



Discrete Probability

Random Events

Events

Independent Events

Random Variables

Uniform distribution

$p(X \cup Y) = p(X) + p(Y) - p(XY)$

Definition:  $p(XY) = p(X)p(Y)$

Independent random variables  

The random variables  $X$  and  $Y$  on a sample space  $S$  are independent if  $p(X = r_1 \text{ and } Y = r_2) = p(X = r_1) \cdot p(Y = r_2)$ , or in words, if the probability that  $X = r_1$  and  $Y = r_2$  equals the product of the probabilities that  $X = r_1$  and  $Y = r_2$ , for all real numbers  $r_1$  and  $r_2$ .

Suppose that  $S$  is a set with  $n$  elements. The uniform distribution assigns the probability  $1/n$  to each element of  $S$ .

Bayes' Formula  
 $P(A|B) = P(B|A)P(A) / P(B)$   
Updating beliefs according to new evidence

Bayes' Theorem  

BAYES' THEOREM Suppose that  $E$  and  $F$  are events from a sample space  $S$  such that  $p(B) \neq 0$  and  $p(F) \neq 0$ . Then  
$$p(F|E) = \frac{p(E|F)p(F)}{p(E|F)p(F) + p(E|\bar{F})p(\bar{F})}$$

Conditional Probability  $P(X | Y) = P(XY) / P(Y)$

Posterior (后验)  
 $P(A|B)$

Likelihood (似然)  
 $P(B|A)$

Prior (先验概率)  
 $P(A)$

Evidence (证据)  
 $P(B)$

The probability of our hypothesis A, given the evidence B.

The probability of seeing the evidence B, if our hypothesis A is true.

Our initial belief in the hypothesis A, before seeing any evidence.

The overall probability of observing the evidence B.

Expected Value and Variance

Expected Values  $E(X)$   

The expected value, also called the expectation or mean, of the random variable  $X$  on the sample space  $S$  is equal to  
$$E(X) = \sum_{i=1}^n p_i x_i$$
  
The deviation of  $X$  is  $X(i) - E(X)$ , the difference between the value of  $X$  and the mean of  $X$ .

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

Covariance (协方差)  
 $Cov(X, Y) = E((X - E(X))(Y - E(Y)))$

$E(aX + b) = aE(X) + b$

$E(X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n) = E(X_1) + E(X_2) + \dots + E(X_n)$

若  $X$  与  $Y$  独立,  $E(XY) = E(X)E(Y)$

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

$V(cX) = c^2 V(X)$

$V(X + Y) = V(X) + V(Y) + 2(E(XY) - E(X)E(Y))$

若  $X$  与  $Y$  独立,  $V(X + Y) = V(X) + V(Y)$

$Cov(X, Y) = Cov(Y, X)$

$Cov(aX, bY) = ab Cov(X, Y)$

$Cov(X + Y, Z) = Cov(X, Z) + Cov(Y, Z)$

若  $X$  与  $Y$  独立,  $Cov(X, Y) = 0$

Probability Distribution

(0, 1) distribution  $X \sim (0, 1)$

Bernoulli distribution  $X \sim B(n, p)$

Poisson distribution  $X \sim P(\lambda)$

Geometric distribution  $X \sim G(p)$

Hypergeometric distribution  $X \sim H(N, M, n)$

$E(X) = p$

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

$p(X = k) = C(n, k)p^k(1 - p)^{n - k}$

$E(X) = E(X_1) + E(X_2) + \dots + E(X_n) = np$

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

$P(X = k) = \lambda^k e^{-\lambda} / k!$

$E(X) = \lambda$

$V(X) = \lambda$

Example: Suppose that the probability that a coin comes up tails is  $p$ . This coin is flipped repeatedly until it comes up tails. What is the expected number of flips until this coin comes up tails? 直到首次... 不达目的不罢休

Definition: A random variable  $X$  has a geometric distribution with parameter  $p$  if  $p(X = k) = (1 - p)^{k - 1}p$  for  $k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ , where  $p$  is a real number with  $0 \leq p \leq 1$ .

