

Sample Space ( $\Omega$ ): Set of all possible outcomes

Events: a set of outcomes / a subset of  $\Omega$

Countably infinite: if exists 1-1 correspondence  $f: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$

Disjoint:  $S_i \cap S_j = \emptyset$ ,  $\forall i, j$

Mutually exclusive:  $S_i \cap S_j = \emptyset$ ,  $\forall i, j$ ,  $i \neq j$

Complement:  $S^c = \{x \in \Omega : x \notin S\}$

Subset:  $S \subseteq T \Leftrightarrow$  For every  $x \in S$ ,  $x \in T$

Equal:  $S = T \Leftrightarrow S \subseteq T$  and  $T \subseteq S$

$\bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} S_k = \{x \in \Omega : x \text{ appears in infinitely many } S_n\}$

$\bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} S_k = \{x \in \Omega : x \text{ appears in all } S_n \text{ after some } k\}$

increasing  $\left| \begin{array}{l} A_1 \cap A_2 \cap A_3 \dots \subseteq A_1 \subseteq A_1 \cup A_2 \dots \\ A_2 \cap A_3 \dots \subseteq A_2 \subseteq A_1 \cup A_2 \dots \end{array} \right|$  decreasing

$\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} S_n = \sup S_n \Rightarrow \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{n=k}^{\infty} S_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup S_n$

$\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} S_n = \inf S_n \Rightarrow \bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} \bigcap_{n=k}^{\infty} S_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \inf S_n$

Pf.  $\bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} S_n = \{x \mid x \in S_k \text{ except finitely many } k\}$  De Morgan's Laws

(S $\subseteq$ T): Let  $x$  be an element of  $S$ , i.e.  $x \in S$ . Then there must exist some  $k$  such that  $x \in \bigcup_{n=k}^{\infty} S_n$ , then  $x \in S_k$ . Since  $S_k \subseteq S$ ,  $\dots \Rightarrow x \in T$

(T $\subseteq$ S): pick some  $y \in T$ , so there must exist some  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.  $y \in S_m \Rightarrow \exists n \geq m \Rightarrow y \in \bigcup_{k=n}^{\infty} S_k$

Pf.  $\bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} S_n = \{x \mid x \in S_k \text{ for infinitely many } k\}$

(S $\subseteq$ T): Let  $x$  be an element of  $S$ , i.e.  $x \in S$ , then  $x \in \bigcup_{n=k}^{\infty} S_n, \forall k$ . This implies that  $x \in T$ :

(assume  $x \notin T \Rightarrow \exists m \in \mathbb{N}, \exists i_1, \dots, i_m$  s.t.  $x \notin \bigcup_{n=i_1}^{i_m} S_n$ )

(T $\subseteq$ S): Let  $y$  be an element of  $T$ , i.e.  $y \in T$ , then there must exist a countably infinite seq. s.t.  $y \in S_m \forall m \in \mathbb{N}$ . This implies that  $y \in \bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} S_k$

### 3 Axioms of Probability

A probability assignment is valid if

1.  $P(A) \geq 0$  for any event  $A$     2.  $P(\Omega) = 1$

3.  $A_1, A_2, \dots$  are mutually exclusive, then  $P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A_i)$

$P(\emptyset) = 0$  ( $A_1 = \Omega, A_2 = A_3 = \emptyset$ )

$A_1, \dots, A_n$  are disjoint events, then  $P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n P(A_i)$

$P(A) \leq 1$  for any  $A$  ( $A \cup A^c = \Omega$ ,  $A$  and  $A^c$  are disjoint)

$P(A^c) = 1 - P(A)$  ( $A_1 = A, A_2 = A^c, A_3 = A_4 = \dots = \emptyset$ )

$P(A) = P(A \cap B) + P(A \cap B^c)$  ( $A = A \cap B, A_B = A \cap B, A_3 = A_4 = \dots = \emptyset$ )

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

Union Bound

(pf) step 1.  $N=2$ :  $P(A_1 \cup A_2) = P(A_1 \cup (A_2 - A_1)) = P(A_1) + P(A_2 - A_1) \leq P(A_1) + P(A_2)$

step 2. assume  $N=k$  is true, then when  $N=k+1$ .

