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Ω is a sample space. $A \in \Omega$ is an event

$$P[\Omega] = 1$$

$$A \cap B = \emptyset \Rightarrow P[A \cup B] = P[A] + P[B]$$

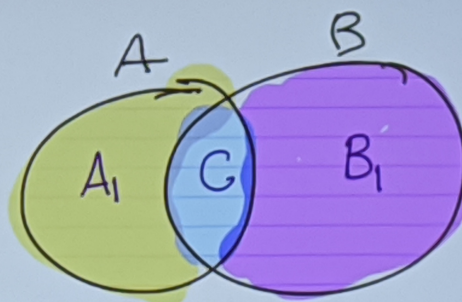
The Union Law

$$P[A \cup B] = P[A] + P[B] - P[A \cap B]$$

Idea of a proof

$$A = A_1 \cup C$$

$$A_1 \cap C = \emptyset$$



$$P(A) = P(A_1) + P(C)$$

$$P(B) = P(B_1) + P(C)$$

$$P(A) + P(B) = \underbrace{P(A_1) + P(B_1) + P(C) + P(C)}_{P(A \cup B) + P(A \cap B)}$$

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

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Inclusion-exclusion principle

$$P(A_1 \cup \dots \cup A_n) = \sum_{1 \leq i \leq n} P(A_i) - \sum_{i < j} P(A_i \cap A_j) + \sum_{i < j < k} P(A_i \cap A_j \cap A_k) - \dots + (-1)^{n-1} P\left(\bigcap_{1 \leq i \leq n} A_i\right)$$

Example of envelopes

There are n envelopes and n numbers. We want to put number i into an envelope i . What is the probability that at least one number will be in the right envelope?

$$P(A_i) = \frac{1}{n}, \forall i$$

$P(A_i \cap A_j) = \frac{(n-2)!}{n!}, \forall i, j$, since 2 numbers are fixed and others can be in any order. There are $n!$ options to order n elements.

$$P(A_i \cap A_j \cap A_k) = \frac{(n-3)!}{n!}$$

...

$$P(A_1 \cap \dots \cap A_n) = \frac{1}{n!}$$

$$P(A_1 \cup \dots \cup A_n) = \frac{1}{n}n - \frac{(n-2)!}{n!} \binom{n}{2} + \dots + (-1)^{n-1} \frac{1}{n} = 1 - \frac{1}{2!} + \frac{1}{3!} - \dots + (-1)^{n-1} \frac{1}{n!}$$

If $n \rightarrow \infty$, then P limits to $\frac{1}{e} \approx 0.37$ (the formula in a line higher is a Taylor series of e^x where $x = -1$).

Secretary problem (Задача о разборчивой невесте)

There is one position and n candidates, and we need to choose the best candidate. With what probability can at least one candidate be the best?

It is the same as $P(A_1 \cup \dots \cup A_n)$ which limits to $\frac{1}{e} \approx 0.37$. So if you have a lot of candidates, it could be a good strategy to reject first 30%.

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Geometric probability

Ω -- sample space

$A \subset \Omega$ -- set of favorable outcomes. $P(A) = \frac{\#A}{\#\Omega}$

Monte Carlo method -- randomly choose objects for a lot of times.

Ways to count probability:

- by length (intervals)
- by volume/area

Example: meet between noon and 1pm

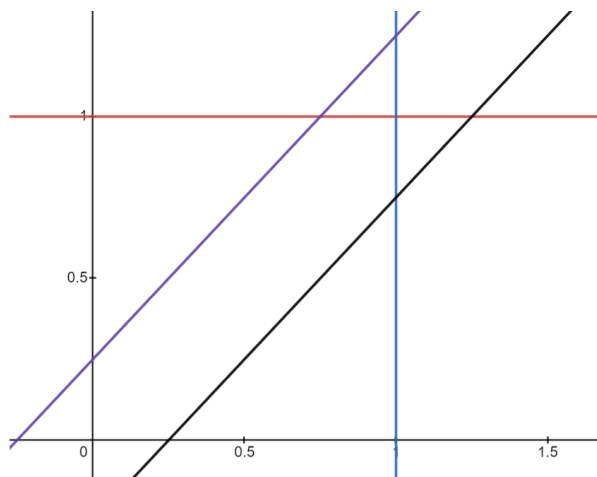
Alex and Anna want to meet between 12pm and 1pm. They choose independently at what time to show up. When sb comes, he/she waits for 15 minutes and then leaves. What is the probability that they meet?

