

Sample Space (Ω): Set of all possible outcomes
Events: a set of outcomes / a subset of Ω
Countably infinite: if exists 1-1 correspondence $f: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$
Disjoint: $S \cap T = \emptyset$
Mutually exclusive: $S_i \cap S_j = \emptyset, \forall i, j, i \neq j$
Complement: $S^c = \{\omega \in \Omega : \omega \notin S\}$
Subset: $S \subseteq T \Leftrightarrow$ For every $\omega \in S, \omega \in T$
Equal: $S = T \Leftrightarrow S \subseteq T$ and $T \subseteq S$

$\bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{n=k}^{\infty} S_n = \{\omega \in \Omega : \omega \text{ appears in infinitely many } S_n\}$
 $\bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} \bigcap_{n=k}^{\infty} S_n = \{\omega \in \Omega : \omega \text{ appears in all } S_n \text{ after some } k\}$
 $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} S_n = \sup S_n$
 $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} S_n = \inf S_n$

De Morgan's Laws
 $(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} S_n)^c = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} S_n^c$
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Proof: $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} S_n = \{\omega \in \Omega : \exists n \text{ s.t. } \omega \in S_n\}$
 $(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} S_n)^c = \{\omega \in \Omega : \forall n, \omega \notin S_n\} = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} S_n^c$
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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 $P(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A_i)$
Proof: $P(\emptyset) = 0$ ($A_1 = \Omega, A_2 = A_2, \dots = \emptyset$)
 A_1, \dots, A_n are disjoint events, then $P(\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n P(A_i)$
 $P(A) \leq 1$ for any A ($A \cup A^c = \Omega$, A and A^c are disjoint)
 $P(A^c) = 1 - P(A)$ ($A_1 = A, A_2 = A^c, A_3 = A, \dots = \emptyset$)
 $P(A) = P(A \cap B) + P(A \cap B^c)$ ($A_1 = A \cap B, A_2 = A \cap B^c, A_3 = A, \dots = \emptyset$)
 $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$ ($A_1 = A \cup B, A_2 = A, A_3 = B, \dots = \emptyset$)

Union Bound

$P(\bigcup_{n=1}^N A_n) \leq \sum_{n=1}^N P(A_n)$
Proof: $N=2$ $P(A_1 \cup A_2) = P(A_1) + P(A_2) - P(A_1 \cap A_2) \leq P(A_1) + P(A_2)$
Step 2: assume $N=k$ is true. then when $N=k+1$.
 $P(\bigcup_{n=1}^{k+1} A_n) = P(\bigcup_{n=1}^k A_n \cup A_{k+1}) \leq P(\bigcup_{n=1}^k A_n) + P(A_{k+1})$
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

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(E_n) = P(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E_n)$$

(pf) $P(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E_n) = P(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} B_i) \stackrel{\text{Axiom 3}}{=} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(B_i) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(\bigcup_{i=1}^n B_i)$
 $= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(E_n)$ ($B_n = E_n - E_{n-1}$, mutually exclusive)
 $B_k = \bigcap_{i=1}^k \bigcup_{n=k}^{\infty} A_n$: decreasing, $C_k = \bigcup_{i=1}^k \bigcap_{n=k}^{\infty} A_n$: increasing

Conditional Probability

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

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

- $P(A|B) \geq 0$ for any event A
- $P(\Omega|B) = 1$
- A_1, A_2, \dots are mutually exclusive, then $P(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i|B) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A_i|B)$

Tool #1: Multiplication Rule

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

Tool #2: Total Probability Theorem

A_1, \dots, A_n are partition of Ω 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

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

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

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

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

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

Random Variable

A function that maps each outcome to a real number

Noted as $X: S \rightarrow S_X, S_X = \{X(\omega) : \omega \in S, X \in \mathbb{R}\}$

- two types: 1. discrete: take values over a discrete range \mathbb{Z}
2. continuous: take values over a continuous range \mathbb{R}

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

Properties:
1. F_X is non-decreasing
2. $\lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} F_X(t) = 0, \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} F_X(t) = 1$
3. F_X is right continuous
4. F_X is right continuous: $F_X(t^+) = F_X(t)$

PMF of X : $p_X(\cdot)$ of X is the function that satisfies

- $P(X = x_i) = p_X(x_i)$
- $p_X(x) = 0$ if $x \notin \{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$
- $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} p_X(x_i) = 1$

Special Discrete Random Variables

1. Bernoulli Random Variables ($X \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p)$)

PMF: $P(X=k) = \begin{cases} p & \text{if } k=1 \\ 1-p & \text{if } k=0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (X \sim \text{Binomial}(1, p))$
 $E[X] = p, \text{ Var}[X] = p(1-p)$
1 experiment trial with > possible outcomes

