \frac{\text{# w/ Jan birthday}}{\#\text{ people asked}}$

sample space and event both about months

Capital letters for events

In all models, the probability of an event is the sum of its simple events.

**Example 2:** Calculate  $P(\text{born in the first three months})$  using the classical approach.  $E = \{\text{Jan}, \text{Feb}, \text{Mar}\}$

$$P(E) = P(\text{Jan}) + P(\text{Feb}) + P(\text{Mar}) = \frac{1}{12} + \frac{1}{12} + \frac{1}{12}$$

$$= \frac{3}{12}$$

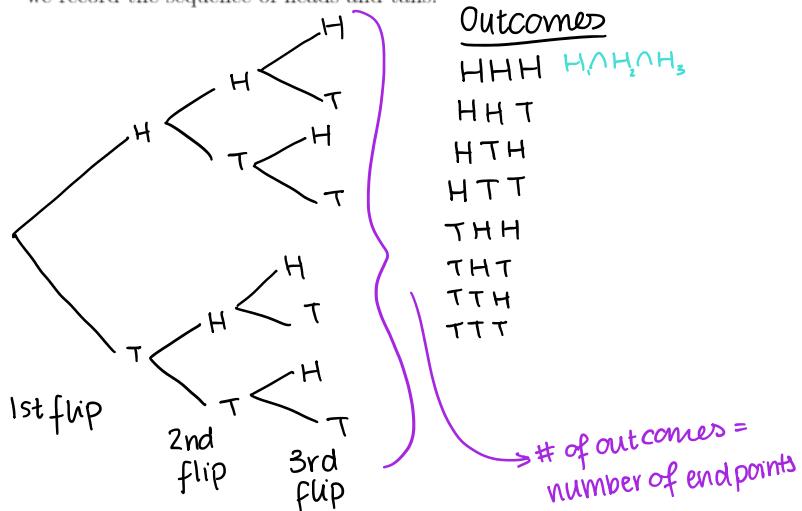
$$= \frac{1}{4} = 0.25 = 25\%$$

$\boxed{a^b/c}$

calculator button  
for reducing fractions

Tree diagrams help us list all possible outcomes in the sample space.

**Example 3:** Look at the experiment where we flip a fair coin 3 times and we record the sequence of heads and tails.



$$S = \{HHH, HHT, HTH, HTT, THH, THT, TTH, TTT\}.$$

$$P(\text{all } H) = \frac{1}{8}$$

$$P(\text{exactly 1 } H) = \frac{3}{8}$$

The **union** of events  $A$  and  $B$ , denoted  $A \cup B$ , is read as "A or B". The set  $A \cup B$  = outcomes in  $A$  or  $B$  or in both.

in either or both

The **intersection** of events  $A$  and  $B$ , denoted  $A \cap B$ , is read as "A and B". The set  $A \cap B$  = outcomes that are in both  $A$  and  $B$ .

In other words, the list of events in  $A \cup B$  is the lists from  $A$  and  $B$  combined together as one larger list. The list of events in  $A \cap B$  is the overlap in the lists from  $A$  and  $B$ .

Sometimes we write  $AB$  as a shorter version of  $A \cap B$ .

$A \cup B$ : glue them together

$A \cap B$ : the overlap of the sets

The event  $\emptyset$  is the **empty event / impossible event**.

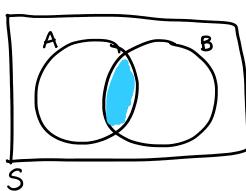
Rule:  $P(\emptyset) = 0$ .

The events  $A$  and  $B$  are **mutually exclusive (or disjoint)** if  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ .  
(That is, there is no overlap between events  $A$  and  $B$ .)

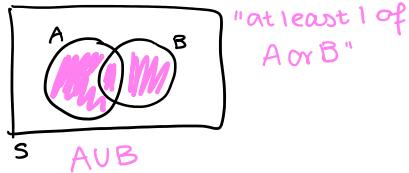
So if  $A$  and  $B$  are **mutually exclusive**, then  $P(A \cap B) = P(\emptyset) = 0$ .

The **complement** of an event  $A$ , denoted  $\bar{A}$ , is the set of all outcomes in  $S$  that are not in  $A$ .    "Not A"    " $\bar{A}$ "    " $A^c$ "    " $A'$ "

Venn Diagrams help us picture probabilities.

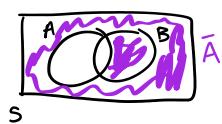


$A \cap B$

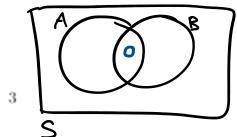


"at least 1 of  
A or B"

$A \cup B$



$\bar{A}$



A and B  
mutually exclusive

Rule: DeMorgan's Laws

- $\overline{A \cup B} = \overline{A} \cap \overline{B}$

$$\text{Math 122 : } \neg(A \vee B) \Leftrightarrow \neg A \wedge \neg B$$

- $\overline{A \cap B} = \overline{A} \cup \overline{B}$

$$\neg(A \wedge B) \Leftrightarrow \neg A \vee \neg B$$

Note: the phrase "nor" can be translated as "and not". For example  
"neither  $A$  nor  $B$ " is the same as "not  $A$  and not  $B$ ".

$$\neg A \wedge \neg B \quad \neg(A \vee B)$$

## Set 5 - Introduction to Probability

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### Stat 260 Lecture Notes Set 5 - Introduction to Probability

Probability is used to express the likelihood that some event will or will not occur. We measure probability on a scale from 0 to 1, where 0 indicates that it is impossible for the event to occur and 1 indicates that the event is guaranteed to occur. *Can be interpreted as percentage*

For an event  $A$ , we denote the probability that  $A$  will occur by  $P(A)$ .

#### Axioms of Probability:

- For any event  $A$ ,  $P(A) \geq 0$ . *no negative probabilities*
- $P(\mathcal{S}) = 1$ , where  $\mathcal{S}$  represents the sample space. *because S lists all options*
- If events  $A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots$ , are mutually exclusive (disjoint), then  $P(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i) = P(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3 \cup \dots) = P(A_1) + P(A_2) + P(A_3) + \dots$  *don't overlap in any way*

In the last axiom, the fact that the events are disjoint is important. Below we will see how to find the probability of the union when the events are not disjoint.

Notice that an event  $A$  and its complement  $\bar{A}$  are disjoint and together they comprise all of the sample space  $\mathcal{S}$ . Therefore we can say that  $P(A \cup \bar{A}) = P(A) + P(\bar{A}) = P(\mathcal{S}) = 1$ .

**Rule:**  $P(A) + P(\bar{A}) = 1$ .

This is often useful in the form  $P(A) = 1 - P(\bar{A})$ .

*can be helpful if A is super complicated*

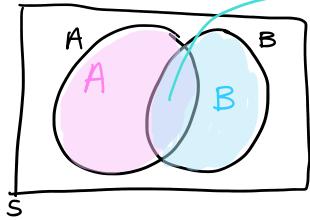
Theorem: General Addition Rule

for two sets:

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

middle region  
is counted twice

so subtract it off



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

↑  
number of  
items in  
A ∪ B  
(frequency)

for three sets:

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

$$n(A \cup B \cup C) = n(A) + n(B) + n(C) - n(A \cap B) - n(A \cap C) - n(B \cap C) + n(A \cap B \cap C)$$

frequency

principle of inclusion-exclusion

→ these formulas not  
on formula sheet

**Example 1:** Suppose that when Michelle is on the computer the only activities she does are:

- event  $E_1$ : marking  $R$  assignments, occurs with probability  $p$
- event  $E_2$ : prepping lectures, 8 times as likely as  $R$  assignments  $8p$
- event  $E_3$ : answering email, 3 times as likely as  $R$  assignments  $3p$
- event  $E_4$ : updating course website, 2 times as likely as  $R$  assignments  $2p$
- event  $E_5$ : creating new assignments, 6 times as likely as  $R$  assignments  $6p$

Assume Michelle can only do one activity at a time (i.e. all events are mutually exclusive). A student visits Michelle at a random time and finds that she is working on the computer. What is the probability that she is not marking  $R$  assignments?

We know that  $E_1 \cup E_2 \cup E_3 \cup E_4 \cup E_5 = S$  and all events are disjoint.

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= P(S) = P(E_1 \cup E_2 \cup E_3 \cup E_4 \cup E_5) \\ &= P(E_1) + P(E_2) + P(E_3) + P(E_4) + P(E_5) \\ &= p + 8p + 3p + 2p + 6p \\ &= 20p \\ \text{So } 1 &= 20p \Rightarrow p = \frac{1}{20} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Want } P(E_1^c) = 1 - P(E_1) = 1 - \frac{1}{20} = \frac{19}{20}$$

**Example 2:** In a colony of 160 rabbits

- 104 are grey  $G$
- 105 have straight ears  $E$
- 126 have short fur  $F$
- 90 have short fur & are grey  $F \cap G$
- 80 have straight ears & short fur  $E \cap F$
- 149 are grey  $\text{or}$  have straight ears  $G \cup E$
- 5 have none of these qualities

What is the probability that a randomly selected rabbit from the colony has all three qualities?

What is the probability that a randomly selected rabbit is grey but has neither of the other two qualities? (i.e. "just grey")

$$P(G \cup E \cup F) = P(G) + P(E) + P(F) - P(G \cap E) - P(G \cap F) - P(E \cap F) + P(G \cap E \cap F)$$

↗ all 3 qualities

$$\frac{155}{160} = \frac{104}{160} + \frac{105}{160} + \frac{126}{160} - \frac{60}{160} - \frac{90}{160} - \frac{80}{160} + P(G \cap E \cap F)$$

$$P(G \cap E \cap F) = \frac{50}{160} = \frac{5}{16} = 0.3125 //$$

$$P(G \cup E \cup F) = 1 - P(\overline{G \cup E \cup F}) = 1 - \frac{5}{160} = \frac{155}{160}$$

$\nearrow$  none of  $G$  or  $E$  or  $F$

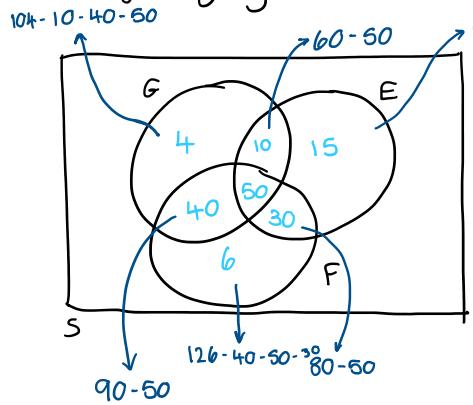
$$P(G \cup E) = P(G) + P(E) - P(G \cap E)$$

$$\frac{149}{160} = \frac{104}{160} + \frac{105}{160} - P(G \cap E)$$

$$P(G \cap E) = \frac{104}{160} + \frac{105}{160} - \frac{149}{160} = \frac{60}{160}$$

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Want "just grey"  $G \cap \bar{E} \cap \bar{F}$



Start in middle and work our way outwards

$$P(\text{just grey}) = \frac{4}{160} = \frac{1}{40} = 0.025$$

$$P(\text{exactly one characteristic}) = \frac{4+15+6}{160} = \frac{25}{160} = \frac{5}{32} = 0.15625$$

## Set 6 - Conditional Probabilities

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#### Set 6 - Conditional Probabilities

$\hookrightarrow$  given extra bit of information

Example 1: Rolling a 6-sided die.

Suppose we roll a standard 6-sided die and record the number that is facing up. What is the probability of rolling a 3?

$$P(\text{roll a 3}) = \frac{1}{6} \xrightarrow{\substack{\text{one # is 3} \\ \text{six #s in sample space}}}$$

$$S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$$

Now suppose we are told that an odd number was rolled. Now what is the probability of rolling a 3?

$$P(\text{roll a 3 if we know an odd # was rolled}) = \frac{1}{3} \xrightarrow{\substack{\text{one # is 3} \\ \text{three #s in sample space}}}$$

new, reduced sample space  $S = \{1, 3, 5\}$

$$P(\text{roll a 3 | odd #}) = \frac{P(\text{roll a 3 and odd number})}{P(\text{odd number})} = \frac{P(\text{roll a 3})}{P(\text{odd number})} = \frac{1/6}{3/6} = \frac{1}{3}$$

Instead, suppose we were told that an even number was rolled. What is the probability of rolling a 3?

$$P(\text{roll a 3 if we know an even # was rolled}) = 0 = \frac{0}{3} \xrightarrow{\substack{\text{zero #s are 3} \\ \text{three #s in } S}}$$

new, reduced sample space  $S = \{2, 4, 6\}$

**Idea:** Knowing extra information can change the probability of an outcome. When we know extra info it is called a *conditional probability*. The "given" part of the event is the extra info we are told.

**Formula:** probability of  $A$  given  $B$  (i.e. the probability that event  $A$  will occur given that we know event  $B$  has occurred).

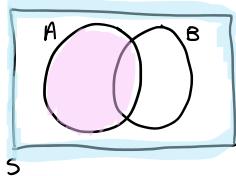
$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$$

"A given B"      "B given A"      These use the original sample space

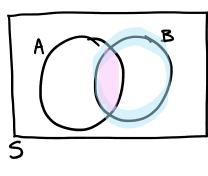
Notice we could also talk about the probability of  $B$  given  $A$ :

$$P(B|A) = \frac{P(B \cap A)}{P(A)} = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(A)}$$

Where does the formula come from?



$$P(A) = \frac{n(A)}{n(S)}$$



$$\begin{aligned} P(A|B) &= \frac{n(A \cap B)}{n(S)} \\ &= \frac{n(A \cap B)}{n(B) / n(S)} \\ &= \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} \end{aligned}$$

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Not on formula sheet

$$\left( \frac{\text{probability both}}{\text{probability given part}} \right)$$

**Example 2:** A manufacturer wants to see if using a clear coating of paint on their product is connected to if the product rusts.

	rust present ( $R$ )	no rust present ( $\bar{R}$ )
clear coating used ( $C$ )	0.03	0.12
no clear coating used ( $\bar{C}$ )	0.17	0.68

↗ given

If we know that a randomly selected component has a clear coating, what is the probability that it has rust present?

$$P(R|C) = \frac{P(R \cap C)}{P(C)} = \frac{0.03}{0.03+0.12} = \frac{0.03}{0.15} = 0.20$$

If we know that a randomly selected component does not have a clear coating, what is the probability that it has rust present?

$$P(R|\bar{C}) = \frac{P(R \cap \bar{C})}{P(\bar{C})} = \frac{0.17}{0.17+0.68} = \frac{0.17}{0.85} = 0.20$$

**Recall:** The formula for conditional probability:

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} \quad P(B|A) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(A)}$$

From these we get the **multiplication rule**:

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

→ look at it by cases

We can **partition** an event  $A$  by looking at where it overlaps with event  $B$ : event  $A$  can overlap with event  $B$ , or it can overlap with event  $\bar{B}$ . That is, the events  $A \cap B$  and  $A \cap \bar{B}$  partition the event  $A$ . Note too that  $A \cap B$  and  $A \cap \bar{B}$  are disjoint events, so we can say

know there's no overlap

$$P(A) = P(A \cap B) + P(A \cap \bar{B}).$$

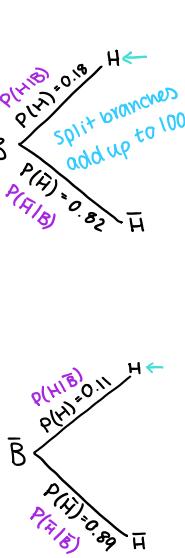
If we then use the multiplication rule we can say that

$$P(A) = P(A \cap B) + P(A \cap \bar{B}) = P(B) \cdot P(A|B) + P(\bar{B}) \cdot P(A|\bar{B}).$$

This is best illustrated on a tree diagram.