T_1 -- time that Alex shows up. $0 \leq T_1 \leq 1$

T_2 -- time that Anna show up $0 \leq T_2 \leq 1$

$$0 \leq |T_1 - T_2| \leq \frac{1}{4}$$

$$P = \frac{S_1}{S_0} = (1 - 0.75) \cdot 2 = \frac{1}{2}$$



Example 2: Buffon's needle

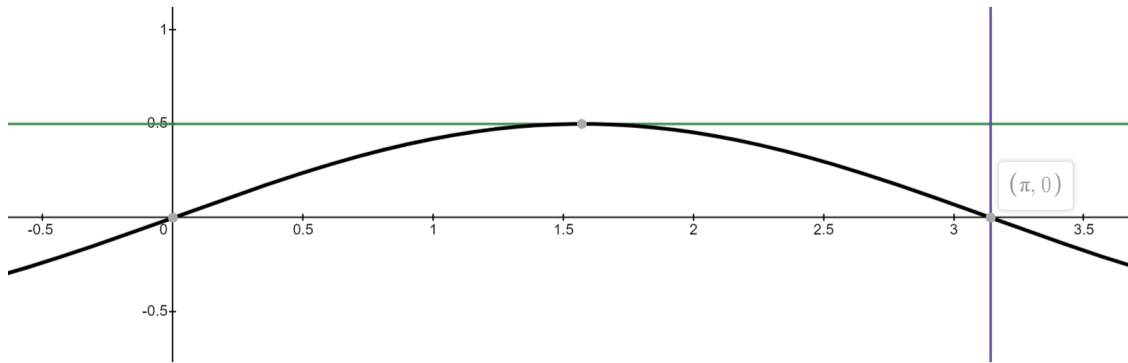
There are parallel lines in a distance of 1. There is a needle of length 1.

Need to keep track of:

- y -- coordinate of the center of the needle. $0 \leq y \leq 1$

- α -- angle that the needle forms with the line (in the plane which is parallel to the surface). $0 \leq \alpha \leq \pi$

$$P = \frac{\int_0^\pi \frac{\sin x}{x} dx}{\frac{1}{2}\pi} = \frac{-\cos x|_0^\pi}{\pi} = \frac{2}{\pi}$$



Example 3: Bertrand's paradox /todo

A chord of a circle of radius 1 is chosen. What is the probability that the length of the chord would be at least $\sqrt{3}$?

The points are on the circle. The coordinate of a point is between 0 and 2π . The distance between two points should be at least 120° .

We can pick the middle point p inside the circle, then draw a chord, where p is a center of the chord.

Now the length of the chord is $2\sqrt{1-x^2}$, where x is a distance between p and the center of the circle. Should be $\geq \sqrt{3} \Rightarrow x \leq \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow P = \frac{1}{4}$

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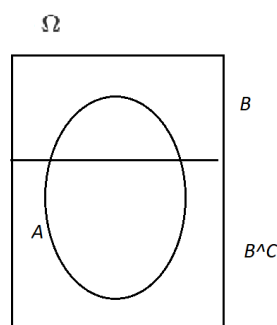
The conditional probability

$A, B : P(A) \neq 0, P(B) \neq 0$.

$P[A|B] = \frac{P[A \cap B]}{P[B]}$, where $P[A|B]$ -- "A given B" -- probability of A in case B has already occurred.

Conditioning: special case Ω

$$P[A] = P[A \cap B] + P[A \cap B^c] = P[A|B] \cdot P[B] + P[A|B^c] \cdot P[B^c]$$



$$\text{In general, } P[A] = \sum_{i=1}^n p[A \cap B_i] = \sum_{i=1}^n P[A|B_i]P[B_i]$$

Example: 5 coins

There are 5 coins: two double-headed, one double-tailed and two normal. One of the coins is randomly taken. What is the probability that we get a head?

B_1 -- "got double-headed", B_2 -- "got double-tailed", B_3 -- "got normal".

$$P[H] = \sum_1^3 P[A|B_i]P[B_i] = \underbrace{1 \cdot \frac{2}{5}}_{B_1} + \underbrace{0 \cdot \frac{1}{5}}_{B_2} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{2}{5}}_{B_3} = 0.6$$

Independent events

A and B are independent, when $P[A|B] = P[A]$ or $P[A \cap B] = P[A] \cdot P[B]$

In general, A_1, \dots, A_n are independent, when $\forall \{i_1, \dots, i_k \mid i_j \in [1..n], \forall j\} : P[\bigcap_{j=1}^k A_{i_j}] = \prod_{j=1}^k P[A_{i_j}]$

Example: a pair of dies

A pair of dies is rolled.

A: the first die's score ≥ 3 . $P[A] = \frac{1}{2}$

B: The second die's score ≥ 5 . $P[B] = \frac{1}{3}$

C: Aim of the scores = 6. $P[C] = \frac{5}{36}$

$$P[A \cap B] = \frac{1}{6}, \quad P[A \cap C] = \frac{1}{12}, \quad P[B \cap C] = \frac{1}{36}$$

A and B are independent: $P[A \cap B] = \frac{1}{6}$

A and C are dependent: $P[A \cap C] \neq \frac{5}{72}$

B and C are dependent: $P[B \cap C] \neq \frac{5}{108}$

Random walks

Random walk means you can move either to the right, either to the left with the probability of $\frac{1}{2}$.

Example: an X-axis \todo

There is an X-axis and numbers 0,1,2,3. We can move to the right or to the left with the prob. of $\frac{1}{2}$. If we get to 0 or 3, we stop. What is the probability that we stop in 0?

p_i = Prob. of stopping in 0 if we start in i .