$P\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{k+1} A_n\right) = P\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^k A_n \cup A_{k+1}\right) \leq P\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^k A_n\right) + P(A_{k+1})$

assumption  $\leq \sum_{n=1}^k P(A_n) + P(A_{k+1})$  step 1.

### Continuity of Probability Function

Probability function  $P(\cdot)$  is a function of events

(needs to satisfy the 3 axioms)

$E_1, E_2, \dots$  is increasing if  $E_1 \subseteq E_2 \subseteq \dots \subseteq E_n \subseteq E_{n+1} \subseteq \dots$   
decreasing if  $E_1 \supseteq E_2 \supseteq \dots \supseteq E_n \supseteq E_{n+1} \supseteq \dots$

Theorem For any increasing sequence of events  $E_1, E_2, \dots$ , we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(E_n) = P\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n\right)$$

$$(pf) P\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n\right) = P\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} G_n\right) \stackrel{\text{Axiom 3}}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(G_{ni}) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} G_{ni}\right)$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(E_n) \quad (G_{ni} = E_n - E_{n-1}, \text{ mutually exclusive})$$

$B_k = \bigcap_{n=k}^{\infty} A_n$ : decreasing,  $C_k = \bigcup_{n=k}^{\infty} A_n$ : increasing

### Conditional Probability

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} = \text{conditional probability of event } A \text{ given } B$$

Theorem (Reduction of Sample Space)  $\Omega$ : sample space,  $P(B) > 0$

1.  $P(A|B) \geq 0$  for any event  $A$     2.  $P(\Omega|B) = 1$

3.  $A_1, A_2, \dots$  are mutually exclusive, then  $P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i | B\right) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A_i | B)$

### Tool #1: Multiplication Rule

$$P\left(\bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i\right) = P(A_1) P(A_2 | A_1) \dots P(A_n | A_1 \cap A_2 \dots A_{n-1})$$

### Tool #2: Total Probability Theorem

$A_1, \dots, A_n$  are partition of  $\Omega$  and mutually exclusive,  $P(A_i) > 0$

$$P(B) = P(A_1 \cap B) + \dots + P(A_n \cap B) = P(A_1) P(B | A_1) + \dots + P(A_n) P(B | A_n)$$

### Tool #3: Bayes' Rule

$$P(A_i | B) = \frac{P(A_i) P(B | A_i)}{P(B)} = \frac{P(A_i) P(B | A_i)}{P(A_1) P(B | A_1) + \dots + P(A_n) P(B | A_n)}$$

### Independence

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A) P(B), \text{ if } P(B) > 0, \text{ then } P(A|B) = P(A)$$

If  $A, B$  are independent, then  $A, B^c$  are also independent

$$(pf) P(A \cap B^c) = P(A) - P(A \cap B) = P(A) - P(A) P(B) = P(A) (1 - P(B)) P(B^c)$$

$A_1, \dots, A_n$  are independent if  $P\left(\bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i\right) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(A_i)$  for every  $S \subseteq \{1, \dots, n\}$

Conditionally independent if  $P\left(\bigcap_{i \in S} A_i | B\right) = \prod_{i \in S} P(A_i | B)$

### Random Variable

A function that maps each outcome to a real number

Noted as " $X: S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $S_x, S_x = \{x \mid \omega \in \Omega, \omega \in X\}$ "

two types: 1. discrete: take values over a discrete range  
2. continuous: take values over a continuous range

range:  $[0, 1]$

CDF of  $X$ :  $F_x(t) = P(X \leq t)$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $F_x(t) \in [0, 1]$

Cumulative Distribution Function

$\cdot X: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ :  $X(\omega) = F_x(x(\omega)) = \lim_{t \rightarrow x} F_x(t) = F_x(x)$

$\cdot X: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ :  $X(\omega) = F_x(x(\omega)) = F_x(x)$

Property: 1.  $F_x$  is non-decreasing 2.  $\lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} F_x(t) = 0$  3.  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} F_x(t) = 1$

4.  $F_x$  is right continuous:  $F_x(t^+) = F_x(t)$

$$\begin{cases} x < x \leq t & F_x(t) - F_x(x) \\ x < x < t & F_x(t) - F_x(x) \\ x \leq x \leq t & F_x(t) - F_x(x) \\ x \leq x < t & F_x(t) - F_x(x) \end{cases}$$