**Example 3:** Balding men and heart attacks.

A survey was taken of middle aged men and it was found that 28% of them are balding. Of those who are balding, there is an 18% chance that they will have a heart attack in the next 10 years. For those who are not balding, there is an 11% chance that they will have a heart attack within the next 10 years. What is the probability that a middle aged man will have a heart attack in the next 10 years?



$$\begin{aligned} P(H) &= P(B \cap H) + P(\bar{B} \cap H) \\ &= P(B) \cdot P(H|B) + P(\bar{B}) \cdot P(H|\bar{B}) \\ &= (0.28)(0.18) + (0.72)(0.11) \end{aligned}$$

→ can add together b/c  
know there's no overlap  
btw the cases  
numbers have to be comparable  
before you can add them

the given part, already in the balding group

P(H)

P(H|B)

P(H|B̄)

P(H̄|B)

P(H̄|B̄)

P(H)

P(H|B)

P(H|B̄)

The **law of total probability** says that to find  $P(A)$ , we add up the probabilities of a partition of  $A$  (i.e. add up all disjoint cases that arrive at  $A$ ). In symbols:

$$P(A) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A \cap B_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(B_i) \cdot P(A|B_i)$$

This is the same thing we did when we added together the different cases from the tree branches in the last example.

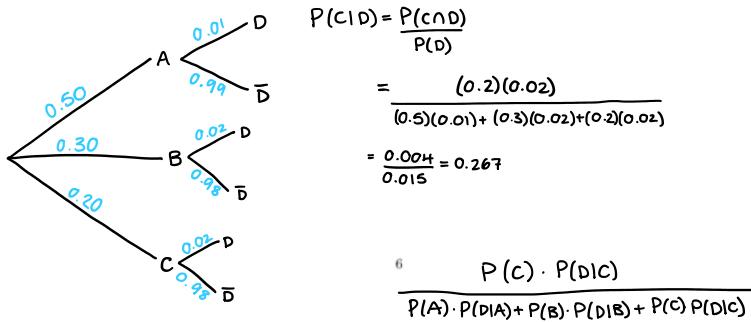
**Bayes' Theorem** puts together the conditional probability formula along with the multiplication rule. Using tree diagrams for these questions are very useful!

**Example 4:** TV sets.

TV sets are made at production plants  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$ . Suppose 50% are made at plant  $A$ , 30% are made at plant  $B$ , and 20% are made at plant  $C$ . Quality control finds that:

- 1% of plant  $A$  TVs are defective.
- 2% of plant  $B$  TVs are defective.
- 2% of plant  $C$  TVs are defective.

Given that a randomly selected TV is defective, what is the probability that it was produced at plant  $C$ ?



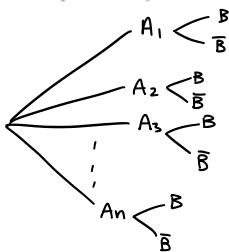
→ Bayes' Theorem

Suppose we have events  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$ , which are then followed by event  $B$  or  $\bar{B}$ . We can write Bayes' Theorem in symbols as:

$$P(A_i|B) = \frac{P(A_i \cap B)}{P(B)} = \frac{P(A_i) \cdot P(B|A_i)}{\sum_{i=1}^n P(A_i) \cdot P(B|A_i)}$$

adding all the cases together

You don't need to write the symbolic form in your solution, it is much more important to know how to come up with this from using the conditional probability formula and a tree diagram like we did in Example 4.



Sometimes we perform diagnostic tests and the results shown are wrong.

There are 4 options for outcomes in a diagnostic test:

- The condition actually occurs and the test indicates positive for the condition occurring.  
This is a **true positive**, and no error occurs here.
- The condition actually occurs and the test indicates negative for the condition occurring.  
This is a **false negative**, this is an error.
- The condition does not actually occur and the test indicates positive for the condition occurring.  
This is a **false positive**, this is an error.
- The condition does not actually occur and the test indicates negative for the condition occurring.  
This is a **true negative**, and no error occurs here.

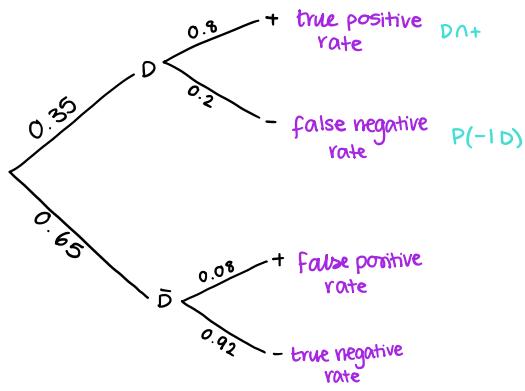
false when it's wrong  
positive/negative is what the test shows

**Example 5:** Kidney transplants.

A patient receives a kidney transplant. Suppose that 35% of kidney transplants are rejected. During the healing process the patient is tested to see if they are rejecting the kidney. For this particular test the false positive rate is 8% and the false negative rate is 20%. What is the probability that the patient is rejecting the kidney if their test result is positive (i.e. the test indicates they are rejecting the kidney)?

$$D = \text{actually rejecting kidney}$$

$+ = \text{test is } + \text{ (test indicates rejection)}$   
 $- = \text{test is } - \text{ (test indicates no rejection)}$



$$\begin{aligned}
 P(D|+) &= \frac{P(D \cap +)}{P(+)} = \frac{(0.35)(0.8)}{(0.35)(0.8) + (0.65)(0.08)} \\
 &= 0.843
 \end{aligned}$$

**Remember:**

- false positive rate =  $P(+|\bar{D})$
- false negative rate =  $P(-|D)$
- true positive rate =  $P(+|D)$ . This is also sometimes called the sensitivity.
- true negative rate =  $P(-|\bar{D})$ . This is also sometimes called the specificity.

# Set 7 - Independent and Mutually Exclusive Events

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## Stat 260 Lecture Notes

### Set 7 - Independent and Mutually Exclusive Events

**Idea:** Knowing extra information can change the probability of an outcome. This is what we saw with conditional probabilities. Here we look at the case when knowing the extra information does not change the probability of the outcome. This is the idea of having *independent events*.

**Definition:** Events  $A$  and  $B$  are *independent* when  $P(A|B) = P(A)$  (or when  $P(B|A) = P(B)$ ).

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} = P(A)$$

Using this definition along with the conditional probability formula we arrive at the alternate definition that events  $A$  and  $B$  are independent exactly when

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

use to check if events  
are independent

**Definition:** Events  $A$  and  $B$  are *mutually exclusive* if they cannot occur at the same time (i.e. there is no overlap between  $A$  and  $B$ ).

In the mathematical sense, we have that  $A$  and  $B$  are mutually exclusive when  $P(A \cap B) = 0$  (i.e. when having both event  $A$  and  $B$  occur together is impossible).

**Example 1:** Revisiting the clear coating and rust example.

A manufacturer wants to see if using a clear coating of paint on their product is connected to if the product rusts.

	rust present ( $R$ )	no rust present ( $\bar{R}$ )
clear coating used ( $C$ )	0.03	0.12
no clear coating used ( $\bar{C}$ )	0.17	0.68
	<b>0.20</b>	<b>0.80</b>

Is having rust present independent of using the clear coating?

$$\text{Check: } P(D \cap G) = P(D) \cdot P(G)$$

$$P(D \cap G) = 0.03 \quad \text{same}$$

$$P(D) \cdot P(G) = (0.2)(0.15) = 0.03$$

So  $P(D \cap G) = P(D) \cdot P(G)$  and so  $D$  and  $G$  are independent events

**Rule:** If events  $A$  and  $B$  are independent, then  $\bar{A}$  and  $B$  are independent too (and  $A$  and  $\bar{B}$  are independent, and also  $\bar{A}$  and  $\bar{B}$  are independent).

Is using the clear coating independent of not using the clear coating?

$$\text{Check: } P(D \cap \bar{D}) = P(D) \cdot P(\bar{D})$$

$$P(D \cap \bar{D}) = 0 \quad \text{not the same}$$

$$P(D) \cdot P(\bar{D}) = (0.2)(0.8) \neq 0$$

So  $P(D \cap \bar{D}) \neq P(D) \cdot P(\bar{D})$  so  $D$  and  $\bar{D}$  are not independent

But  $D$  and  $\bar{D}$  are mutually exclusive since  $P(D \cap \bar{D}) = 0$

**Careful!** “Mutually exclusive” and “independent” are not the same thing. Here “clear coating” and “no clear coating” are mutually exclusive (since they are disjoint), but they are not independent.

The rule that if  $A$  and  $B$  are independent then

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

can be extended to more than two events.

**Rule:** If events  $E_1, E_2, E_3, \dots, E_n$  are independent events, then

$$P(E_1 \cap E_2 \cap E_3 \cap \dots \cap E_n) = P(E_1) \cdot P(E_2) \cdot P(E_3) \cdots \cdot P(E_n).$$

**Note:** When  $n \geq 3$  this rule does not work the other way around. That is, just because you have  $P(E_1 \cap E_2 \cap \dots \cap E_n) = P(E_1) \cdot P(E_2) \cdots \cdot P(E_n)$  does not guarantee that the events  $E_1, E_2, \dots, E_n$  are all independent. (To guarantee independence you would have to do this formula check on all pairs, triples, quadruples, etc.)

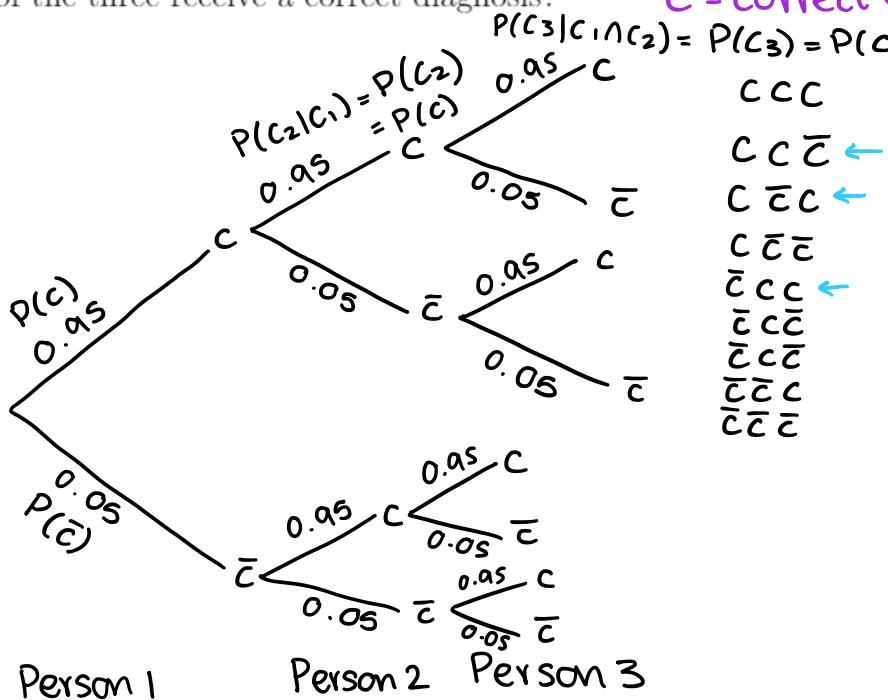
(So the independence formula is an “if and only if” statement for two sets, and just an “if” statement for three or more sets.)

A, B, C check :

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} P(A \cap B \cap C) = P(A) \cdot P(B) \cdot P(C) \\ P(A \cap B) = P(A) \cdot P(B) \\ P(A \cap C) = P(A) \cdot P(C) \\ P(B \cap C) = P(B) \cdot P(C) \end{array} \right.$$

**Example 2:** A diagnostic test is correct 95% of the time. Suppose 3 people are independently tested. What is the probability that exactly two of the three receive a correct diagnosis?

$C = \text{correct diagnosis}$



$$\begin{aligned}
 P(\text{exactly 2 correct}) &= P(CC\bar{C}) + P(C\bar{C}C) + P(\bar{C}CC) \\
 &= (0.95)(0.95)(0.05) + (0.95)(0.05)(0.95) + (0.05)(0.95)(0.95) \\
 &= 0.135375
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(CC\bar{C}) &= P(C \cap C \cap \bar{C}) = P(C) \cdot P(C) \cdot P(\bar{C}) \\
 &= (0.95)(0.95)(0.05)
 \end{aligned}$$

since independent

What is the probability that none of the three receive a correct diagnosis?

$$\begin{aligned}P(\bar{C}\bar{C}\bar{C}) &= P(\bar{C}) \cdot P(\bar{C}) \cdot P(\bar{C}) \\&= (0.05)(0.05)(0.05) \\&= 0.000125\end{aligned}$$

What is the probability that at least one of the three receive a correct diagnosis?

$$\begin{aligned}P(\text{at least 1}) &= 1 - P(\bar{C}\bar{C}\bar{C}) = 1 - 0.000125 \\&= 0.999875\end{aligned}$$

Or add up probabilities from the first 7 branch path cases (the places where 1 or more are correct)

## Set 8 - Random Variables

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### Stat 260 Lecture Notes Set 8 - Random Variables

$$HHT \\ X = \#\text{ of } H \quad x=2$$

A **random variable (r.v.)** (usually we denote it by  $X$ ) is a function or a rule that assigns a number to each outcome of the experiment. Back in Set 1 we saw that random variables can be discrete or continuous.

can list all possible  $X$  values

The **probability mass function (pmf)**, or **probability distribution**, is a table, formula, or graph that describes the possible values of the r.v. and the probability that each value will occur.