2. Binomial Random Variables ($X \sim \text{Binomial}(n, p)$)

PMF: $P(X=k) = \begin{cases} C_n^k p^k (1-p)^{n-k} & \text{if } k=0, 1, \dots, n \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$
 $E[X] = np, \text{ Var}[X] = np(1-p)$
n repetitions of the same Bernoulli experiment
Q: (for fixed k, under p = ? is P(X=k) is max): $P(X=k) = C_n^k p^k (1-p)^{n-k} = f(p)$
 $\Rightarrow \ln f(p) = \ln C_n^k + k \ln p + (n-k) \ln(1-p)$
 $\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dp} \ln f(p) = \frac{k}{p} - \frac{n-k}{1-p} = 0 \Leftrightarrow k(1-p) = p(n-k) \Leftrightarrow \boxed{p = \frac{k}{n}}$
Duration of observation window

3. Poisson Random Variables ($X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda, T)$)

PMF: $P(X=n) = \frac{e^{-\lambda T} (\lambda T)^n}{n!}, n=0, 1, \dots \quad (X \sim \text{Binomial}(n, \frac{\lambda}{n}))$
 $E[X] = \text{Var}[X] = \lambda T$
Average rate is known and static
 $\Rightarrow P(X=k) = C_n^k (\frac{\lambda}{n})^k (1-\frac{\lambda}{n})^{n-k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} (\frac{\lambda}{n})^k (1-\frac{\lambda}{n})^{n-k}$
 $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} (\frac{\lambda}{n})^k (1-\frac{\lambda}{n})^{n-k} = \frac{1}{k!} (\frac{\lambda}{n})^k (1-\frac{\lambda}{n})^{n-k}$
 $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} (\frac{\lambda}{n})^k (1-\frac{\lambda}{n})^{n-k} = \frac{1}{k!} \lambda^k e^{-\lambda}$
 $P(\lambda) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P(X=n) = e^{-\lambda} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^n}{n!} = e^{-\lambda} e^{\lambda} = 1$
 $\text{Poisson}(\lambda_1, T) + \text{Poisson}(\lambda_2, T) = \text{Poisson}(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2, T)$

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

PMF: $P(X=k) = \begin{cases} (1-p)^{k-1} p & \text{if } k=1, 2, \dots \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$ *Repetitions of the same Bernoulli experiment*
 $E[X] = \frac{1}{p}, E[X^2] = \frac{2-p}{p^2}, \text{ Var}[X] = \frac{1-p}{p^2}$
 $P(X=n+m | X>m) = P(X=n)$
 $P(X>n+m | X>m) = P(X>n)$ (Memoryless Property)

5. Discrete Uniform Random Variables

PMF: $P(X=k) = \frac{1}{b-a+1}, k=a, a+1, \dots, b$
 $E[X] = \frac{a+b}{2}, \text{ Var}[X] = \frac{(b-a+1)^2 - 1}{12}$

Continuous Random Variables

PDF of X : For $f_X(x)$, $P(X \in B) = \int_B f_X(x) dx$. Check valid:
1. $P(X \in \mathbb{R}) = 1 \Leftrightarrow \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x) dx = 1$
2. $P(X \in A) \geq 0 \forall A \Leftrightarrow \int_A f_X(x) dx \geq 0 \forall A$
3. $P(X \in \bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n P(X \in A_i) \Leftrightarrow \int_{\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i} f_X(x) dx = \sum_{i=1}^n \int_{A_i} f_X(x) dx$
(Don't need to check, \therefore hold by the definition of integration)
CDF \leftrightarrow PDF: $F_X(x) = P(X \leq x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f_X(x) dx, f_X(x) = F'_X(x)$
 \Rightarrow if $f_X(\cdot)$ is continuous at x_0 , then $F'_X(x_0) = f_X(x_0)$
Property: 1. $f_X(x)$ could be ≥ 1 because it doesn't have meaning as a single point
2. $p(a < x < b) = p(a \leq x < b) = p(a < x \leq b) = p(a \leq x \leq b)$

Special Continuous Random Variables

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

PDF of X : $f_X(x) = \frac{1}{b-a} (a < x < b), 0$ (otherwise)
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 r.v., then it's a kind of uniform r.v.: $F_X(X) \sim \text{Unif}(0, 1)$
Inverse Transform Sampling (ITS): given CDF: $F(x)$, generate r.v.
1. choose $U \sim \text{Unif}(0, 1)$
2. $X = F^{-1}(U)$, where $F^{-1}(U) = \inf\{x | F(x) \geq U\}$
 $P(F^{-1}(U) \leq x) = P(F(F^{-1}(U)) \leq F(x)) = P(U \leq F(x)) = F(x)$
F(x) is non-decreasing
def. of unif

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

$e^x = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1 + \frac{x}{n})^n = 1 + \frac{x}{1!} + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} \dots$
 $\Gamma(n) = \int_0^{\infty} u^{n-1} e^{-u} du, \Gamma(\frac{1}{2}) = \sqrt{\pi}, \Gamma(\frac{1}{2}) = \sqrt{\pi}$
 $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^s} = \frac{\zeta(s)}{s}, \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^s} = \frac{\zeta(s)}{s}, \frac{1}{1-\alpha} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \alpha^n, \ln(1+x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \frac{x^n}{n}$