PMF of  $X$ :  $p(x)$  of  $X$  is the function that satisfies

$$1. P(X=x) = P(X=x_i) \quad 2. p(x) = 0 \text{ if } x \notin \{x_1, x_2, x_3\} \quad 3. \sum_{i=1}^n p(x_i) = 1$$

## Special Discrete Random Variables

1. Bernoulli Random Variables ( $X \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p)$ )  
 PMF:  $P(X=k) = \begin{cases} p & \text{if } k=1 \\ 1-p & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$  ( $X \sim \text{Binomial}(1, p)$ )  
 $E[X] = p$ ,  $\text{Var}[X] = p(1-p)$
2. Binomial Random Variables ( $X \sim \text{Binomial}(n, p)$ )  
 PMF:  $P(X=k) = \begin{cases} C_n^k p^k (1-p)^{n-k} & \text{if } k=0, 1, 2, \dots, n \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$   
 $E[X] = np$ ,  $\text{Var}[X] = np(1-p)$

n repetitions of the same Bernoulli experiment

Q (for fixed k, under  $p=?$  is  $P(X=k)$  is max):  $P(X=k) = C_n^k p^k (1-p)^{n-k} \Rightarrow p = \frac{k}{n}$

$$\Rightarrow \ln(p) = \ln(k) + k \cdot \ln(p) + (n-k) \cdot \ln(1-p)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dp} \ln(p) = \frac{k}{p} - \frac{n-k}{1-p} = 0 \Leftrightarrow k(1-p) = p(n-k) \Rightarrow p = \frac{k}{n}$$

3. Poisson Random Variables ( $X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda, T)$ )  
 Duration of observation window  
 Average Rate

$$\text{PMF: } P(X=n) = \frac{e^{-\lambda T} (\lambda T)^n}{n!}, \quad n=0, 1, \dots \quad (X \sim \text{Binomial}(n, \frac{\lambda}{T}))$$

$$E[X] = \text{Var}[X] = \lambda T$$

$$\Rightarrow P(X=k) = C_k^n (\frac{\lambda}{T})^k (1-\frac{\lambda}{T})^{n-k} = \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)\dots(n-k+1)}{k!} (\frac{\lambda}{T})^k (1-\frac{\lambda}{T})^{n-k}$$

$$\text{Average rate is known and static}$$

$$\text{as } n \rightarrow \infty: P(X=k) \approx \frac{e^{-\lambda T}}{k!} \lambda^k T^n$$

$$\text{Poisson } (\lambda_1, T) + \text{Poisson } (\lambda_2, T) = \text{Poisson } (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2, T)$$

4. Geometric Random Variables ( $X \sim \text{geometric}(p)$ )

$$\text{PMF: } P(X=k) = \begin{cases} (1-p)^{k-1} p & \text{if } k=1, 2, 3, \dots \quad \text{Repetitions of the same Bernoulli experiment} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$E[X] = \frac{1}{p}, \quad E[X^2] = \frac{2-p}{p^2}, \quad \text{Var}[X] = \frac{1-p}{p^2}$$

$$P(X=m+n | X \geq m) = P(X=n) \quad P(X>n+m | X \geq m) = P(X>n) \quad (\text{Memoryless Property})$$

5. Discrete Uniform Random Variables

$$\text{PMF: } P(X=k) = \frac{1}{b-a+1}, \quad k=a, a+1, \dots, b$$

$$E[X] = \frac{a+b}{2}, \quad \text{Var}[X] = \frac{(b-a+1)^2 - 1}{12}$$

## Continuous Random Variables

$$E[X] = \int_a^b (1-F(x)) dx = \int_a^b F'(x) dx$$

PDF of X: For  $f_X(x)$ ,  $P(X \in B) = \int_B f_X(x) dx$ . check valid:

$$1. P(X \in B) = \int_B f_X(x) dx \quad 2. P(X \in B) \geq 0 \quad \forall B \Rightarrow \int_B f_X(x) dx \geq 0 \quad \forall B$$

$$3. P(X \in \bigcup_{i=1}^n B_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n P(X \in B_i) \Rightarrow \int_{\bigcup_{i=1}^n B_i} f_X(x) dx = \sum_{i=1}^n \int_{B_i} f_X(x) dx$$