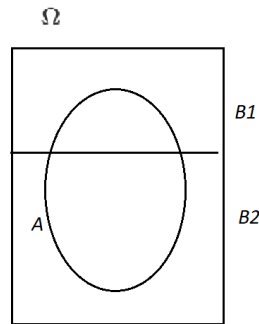
$$p_0 = 1, \quad p_3 = 0$$

$$p_1 = p_2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{p_2+1}{2}$$

$$p_2 = p_3 \cdot \frac{1}{2} + p_1 \cdot \frac{1}{2}$$

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$$\Omega = B_1 \cup B_2, \quad B_1 \cap B_2 = \emptyset$$



$$P[B_1|A] = \frac{P[B_1 \cap A]}{P[A]} = \frac{P[A|B_1] \cdot P[B_1]}{P[A \cap B_1] + P[A \cap B_2]} = \frac{P[A|B_1] \cdot P[B_1]}{P[A|B_1] \cdot P[B_1] + P[A|B_2] \cdot P[B_2]}$$

Example 1: transmission channel

Two types of messages can be sent: 0 and 1. We assume that 40% of the time 1 is got.

$$\Omega = I_0 \cup I_1; \quad I_1 = \text{"input is 1"}, \quad I_0 = \text{"input is 0"};$$

$$O_1 = \text{"output is 1"}, \quad O_0 = \text{"output is 0"};$$

$$P[I_1] = 0.4, \quad P[I_0] = 0.6$$

$$P[O_1|I_1] = 0.9, \quad P[O_0|I_0] = 0.8$$

$$P[O_0|I_1] = 1 - P[O_1|I_1] = 0.1$$

$$P[O_0] = P[O_0 \cap I_0] + P[O_0 \cap I_1] = P[O_0|I_0] \cdot P[I_0] + P[O_0|I_1] \cdot P[I_1] = 0.52$$

Random variables

Let (Ω, P) be a space. A function $X : \Omega \rightarrow R$

Example 1: three coin throwings

$$X : \Omega \rightarrow [\# \text{ of heads}]$$

Example 2: three throwings of a fair die

$$X_1 : \Omega \rightarrow [\text{sum of outcomes}]$$

$$X_2 : \Omega \rightarrow \{0, 1 : [\text{two similar numbers in a row?}]\}$$

The probability mass function of a random variable X with X of values x_1, \dots : $p(x_i) = P[X = x_i]$

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Random variables

Let (Ω, P) be a probability space.

$X : \Omega \rightarrow R$ is a *real-valued random variable*.

$X : \Omega \rightarrow R^n$ is a *vector-valued random variable*.

The probability *mass function* of a random variable X with values x_1, \dots, x_n is defined by $p(x_i) = P[X = x_i]$

Mandatory conditions:

$$0 \leq p(x_i) \leq 1$$

$$\sum_1^n p(x_i) = 1$$

Bernoulli random variables

A random variable X is called the Bernoulli random variable if it takes only two values: 0 and 1, and $P[X = 1] = p$, $P[X = 0] = 1 - p$

For example, $X = \{ \text{'got a head'}, \text{'got a tail'} \}$

Bernoulli distribution

The coins if thrown n times. p is the prob. of getting a head. What is the probability that we get k heads?

X -- how many times there was a heads.

$$p[X = k] = \begin{cases} \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}, & k \in [0, n] \\ 0, & k \notin [0, n] \end{cases}$$

Geometric distribution

The coin is thrown until a heads shows up. The prob. of getting a head is p .

X -- first occurrence of a heads.

$$p[X = k] = \begin{cases} (1-p)^{k-1} p, & k \geq 1 \\ 0, & k < 1 \end{cases}$$

Example: more than k heads

$$P[X > k] = \sum_{i=k+1}^{\infty} p(1-p)^{i-1} = p(1-p)^k \cdot (1 + (1-p) + (1-p)^2 + \dots) = p(1-p)^k \cdot \frac{1}{1-(1-p)} = (1-p)^k$$

Poisson distribution

Particles are created at a random time.

The probability that a particle is created in a time segment $[t_0, t_1]$ depends on $\Delta t = t_1 - t_0$ and does not depend on the amount of already created particles. Also, the prob. is $\approx \lambda \cdot \Delta t$ for small Δt .

$$p[X = k] = \begin{cases} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} e^{-\lambda}, & k \geq 0 \\ 0, & k < 0 \end{cases}$$

Example: participants and phones

There are n people in a room. p is the prob. that a person's phone rings. What is the probability that k phones will ring?

$\lambda = \frac{p}{n}$ -- constant; $\lambda \rightarrow 0, n \rightarrow \infty$

$$P[X = 0] = p^0(1-p)^n = \left(1 + \frac{-\lambda}{n}\right)^n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{-\lambda}$$

$$P[X = 1] = \binom{n}{1} p(1-p)^{n-1} = np(1-p)^{n-1} = \frac{\lambda(1 + \frac{-\lambda}{n})^{n-1}}{1 + \frac{-\lambda}{n}} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \lambda e^{-\lambda}$$

$$P[X = k] = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k} = \frac{n(n-1)\dots(n-k+1)}{k!} \cdot \frac{\lambda^k}{n^k} \cdot \frac{(1 + \frac{-\lambda}{n})^{n-k}}{(1 + \frac{-\lambda}{n})^k} = \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} e^{-\lambda} \cdot \frac{n(n-1)\dots(n-k+1)}{(n-\lambda)^k} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} e^{-\lambda}$$

Distribution function

Let $X : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a random variable.