Think of the pmf as a function  $f$ .

$$f(2) = P(X = 2) \quad f(x) = P(X = x)$$

specific values  
function represents a probability

A pmf for a **discrete r.v.**  $X$  must meet the requirements:

1.  $f(x) = P(X = x)$  is defined for all values of  $x$ .
2.  $f(x) = P(X = x) \geq 0$  for all values of  $x$ .
3.  $\sum_{\text{all } x} f(x) = \sum_{\text{all } x} P(X = x) = 1$  (the sum of all probabilities is 1).

Continuous probability distributions are studied in a later Set.

**Example 1:** Dominant writing hands.

Suppose 25% of people are left-handed. Suppose we independently sample 3 people and count how many are right handed.

Let the r.v.  $X$  be the number of right-handed people in the 3 sampled. The possible values of  $X$  are 0, 1, 2, 3.

After some work we can find the pmf:

$x$	0	1	2	3
$f(x) = P(X = x)$	0.015625 $(0.25)^3$	0.140625 $3(0.25)^2(0.75)$	0.421875 $3(0.25)(0.75)^2$	0.421875 $(0.75)^3$

Notice that all probabilities are  $\geq 0$  and that

$$\sum_x f(x) = 0.015625 + 0.140625 + 0.421875 + 0.421875 = 1.$$

(a) Find  $P(X = 2)$ .

(b) Find  $P(X \geq 1)$ .

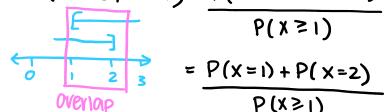
(c) Find  $P(X \leq 2 | X \geq 1)$ .

a)  $P(X=2) = 0.421875$

b)  $P(X \geq 1) = P(X=1) + P(X=2) + P(X=3)$   
 $= 0.140625 + 0.421875 + 0.421875$

Or  $P(X \geq 1) = 1 - P(X=0) = 1 - 0.015625 = 0.984375$

c)  $P(X \leq 2 | X \geq 1) = \frac{P(X \leq 2 \cap X \geq 1)}{P(X \geq 1)} = \frac{P(1 \leq X \leq 2)}{P(X \geq 1)}$



$$= \frac{P(X=1) + P(X=2)}{P(X \geq 1)}$$

$$= \frac{0.140625 + 0.421875}{0.984375} = 0.5714$$

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The **cumulative distribution function** (cdf) of a r.v.  $X$  is defined as  $F(x) = P(X \leq x)$ .

So for a value  $c$ ,  $F(c) = P(X \leq c) = \sum_{x \leq c} P(X = x) = \sum_{x \leq c} f(x)$ .

$$F(2) = P(X \leq 2) = P(X=0) + P(X=1) + P(X=2)$$

**Example 2:** Find the cdf for the dominant writing hand example.

pmf

$x$	$f(x) = P(X=x)$
0	0.015625
1	0.140625
2	0.421875
3	0.421875

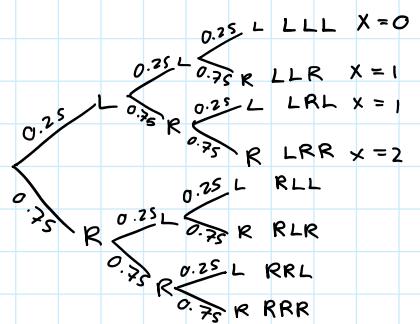
$\Rightarrow$  cdf

$x$	$F(x) = P(X \leq x)$
0	0.015625
1	0.15625
2	0.578125
3	1 → last entry of cdf table is 1

$$F(0) = P(X \leq 0) = P(X=0) = f(0) = 0.015625$$

$$F(1) = P(X \leq 1) = P(X=0) + P(X=1) = f(0) + f(1) = 0.015625 + 0.140625 = 0.15625$$

$$F(2) = P(X \leq 2) = P(X=0) + P(X=1) + P(X=2) = 0.578125$$



Won't always be the same, just because of the specific numbers in this example

pmf  $f(x) = P(X=x)$

cdf  $F(x) = P(X \leq x)$

$cdf \Rightarrow pmf$

Example 3: The cdf for an experiment is given below. Find the pmf.

$x$	$F(x) = P(X \leq x)$	$\underline{pmf}$	$x$	$f(x) = P(X=x)$
0	0.15		0	0.15
1	0.38		1	0.23
2	0.74		2	0.36
3	0.92		3	0.18
4	0.98		4	0.06
5	1		5	0.02

} Probabilities sum to 1

$$f(3) = P(X=3) = P(X \leq 3) - P(X \leq 2) \\ = 0.92 - 0.74 = 0.18$$

Example 4: Using the distribution from Example 3, find:

(a)  $P(X=2)$

a)  $P(X=2) = 0.36$   
pmf

(b)  $P(X \geq 3)$

b)  $P(X \geq 3) = P(X \leq 5) - P(X \leq 2)$   
 $= 1 - 0.74$   
 $= 0.26$

c)  $P(1 < X \leq 4) = P(2 \leq X \leq 4) = P(X \leq 4) - P(X \leq 1)$   
 $= 0.98 - 0.38$   
 $= 0.6$

Rules for discrete r.v.s:

- $P(X \geq x) = 1 - P(X < x)$
- $P(X > x) = 1 - P(X \leq x)$
- $P(a \leq X \leq b) = P(X \leq b) - P(X < a)$

# Set 9 - Expected Value

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## Stat 260 Lecture Notes Set 9 - Expected Value

Let  $X$  be a random variable. The **expected value** of  $X$ , denoted  $E(X)$ , is the long-run theoretical average value of  $X$ .

**Example 1:** Suppose we had a population of values:

$$X : 2, 4, 6, 6, 4, 4, 2, 3, 5, 5$$

Find the population mean and find the pmf for this distribution.

$$\text{mean: } M = \frac{2+4+6+6+4+4+2+3+5+5}{10} = 4.1$$

$$= \frac{(2+2)+3+(4+4+4)+(5+5)+(6+6)}{10}$$

$$= \frac{2 \cdot 2 + 3 \cdot 1 + 4 \cdot 3 + 5 \cdot 2 + 6 \cdot 2}{10}$$

$$= 2\left(\frac{2}{10}\right) + 3\left(\frac{1}{10}\right) + 4\left(\frac{3}{10}\right) + 5\left(\frac{2}{10}\right) + 6\left(\frac{2}{10}\right)$$

connection b/w  
mean and pmf

pmf:

$x$	2	3	4	5	6
$f(x)$	$\frac{2}{10}$	$\frac{1}{10}$	$\frac{3}{10}$	$\frac{2}{10}$	$\frac{2}{10}$

**Definition:** Let  $X$  be a discrete random variable with pmf  $f(x)$ . The **expected value** or **mean value** of  $X$  is given by

$$\mu = E(X) = \sum_{\text{all } x} x \cdot f(x) = \sum_{\text{all } x} x \cdot P(X = x)$$

Note: Sometimes we write  $\mu_X$  to clarify that we are talking about the r.v.  $X$ .

**Example 2:** A one-year life insurance policy of \$250,000 is sold to an 18 year old person for \$350. According to Vital Statistics, the probability that an 18 year old will live another year is 0.998936. What is the expected value of the policy to the life insurance company?

$$E(x)$$

r.v.  $X = \text{how much money company makes}$

	person lives	person dies
$x$	350	$350 - 250,000$
$f(x)$	0.998936	0.001064

$$\begin{aligned} E(x) &= \sum x \cdot f(x) \\ &= 350(0.998936) + (350 - 250,000)(0.001064) \\ &= 84 \end{aligned}$$

So in the long run, on average the company makes \$84 for every policy sold to an 18 year old.

\*if  $E(x)$  was negative means company is losing money on average.

We can find the expected value for a function of  $X$ .

**Example 3:** Suppose we have the discrete random variable  $X$  with pmf:

	$x^2 + 5$	$2x^2 + 5$	$4x^2 + 5$	$6x^2 + 5$	
$x^2$	$25^2$	$45^2$	$65^2$		
$x$	25	45	65		# of units sold
$f(x)$	1/2	1/3	1/6		price = $3x + 7$ expected cost = $E(3x + 7)$

- (a) Find  $E(X)$ .
- (b) Find  $E(X^2)$ .
- (c) Find  $E(X^2 + 5)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} a) E(x) &= \sum x \cdot f(x) \\ &= 25\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + 45\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) + 65\left(\frac{1}{6}\right) \\ &= \frac{115}{3} = 38.33 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} b) E(x^2) &= \sum x^2 \cdot f(x) \rightarrow \text{only square the } x, \text{ not } f(x) \\ &= 25^2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + 45^2\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) + 65^2\left(\frac{1}{6}\right) \\ &= 1691.67 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} c) E(x^2 + 5) &= \sum (x^2 + 5) \cdot f(x) \\ &= (25^2 + 5)\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + (45^2 + 5)\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) + (65^2 + 5)\left(\frac{1}{6}\right) \\ &= 1696.67 \end{aligned}$$

$$E(x^2 + 5) = E(x^2) + 5$$

Notice then that for  $g(x)$  (a function of the r.v.  $X$ ) we have that  $E(g(x)) = \sum_{\text{all } x} g(x) \cdot f(x)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} E(g(x)) &= \sum g(x) \cdot f(x) \\ E(\sqrt{x}) &= \sum \sqrt{x} \cdot f(x) \end{aligned}$$

↑  
probabilities

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$$S^2 =$$

$$r =$$

## Set 10 - Variance, and Expected Value and Variance Rules

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### Stat 260 Lecture Notes

#### Set 10 - Variance, and Expected Value and Variance Rules

The variance of a r.v.  $X$  with pmf  $f(x)$  is  $\sigma^2$

$$\begin{aligned} V(X) = \sigma_X^2 = \sigma^2 &= E((X - \mu)^2) \\ &= \sum_{\text{all } x} (x - \mu)^2 \cdot f(x) \\ &= \sum_{\text{all } x} (x - \mu)^2 \cdot P(X = x) \end{aligned}$$

**Example 1:** The discrete random variable  $X$  has pmf as follows:

$x$	25	45	65
$f(x)$	1/2	1/3	1/6

Find the variance of  $X$ . That is, find  $V(X)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} V(X) &= E((X - \mu)^2) \\ \mu &= E(X) = \sum x \cdot f(x) = 25(\frac{1}{2}) + 45(\frac{1}{3}) + 65(\frac{1}{6}) = \frac{115}{3} = 38.33 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} V(X) &= E((X - \mu)^2) = \sum (x - \mu)^2 \cdot f(x) \\ &= (25 - 38.33)^2(\frac{1}{2}) + (45 - 38.33)^2(\frac{1}{3}) + (65 - 38.33)^2(\frac{1}{6}) \\ &= 222.22 \end{aligned}$$

There is a shortcut formula to calculate  $V(X)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 V(X) &= E(X^2) - (E(X))^2 && \text{In general} \\
 &= E(X^2) - \mu^2 && E(x^2) \neq (E(x))^2 \\
 &= \left( \sum_{\text{all } x} x^2 \cdot f(x) \right) - \mu^2 && \text{on formula sheet}
 \end{aligned}$$

**Example 2:** Calculate  $V(X)$  from Example 1 again, but use the shortcut formula.

pmf	$x$	25	45	65
	$f(x)$	1/2	1/3	1/6

$$V(X) = E(x^2) - (E(x))^2$$

$$E(x) = \sum x \cdot f(x) = 38.33$$

$$E(x^2) = \sum x^2 \cdot f(x) = 1691.67$$

$$V(X) = 1691.67 - (38.33)^2 = 222.4811$$

without rounding: 222.22

variance  $\geq 0$

Recall: standard deviation =  $\sqrt{\text{variance}}$ .

The standard deviation of r.v.  $X$  is  $\sigma_X = \sigma = \sqrt{\sigma_X^2} = \sqrt{V(X)}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{In the last example, } \sigma &= \sqrt{V(x)} = \sqrt{222.22} \\
 &= \sqrt{222.22} \\
 &= 14.9071
 \end{aligned}$$

Standard deviation  $\geq 0$

$M$  and  $E(x)$  are the same

### Rules for Expected Value:

- for a constant  $c$ ,  $E(X + c) = E(X) + c$
- $E(c) = c$  average of all same number just is that number
- $E(cX) = c \cdot E(X)$  can pull out constant

can add constant  
on outside

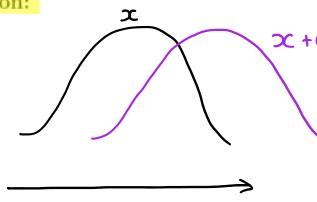
Putting these together we get the rule

$$E(aX + b) = a \cdot E(X) + b \rightarrow \text{all the rules in one!}$$

where  $a$  and  $b$  are constants.

### Rules for Variance and Standard Deviation:

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <b>Variance</b><br>• for a constant $c$ , $V(X + c) = V(X)$<br>• $V(c) = 0$ no spread<br>• $V(cX) = c^2 \cdot V(X)$ have to square if taking constant out | <b>Standard deviation</b><br><b>Variance</b><br>• $\sigma_{X+c} = \sigma_X$<br>• $\sigma_c = 0$ (so SD rules are just $\sqrt$ of variance rules)<br>• $\sigma_{cX} =  c  \cdot \sigma_X$<br>$\underbrace{\sigma \geq 0}$ |
|---|--|



Variance: how spread out is data from the mean  
 $\hookrightarrow$  moving over doesn't change spread

Putting these together we get the rules

$$V(aX + b) = V(aX) = a^2 V(X) \quad \text{one line versions}$$

$$\sigma_{aX+b} = \sigma_{aX} = |a| \cdot \sigma_X$$

where  $a$  and  $b$  are constants.

**Rule:** For random variables  $X$  and  $Y$ , we have that  $E(X + Y) = E(X) + E(Y)$ .  $\rightarrow$  can add separately

**Rule:** For random variables  $X$  and  $Y$  that are independent, we have that  $V(X + Y) = V(X) + V(Y)$ .

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{adding} \\ \text{rules} \end{array} \right.$

**Example 3:** Say  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are all random variables with expected value  $\mu$ .  $E(X_1) = E(X_2) = \dots = E(X_n) = \mu$

Look at  $\bar{X} = \frac{X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n}{n}$ .