(don't need to check... hold by the definition of integration)

CDF and PDF:  $F_X(x) = P(X \leq x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f_X(t) dt$ ,  $f_X(x) = F'_X(x)$

$\Rightarrow$  if  $f_X(x)$  is continuous at  $x_0$ , then  $F_X(x_0) = f_X(x_0)$

Property: 1.  $f_X(x)$  could be  $\pm \infty$  because it doesn't have meaning as a single point.  $p(a < x < b) = p(a \leq x \leq b) = p(a \leq x \leq b) = \int_a^b f_X(x) dx$

## Special Continuous Random Variables

1. Continuous Uniform Random Variables ( $X \sim \text{Unif}(a, b)$ )

$$\text{PDF of } X: f_X(x) = \frac{1}{b-a} (a < x < b), \quad 0 \quad (\text{otherwise})$$

$$\text{CDF of } X: F_X(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x \leq a \\ \frac{x-a}{b-a} & a < x < b \\ 1 & x \geq b \end{cases}$$

if we take CDF of  $X: F_X(x)$  as rv. then

it's a kind of uniform r.v.:  $F_X(x) \sim \text{Unif}(0, 1)$

Inverse Transform Sampling (ITS): given CDF  $F_U(t)$ , generate r.v.

2. choose  $U \sim \text{Unif}(0, 1)$ ,  $X = F_U^{-1}(U)$ , where  $F_U^{-1}(t) := \inf\{u \mid F_U(u) \geq t\}$

$$P(F_U^{-1}(U) \leq x) = P(F(U) \leq F(x)) = P[U \leq F(x)] = F(x)$$

$F(x)$  is non-decreasing

def. of unif

$$\text{Binomial Expansion: } (x+y)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n C_n^k x^{n-k} y^k \quad C_0^n + \dots + C_n^n = 2^n$$

$$e^x = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1 + \frac{x}{n})^n = 1 + \frac{x}{1!} + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots$$

$$P(\ln) = \int_0^\infty u^{n-1} e^{-u} du \quad P(\frac{1}{2}) = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2}, \quad P(\frac{1}{2}) = \sqrt{\pi}$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^n} = \frac{\pi^2}{6}, \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^4} = \frac{\pi^4}{90}, \quad \frac{1}{1-x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n \quad \ln(1+x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \frac{x^n}{n}$$

## Shannon Entropy

$$H(X) := - \sum_x p(x) \log p(x) \equiv \text{IE}[-\log p(x)]$$

base 2 : bits  
base e : nats

## Expected Value ( $E[X] \equiv m_x$ )

$$E[X] := \sum_{x \in S} x \cdot p_x(x) \quad \text{PMF} \quad E[ax+b] = aE[x] + b$$

$$E[g(x)] := \sum_{x \in S} g(x) p_x(x) \quad (\text{LOTUS}) \quad E[g(x)+h(x)] = E[g(x)] + E[h(x)]$$

## Moments

$$E[x^n] = n\text{-th moment} \quad E[e^{tx}] = \text{moment generating function}$$

$$E[(X-dx)^n] = n\text{-th central moment}$$

## Variance ( $\geq 2$ nd central moment)

$$\text{Var}[X] := E[(X - M_x)^2] = \sum_{x \in S} (x - M_x)^2 \cdot p_x(x) = E[X^2] - (E[X])^2$$

## Properties:

$$1. \text{Var}[X+c] = \text{Var}[X]$$

$$2. \text{Var}[ax] = a^2 \text{Var}[x] + E[x^2] - (E[x])^2$$

Riemann Rearrangement Theorem: let  $\{a_n\}$  be a sequence of number if 1.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges ( $\forall \epsilon > 0$ ), 2.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n| = \infty$ , then for any  $B \in \mathbb{R}$  if  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = B$ , there exists a rearrangement  $\{b_n\}$  of  $\{a_n\}$  such that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n = B$ .