$F_X : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, 1]$ -- the *probability distribution function* of X .

$$F_X(t) = P[X \leq t]$$

The probability distribution function properties:

1. F_X is increasing: $\forall t_1 < t_2 : F_X(t_1) \leq F_X(t_2)$
2. F_X is right-continuous: $\lim_{s \rightarrow t+} F_X(s) = F_X(t)$
3. $\lim_{s \rightarrow +\infty} F_X(s) = 1$
4. $\lim_{s \rightarrow -\infty} F_X(s) = 0$

Remark:

$$P[x > t] = 1 - P[x \leq t] = 1 - F_X(t)$$

$$P[x < t] = F_X(t-) = \lim_{s \rightarrow t-} F_X(s)$$

Density function

Captures the density on the axis. There are no distinct points, so we use a delimiter to count the probability.

$$f(x) = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{\text{mass} \in (x - \epsilon, x + \epsilon)}{2\epsilon}$$



$$f(x) \geq 0, \forall x$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(x) = 1$$

Continuous random variables

$X : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is called continuous, if $\exists f_X : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \geq 0, \forall t$, such that $F_X(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t f_X(x) dx$

$$P[X > t] = 1 - F_X(t)$$

$$P[X \leq t] = \lim_{s \rightarrow t+} F_X(s)$$

$$P[X < t] = \lim_{s \rightarrow t-} F_X(s)$$

$$P[X = t] = F_X(t) - \lim_{s \rightarrow t-} F_X(s)$$

$$F_X(t + \epsilon) - F_X(t) = \int_t^{t+\epsilon} f_X(x) dx = \epsilon \cdot f_X(t)$$

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{F_X(t+\epsilon) - F_X(t)}{\epsilon} = f_X(t)$$

Example

Find a probability density function (f_X) that satisfies the following properties:

$$\begin{cases} f_X(t) \geq 0, \forall t \\ \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f_X(x) dx = 1 \end{cases}$$

$$f_X = \frac{e^{-|t|}}{2}$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{e^{-|x|}}{2} dx = (-1)e^{-x} \Big|_0^{+\infty} = 1$$

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Uniform distribution

A random variable has a uniform distribution over the interval $[a, b]$ if its probability density function is given by

$$f_x(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a}, & t \in [a, b] \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

In other words, a random variable X is uniformly distributed in the interval $I = [a, b]$ if the probability that X belongs to a segment $I \in [a, b]$ is proportional to the length of I .

The distribution function of a random variable with a uniform distribution is given by

$$F_x(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & t \leq a \\ \frac{t-a}{b-a}, & a \leq t \leq b \\ 1, & t \geq b \end{cases}$$

Proof:

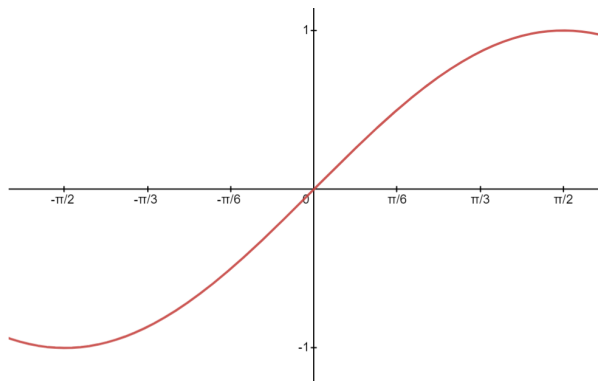
$$t \leq a \Rightarrow \int_{-\infty}^t f_X(x) dx = 0$$

$$a \leq t \leq b \Rightarrow \int_{-\infty}^t f_X(x) dx = \frac{x}{b-a} \Big|_a^t = \frac{t-a}{b-a}$$

$$t \geq b \Rightarrow \int_{-\infty}^t f_X(x) dx = \frac{x}{b-a} \Big|_a^b = 1$$

Example 1: $Y = X^2$ \todo

Example 2: $Y = \sin X$ \todo



$$P[-\frac{\pi}{4} \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{4}] = \frac{\frac{\pi}{2}}{\pi} = 0.5$$

$$P[-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \leq Y \leq \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}] = \frac{1}{2}$$

Let us find a distribution function for Y :

$$-1 \leq t \leq 1$$

$$F_Y(t) = P[Y \leq t] = P[\sin X \leq t] = P[X \leq \arcsin t] = \frac{\frac{\pi}{2} + \arcsin t}{\pi} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\arcsin t}{\pi}$$

$$f_Y(t) = \frac{d}{dt} F_Y(t) = \left(\frac{\arcsin t}{\pi} \right)' = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-t^2}}$$

Exponential random variables

A continuous random variable X has an exponential distribution with a parameter λ if

$$f_X(t) = \begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda t}, & t \geq 0 \\ 0, & t < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f_X(t) dt = \int_0^{+\infty} \lambda e^{-\lambda t} dt = (-1)e^{-\lambda t} \Big|_0^{+\infty} = 1$$

The distribution function for a random variable with an exponential distribution is given by