Find  $E(\bar{X})$ .

$$\begin{aligned} E(\bar{X}) &= E\left(\frac{X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n}{n}\right) = E\left(\frac{X_1}{n} + \frac{X_2}{n} + \dots + \frac{X_n}{n}\right) \\ &= E\left(\frac{X_1}{n}\right) + E\left(\frac{X_2}{n}\right) + \dots + E\left(\frac{X_n}{n}\right) \\ &= E\left(\frac{1}{n} \cdot X_1\right) + E\left(\frac{1}{n} \cdot X_2\right) + \dots + E\left(\frac{1}{n} \cdot X_n\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{n} E(X_1) + \frac{1}{n} E(X_2) + \dots + \frac{1}{n} E(X_n) \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \mu + \frac{1}{n} \mu + \dots + \frac{1}{n} \mu \\ &= n \cdot \frac{1}{n} \cdot \mu \\ &= \mu \end{aligned}$$

So  $E(\bar{X}) = \mu = E(X)$ . ■

expected value of average  
is same as expected value  
of single  $X$ .

Therefore we have the rule that  $E(\bar{X}) = \mu_{\bar{X}} = \mu$ . Following similar arguments (and using a couple extra assumptions) we can show the rules that

$$V(\bar{X}) = \frac{\sigma_X^2}{n} \text{ and } \sigma_{\bar{X}} = \frac{\sigma_X}{\sqrt{n}}$$

(Remember for notation:  $V(X) = \sigma_X^2$  and  $\sigma_X = \sigma$ .)

We will use these rules lots in our later Sets!

## Set 11 - The Binomial Distribution

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### Stat 260 Lecture Notes Set 11 - The Binomial Distribution

Let's revisit two examples we've seen in previous sets.

**Example (Set 7):** A diagnostic test is correct 95% of the time. Suppose 3 people are independently tested. What is the probability that exactly two of the three receive a correct diagnosis?

**Example (Set 8):** Suppose 25% of people are left-handed. Suppose we independently sample 3 people and count how many are right-handed. What is the probability that exactly two people are right handed?

Both these questions can be solved by using a tree diagram. We want to generalize the solution for these common question setups.

In these questions the random variable  $X$  = the number of "successes" in the 3 trials.

In the Set 7 question success = correct diagnosis.

In the Set 8 question success = right-handed.

These are **binomial experiments**.  $X$  is a **binomial random variable**.

We have a binomial experiment if:

1. There is a fixed number of trials,  $n$ .  $n = 3$
2. Each trial results in one of two possible outcomes: a success (S) or a failure (F).
3. The trials are independent and the probability of success in each trial is the same.  
*In right-handed example:*  
 $p = P(\text{success in a single trial})$   $P(\text{right-handed}) = 0.75$   
 $1 - p = P(\text{failure in a single trial})$   $1 - p = P(\text{left-handed}) = 0.25$
4. The random variable  $X$  counts the number of successes in  $n$  trials.  
*"X is distributed as"*

If  $X$  is a binomial random variable we write  $X \sim \text{binomial}(n, p)$ .

Each trial of a binomial experiment is a **Bernoulli trial** - there are only two outcomes.

The pmf for a binomial random variable  $X$  is given by the formula

$$f(x) = P(X = x) = \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x}$$

prob.  $x$  successes  
on formula sheet

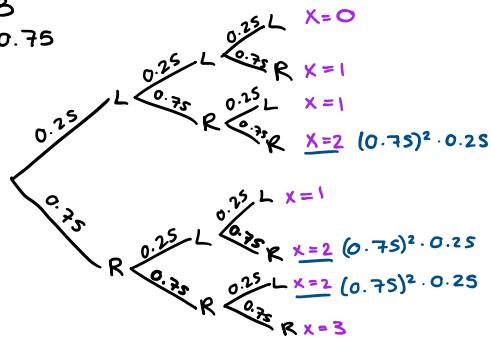
prob all other  $n-x$

where  $x = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

$X = \# \text{ of right-handed}$

$n=3$

$p=0.75$



"n choose x"

branches w/  
 $x$  successes

Look at  $P(X=2)$ :

$$P(X=2) = 3 \cdot (0.75)^2 \cdot 0.25$$

probability of  
2 right-handed

# of branches  
where  $x=2$

probability of other  
1 is left-handed

From counting:  $\binom{n}{x} = \frac{n!}{x!(n-x)!}$

counts # of ways to select  $x$  objects from  
a collection of  $n$  objects.

nC on calculator  
(above 5)

$\rightarrow$   $n$  trials, which  $x$  of them  
are successes

We looked at the pmf of the right handed example in Set 8. Check that this pmf for the binomial distribution also gives the values in the pmf table we found there.

**Example 1:** A carrier of TB has a 10% chance of passing on the disease to strangers. Suppose a carrier is in close contact with 20 strangers in a day.

→ independence

- What is the probability that at least one of the strangers contracts the disease?
- If at least one stranger gets the disease, what is the probability that at most three get the disease?

What is the random variable?

$X = \# \text{ of people who get the disease.}$

$X$  is binomial  $n = 20$  "success" = gets the disease  
 $p = 0.10$  ↳ fixed # of trials ↳ only 2 options (gets it or doesn't)

↳ equal chance for each trial

→ wrong the complement

$$a) P(X \geq 1) = 1 - P(X=0)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 1 - \binom{20}{0} (0.10)^0 (0.90)^{20} \quad f(x) = \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x} \\ &= 1 - 0.1216 \\ &= 0.8784 \end{aligned}$$

$$b) P(X \leq 3 | X \geq 1) = \frac{P(X \leq 3 \cap X \geq 1)}{P(X \geq 1)} = \frac{P(1 \leq X \leq 3)}{P(X \geq 1)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{P(X=1) + P(X=2) + P(X=3)}{P(X \geq 1)} \\ &= \frac{\binom{20}{1} (0.1)^1 (0.9)^{19} + \binom{20}{2} (0.1)^2 (0.9)^{18} + \binom{20}{3} (0.1)^3 (0.9)^{17}}{0.8784} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{0.2702 + 0.2852 + 0.1901}{0.8784} \\ &= 0.8487 \end{aligned}$$

Rules for the binomial distribution:

- $E(X) = n \cdot p$
- $V(X) = n \cdot p(1 - p)$
- $\sigma_X = \sqrt{n \cdot p(1 - p)}$

$$\sigma = \sqrt{V(X)}$$

$$\frac{x}{f(x)}$$

~~don't use  
if you know  
it's binomial~~

In Example 1, the expected number of the 20 strangers who contract the disease is:

$$E(X) = 20(0.10) = 2$$

$n$        $p$

For the cdf of a binomial random variable  $X$  we have tables with results already calculated (see page 1 of the stats table package).

pmf:  $P(x=x) = \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x}$

Cdf:  $P(x \leq x)$  Stat table

**Example 2:** Suppose we have a binomial experiment with  $n = 15$ ,  $p = 0.3$ , and the random variable  $X$  counts the number of successes. Find:

- (a)  $P(X \leq 4)$
- (b)  $P(X < 2)$
- (c)  $P(X = 5)$
- (d)  $P(X \leq 7 | X \geq 5)$

$$a) P(X \leq 4) = 0.5155 \text{ from stat tables}$$

↑  
cdf

Note: if  $p=0.37$  (or any photon on the table) then do the calculation by hand

$$b) P(X < 2) = P(X \leq 1) = 0.0363$$

↑  
cdf

$$c) P(X = 5) = \binom{15}{5} (0.3)^5 (0.7)^{10} = 0.2061$$

pmf  
OR

$$\begin{aligned} P(X = 5) &= P(X \leq 5) - P(X \leq 4) \rightarrow \text{using stat tables} \\ &= 0.7216 - 0.5155 \\ &= 0.2061 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} d) P(X \leq 7 | X \geq 5) &= \frac{P(X \leq 7 \wedge X \geq 5)}{P(X \geq 5)} = \frac{P(5 \leq X \leq 7)}{P(X \geq 5)} \\ &= \frac{P(X \leq 7) - P(X \leq 4)}{1 - P(X \leq 4)} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{convert to cdf} \\ \text{using complement} \end{matrix} \\ &= \frac{0.9500 - 0.5155}{1 - 0.5155} \quad \text{from stat table} \\ &= 0.8968 \end{aligned}$$

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Table A.1 Binomial Probability Sums  $\sum_{x=0}^r b(x; n, p)$

What if  $P = 0.37$ ?  
↳ do calculation by hand

n	r	p									
		0.10	0.20	0.25	0.30	0.40	0.50	0.60	0.70	0.80	0.90
1	0	0.9000	0.8000	0.7500	0.7000	0.6000	0.5000	0.4000	0.3000	0.2000	0.1000
	1	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
2	0	0.8100	0.6400	0.5625	0.4900	0.3600	0.2500	0.1600	0.0900	0.0400	0.0100
	1	0.9900	0.9600	0.9375	0.9100	0.8400	0.7500	0.6400	0.5100	0.3600	0.1900
	2	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
3	0	0.7290	0.5120	0.4219	0.3430	0.2160	0.1250	0.0640	0.0270	0.0080	0.0010
	1	0.9720	0.8960	0.8438	0.7840	0.6480	0.5000	0.3520	0.2160	0.1040	0.0280
	2	0.9990	0.9920	0.9844	0.9730	0.9360	0.8750	0.7840	0.6570	0.4880	0.2710
	3	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
4	0	0.6561	0.4096	0.3164	0.2401	0.1296	0.0625	0.0256	0.0081	0.0016	0.0001
	1	0.9477	0.8192	0.7383	0.6517	0.4752	0.3125	0.1792	0.0837	0.0272	0.0037
	2	0.9963	0.9728	0.9492	0.9163	0.8208	0.6875	0.5248	0.3483	0.1808	0.0523
	3	0.9999	0.9984	0.9961	0.9919	0.9744	0.9375	0.8704	0.7599	0.5904	0.3439
	4	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
5	0	0.5905	0.3277	0.2373	0.1681	0.0778	0.0313	0.0102	0.0024	0.0003	0.0000
	1	0.9185	0.7373	0.6328	0.5282	0.3370	0.1875	0.0870	0.0308	0.0067	0.0005
	2	0.9914	0.9421	0.8965	0.8369	0.6826	0.5000	0.3174	0.1631	0.0579	0.0086
	3	0.9995	0.9933	0.9844	0.9692	0.9130	0.8125	0.6630	0.4718	0.2627	0.0815
	4	1.0000	0.9997	0.9990	0.9976	0.9898	0.9688	0.9222	0.8319	0.6723	0.4095
	5	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
6	0	0.5314	0.2621	0.1780	0.1176	0.0467	0.0156	0.0041	0.0007	0.0001	0.0000
	1	0.8857	0.6554	0.5339	0.4202	0.2333	0.1094	0.0410	0.0109	0.0016	0.0001
	2	0.9842	0.9011	0.8306	0.7443	0.5443	0.3438	0.1792	0.0705	0.0170	0.0013
	3	0.9987	0.9830	0.9624	0.9295	0.8208	0.6563	0.4557	0.2557	0.0989	0.0159
	4	0.9999	0.9984	0.9954	0.9891	0.9590	0.8906	0.7667	0.5798	0.3446	0.1143
	5	1.0000	0.9999	0.9998	0.9993	0.9959	0.9844	0.9533	0.8824	0.7379	0.4686
	6	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
7	0	0.4783	0.2097	0.1335	0.0824	0.0280	0.0078	0.0016	0.0002	0.0000	
	1	0.8503	0.5767	0.4449	0.3294	0.1586	0.0625	0.0188	0.0038	0.0004	0.0000
	2	0.9743	0.8520	0.7564	0.6471	0.4199	0.2266	0.0963	0.0288	0.0047	0.0002
	3	0.9973	0.9667	0.9294	0.8740	0.7102	0.5000	0.2898	0.1260	0.0333	0.0027
	4	0.9998	0.9953	0.9871	0.9712	0.9037	0.7734	0.5801	0.3529	0.1480	0.0257
	5	1.0000	0.9996	0.9987	0.9962	0.9812	0.9375	0.8414	0.6706	0.4233	0.1497
	6		1.0000	0.9999	0.9998	0.9984	0.9922	0.9720	0.9176	0.7903	0.5217
	7			1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000

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**Table A.1 (continued) Binomial Probability Sums  $\sum_{x=0}^r b(x; n, p)$**

