

Discrete

MIDTERM 2 STUDY GUIDE

we start by
finishing up on
proofs...

some strategies
to begin thinking
about
probability...

chapters 4.1-4.3

INDUCTION

We know how to prove by...

$$P \Rightarrow Q$$

$$79 \Rightarrow 7P$$

$$P \wedge 79 \Rightarrow P_n$$

↳ false

... now we have 1 more
type of proof

Inductive Proof

- helpful when we want to prove $P \Rightarrow Q$ for all $P(n)$, especially when n is very large or infinite
- the idea...

$$P(1) \wedge (\forall n \geq 1, P(n) \Rightarrow P(n+1)) \Rightarrow \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, P(n)$$

↳ if 1 is true and all #s > 1 are true, then all n is true

• the process...

- ① prove $P(1)$ is true (or $P(n)$ in a more general case)
- ② prove for any $n \geq 1$, if $P(n)$ is true then $P(n+1)$ is true.

• Induction is really great for proving sums

Strong Induction

- Very similar to induction, but in the second step instead of just proving that $P(n) \Rightarrow P(n+1)$ is true, we prove that every # leading up to $P(n)$ is true then $P(n+1)$ is true.

- ② prove $P(1) \wedge P(2) \dots \wedge P(n) \Rightarrow P(n+1)$ for any $n \geq 1$

Multistep Recursion

- Just like recursion but where the n th term is defined by the $(n-1)$ st and $(n-2)$ nd term (possibly more)
- The most common multistep recursion...

Fibonacci

$$F_n, n \geq 0$$

$$F_0 = 1, F_1 = 1, F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2}, n \geq 2$$

- many interesting counting applications

chapters 6.1-6.4
7.1-7.4 & 7.6

BASIC COUNTING

- many times in probability we need ways to "count" large #s of items or occurrences, let's see how we can do that...

Product Rule

- if a task has n ind. stages and K_i ways to perform each stage then...
- total ways to perform task.

- A couple more principles to help with counting...

Inclusion-Exclusion

- for the cardinality of a union of 2 sets we know...

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

- we can extend this to n sets...

$$N(\cup_{i=1}^n A_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n N(A_i) - \sum_{i < j} N(A_i \cap A_j) + \sum_{i < j < k} N(A_i \cap A_j \cap A_k) - \dots + (-1)^{n+1} N(A_1 \cap \dots \cap A_n)$$

- More likely we will just run into an $n=3$ type...

$$N(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3) = N(A_1) + N(A_2) + N(A_3) - N(A_1 \cap A_2) - N(A_1 \cap A_3) - N(A_2 \cap A_3) + N(A_1 \cap A_2 \cap A_3)$$

COMBINATORICS

Permutations of distinct obj.

- The # of ordered arrangements (permutations) of length m from n distinct objects is...

$$P(n, m) = \frac{n!}{(n-m)!}, n \geq m \geq 0$$

Circular Permutations

- There are $(n-1)!$ circular permutations (ordered loops) of n distinct objects.

Permutations of non-dist. obj.

- The # of permutations of n objects, m_i of which are of type i (1 ≤ i ≤ r) is...

$$\frac{n!}{m_1! m_2! \dots m_r!}$$

Combinations

- The # of combinations if the order of the items doesn't matter is...

$$C(n, m) = \frac{n!}{m!(n-m)!}, n \geq m \geq 0$$

- # of ways of dividing a group of n distinct obj. into $r \geq 2$ subgroups where obj. in group i is...

$$C(n; m_1, m_2, \dots, m_r) = \frac{n!}{m_1! m_2! \dots m_r!}$$

Sum Rule

- if a method w/ K_i ways to perform each method

$$\sum_{i=1}^n K_i = K_1 + K_2 + \dots + K_n$$

... way of performing task

Both!

- Multiply for stages the sum for methods!

chapters 8.1-8.3 & 8.5

BINOMIALS

- if you are familiar w/ $(x+y)^n$ and various expansions as n increases, the combinations way look familiar...

$$(x+y)^1 = x+y$$
$$(x+y)^2 = x^2 + 2xy + y^2$$
$$(x+y)^3 = x^3 + 3x^2y + 3xy^2 + y^3$$

Binomial Coefficients

- these are calculated in the same way as combinations...

$$C(n, m) = \binom{n}{m} = \frac{n!}{m!(n-m)!}$$

- we use binomial coeff. to expand...

$$(x+y)^n = \sum_{m=0}^n \binom{n}{m} x^m y^{n-m}$$

Pascal's Triangle

- 1 interesting application / way to remember the binomial coeff. is Pascal's triangle...

$$P_{n,m} = \binom{n}{m}, 0 \leq m \leq n$$

- Many interesting properties...

Other Applications

- if $K_1 + K_2 + \dots + K_r = n$, and $n \geq 0$ and $r \geq 1$, then the # of nonneg. solutions is...

$$\binom{n+r-1}{r-1}$$

- There are some useful binomial identities...

$$\sum_{m=0}^n \binom{n}{m} = 2^n$$
$$\sum_{m=0}^n m \binom{n}{m} = n 2^{n-1}$$
$$\sum_{k=0}^m \binom{n}{k} \binom{n-k}{m-k} = \binom{n}{m}$$

GOOD LUCK!