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

Proof:

$$\int_0^t \lambda e^{-\lambda x} dx = (-1)e^{-\lambda x} \Big|_0^t = 1 - e^{-\lambda t}$$

$$P[X > t] = 1 - F_X(t) = e^{-\lambda t}$$

$$P[X > t_1 + t_2 | X > t_1] = \frac{P[X > t_1 + t_2 \text{ \&\& } X > t_1]}{P[X > t_1]} = \frac{P[X > t_1 + t_2]}{P[X > t_1]} = \frac{e^{-\lambda(t_1+t_2)}}{e^{-\lambda t_1}} = e^{-\lambda t_2} = P[X > t_2]$$

Gaussian (normal) random variables

A continuous random variable X is said to have Gaussian or normal distribution with parameters (μ, σ^2) if the probability density function is given by

$$f_X(t) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

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Expectation

A discrete variable X with values x_1, \dots, x_n obtained with probabilities p_1, \dots, p_n .

$$E(X) = \sum_1^n p_i x_i$$

For Bernoulli variables

$$E(X) = p \cdot 1 + (1 - p) \cdot 0 = p$$

For binomial variables

$$\begin{aligned} E(X) &= \sum_0^n k \cdot P(X = k) = \sum_1^n k \cdot \binom{n}{k} \cdot p^k (1-p)^{n-k} = \sum_1^n \frac{k \cdot n!}{k!(n-k)!} \cdot p^k (1-p)^{n-k} = \sum_1^n \frac{(n-1)! \cdot n}{(k-1)!(n-k)!} \cdot p^k (1-p)^{n-k} = \\ &= n \cdot \sum_1^n \binom{n-1}{k-1} \cdot p^k (1-p)^{n-k} = n \cdot \sum_0^{n-1} \binom{n-1}{k} p^{k+1} (1-p)^{(n-1)-k} = np \cdot (p + 1 - p)^{n-1} = np \end{aligned}$$

For geometric distribution

$$\begin{aligned} E(X) &= \sum_1^\infty i \cdot p \cdot (1-p)^{i-1} = \sum_1^\infty p(1-p)^{i-1} + \sum_2^\infty p(1-p)^{i-1} + \sum_3^\infty p(1-p)^{i-1} + \dots = \\ &= \sum_1^\infty P[X \geq i] = \sum_1^\infty (1-p)^{i-1} = \frac{1}{p} \end{aligned}$$

Theorem

X takes values $0, 1, 2, \dots$. Then $E(X) = \sum_1^\infty P[X \geq i]$

Proof:

$$E(X) = \sum_0^\infty i \cdot p_i = p_1 1 + p_2 2 + p_3 3 + p_4 4 + \dots + p_2 2 + p_3 3 + p_4 4 + \dots + p_3 3 + p_4 4 + \dots = \sum_1^\infty P[X \geq i]$$

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Properties of expectation

Let X, Y be random variables and c a constant.

1. *Linearity:* $E(cX + y) = cE(X) + E(Y)$
2. *Comparison:* $X \leq Y \Rightarrow E(X) \leq E(Y)$
3. $f : R \rightarrow R \Rightarrow E(X) = \sum_1^n p_i \cdot f(x_i)$

Example 1: envelopes and numbers

Suppose n letters are placed in n envelopes. X -- # of letters placed in the right envelope. Find $E(X)$.

Ex. $n=3$
envelopes 1,2,3

1 2 3 \xrightarrow{x} 3
 1 3 2 \rightarrow 1
 2 3 1 \rightarrow 0
 2 1 3 \rightarrow 1
 3 1 2 \rightarrow 0
 3 2 1 \rightarrow 1

X	0	1	3
P	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{6}$

$$E(X) = 0 \cdot \frac{1}{3} + 1 \cdot \frac{1}{2} + 3 \cdot \frac{1}{6} = 1$$

A general case:

$$X = X_1 + \dots + X_n, \text{ where } X_i = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } i\text{-th number is in the } i\text{-th letter} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$E(X_i) = \frac{(n-1)!}{n!} \cdot 1 + \left(1 - \frac{(n-1)!}{n!}\right) \cdot 0 = \frac{1}{n}$$

$$E(X) = \sum_1^n E(X_i) = n \cdot \frac{1}{n} = 1$$

Example 2: elevator stops

There are m people in an elevator. The elevator goes up a building with n floors and stops at each floor where at least one person wants to get off. X -- # of stops. Find $E(X)$.

$$X_i = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if elevator stops at } i\text{-th floor} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$X = X_1 + \dots + X_n$$

The prob. that the nobody goes off on the i -th floor is $\underbrace{\left(\frac{n-1}{n}\right)^m}_{X_i=0}$

\Rightarrow the prob. that ≥ 1 people go off is $\underbrace{1 - \left(\frac{n-1}{n}\right)^m}_{X_i=1}$.

$$E(X_i) = \left(1 - \left(\frac{n-1}{n}\right)^m\right) \cdot 1 + \left(\frac{n-1}{n}\right)^m \cdot 0 = 1 - \left(\frac{n-1}{n}\right)^m$$

$$E(X) = \sum_1^n E(X_i) = n \cdot \left(1 - \left(\frac{n-1}{n}\right)^m\right)$$

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Expectation as an integral

X is a continuous random variable.