<i>n</i>	<i>r</i>	<i>p</i>									
		0.10	0.20	0.25	0.30	0.40	0.50	0.60	0.70	0.80	0.90
8	0	0.4305	0.1678	0.1001	0.0576	0.0168	0.0039	0.0007	0.0001	0.0000	
	1	0.8131	0.5033	0.3671	0.2553	0.1064	0.0352	0.0085	0.0013	0.0001	
	2	0.9619	0.7969	0.6785	0.5518	0.3154	0.1445	0.0498	0.0113	0.0012	0.0000
	3	0.9950	0.9437	0.8862	0.8059	0.5941	0.3633	0.1737	0.0580	0.0104	0.0004
	4	0.9996	0.9896	0.9727	0.9420	0.8263	0.6367	0.4059	0.1941	0.0563	0.0050
	5	1.0000	0.9988	0.9958	0.9887	0.9502	0.8555	0.6846	0.4482	0.2031	0.0381
	6		0.9999	0.9996	0.9987	0.9915	0.9648	0.8936	0.7447	0.4967	0.1869
	7		1.0000	1.0000	0.9999	0.9993	0.9961	0.9832	0.9424	0.8322	0.5695
9	8			1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
	0	0.3874	0.1342	0.0751	0.0404	0.0101	0.0020	0.0003	0.0000		
	1	0.7748	0.4362	0.3003	0.1960	0.0705	0.0195	0.0038	0.0004	0.0000	
	2	0.9470	0.7382	0.6007	0.4628	0.2318	0.0898	0.0250	0.0043	0.0003	0.0000
	3	0.9917	0.9144	0.8343	0.7297	0.4826	0.2539	0.0994	0.0253	0.0031	0.0001
	4	0.9991	0.9804	0.9511	0.9012	0.7334	0.5000	0.2666	0.0988	0.0196	0.0009
	5	0.9999	0.9969	0.9900	0.9747	0.9006	0.7461	0.5174	0.2703	0.0856	0.0083
	6	1.0000	0.9997	0.9987	0.9957	0.9750	0.9102	0.7682	0.5372	0.2618	0.0530
10	7		1.0000	0.9999	0.9996	0.9962	0.9805	0.9295	0.8040	0.5638	0.2252
	8			1.0000	1.0000	0.9997	0.9980	0.9899	0.9596	0.8658	0.6126
	9				1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
	0	0.3487	0.1074	0.0563	0.0282	0.0060	0.0010	0.0001	0.0000		
	1	0.7361	0.3758	0.2440	0.1493	0.0464	0.0107	0.0017	0.0001	0.0000	
	2	0.9298	0.6778	0.5256	0.3828	0.1673	0.0547	0.0123	0.0016	0.0001	
	3	0.9872	0.8791	0.7759	0.6496	0.3823	0.1719	0.0548	0.0106	0.0009	0.0000
	4	0.9984	0.9672	0.9219	0.8497	0.6331	0.3770	0.1662	0.0473	0.0064	0.0001
11	5	0.9999	0.9936	0.9803	0.9527	0.8338	0.6230	0.3669	0.1503	0.0328	0.0016
	6	1.0000	0.9991	0.9965	0.9894	0.9452	0.8281	0.6177	0.3504	0.1209	0.0128
	7		0.9999	0.9996	0.9984	0.9877	0.9453	0.8327	0.6172	0.3222	0.0702
	8		1.0000	1.0000	0.9999	0.9983	0.9893	0.9536	0.8507	0.6242	0.2639
	9			1.0000	0.9999	0.9999	0.9990	0.9940	0.9718	0.8926	0.6513
	10				1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
	0	0.3138	0.0859	0.0422	0.0198	0.0036	0.0005	0.0000			
	1	0.6974	0.3221	0.1971	0.1130	0.0302	0.0059	0.0007	0.0000		
12	2	0.9104	0.6174	0.4552	0.3127	0.1189	0.0327	0.0059	0.0006	0.0000	
	3	0.9815	0.8389	0.7133	0.5696	0.2963	0.1133	0.0293	0.0043	0.0002	
	4	0.9972	0.9496	0.8854	0.7897	0.5328	0.2744	0.0994	0.0216	0.0020	0.0000
	5	0.9997	0.9883	0.9657	0.9218	0.7535	0.5000	0.2465	0.0782	0.0117	0.0003
	6	1.0000	0.9980	0.9924	0.9784	0.9006	0.7256	0.4672	0.2103	0.0504	0.0028
	7		0.9998	0.9988	0.9957	0.9707	0.8867	0.7037	0.4304	0.1611	0.0185
	8		1.0000	0.9999	0.9994	0.9941	0.9673	0.8811	0.6873	0.3826	0.0896
	9			1.0000	1.0000	0.9993	0.9941	0.9698	0.8870	0.6779	0.3026
13	10				1.0000	0.9995	0.9964	0.9802	0.9141	0.6862	
	11					1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000

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**Table A.1 (continued) Binomial Probability Sums  $\sum_{x=0}^r b(x; n, p)$**

n	r	p									
		0.10	0.20	0.25	0.30	0.40	0.50	0.60	0.70	0.80	0.90
12	0	0.2824	0.0687	0.0317	0.0138	0.0022	0.0002	0.0000			
	1	0.6590	0.2749	0.1584	0.0850	0.0196	0.0032	0.0003	0.0000		
	2	0.8891	0.5583	0.3907	0.2528	0.0834	0.0193	0.0028	0.0002	0.0000	
	3	0.9744	0.7946	0.6488	0.4925	0.2253	0.0730	0.0153	0.0017	0.0001	
	4	0.9957	0.9274	0.8424	0.7237	0.4382	0.1938	0.0573	0.0095	0.0006	0.0000
	5	0.9995	0.9806	0.9456	0.8822	0.6652	0.3872	0.1582	0.0386	0.0039	0.0001
	6	0.9999	0.9961	0.9857	0.9614	0.8418	0.6128	0.3348	0.1178	0.0194	0.0005
	7	1.0000	0.9994	0.9972	0.9905	0.9427	0.8062	0.5618	0.2763	0.0726	0.0043
	8		0.9999	0.9996	0.9983	0.9847	0.9270	0.7747	0.5075	0.2054	0.0256
	9		1.0000	1.0000	0.9998	0.9972	0.9807	0.9166	0.7472	0.4417	0.1109
	10				1.0000	0.9997	0.9968	0.9804	0.9150	0.7251	0.3410
	11					1.0000	0.9998	0.9978	0.9862	0.9313	0.7176
	12						1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
13	0	0.2542	0.0550	0.0238	0.0097	0.0013	0.0001	0.0000			
	1	0.6213	0.2336	0.1267	0.0637	0.0126	0.0017	0.0001	0.0000		
	2	0.8661	0.5017	0.3326	0.2025	0.0579	0.0112	0.0013	0.0001		
	3	0.9658	0.7473	0.5843	0.4206	0.1686	0.0461	0.0078	0.0007	0.0000	
	4	0.9935	0.9009	0.7940	0.6543	0.3530	0.1334	0.0321	0.0040	0.0002	
	5	0.9991	0.9700	0.9198	0.8346	0.5744	0.2905	0.0977	0.0182	0.0012	0.0000
	6	0.9999	0.9930	0.9757	0.9376	0.7712	0.5000	0.2288	0.0624	0.0070	0.0001
	7	1.0000	0.9988	0.9944	0.9818	0.9023	0.7095	0.4256	0.1654	0.0300	0.0009
	8		0.9998	0.9990	0.9960	0.9679	0.8666	0.6470	0.3457	0.0991	0.0065
	9		1.0000	0.9999	0.9993	0.9922	0.9539	0.8314	0.5794	0.2527	0.0342
	10			1.0000	0.9999	0.9987	0.9888	0.9421	0.7975	0.4983	0.1339
	11				1.0000	0.9999	0.9983	0.9874	0.9363	0.7664	0.3787
	12					1.0000	0.9999	0.9987	0.9903	0.9450	0.7458
	13						1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
14	0	0.2288	0.0440	0.0178	0.0068	0.0008	0.0001	0.0000			
	1	0.5846	0.1979	0.1010	0.0475	0.0081	0.0009	0.0001			
	2	0.8416	0.4481	0.2811	0.1608	0.0398	0.0065	0.0006	0.0000		
	3	0.9559	0.6982	0.5213	0.3552	0.1243	0.0287	0.0039	0.0002		
	4	0.9908	0.8702	0.7415	0.5842	0.2793	0.0898	0.0175	0.0017	0.0000	
	5	0.9985	0.9561	0.8883	0.7805	0.4859	0.2120	0.0583	0.0083	0.0004	
	6	0.9998	0.9884	0.9617	0.9067	0.6925	0.3953	0.1501	0.0315	0.0024	0.0000
	7	1.0000	0.9976	0.9897	0.9685	0.8499	0.6047	0.3075	0.0933	0.0116	0.0002
	8		0.9996	0.9978	0.9917	0.9417	0.7880	0.5141	0.2195	0.0439	0.0015
	9		1.0000	0.9997	0.9983	0.9825	0.9102	0.7207	0.4158	0.1298	0.0092
	10			1.0000	0.9998	0.9961	0.9713	0.8757	0.6448	0.3018	0.0441
	11				1.0000	0.9994	0.9935	0.9602	0.8392	0.5519	0.1584
	12					0.9999	0.9991	0.9919	0.9525	0.8021	0.4154
	13						0.9999	0.9992	0.9932	0.9560	0.7712
	14							1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000

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**Table A.1 (continued) Binomial Probability Sums  $\sum_{x=0}^r b(x; n, p)$**

<i>n</i>	<i>r</i>	<i>p</i>									
		0.10	0.20	0.25	0.30	0.40	0.50	0.60	0.70	0.80	0.90
15	0	0.2059	0.0352	0.0134	0.0047	0.0005	0.0000				
	1	0.5490	0.1671	0.0802	0.0353	0.0052	0.0005	0.0000			
	2	0.8159	0.3980	0.2361	0.1268	0.0271	0.0037	0.0003	0.0000		
	3	0.9444	0.6482	0.4613	0.2969	0.0905	0.0176	0.0019	0.0001		
	4	0.9873	0.8358	0.6865	0.5155	0.2173	0.0592	0.0093	0.0007	0.0000	
	5	0.9978	0.9389	0.8516	0.7216	0.4032	0.1509	0.0338	0.0037	0.0001	
	6	0.9997	0.9819	0.9434	0.8689	0.6098	0.3036	0.0950	0.0152	0.0008	
	7	1.0000	0.9958	0.9827	0.9500	0.7869	0.5000	0.2131	0.0500	0.0042	0.0000
	8		0.9992	0.9958	0.9848	0.9050	0.6964	0.3902	0.1311	0.0181	0.0003
	9		0.9999	0.9992	0.9963	0.9662	0.8491	0.5968	0.2784	0.0611	0.0022
	10		1.0000	0.9999	0.9993	0.9907	0.9408	0.7827	0.4845	0.1642	0.0127
	11			1.0000	0.9999	0.9981	0.9824	0.9095	0.7031	0.3518	0.0556
	12				1.0000	0.9997	0.9963	0.9729	0.8732	0.6020	0.1841
	13					1.0000	0.9995	0.9948	0.9647	0.8329	0.4510
	14						1.0000	0.9995	0.9953	0.9648	0.7941
	15							1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
16	0	0.1853	0.0281	0.0100	0.0033	0.0003	0.0000				
	1	0.5147	0.1407	0.0635	0.0261	0.0033	0.0003	0.0000			
	2	0.7892	0.3518	0.1971	0.0994	0.0183	0.0021	0.0001			
	3	0.9316	0.5981	0.4050	0.2459	0.0651	0.0106	0.0009	0.0000		
	4	0.9830	0.7982	0.6302	0.4499	0.1666	0.0384	0.0049	0.0003		
	5	0.9967	0.9183	0.8103	0.6598	0.3288	0.1051	0.0191	0.0016	0.0000	
	6	0.9995	0.9733	0.9204	0.8247	0.5272	0.2272	0.0583	0.0071	0.0002	
	7	0.9999	0.9930	0.9729	0.9256	0.7161	0.4018	0.1423	0.0257	0.0015	0.0000
	8	1.0000	0.9985	0.9925	0.9743	0.8577	0.5982	0.2839	0.0744	0.0070	0.0001
	9		0.9998	0.9984	0.9929	0.9417	0.7728	0.4728	0.1753	0.0267	0.0005
	10		1.0000	0.9997	0.9984	0.9809	0.8949	0.6712	0.3402	0.0817	0.0033
	11			1.0000	0.9997	0.9951	0.9616	0.8334	0.5501	0.2018	0.0170
	12				1.0000	0.9991	0.9894	0.9349	0.7541	0.4019	0.0684
	13					0.9999	0.9979	0.9817	0.9006	0.6482	0.2108
	14					1.0000	0.9997	0.9967	0.9739	0.8593	0.4853
	15						1.0000	0.9997	0.9967	0.9719	0.8147
	16							1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000

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**Table A.1 (continued) Binomial Probability Sums  $\sum_{x=0}^r b(x; n, p)$**

n	r	p									
		0.10	0.20	0.25	0.30	0.40	0.50	0.60	0.70	0.80	0.90
17	0	0.1668	0.0225	0.0075	0.0023	0.0002	0.0000				
	1	0.4818	0.1182	0.0501	0.0193	0.0021	0.0001	0.0000			
	2	0.7618	0.3096	0.1637	0.0774	0.0123	0.0012	0.0001			
	3	0.9174	0.5489	0.3530	0.2019	0.0464	0.0064	0.0005	0.0000		
	4	0.9779	0.7582	0.5739	0.3887	0.1260	0.0245	0.0025	0.0001		
	5	0.9953	0.8943	0.7653	0.5968	0.2639	0.0717	0.0106	0.0007	0.0000	
	6	0.9992	0.9623	0.8929	0.7752	0.4478	0.1662	0.0348	0.0032	0.0001	
	7	0.9999	0.9891	0.9598	0.8954	0.6405	0.3145	0.0919	0.0127	0.0005	
	8	1.0000	0.9974	0.9876	0.9597	0.8011	0.5000	0.1989	0.0403	0.0026	0.0000
	9		0.9995	0.9969	0.9873	0.9081	0.6855	0.3595	0.1046	0.0109	0.0001
	10		0.9999	0.9994	0.9968	0.9652	0.8338	0.5522	0.2248	0.0377	0.0008
	11		1.0000	0.9999	0.9993	0.9894	0.9283	0.7361	0.4032	0.1057	0.0047
	12			1.0000	0.9999	0.9975	0.9755	0.8740	0.6113	0.2418	0.0221
	13				1.0000	0.9995	0.9936	0.9536	0.7981	0.4511	0.0826
	14					0.9999	0.9988	0.9877	0.9226	0.6904	0.2382
	15						1.0000	0.9999	0.9979	0.9807	0.8818
	16							1.0000	0.9998	0.9977	0.9775
	17								1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
18	0	0.1501	0.0180	0.0056	0.0016	0.0001	0.0000				
	1	0.4503	0.0991	0.0395	0.0142	0.0013	0.0001				
	2	0.7338	0.2713	0.1353	0.0600	0.0082	0.0007	0.0000			
	3	0.9018	0.5010	0.3057	0.1646	0.0328	0.0038	0.0002			
	4	0.9718	0.7164	0.5187	0.3327	0.0942	0.0154	0.0013	0.0000		
	5	0.9936	0.8671	0.7175	0.5344	0.2088	0.0481	0.0058	0.0003		
	6	0.9988	0.9487	0.8610	0.7217	0.3743	0.1189	0.0203	0.0014	0.0000	
	7	0.9998	0.9837	0.9431	0.8593	0.5634	0.2403	0.0576	0.0061	0.0002	
	8	1.0000	0.9957	0.9807	0.9404	0.7368	0.4073	0.1347	0.0210	0.0009	
	9		0.9991	0.9946	0.9790	0.8653	0.5927	0.2632	0.0596	0.0043	0.0000
	10		0.9998	0.9988	0.9939	0.9424	0.7597	0.4366	0.1407	0.0163	0.0002
	11		1.0000	0.9998	0.9986	0.9797	0.8811	0.6257	0.2783	0.0513	0.0012
	12			1.0000	0.9997	0.9942	0.9519	0.7912	0.4656	0.1329	0.0064
	13				1.0000	0.9987	0.9846	0.9058	0.6673	0.2836	0.0282
	14					0.9998	0.9962	0.9672	0.8354	0.4990	0.0982
	15						1.0000	0.9993	0.9918	0.9400	0.7287
	16							0.9999	0.9987	0.9858	0.9009
	17								1.0000	0.9999	0.9984
	18									1.0000	1.0000