$P(X = k) = C(M, k) C(N - M, n - k) / C(n, N)$

Poisson theorem ( $\lambda = np$ )

Proof 1  

Proof: Let  $A$  be the event  
 $A = \{s \in S \mid |X(s) - E(X)| \geq r\}$ .  
What we want to prove is that  $p(A) \leq V(X)/r^2$ . Note that  
$$V(X) = \sum_{s \in S} (X(s) - E(X))^2 p(s)$$
$$= \sum_{s \in A} (X(s) - E(X))^2 p(s) + \sum_{s \notin A} (X(s) - E(X))^2 p(s).$$
  
The second sum in this expression is nonnegative, because each of its summands is nonnegative. Also, because for each element  $s$  in  $A$ ,  $(X(s) - E(X))^2 \geq r^2$ , the first sum in this expression is at least  $\sum_{s \in A} r^2 p(s)$ . Hence,  $V(X) \geq \sum_{s \in A} r^2 p(s) = r^2 p(A)$ . It follows that  $V(X)/r^2 \geq p(A)$ , so  $p(A) \leq V(X)/r^2$ , completing the proof.

Proof 2  
Let  $X$  be a random variable on a sample space  $S$  with probability function  $p$ . If  $r$  is a positive real number, then  
$$p(|X(s) - E(X)| \geq r) \leq V(X)/r^2$$

Limit Theorems

Markov's Inequality  
If  $X$  is a random variable that takes only nonnegative values, then for any value  $a > 0$   
$$P(X \geq a) \leq \frac{E(X)}{a}$$

Chebyshev's Inequality  
Chebyshev's inequality provides a universal guarantee for any probability distribution, stating that a certain fraction of its values must be within a certain distance of the mean. Specifically, it guarantees that no more than  $1/k^2$  of the data can be more than  $k$  standard deviations away from the mean.

Law of Large Numbers (LLN)  
as the number of trials of an experiment increases, the sample average of the outcomes will converge to the theoretical expected value.

Central Limit Theorem (中心极限定理)  
在一定条件下, 即使原来并不服从正态分布的一些独立随机变量的和的分布, 当  $n$  充分大时, 也近似服从正态分布  
Theorem 2.2 (Central Limit Theorem) Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  be a sequence of independent, identically distributed random variables, each with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$ . Then the distribution of  
$$\frac{X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n - n\mu}{\sigma\sqrt{n}}$$
tends to the standard normal as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . That is,  
$$P\left\{\frac{X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n - n\mu}{\sigma\sqrt{n}} \leq a\right\} \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^a e^{-x^2/2} dx$$
as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Markov's Inequality

Chebyshev's Inequality

Law of Large Numbers (LLN)

Central Limit Theorem (中心极限定理)

Proof 1

Proof 2

Chebyshev's Law (切比雪夫大数定律)

Bernoulli's Law (伯努利大数定律)

Khinchin's Law (辛钦大数定律)

$X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  相互独立,  $E(X_i), V(X_i)$  存在,  $V(X_i) \leq C$ , 则  $\bar{X}_n \rightarrow E(\bar{X})$

$n_A$  为  $n$  次伯努利试验中  $A$  发生的次数,  $P(A) = p$ , 则  $n_A/n \rightarrow p$

$X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  相互独立且服从同一分布,  $E(X_i)$  存在, 则  $\bar{X}_n \rightarrow E(\bar{X})$

Mathematics

Calculus

Basic

Domain

Rational / Irrational

Real / Imaginary

Range

Limits and Continuity

Limit (极限)

Continuous

Squeeze Theorem (夹逼定理)

Derivatives

$$f'(a) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h}$$

Differentiable (可导 / 可微)

$$f'_{-}(a) = f'_{+}(a)$$

Series

Taylor Formula

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{f^{(k)}(a)}{k!} (x-a)^k + R_n(x)$$

Core idea: local approximation

Linear Algebra

Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

$$Ax = \lambda x$$

**Geometric Intuition**  
Eigenvectors are the directions that remain unchanged (up to scaling) by the linear transformation A. Eigenvalues ( $\lambda$ ) are the scaling factors in those directions.

Matrix Operations

Transpose

Determinant

Inverse / Invertible

$$\det(A) = \prod \lambda_i$$

Rank

The rank of a matrix is the maximum number of linearly independent rows (or columns) it contains, which represents the dimension of the vector space spanned by the matrix.

Trace

$$\text{tr}(A) = \sum \lambda_i$$

In linear algebra, the most common and significant type of matrix transformation is a similarity transformation. This transformation takes a matrix A and transforms it into  $P^{-1}AP$ , where P is any invertible matrix.

Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)

$$A = U \Sigma V^T$$

Any linear transformation can be broken down into a sequence of three operations: a rotation ( $V^T$ ), a scaling along the coordinate axes ( $\Sigma$ ), and another rotation (U).