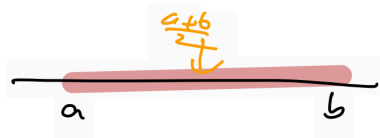
$f(X)$ is a probability density function

$$E(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} xf(x)dx$$

Example 1

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a}, & a \leq x \leq b \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

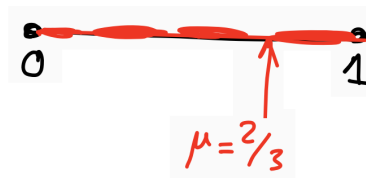
$$E(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} xf(x)dx = \int_a^b \frac{x}{b-a} dx = \frac{x^2}{2(b-a)} \Big|_a^b = \frac{b+a}{2}$$



Example 2

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x, & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$E(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} xf(x)dx = \int_0^1 2xdx = \frac{2x^2}{2} \Big|_0^1 = \frac{2}{3}$$



Expectation of a non-negative random variable

X is a non-negative continuous random variable

$F_X(t)$ is a distribution function. $F_X(t) = P[X \leq t]$

$$E(X) = \int_0^{\infty} P[X \geq t]dt = \int_0^{\infty} (1 - F_X(t))dt$$

Example

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda x}, & x > 0 \\ 0, & x \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$F(t) = \begin{cases} 1 - e^{-\lambda t}, & t > 0 \\ 0, & t \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$E(X) = \int_0^{\infty} (1 - (1 - e^{-\lambda t}))dt = \frac{e^{-\lambda t}}{-\lambda} \Big|_0^{\infty} = \frac{1}{\lambda}$$

Example: $E[\sin x]$ over $[0, \pi]$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\pi}, & 0 \leq x \leq \pi \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

We choose one number from a segment $[0, \pi]$ with a prob. of $\frac{1}{\pi}$.

$$E(\sin x) = \int_0^{\pi} \sin x \frac{1}{\pi} dx = \left. \frac{-\cos x}{\pi} \right|_0^{\pi} = \frac{2}{\pi}$$

Variance

-- мера разброса значений случайной величины относительно её матожидания.

X is a random variable.

$$Var(X) = E[(X - E(X))^2]$$

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

Properties of variance

$$1. Var(cX) = c^2 Var(X)$$

$$Var(cX) = E(c^2 X^2) - (E(cX))^2 = c^2 E(X^2) - c^2 E^2(X) = c^2 Var(X)$$

$$2. Var(X) \geq 0$$

$$E(X^2) \geq E^2(X) \Rightarrow Var(X) \geq 0$$

$$3. Var(X + a) = Var(X)$$

$$4. Var(X + a) = E[(X + a) - \underbrace{E[X + a]}_{=E[X]+E[a]=E[X]+a}]^2 = E[(X - E[X])^2] = Var(X)$$

$$5. X, Y \text{ are independent} \implies Var(X + Y) = Var(X) + Var(Y)$$

Proof is [here](#) (№6).

Example

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$Var(X) = E(X^2) - E^2(X) = \int_0^1 x^2 dx - \left(\int_0^1 x dx\right)^2 = \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{12}$$

Joint probability mass function

n discrete random variables x_1, \dots, x_n

jpmf is defined by $p(x_1, \dots, x_n) = P[X_1 = x_1, \dots, X_n = x_n]$

Example: chicken eggs

A chicken lays N eggs, where N has a Poisson distribution with a parameter λ .

Each egg independently hatches with probability p and do not hatch with probability $1 - p$.

X -- # of eggs that hatch.

Y -- # of eggs that do not hatch.

Find the joint probability mass function of X and Y .

$$P[N = n] = e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^n}{n!}, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Imagine we do not have Y :

$$P[X = k] = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \underbrace{P[X = k | N = n]}_{\text{binomial distribution}} \cdot P[N = n] = \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k} e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^n}{n!} = \frac{e^{-\lambda} p^k \lambda^k}{k!} \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} \underbrace{\frac{(\lambda(1-p))^{n-k}}{(n-k)!}}_{=e^{\lambda(1-p)}} = \frac{p^k \lambda^k}{k!} e^{-\lambda p}$$

Now Y appears:

$$\begin{aligned} P[X = k, Y = j] &= P[X = k, Y = j | N = k + j] \cdot P[N = k + j] = \\ &= \binom{k+j}{k} p^k (1-p)^j \cdot e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^{k+j}}{(k+j)!} = \frac{e^{-\lambda p} (\lambda p)^k}{k!} \cdot \frac{e^{-\lambda(1-p)} (\lambda(1-p))^j}{j!} = P[X = k] \cdot P[Y = j] \end{aligned}$$

Theorem (expectation of joint prob)

X_1, \dots, X_n are independent random variables.

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

Proof:

XY	$x_1 y_1$	$x_1 y_2$	$x_2 y_1$	$x_2 y_2$
	$p_1 q_1$	$p_1 q_2$	$p_2 q_1$	$p_2 q_2$

X	x_1	x_2	
y_1	$p_1 q_1$	$p_2 q_1$	q_1
y_2	$p_1 q_2$	$p_2 q_2$	q_2
	p_1	p_2	

$$\begin{aligned} E[XY] &= x_1 y_1 p_1 q_1 + x_1 y_2 p_1 q_2 \\ &\quad + x_2 y_1 p_2 q_1 + x_2 y_2 p_2 q_2 \\ &= (x_1 p_1 + x_2 p_2)(y_1 q_1 + y_2 q_2) \\ &= E[X] E[Y]. \end{aligned}$$

Example(matrix A and $E(\det(A))$)

A is a 2×2 matrix whose entries are independent random variables with uniform distribution over $\{1, 2, 3\}$. Find $E(\det(A))$.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$E(A_{ij}) = (1 + 2 + 3) \cdot \frac{1}{3} = 2, \forall i, j$$

$$E(\det(A)) = E(A_{11}A_{22} - A_{12}A_{21}) = E(A_{11})E(A_{22}) - E(A_{12})E(A_{21}) = 0$$

Covariance

-- мера зависимости двух случайных величин.