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**Table A.1 (continued) Binomial Probability Sums  $\sum_{x=0}^r b(x; n, p)$**

n	r	p									
		0.10	0.20	0.25	0.30	0.40	0.50	0.60	0.70	0.80	0.90
19	0	0.1351	0.0144	0.0042	0.0011	0.0001					
	1	0.4203	0.0829	0.0310	0.0104	0.0008	0.0000				
	2	0.7054	0.2369	0.1113	0.0462	0.0055	0.0004	0.0000			
	3	0.8850	0.4551	0.2631	0.1332	0.0230	0.0022	0.0001			
	4	0.9648	0.6733	0.4654	0.2822	0.0696	0.0096	0.0006	0.0000		
	5	0.9914	0.8369	0.6678	0.4739	0.1629	0.0318	0.0031	0.0001		
	6	0.9983	0.9324	0.8251	0.6655	0.3081	0.0835	0.0116	0.0006		
	7	0.9997	0.9767	0.9225	0.8180	0.4878	0.1796	0.0352	0.0028	0.0000	
	8	1.0000	0.9933	0.9713	0.9161	0.6675	0.3238	0.0885	0.0105	0.0003	
	9		0.9984	0.9911	0.9674	0.8139	0.5000	0.1861	0.0326	0.0016	
	10		0.9997	0.9977	0.9895	0.9115	0.6762	0.3325	0.0839	0.0067	0.0000
	11		1.0000	0.9995	0.9972	0.9648	0.8204	0.5122	0.1820	0.0233	0.0003
	12			0.9999	0.9994	0.9884	0.9165	0.6919	0.3345	0.0676	0.0017
	13			1.0000	0.9999	0.9969	0.9682	0.8371	0.5261	0.1631	0.0086
	14				1.0000	0.9994	0.9904	0.9304	0.7178	0.3267	0.0352
	15					0.9999	0.9978	0.9770	0.8668	0.5449	0.1150
	16						1.0000	0.9996	0.9945	0.9538	0.7631
	17							1.0000	0.9992	0.9896	0.9171
	18								0.9999	0.9989	0.9856
	19									1.0000	1.0000
20	0	0.1216	0.0115	0.0032	0.0008	0.0000					
	1	0.3917	0.0692	0.0243	0.0076	0.0005	0.0000				
	2	0.6769	0.2061	0.0913	0.0355	0.0036	0.0002				
	3	0.8670	0.4114	0.2252	0.1071	0.0160	0.0013	0.0000			
	4	0.9568	0.6296	0.4148	0.2375	0.0510	0.0059	0.0003			
	5	0.9887	0.8042	0.6172	0.4164	0.1256	0.0207	0.0016	0.0000		
	6	0.9976	0.9133	0.7858	0.6080	0.2500	0.0577	0.0065	0.0003		
	7	0.9996	0.9679	0.8982	0.7723	0.4159	0.1316	0.0210	0.0013	0.0000	
	8	0.9999	0.9900	0.9591	0.8867	0.5956	0.2517	0.0565	0.0051	0.0001	
	9	1.0000	0.9974	0.9861	0.9520	0.7553	0.4119	0.1275	0.0171	0.0006	
	10		0.9994	0.9961	0.9829	0.8725	0.5881	0.2447	0.0480	0.0026	0.0000
	11		0.9999	0.9991	0.9949	0.9435	0.7483	0.4044	0.1133	0.0100	0.0001
	12		1.0000	0.9998	0.9987	0.9790	0.8684	0.5841	0.2277	0.0321	0.0004
	13			1.0000	0.9997	0.9935	0.9423	0.7500	0.3920	0.0867	0.0024
	14				1.0000	0.9984	0.9793	0.8744	0.5836	0.1958	0.0113
	15					0.9997	0.9941	0.9490	0.7625	0.3704	0.0432
	16						1.0000	0.9987	0.9840	0.8929	0.5886
	17							0.9998	0.9964	0.9645	0.7939
	18								1.0000	0.9995	0.9924
	19									1.0000	0.9992
	20										1.0000

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**Table A.2 Poisson Probability Sums  $\sum_{x=0}^r p(x; \mu)$**

$r$	$\mu$								
	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9
0	0.9048	0.8187	0.7408	0.6703	0.6065	0.5488	0.4966	0.4493	0.4066
1	0.9953	0.9825	0.9631	0.9384	0.9098	0.8781	0.8442	0.8088	0.7725
2	0.9998	0.9989	0.9964	0.9921	0.9856	0.9769	0.9659	0.9526	0.9371
3	1.0000	0.9999	0.9997	0.9992	0.9982	0.9966	0.9942	0.9909	0.9865
4		1.0000	1.0000	0.9999	0.9998	0.9996	0.9992	0.9986	0.9977
5				1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.9999	0.9998	0.9997
6						1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000

$P(X \leq 2)$

$r$	$\mu$								
	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.5	3.0	3.5	4.0	4.5	5.0
0	0.3679	0.2231	0.1353	0.0821	0.0498	0.0302	0.0183	0.0111	0.0067
1	0.7358	0.5578	0.4060	0.2873	0.1991	0.1359	0.0916	0.0611	0.0404
2	0.9197	0.8088	0.6767	0.5438	0.4232	0.3208	0.2381	0.1736	0.1247
3	0.9810	0.9344	0.8571	0.7576	0.6472	0.5366	0.4335	0.3423	0.2650
4	0.9963	0.9814	0.9473	0.8912	0.8153	0.7254	0.6288	0.5321	0.4405
5	0.9994	0.9955	0.9834	0.9580	0.9161	0.8576	0.7851	0.7029	0.6160
6	0.9999	0.9991	0.9955	0.9858	0.9665	0.9347	0.8893	0.8311	0.7622
7	1.0000	0.9998	0.9989	0.9958	0.9881	0.9733	0.9489	0.9134	0.8666
8		1.0000	0.9998	0.9989	0.9962	0.9901	0.9786	0.9597	0.9319
9			1.0000	0.9997	0.9989	0.9967	0.9919	0.9829	0.9682
10				0.9999	0.9997	0.9990	0.9972	0.9933	0.9863
11				1.0000	0.9999	0.9997	0.9991	0.9976	0.9945
12					1.0000	0.9999	0.9997	0.9992	0.9980
13						1.0000	0.9999	0.9997	0.9993
14							1.0000	0.9999	0.9998
15								1.0000	0.9999
16									1.0000

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**Table A.2 (continued) Poisson Probability Sums  $\sum_{x=0}^r p(x; \mu)$**  

$r$	5.5	6.0	6.5	7.0	7.5	8.0	8.5	9.0	9.5
0	0.0041	0.0025	0.0015	0.0009	0.0006	0.0003	0.0002	0.0001	0.0001
1	0.0266	0.0174	0.0113	0.0073	0.0047	0.0030	0.0019	0.0012	0.0008
2	0.0884	0.0620	0.0430	0.0296	0.0203	0.0138	0.0093	0.0062	0.0042
3	0.2017	0.1512	0.1118	0.0818	0.0591	0.0424	0.0301	0.0212	0.0149
4	0.3575	0.2851	0.2237	0.1730	0.1321	0.0996	0.0744	0.0550	0.0403
5	0.5289	0.4457	0.3690	0.3007	0.2414	0.1912	0.1496	0.1157	0.0885
6	0.6860	0.6063	0.5265	0.4497	0.3782	0.3134	0.2562	0.2068	0.1649
7	0.8095	0.7440	0.6728	0.5987	0.5246	0.4530	0.3856	0.3239	0.2687
8	0.8944	0.8472	0.7916	0.7291	0.6620	0.5925	0.5231	0.4557	0.3918
9	0.9462	0.9161	0.8774	0.8305	0.7764	0.7166	0.6530	0.5874	0.5218
10	0.9747	0.9574	0.9332	0.9015	0.8622	0.8159	0.7634	0.7060	0.6453
11	0.9890	0.9799	0.9661	0.9467	0.9208	0.8881	0.8487	0.8030	0.7520
12	0.9955	0.9912	0.9840	0.9730	0.9573	0.9362	0.9091	0.8758	0.8364
13	0.9983	0.9964	0.9929	0.9872	0.9784	0.9658	0.9486	0.9261	0.8981
14	0.9994	0.9986	0.9970	0.9943	0.9897	0.9827	0.9726	0.9585	0.9400
15	0.9998	0.9995	0.9988	0.9976	0.9954	0.9918	0.9862	0.9780	0.9665
16	0.9999	0.9998	0.9996	0.9990	0.9980	0.9963	0.9934	0.9889	0.9823
17	1.0000	0.9999	0.9998	0.9996	0.9992	0.9984	0.9970	0.9947	0.9911
18		1.0000	0.9999	0.9999	0.9997	0.9993	0.9987	0.9976	0.9957
19			1.0000	0.9999	0.9999	0.9997	0.9995	0.9989	0.9980
20					0.9999	0.9998	0.9996	0.9991	
21						1.0000	0.9999	0.9998	0.9996
22							1.0000	0.9999	0.9999
23								1.0000	0.9999
24									1.0000

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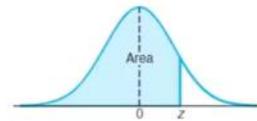
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**Table A.2 (continued) Poisson Probability Sums  $\sum_{x=0}^r p(x; \mu)$**

$r$	$\mu$									
	10.0	11.0	12.0	13.0	14.0	15.0	16.0	17.0	18.0	
0	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000							
1	0.0005	0.0002	0.0001	0.0000	0.0000					
2	0.0028	0.0012	0.0005	0.0002	0.0001	0.0000	0.0000			
3	0.0103	0.0049	0.0023	0.0011	0.0005	0.0002	0.0001	0.0000	0.0000	
4	0.0293	0.0151	0.0076	0.0037	0.0018	0.0009	0.0004	0.0002	0.0001	
5	0.0671	0.0375	0.0203	0.0107	0.0055	0.0028	0.0014	0.0007	0.0003	
6	0.1301	0.0786	0.0458	0.0259	0.0142	0.0076	0.0040	0.0021	0.0010	
7	0.2202	0.1432	0.0895	0.0540	0.0316	0.0180	0.0100	0.0054	0.0029	
8	0.3328	0.2320	0.1550	0.0998	0.0621	0.0374	0.0220	0.0126	0.0071	
9	0.4579	0.3405	0.2424	0.1658	0.1094	0.0699	0.0433	0.0261	0.0154	
10	0.5830	0.4599	0.3472	0.2517	0.1757	0.1185	0.0774	0.0491	0.0304	
11	0.6968	0.5793	0.4616	0.3532	0.2600	0.1848	0.1270	0.0847	0.0549	
12	0.7916	0.6887	0.5760	0.4631	0.3585	0.2676	0.1931	0.1350	0.0917	
13	0.8645	0.7813	0.6815	0.5730	0.4644	0.3632	0.2745	0.2009	0.1426	
14	0.9165	0.8540	0.7720	0.6751	0.5704	0.4657	0.3675	0.2808	0.2081	
15	0.9513	0.9074	0.8444	0.7636	0.6694	0.5681	0.4667	0.3715	0.2867	
16	0.9730	0.9441	0.8987	0.8355	0.7559	0.6641	0.5660	0.4677	0.3751	
17	0.9857	0.9678	0.9370	0.8905	0.8272	0.7489	0.6593	0.5640	0.4686	
18	0.9928	0.9823	0.9626	0.9302	0.8826	0.8195	0.7423	0.6550	0.5622	
19	0.9965	0.9907	0.9787	0.9573	0.9235	0.8752	0.8122	0.7363	0.6509	
20	0.9984	0.9953	0.9884	0.9750	0.9521	0.9170	0.8682	0.8055	0.7307	
21	0.9993	0.9977	0.9939	0.9859	0.9712	0.9469	0.9108	0.8615	0.7991	
22	0.9997	0.9990	0.9970	0.9924	0.9833	0.9673	0.9418	0.9047	0.8551	
23	0.9999	0.9995	0.9985	0.9960	0.9907	0.9805	0.9633	0.9367	0.8989	
24	1.0000	0.9998	0.9993	0.9980	0.9950	0.9888	0.9777	0.9594	0.9317	
25		0.9999	0.9997	0.9990	0.9974	0.9938	0.9869	0.9748	0.9554	
26	1.0000	0.9999	0.9995	0.9987	0.9967	0.9925	0.9848	0.9718		
27		0.9999	0.9998	0.9994	0.9983	0.9959	0.9912	0.9827		
28		1.0000	0.9999	0.9997	0.9991	0.9978	0.9950	0.9897		
29			1.0000	0.9999	0.9996	0.9989	0.9973	0.9941		
30				0.9999	0.9998	0.9994	0.9986	0.9967		
31				1.0000	0.9999	0.9997	0.9993	0.9982		
32					1.0000	0.9999	0.9996	0.9990		
33						0.9999	0.9998	0.9995		
34							1.0000	0.9999	0.9998	
35								1.0000	0.9999	
36									0.9999	
37										1.0000

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**Table A.3 Areas under the Normal Curve**