Existence of Moments: if  $E[X^n] < \infty$  then  $E[X^n]$  exists

- if  $E[|X|^m] < \infty$ , then  $E[|X|^n] < \infty$

## Moment Generating Functions

Borel-Cantelli Lemma: if  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(A_n) = \infty$ , then  $P(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n) = 1$ .  
 Borel-Cantelli Law: Let  $A_1, A_2, \dots$  be a countably infinite sequence of events, then  $P(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n) = 1$  if  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(A_n) < \infty$ .

If  $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ ,  $M_X(t) = E[e^{xt}] = e^{xt + \frac{\sigma^2 t^2}{2}}$

$$X \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda), \quad M_X(t) = \frac{\lambda}{\lambda-t} \quad \text{for } t < \lambda$$

## Probability of Winning if Switch Door

$$P(E_{M,N}) = \frac{N-M}{N} + \frac{M}{N} \cdot \frac{N-M}{N-2}$$

and by weighted inequality of arithmetic and geometric means, we have

$$\frac{N-M}{N} + \frac{M}{N} \cdot \frac{N-M}{N-2} \geq \frac{N-M}{N} + \frac{M}{N} \cdot \frac{N-M}{N} = \frac{N-M}{N} \cdot \frac{N+M}{N} = \frac{N}{N} = 1$$

$\therefore$   $L(x)$  is an increasing function  $\therefore \ln(N) \geq \ln(\frac{N}{N-M})^2 \geq \ln(1)$  and we also know that equality holds if  $\frac{N-M}{N} = \frac{M}{N}$   $\Rightarrow \frac{N-M}{N} = \frac{M}{N} \Rightarrow N-M = M \Rightarrow N = 2M \Rightarrow N = 2$

$\therefore P(E_{M,N}) = P(X=2) = \frac{1}{N} \quad X = 1, 2, 3, \dots, N$

The PAF of  $P(E_{M,N})$ :  $P(x) = \frac{1}{N} \quad x = 1, 2, 3, \dots, N$

$H(x)$  has maximum value  $\ln N$

## 2. Standard Normal Random Variables ( $X \sim \text{N}(0, 1)$ )

$$\text{PDF: } f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}, \quad E[X] = 0, \quad \text{Var}[X] = 1$$

$$\text{CDF: } \Phi(x) := P(X \leq x) = \int_{-\infty}^x \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{t^2}{2}} dt, \quad \Phi(\infty) = 1, \quad \Phi(0) = \frac{1}{2}$$

## From Standard Normal to Normal

$$Y = aX + b \quad \text{CDF: } F_Y(z) = P(Y \leq z) = P(aX+b \leq z) = \begin{cases} P(X \leq \frac{z-b}{a}) & \text{if } a > 0 \\ P(X \geq \frac{z-b}{a}) & \text{if } a < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{PDF: } \frac{d}{dt} F_Y(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{a} f_X(\frac{t-b}{a}) & \text{if } a > 0 \\ \frac{1}{a} (-f_X(\frac{t-b}{a})) & \text{if } a < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Normal Random Variables: } f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} \quad X \sim \text{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$$

## 3. Exponential Random Variables ( $X \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda)$ )

$$\text{PDF: } f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda x} & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad \text{Under a larger } \lambda, X \text{ is more likely to be smaller}$$

$$\text{CDF: } F_X(x) = 0 \quad x < 0 \quad F_X(x) = \int_0^x \lambda e^{-\lambda t} dt = \lambda e^{-\lambda x} = 1 - e^{-\lambda x}$$

$$P(X > s | X > t) = \frac{P(X > s+t)}{P(X > t)} = \frac{\int_s^{\infty} \lambda e^{-\lambda(t+s)} dt}{\int_t^{\infty} \lambda e^{-\lambda t} dt} = \frac{e^{-\lambda(s+t)}}{e^{-\lambda t}} = e^{-\lambda s} = P(X > s)$$

$$F_X(t) = P(\{w: \min(X_1(w), X_2(w)) \leq t\}) = 1 - P(X_1 > t) \cdot P(X_2 > t) = 1 - e^{-(2\lambda t)}$$

$$X_1 \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda_1), \quad X_2 \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda_2), \quad X = \min(X_1, X_2) \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)$$