X, Y are random variables.

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = E[(X - E[X])(Y - E[Y])]$$

Properties of covariance

$$1. \text{Cov}(X, X) = \text{Var}(X)$$

$$E((X - E_x)(X - E_x)) \underset{(2)}{=} E(X^2) - E^2(X) = \text{Var}(X)$$

$$2. \text{Cov}(X, Y) = E(XY) - E(X) \cdot E(Y)$$

$$((X - E_X)(Y - E_Y)) = E(XY) - E_X E_Y - E_X E_Y + E_X E_Y = E(XY) - E_X E_Y$$

$$3. X, Y \text{ are independent} \implies \text{Cov}(X, Y) = 0$$

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) \underset{(2)}{=} E_X E_Y - E_X E_Y = 0$$

$$4. X, Y \text{ are independent} \implies \text{Var}(X + Y) = \text{Var}(X) + \text{Var}(Y)$$

$$E((X + Y)^2) - (E(X) + E(Y))^2 = E(X^2) + E(Y^2) + 2E(XY) - E^2(X) - 2E(X)E(Y) - E^2(Y) = \text{Var}(X) + \text{Var}(Y) - \underline{2\text{Cov}}$$

$$X, Y \text{ are uncorrelated} \iff E(XY) = E(X)E(Y) \iff \text{Cov}(X, Y) = 0$$

Example

X_1, \dots, X_n -- independent random variables with Bernoulli distribution

$$S_n = X_1 + \dots + X_n$$

What is the probability mass function of S_n ?

$$P(X_i = 1) = p; P(X_i = 0) = 1 - p$$

$$S_n \in \{0, 1, \dots, n\}$$

$$P(S_n = k) = \sum \underbrace{P(X_1 = 1, \dots, X_u = 1, X_{u+1} = 0, \dots, X_k = 1, \dots, X_n = 0)}_{(*) = \text{Randomly choose } k \text{ variables that are 1, others are 0}}$$

$$P(X_1 = 1, \dots, X_u = 1, X_{u+1} = 0, \dots, X_k = 1, \dots, X_n = 0) \underset{X_i \text{ are ind.}}{=} P(X_1 = 1) \cdot \dots \cdot P(X_u = 1) \cdot \dots \cdot P(X_{u+1} = 0) \cdot \dots = p^k (1 - p)^{n-k}$$

$$\Rightarrow S_n = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1 - p)^{n-k}$$

$$E(S_n) = \sum_1^n E(X_i) = np$$

$$Var(S_n)_{X_i \text{ are ind.}} = \sum_1^n Var(X_i) = \sum_1^n \underbrace{E(X_i^2)}_{=p} - \underbrace{E^2(X_i)}_{=p^2} = np(1-p)$$

$$E(X^2) = p \cdot 1^2 + (1-p) \cdot 0^2 = p \text{ (proof)}$$

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Joint probability density function (JPDF) of two random variables

A two-dimensional box is a subset of R^2 defined by $J = [a, b] \times [c, d]$

X, Y -- random continuous variables.

JPDF is a non-negative $f : R \rightarrow R$ such that:

$$(\text{version 1}) \quad \forall s, t \in R : P[X \leq s, Y \leq t] = \int_{-\infty}^s \int_{-\infty}^t f(x, y) dy dx$$

$$(\text{version 2}) \quad \text{for a two-dimensional box } J = [s_1, s_2] \times [t_1, t_2] \quad P[s_1 \leq X \leq s_2, t_1 \leq Y \leq t_2] = \int_{s_1}^{s_2} \int_{t_1}^{t_2} f(x, y) dy dx$$

$$(\text{version 3}) \quad \forall B, B \subset R : P[X, Y \in B] = \int \int_B f(x, y) dx dy$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(x, y) dx dy = 1$$

Example 1

X, Y have a JPDF given by

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} c(x^2 + y^2), & 0 \leq x, y \leq 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

1. Find c

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(x, y) dx dy = \int_0^1 \int_0^1 c(x^2 + y^2) dx dy = \frac{2c}{3} = 1; \quad c = \frac{3}{2}$$

2. Find PDFs for X and Y

$$f_{X,Y}(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{3}{2}(x^2 + y^2), & 0 \leq x, y \leq 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$P_X(x_0) = \sum_y P_{X,Y}(x_0, y)$$

$$f_X(x_0) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f_{X,Y}(x_0, y) dy = \begin{cases} \int_0^1 \frac{3}{2}(x_0^2 + y^2) dy, & 0 \leq x_0 \leq 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} = \begin{cases} \frac{3}{2}(x_0^2 + \frac{1}{3}), & 0 \leq x_0 \leq 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$P_Y(y_0) = \sum_x P_{X,Y}(x, y_0); \quad f_Y(y_0) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f_{X,Y}(x, y_0) dx = \begin{cases} \frac{3}{2}(y_0^2 + \frac{1}{3}), & 0 \leq y_0 \leq 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Example 2: point from a square $[0, 1]^2$

A point $P = (x, y)$ is chosen informly and randomly from a square $[0, 1] \times [0, 1]$.