<i>z</i>	.00	.01	.02	.03	.04	.05	.06	.07	.08	.09
-3.4	0.0003	0.0003	0.0003	0.0003	0.0003	0.0003	0.0003	0.0003	0.0003	0.0002
-3.3	0.0005	0.0005	0.0005	0.0004	0.0004	0.0004	0.0004	0.0004	0.0004	0.0003
-3.2	0.0007	0.0007	0.0006	0.0006	0.0006	0.0006	0.0006	0.0005	0.0005	0.0005
-3.1	0.0010	0.0009	0.0009	0.0009	0.0008	0.0008	0.0008	0.0008	0.0007	0.0007
-3.0	0.0013	0.0013	0.0013	0.0012	0.0012	0.0011	0.0011	0.0011	0.0010	0.0010
-2.9	0.0019	0.0018	0.0018	0.0017	0.0016	0.0016	0.0015	0.0015	0.0014	0.0014
-2.8	0.0026	0.0025	0.0024	0.0023	0.0023	0.0022	0.0021	0.0021	0.0020	0.0019
-2.7	0.0035	0.0034	0.0033	0.0032	0.0031	0.0030	0.0029	0.0028	0.0027	0.0026
-2.6	0.0047	0.0045	0.0044	0.0043	0.0041	0.0040	0.0039	0.0038	0.0037	0.0036
-2.5	0.0062	0.0060	0.0059	0.0057	0.0055	0.0054	0.0052	0.0051	0.0049	0.0048
-2.4	0.0082	0.0080	0.0078	0.0075	0.0073	0.0071	0.0069	0.0068	0.0066	0.0064
-2.3	0.0107	0.0104	0.0102	0.0099	0.0096	0.0094	0.0091	0.0089	0.0087	0.0084
-2.2	0.0139	0.0136	0.0132	0.0129	0.0125	0.0122	0.0119	0.0116	0.0113	0.0110
-2.1	0.0179	0.0174	0.0170	0.0166	0.0162	0.0158	0.0154	0.0150	0.0146	0.0143
-2.0	0.0228	0.0222	0.0217	0.0212	0.0207	0.0202	0.0197	0.0192	0.0188	0.0183
-1.9	0.0287	0.0281	0.0274	0.0268	0.0262	0.0256	0.0250	0.0244	0.0239	0.0233
-1.8	0.0359	0.0351	0.0344	0.0336	0.0329	0.0322	0.0314	0.0307	0.0301	0.0294
-1.7	0.0446	0.0436	0.0427	0.0418	0.0409	0.0401	0.0392	0.0384	0.0375	0.0367
-1.6	0.0548	0.0537	0.0526	0.0516	0.0505	0.0495	0.0485	0.0475	0.0465	0.0455
-1.5	0.0668	0.0655	0.0643	0.0630	0.0618	0.0606	0.0594	0.0582	0.0571	0.0559
-1.4	0.0808	0.0793	0.0778	0.0764	0.0749	0.0735	0.0721	0.0708	0.0694	0.0681
-1.3	0.0968	0.0951	0.0934	0.0918	0.0901	0.0885	0.0869	0.0853	0.0838	0.0823
-1.2	0.1151	0.1131	0.1112	0.1093	0.1075	0.1056	0.1038	0.1020	0.1003	0.0985
-1.1	0.1357	0.1335	0.1314	0.1292	0.1271	0.1251	0.1230	0.1210	0.1190	0.1170
-1.0	0.1587	0.1562	0.1539	0.1515	0.1492	0.1469	0.1446	0.1423	0.1401	0.1379
-0.9	0.1841	0.1814	0.1788	0.1762	0.1736	0.1711	0.1685	0.1660	0.1635	0.1611
-0.8	0.2119	0.2090	0.2061	0.2033	0.2005	0.1977	0.1949	0.1922	0.1894	0.1867
-0.7	0.2420	0.2389	0.2358	0.2327	0.2296	0.2266	0.2236	0.2206	0.2177	0.2148
-0.6	0.2743	0.2709	0.2676	0.2643	0.2611	0.2578	0.2546	0.2514	0.2483	0.2451
-0.5	0.3085	0.3050	0.3015	0.2981	0.2946	0.2912	0.2877	0.2843	0.2810	0.2776
-0.4	0.3446	0.3409	0.3372	0.3336	0.3300	0.3264	0.3228	0.3192	0.3156	0.3121
-0.3	0.3821	0.3783	0.3745	0.3707	0.3669	0.3632	0.3594	0.3557	0.3520	0.3483
-0.2	0.4207	0.4168	0.4129	0.4090	0.4052	0.4013	0.3974	0.3936	0.3897	0.3859
-0.1	0.4602	0.4562	0.4522	0.4483	0.4443	0.4404	0.4364	0.4325	0.4286	0.4247
-0.0	0.5000	0.4960	0.4920	0.4880	0.4840	0.4801	0.4761	0.4721	0.4681	0.4641

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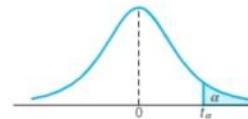
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**Table A.3 (continued) Areas under the Normal Curve**

<i>z</i>	.00	.01	.02	.03	.04	.05	.06	.07	.08	.09
0.0	0.5000	0.5040	0.5080	0.5120	0.5160	0.5199	0.5239	0.5279	0.5319	0.5359
0.1	0.5398	0.5438	0.5478	0.5517	0.5557	0.5596	0.5636	0.5675	0.5714	0.5753
0.2	0.5793	0.5832	0.5871	0.5910	0.5948	0.5987	0.6026	0.6064	0.6103	0.6141
0.3	0.6179	0.6217	0.6255	0.6293	0.6331	0.6368	0.6406	0.6443	0.6480	0.6517
0.4	0.6554	0.6591	0.6628	0.6664	0.6700	0.6736	0.6772	0.6808	0.6844	0.6879
0.5	0.6915	0.6950	0.6985	0.7019	0.7054	0.7088	0.7123	0.7157	0.7190	0.7224
0.6	0.7257	0.7291	0.7324	0.7357	0.7389	0.7422	0.7454	0.7486	0.7517	0.7549
0.7	0.7580	0.7611	0.7642	0.7673	0.7704	0.7734	0.7764	0.7794	0.7823	0.7852
0.8	0.7881	0.7910	0.7939	0.7967	0.7995	0.8023	0.8051	0.8078	0.8106	0.8133
0.9	0.8159	0.8186	0.8212	0.8238	0.8264	0.8289	0.8315	0.8340	0.8365	0.8389
1.0	0.8413	0.8438	0.8461	0.8485	0.8508	0.8531	0.8554	0.8577	0.8599	0.8621
1.1	0.8643	0.8665	0.8686	0.8708	0.8729	0.8749	0.8770	0.8790	0.8810	0.8830
1.2	0.8849	0.8869	0.8888	0.8907	0.8925	0.8944	0.8962	0.8980	0.8997	0.9015
1.3	0.9032	0.9049	0.9066	0.9082	0.9099	0.9115	0.9131	0.9147	0.9162	0.9177
1.4	0.9192	0.9207	0.9222	0.9236	0.9251	0.9265	0.9279	0.9292	0.9306	0.9319
1.5	0.9332	0.9345	0.9357	0.9370	0.9382	0.9394	0.9406	0.9418	0.9429	0.9441
1.6	0.9452	0.9463	0.9474	0.9484	0.9495	0.9505	0.9515	0.9525	0.9535	0.9545
1.7	0.9554	0.9564	0.9573	0.9582	0.9591	0.9599	0.9608	0.9616	0.9625	0.9633
1.8	0.9641	0.9649	0.9656	0.9664	0.9671	0.9678	0.9686	0.9693	0.9699	0.9706
1.9	0.9713	0.9719	0.9726	0.9732	0.9738	0.9744	0.9750	0.9756	0.9761	0.9767
2.0	0.9772	0.9778	0.9783	0.9788	0.9793	0.9798	0.9803	0.9808	0.9812	0.9817
2.1	0.9821	0.9826	0.9830	0.9834	0.9838	0.9842	0.9846	0.9850	0.9854	0.9857
2.2	0.9861	0.9864	0.9868	0.9871	0.9875	0.9878	0.9881	0.9884	0.9887	0.9890
2.3	0.9893	0.9896	0.9898	0.9901	0.9904	0.9906	0.9909	0.9911	0.9913	0.9916
2.4	0.9918	0.9920	0.9922	0.9925	0.9927	0.9929	0.9931	0.9932	0.9934	0.9936
2.5	0.9938	0.9940	0.9941	0.9943	0.9945	0.9946	0.9948	0.9949	0.9951	0.9952
2.6	0.9953	0.9955	0.9956	0.9957	0.9959	0.9960	0.9961	0.9962	0.9963	0.9964
2.7	0.9965	0.9966	0.9967	0.9968	0.9969	0.9970	0.9971	0.9972	0.9973	0.9974
2.8	0.9974	0.9975	0.9976	0.9977	0.9977	0.9978	0.9979	0.9979	0.9980	0.9981
2.9	0.9981	0.9982	0.9982	0.9983	0.9984	0.9984	0.9985	0.9985	0.9986	0.9986
3.0	0.9987	0.9987	0.9987	0.9988	0.9988	0.9989	0.9989	0.9989	0.9990	0.9990
3.1	0.9990	0.9991	0.9991	0.9991	0.9992	0.9992	0.9992	0.9992	0.9993	0.9993
3.2	0.9993	0.9993	0.9994	0.9994	0.9994	0.9994	0.9994	0.9995	0.9995	0.9995
3.3	0.9995	0.9995	0.9995	0.9996	0.9996	0.9996	0.9996	0.9996	0.9996	0.9997
3.4	0.9997	0.9997	0.9997	0.9997	0.9997	0.9997	0.9997	0.9997	0.9997	0.9998

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**Table A.4 Critical Values of the  $t$ -Distribution**

$v$	$\alpha$						
	0.40	0.30	0.20	0.15	0.10	0.05	0.025
1	0.325	0.727	1.376	1.963	3.078	6.314	12.706
2	0.289	0.617	1.061	1.386	1.886	2.920	4.303
3	0.277	0.584	0.978	1.250	1.638	2.353	3.182
4	0.271	0.569	0.941	1.190	1.533	2.132	2.776
5	0.267	0.559	0.920	1.156	1.476	2.015	2.571
6	0.265	0.553	0.906	1.134	1.440	1.943	2.447
7	0.263	0.549	0.896	1.119	1.415	1.895	2.365
8	0.262	0.546	0.889	1.108	1.397	1.860	2.306
9	0.261	0.543	0.883	1.100	1.383	1.833	2.262
10	0.260	0.542	0.879	1.093	1.372	1.812	2.228
11	0.260	0.540	0.876	1.088	1.363	1.796	2.201
12	0.259	0.539	0.873	1.083	1.356	1.782	2.179
13	0.259	0.538	0.870	1.079	1.350	1.771	2.160
14	0.258	0.537	0.868	1.076	1.345	1.761	2.145
15	0.258	0.536	0.866	1.074	1.341	1.753	2.131
16	0.258	0.535	0.865	1.071	1.337	1.746	2.120
17	0.257	0.534	0.863	1.069	1.333	1.740	2.110
18	0.257	0.534	0.862	1.067	1.330	1.734	2.101
19	0.257	0.533	0.861	1.066	1.328	1.729	2.093
20	0.257	0.533	0.860	1.064	1.325	1.725	2.086
21	0.257	0.532	0.859	1.063	1.323	1.721	2.080
22	0.256	0.532	0.858	1.061	1.321	1.717	2.074
23	0.256	0.532	0.858	1.060	1.319	1.714	2.069
24	0.256	0.531	0.857	1.059	1.318	1.711	2.064
25	0.256	0.531	0.856	1.058	1.316	1.708	2.060
26	0.256	0.531	0.856	1.058	1.315	1.706	2.056
27	0.256	0.531	0.855	1.057	1.314	1.703	2.052
28	0.256	0.530	0.855	1.056	1.313	1.701	2.048
29	0.256	0.530	0.854	1.055	1.311	1.699	2.045
30	0.256	0.530	0.854	1.055	1.310	1.697	2.042
40	0.255	0.529	0.851	1.050	1.303	1.684	2.021
60	0.254	0.527	0.848	1.045	1.296	1.671	2.000
120	0.254	0.526	0.845	1.041	1.289	1.658	1.980
$\infty$	0.253	0.524	0.842	1.036	1.282	1.645	1.960

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**Table A.4 (continued) Critical Values of the *t*-Distribution**

<i>v</i>	$\alpha$						
	0.02	0.015	0.01	0.0075	0.005	0.0025	0.0005
1	15.894	21.205	31.821	42.433	63.656	127.321	636.578
2	4.849	5.643	6.965	8.073	9.925	14.089	31.600
3	3.482	3.896	4.541	5.047	5.841	7.453	12.924
4	2.999	3.298	3.747	4.088	4.604	5.598	8.610
5	2.757	3.003	3.365	3.634	4.032	4.773	6.869
6	2.612	2.829	3.143	3.372	3.707	4.317	5.959
7	2.517	2.715	2.998	3.203	3.499	4.029	5.408
8	2.449	2.634	2.896	3.085	3.355	3.833	5.041
9	2.398	2.574	2.821	2.998	3.250	3.690	4.781
10	2.359	2.527	2.764	2.932	3.169	3.581	4.587
11	2.328	2.491	2.718	2.879	3.106	3.497	4.437
12	2.303	2.461	2.681	2.836	3.055	3.428	4.318
13	2.282	2.436	2.650	2.801	3.012	3.372	4.221
14	2.264	2.415	2.624	2.771	2.977	3.326	4.140
15	2.249	2.397	2.602	2.746	2.947	3.286	4.073
16	2.235	2.382	2.583	2.724	2.921	3.252	4.015
17	2.224	2.368	2.567	2.706	2.898	3.222	3.965
18	2.214	2.356	2.552	2.689	2.878	3.197	3.922
19	2.205	2.346	2.539	2.674	2.861	3.174	3.883
20	2.197	2.336	2.528	2.661	2.845	3.153	3.850
21	2.189	2.328	2.518	2.649	2.831	3.135	3.819
22	2.183	2.320	2.508	2.639	2.819	3.119	3.792
23	2.177	2.313	2.500	2.629	2.807	3.104	3.768
24	2.172	2.307	2.492	2.620	2.797	3.091	3.745
25	2.167	2.301	2.485	2.612	2.787	3.078	3.725
26	2.162	2.296	2.479	2.605	2.779	3.067	3.707
27	2.158	2.291	2.473	2.598	2.771	3.057	3.689
28	2.154	2.286	2.467	2.592	2.763	3.047	3.674
29	2.150	2.282	2.462	2.586	2.756	3.038	3.660
30	2.147	2.278	2.457	2.581	2.750	3.030	3.646
40	2.123	2.250	2.423	2.542	2.704	2.971	3.551
60	2.099	2.223	2.390	2.504	2.660	2.915	3.460
120	2.076	2.196	2.358	2.468	2.617	2.860	3.373
$\infty$	2.054	2.170	2.326	2.432	2.576	2.807	3.290

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## Set 12 - The Poisson Distribution

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### Stat 260 Lecture Notes

#### Set 12 - The Poisson Distribution

↳ name of math guy, not French fish

A Poisson random variable  $X$  counts the number of events (successes/arrivals/etc.) in an interval of time/length/space/etc.

A Poisson random variable had pmf

$$f(x) = P(X = x) = \frac{\lambda^x}{x!} e^{-\lambda}$$

→ on formula sheet!

where  $x = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$   
let a thing run for time and see  
how many successes happen

In the setup of these problems we will be given some base unit of measurement (day / week / year / km / m / mL / km<sup>2</sup> / acre / etc.).

$\lambda$  = the average number of event occurrences in our interval of interest

Careful! The average given to us in the question setup may be for an interval other than the interval we want to calculate a probability for. We may need to scale the average in the setup to match our desired probability interval.

Notation: We write  $X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$  if the r.v.  $X$  follows a Poisson distribution with parameter  $\lambda$ .  
"is distributed as"

Example 1: The average number of students that email Michelle each day is 3.  
 $x = \# \text{ of emails}$   
 $X \sim \text{Poisson}$

(a) What is the probability that exactly 2 students email Michelle today?

$$P(X=2) = \frac{3^2}{2!} e^{-3} = 0.2240$$

→ 1 day  
 $\lambda = 3 \cdot 1 = 3$

→ let it run for time unit,  
so Poisson

(b) What is the probability of exactly 18 students email Michelle next week?