Shannon Entropy

$H(X) = - \sum_i p(x_i) \log p(x_i) \equiv \mathbb{E}[-\log p(X)]$ base 2: bits, base e: nats

Expected Value ($E[X] \equiv \mu_X$)

$E[X] := \sum_{\alpha \in \Omega} x_{\alpha} \cdot \underbrace{p_X(\alpha)}_{\text{PMF}} = \sum_{\alpha=1}^n (x_{\alpha} - x_{\alpha-1}) (1 - F_X(x_{\alpha-1}))$
 $E[aX+b] = aE[X] + b$
 $E[g(X)] := \sum_{\alpha \in \Omega} g(\alpha) p_X(\alpha)$ (Lotus)
 $E[g(X) + h(X)] = E[g(X)] + E[h(X)]$

Moments

$E[X^n]$: n-th moment
 $E[e^{tX}]$: moment generating function

$E[(X - \mu_X)^n]$: n-th central moment

Variance (2nd central moment)

$\text{Var}[X] := E[(X - \mu_X)^2] = \sum_{\alpha \in \Omega} (x_{\alpha} - \mu_X)^2 \cdot p_X(\alpha) = E[X^2] - (E[X])^2$

Properties:

- 1. $\text{Var}[X+c] = \text{Var}[X]$
 - 2. $\text{Var}[aX] = a^2 \text{Var}[X]$
 - 3. $\text{Var}[X+Y] \neq \text{Var}[X] + \text{Var}[Y]$
 - 4. $E[X^2] \geq (E[X])^2$
- Riemann Rearrangement Theorem: let $\{a_n\}$ be a sequence of number
if 1. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ converges (收敛), 2. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n| < \infty$, then for any $B \in \mathbb{R}$ w/o ∞
there exists a rearrangement $\{b_n\}$ of $\{a_n\}$ such that $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n = B$.
Existence of Moments: if $E[|X|^1] < \infty$ then $E[X^n]$ exists
if $E[|X|^1] < \infty$, then $E[|X|^n] < \infty$

Moment Generating Functions

$M_X(t) = E[e^{tX}], E[X^n] = M_X^{(n)}(0)$

Ex $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2), M_X(t) = e^{(\mu t + \frac{\sigma^2 t^2}{2})}$

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

Probability of Winning if Switch Door

$P(E_{win}) = \frac{N-1}{N} \frac{N-M-1}{N-2} + \frac{M}{N} \frac{N-M}{N-2}$
Boole-Cantelli Lemma: if $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(A_n) = \infty$, then $P(\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n) = 0$.
Borel Zero-one law: Let A_1, A_2, \dots be a countably infinite sequence of events. Then, $P(\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n) = 0$ or 1 , if $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(A_n) < \infty$ or ∞ respectively.
if X_1, \dots, X_n are "independent geometry r.v. Then $Y = \min(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ is also a geometry r.v. with $p = 1 - (1-p)^n$
if $L(x) = C_k \cdot x^k \cdot (1-x)^{n-k}$, which x can maximize $L(x)$ is solved by calculate $L'(x) = 0$.
 $H(x) = - \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i p_i = - \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \cdot \ln p_i = - \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \cdot (\frac{1}{n})^n \cdot \ln(\frac{1}{n})^n$
by weighted inequality of arithmetic and geometric means, we have $\frac{1}{n} \cdot \ln \frac{1}{n} \geq \frac{1}{n} \cdot \ln p_i + \frac{1}{n} \cdot \ln \frac{1}{n}$
 $\Rightarrow \frac{1}{n} \cdot \ln \frac{1}{n} \geq \frac{1}{n} \cdot \ln p_i + \frac{1}{n} \cdot \ln \frac{1}{n} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{n} \cdot \ln \frac{1}{n} \geq \frac{1}{n} \cdot \ln p_i$
 $\therefore \ln \frac{1}{n} \geq \ln p_i \Rightarrow \frac{1}{n} \geq p_i$
if $p_i > \frac{1}{n}$, then $p_i > \frac{1}{n}$. In conclusion, when the PDF $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{n} & x=1, 2, \dots, n \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$
 $H(x)$ has maximum value $\ln n$

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

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

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

From Standard Normal to Normal

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

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

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

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

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

CDF: $\begin{cases} F_X(x) = 0 & x < 0 \\ F_X(x) = 1 - e^{-\lambda x} & x \geq 0 \end{cases}$

$P(X > s+t | X > t) = \frac{P(X > s+t)}{P(X > t)} = \frac{\int_{s+t}^{\infty} f_X(x) dx}{\int_t^{\infty} f_X(x) dx} = \frac{e^{-\lambda(s+t)}}{e^{-\lambda t}} = e^{-\lambda s} = P(X > s)$

$F_X(t) = P(\{w: \min(X_1, w, X_2) \leq t\}) = 1 - P(X_1 > t) P(X_2 > t) = 1 - e^{-(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)t}$

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