→ different time interval

$$P(X=18) = \frac{21^{18}}{18!} e^{-21} = 0.0747$$

$\lambda = 3 \cdot 7 = 21$   
avg per day  
1 week = 7 days

(c) What is the probability at least 3 students email Michelle today?

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(X \geq 3) &= 1 - P(X \leq 2) \text{ use the complement} \\
 &= 1 - P(X=0) - P(X=1) - P(X=2) \\
 &= 1 - \frac{3^0}{0!} e^{-3} - \frac{3^1}{1!} e^{-3} - \frac{3^2}{2!} e^{-3} \\
 &= 0.5768
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\lambda = 3 \cdot 1$$

OR

$$P(X \geq 3) = 1 - P(X \leq 2) \xrightarrow{\text{cdf, use stattables!}} = 1 - 0.4232 = 0.5768$$

Rules for the Poisson distribution:

- $E(X) = \lambda \rightarrow$  if you know it's Poisson then do it this way
- $V(X) = \lambda$
- $\sigma_X = \sqrt{\lambda}$
- $\sigma = \sqrt{\text{variance}}$

~~$$\begin{array}{c|c}
 x & f(x) \\
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 &
 \end{array}$$

$$E(X) = \sum x \cdot f(x)$$~~

In the last example, the average number of student emails in 1 day is 3.  
In 4 days, the expected number of emails is

$$E(X) = \underbrace{3 \cdot 4}_{\lambda} = 12$$

**Example 1 continued:** The average number of students that email Michelle each day is 3.

(d) What is the probability of at least 17 student emails in the next 5 days?

$$\lambda = 3 \cdot 5 = 15$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(X \geq 17) &= 1 - P(X \leq 16) \\ &\stackrel{\text{cdf!}}{=} 1 - 0.6641 \\ &= 0.3359 \end{aligned}$$

(e) What is the probability of exactly 14 student emails in the next 5 days?

$$P(X=14)$$

do on own !!

Answer: 0.1024

(f) What is the probability that over the next 5 days, exactly 3 of those days will have at least two student emails?  
 ↳ something is different???

$$P = P(\text{success in 1 trial}) \quad 1 \text{ trial} = 1 \text{ day}$$

$$P = P(\text{at least 2 emails in one day})$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Poisson } P(y \geq 2) &= 1 - P(y \leq 1) \\ &= 1 - 0.1991 \\ &= 0.8009 \leftarrow P\end{aligned}$$

binomial  $n=5$   
 $P=0.8009$  Success = day has at least 2 emails

$$\begin{aligned}P(x=3) &= \binom{5}{3}(0.8009)^3(0.1991)^2 \\ &\stackrel{\text{pmf}}{=} 0.2036 \\ &(\binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x})\end{aligned}$$

Overall binomial question  
 need to use Poisson to find  $p = P(\text{success})$

5 days

3 of 5 days do something specific  
 Binomial: do 5 days, 3 of the 5 have success

The Poisson pmf is approximately equal to the binomial pmf when  $n$  is large and  $p$  is small. Therefore we can estimate the binomial using a Poisson approximation. *no stattable*

Since for the binomial distribution we have  $\mu = E(X) = np$ , we use the transformation that  $\lambda = \underline{E(X)} = np$  in the Poisson approximation.

In other words  $\text{binomial}(n, p) \approx \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$  for large  $n$  and small  $p$ . (Note: There is no definitive cutoff of when we have a good enough approximation, but generally we say the Poisson distribution is a good approximation of the binomial distribution if  $n \geq 100$ ,  $p \leq 0.01$ , and  $np \leq 20$ .)

**Example 2:** Suppose 1% of a large population has a disease. In a group of 200 people, what is the probability that at most 2 have the disease?

**Success = have disease**

**Binomial exact:**  $n = 200$   $p = 0.01$

$$\begin{aligned} P(X \leq 2) &= P(X=0) + P(X=1) + P(X=2) \\ &= \binom{200}{0} (0.01)^0 (0.99)^{200} + \binom{200}{1} (0.01)^1 (0.99)^{199} + \binom{200}{2} (0.01)^2 (0.99)^{198} \\ &= 0.6767 \end{aligned}$$

**Approximate:** use Poisson with  $\lambda = np = 200(0.01) = 2$

$$\lambda = 2$$

$$P(X \leq 2) = 0.6767 \quad (\text{from stattable})$$

## Set 13 and 14 - Continuous Random Variables

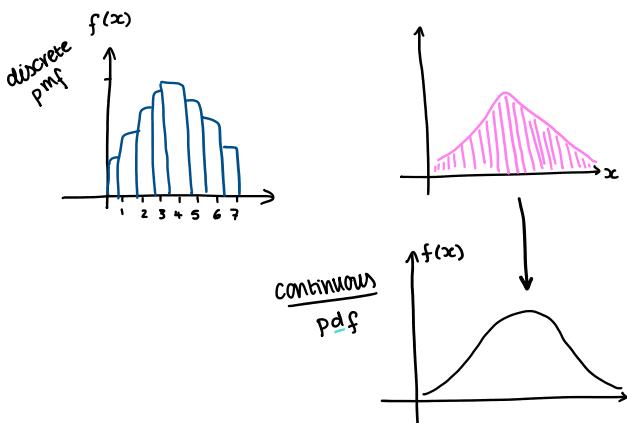
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### Stat 260 Lecture Notes

#### Sets 13 and 14 - Continuous Random Variables

**Recall:** A continuous random variable  $X$  has an infinite number of possible values and it's impossible to list them all.

For a discrete random variable we could draw a picture of the pmf  $f(x)$  - it looks like a histogram. Imagine making the bars of this histogram thinner and thinner. The top edges of the bars smooth out to a curve - a function. For a continuous random variable  $X$  the **probability density function** (pdf)  $f(x)$  is this function.

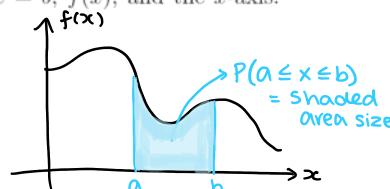


pmf = discrete  
pdf = continuous

Rules for the pdf of a continuous random variable  $X$ :

→ always above the  $x$ -axis

- $f(x) \geq 0$  for all  $x$  values. (discrete version: probabilities  $\geq 0$ )
- The area bounded by the graph of  $f(x)$  and the  $x$ -axis is 1. That is  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = 1$ . (discrete: pmf probabilities sum to 1)
- $P(a \leq X \leq b) = \text{area between } x = a, x = b, f(x), \text{ and the } x\text{-axis}$ . That is,  $P(a \leq X \leq b) = \int_a^b f(x) dx$ .



**Rule:** If  $X$  is a continuous random variable then for a constant  $c$ ,  $P(X = c) = 0$ .

This can be derived from  $P(X = c) = P(c \leq X \leq c) = \int_c^c f(x) dx = 0$ .

Since for a constant  $c$  we have that  $P(X = c) = 0$ , we therefore have that  $P(a \leq X \leq b) = P(a < X \leq b) = P(a \leq X < b) = P(a < X < b)$ .

**Careful!** This only applies to continuous random variables. We cannot use this rule if we are working with the binomial distribution or the Poisson distribution (as they are both discrete distributions).

Since  $P(X = c) = 0$  for a continuous random variable, when we have a continuous random variable we usually deal with problems like  $P(a \leq X \leq b)$  or  $P(X \leq a)$  or  $P(X \geq a)$ .

The **cumulative distribution function** (cdf)  $F(x)$  for a continuous random variable is defined by

$$F(x) = P(X \leq x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(y) dy$$

where  $f(y)$  is the pdf of the random variable  $X$ .

infinitely many choices that getting a specific one is unlikely

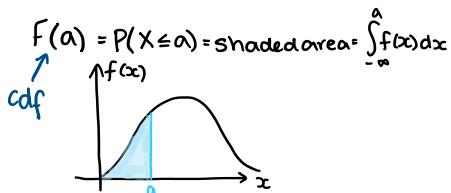
can drop equality b/c chance of being equal to a or b is 0

continuous variable is denoted by

$$F(x) = P(X \leq x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(y) dy$$

where  $f(x)$  is the pdf of the random variable  $X$ .

Say  $x = a$ . Then  $F(a)$  is the area under the pdf curve  $f(x)$  to the left of the value  $x = a$ .



**Rule:** Suppose  $X$  is a continuous random variable with pdf  $f(x)$  and cdf  $F(x)$ . Then at every  $x$  where the derivative  $F'(x)$  exists, we have that  $f(x) = F'(x)$ .

**pdf is derivative of cdf  
cdf is integral of pmf**

Even with using calculus, finding areas under the pdf  $f(x)$  curve to solve things like  $P(X \leq a)$  can be difficult (some integrals may require advanced

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techniques such as numerical approximation). In situations like this we often use cdf tables (our stat tables) to look up values for the cdf  $F(x) = P(X \leq x)$ . If we have knowledge of the exact function  $F(x)$  for our cdf, we could also evaluate this function at specific  $x$  values to calculate probabilities. (For example, if we wanted to find  $P(X \leq 2)$  we could evaluate the function  $F(x)$  at  $x = 2$ , so we could find  $F(2)$ .)

Note: For a discrete random variable  $X$ ,

$$P(a \leq X \leq b) = P(x \leq b) - P(x < a) = P(x \leq b) - P(x \leq w)$$

but for a continuous random variable  $X$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} P(a \leq X \leq b) &= P(x \leq b) - P(x < a) \\ &= P(x \leq b) - P(x \leq a) \end{aligned}$$

Where  $w$  is next smallest value below  $a$ .

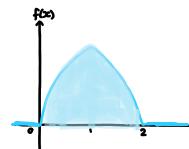
often this is just  $a-1$

not including  $a$

include  $a$

**Example 1:** Say  $X$  is a continuous random variable with pdf

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} c(4x - 2x^2) & 0 \leq x \leq 2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



What is the value of  $c$ ?

$$\begin{aligned} \text{We know } 1 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = \int_0^{\infty} c(4x - 2x^2) dx + \int_2^{\infty} c(4x - 2x^2) dx \\ &= \int_0^2 c(4x - 2x^2) dx = \left[ c \left( \frac{4x^2}{2} - \frac{2x^3}{3} \right) \right]_0^2 \\ &= c \left( \frac{4(2^2)}{2} - \frac{2(2^3)}{3} \right) - 0 \\ &= \frac{8c}{3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So } 1 = \frac{8c}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow c = \frac{3}{8}$$

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Find  $P(X > 1)$ .

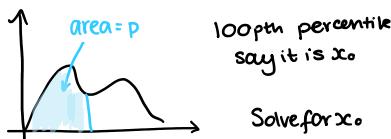
$$\begin{aligned}
 P(X > 1) &= P(X \geq 1) = \int_1^{\infty} f(x) dx = \int_1^2 \frac{3}{8}(4x - 2x^2) dx \\
 &= \left[ \frac{3}{8} \left( \frac{4x^2}{2} - \frac{2x^3}{3} \right) \right]_1^2 \\
 &= \frac{3}{8} \left( \frac{4(2)^2}{2} - \frac{2(2)^3}{3} \right) - \frac{3}{8} \left( \frac{4(1)^2}{2} - \frac{2(1)^3}{3} \right) = \frac{1}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

don't have to know how  
to graph functions

**Percentiles:** Let  $p$  be a value between 0 and 1. The  $(100p)^{th}$  percentile of the distribution of a continuous random variable  $X$ , denoted by  $\eta(p)$  is defined by

$$p = F(\eta(p)) = \int_{-\infty}^{\eta(p)} f(y) dy$$

In other words,  $\eta(p)$  is the  $x$  value where  $F(x) = p$ , or rather where  $P(X \leq x) = p$ .



**Example 2:** Suppose the pdf of a continuous random variable  $X$  is

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{3}{2}(1 - x^2) & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

We can find  $F(x)$ :

This means that the  $(100p)^{th}$  percentile  $x = \eta(p)$  satisfies:

For the  $50^{th}$  percentile (that is, when  $p = 0.50$ ) we need to solve:

The **median**  $\tilde{\mu}$  is the  $50^{th}$  percentile. (So using the notation, that is that  $\eta(0.50) = \tilde{\mu}$ .) So half the area under  $f(x)$  is to the left of  $x = \tilde{\mu}$  and half of the area is to the right.

**Expected Value and Variance:**

For a discrete random variable  $X$ :  $\mu_X = E(X) = \sum x \cdot f(x) = \sum x \cdot P(X = x)$

For a continuous random variable  $X$ :  $\mu_X = E(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \cdot f(x) dx.$

(Recall: Geometrically,  $E(X)$  is the  $x$  value that would “balance” the graph of  $f(x)$ .)

**Example 3:** Say the pdf of a continuous random variable  $X$  is

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{3}{2}(1 - x^2) & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Find  $E(X)$ .

For a discrete random variable  $X$ :  $E(g(X)) = \sum g(x) \cdot f(x) = \sum g(x) \cdot P(X = x)$

For a continuous random variable  $X$ :  $E(g(X)) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) \cdot f(x) dx.$

Just like before,  $E(aX + b) = aE(X) + b.$

For a discrete random variable  $X$ :  $\sigma_X^2 = V(X) = E((X - \mu)^2)$

For a continuous random variable  $X$ :  $\sigma_X^2 = V(X) = E((X - \mu)^2) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - \mu)^2 \cdot f(x) dx$ .

The shortcut formula still holds:  $V(X) = E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 \cdot f(x) dx - (\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \cdot f(x) dx)^2$ .

The evaluations of  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 \cdot f(x) dx$  and  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \cdot f(x) dx$  are why Math 101 is a corequisite for this course - note that integration by parts may be a useful technique here.

The standard deviation is still  $\sigma_X = \sqrt{V(X)}$ .

### The Uniform Distribution:

$X$  is a **uniform random variable** if it has pdf  $f(x) = c$  where  $c$  is a constant.

More specifically, this means that  $f(x) = \frac{1}{B - A}$  where the possible  $X$  values are in the interval  $[A, B]$ .

For a uniform random variable  $X$ , we have that  $P(a \leq X \leq b) = \frac{b-a}{B-A}$ .

**Example 5:** Suppose a person is just as likely to arrive at the bus stop any time between 7am and 7:30am. What is the probability that they arrive between 7:05am and 7:15am?

**Example 6:** Let  $X$  have a uniform distribution on the interval  $[A, B]$ . What is the cdf of  $X$ ? That is, find  $F(x)$ .