X, Y denote coordinates of P . Find PDFs for X and Y .

$$f_{X,Y}(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{s_{[0,1]^2}} = 1, & 0 \leq x, y \leq 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$f_Y(y) = \begin{cases} 1, & 0 \leq y \leq 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Example 2: point from a circle

A point $P = (x, y)$ is chosen randomly from a circle $x^2 + y^2 \leq 1$

$$f_{X,Y}(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{S_{\text{circle}}} = \frac{1}{\pi}, & x^2 + y^2 \leq 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$-1 \leq x \leq 1; \quad f_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f_{X,Y}(x, y) dy = \int_{-\sqrt{1-x^2}}^{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \frac{1}{\pi} dy = \frac{y}{\pi} \Big|_{-\sqrt{1-x^2}}^{\sqrt{1-x^2}} = \frac{2\sqrt{1-x^2}}{\pi}$$

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{2\sqrt{1-x^2}}{\pi}, & -1 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$f_Y(y) = \begin{cases} \frac{2\sqrt{1-y^2}}{\pi}, & -1 \leq y \leq 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Independence

Continuous random variables X, Y are independent if $f_{X,Y}(x, y) = f_X(x)f_Y(y)$

Example 1: exponential variables

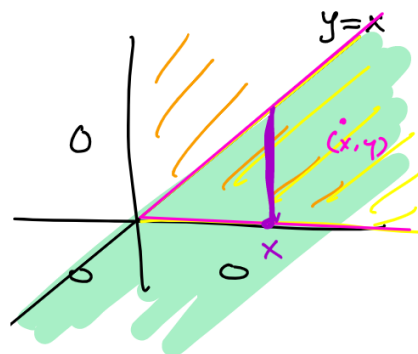
X and Y are independent exponential random variables with parameters λ and β . Find the prob. of the event that $Y \leq X$.

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda x}, & x \geq 0 \\ 0, & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$f_Y(y) = \begin{cases} \beta e^{-\beta y}, & y \geq 0 \\ 0, & y < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$f_{X,Y}(x, y) = f_X(x)f_Y(y) = \begin{cases} \lambda\beta e^{-(\lambda x + \beta y)}, & x, y \geq 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$P[Y \leq x] = \int_0^{+\infty} \int_0^x \lambda\beta e^{-(\lambda x + \beta y)} dy dx = \int_0^{+\infty} \lambda e^{-\lambda x} - \lambda e^{-(\lambda + \beta)x} dx = \frac{\beta}{\lambda + \beta}$$



Example 2: choose from the interval (0, 1)

X and Y are chosen randomly and *independently* from the interval $(0, 1)$. Define $Z = \frac{Y}{X}$. Compute the prob. distribution function of Z .

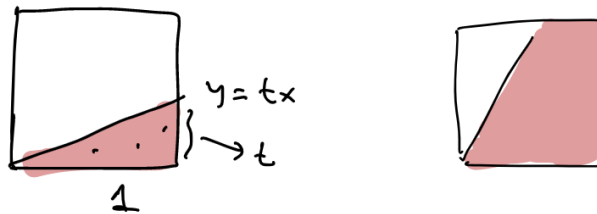
$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & 0 < x < 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$f_Y(y) = \begin{cases} 1, & 0 < y < 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$f_{X,Y}(x,y) = \begin{cases} 1, & 0 < x, y < 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$Z = \frac{Y}{X} \in [0, +\infty)$$

$$F_Z(t) = P[Z \leq t] = P[Y \leq tX] = \begin{cases} S_{\text{triangle}} = \frac{t}{2}, & t < 1 \\ S_{\text{trapezoid}} = 1 - \frac{1}{2t}, & t \geq 1 \end{cases}$$



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JPDF of n random variables

X_1, \dots, X_n -- continuous random variables.

$f(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ is a joint probability density function if

$$\forall B \subset \mathbb{R}^n : P[(X_1, \dots, X_n) \in B] = \int_B f(x_1, \dots, x_n) dx_1 \dots dx_n$$

Conditional probability mass function

X and Y are discrete random variables.

$$p_Y(y) = P[Y = y] > 0$$

The conditional probability mass function of X with condition $Y = y$ is defined by

$$p_{X|Y}(x|y) = P[X = x | Y = y] = \frac{P[X = x, Y = y]}{P[Y = y]} = \frac{p_{X,Y}(x, y)}{p_Y(y)}$$

Example 1

Find prob. of X give Y .

	$Y = -1$	$Y = 0$	$Y = 1$	
$X = -1$	$1/10$	0	$1/10$	$2/10$
$X = 0$	$1/10$	$2/10$	$2/10$	$5/10$
$X = 1$	$3/10$	0	0	$3/10$
	$5/10$	$2/10$	$3/10$	

$X Y$	$Y = -1$	$Y = 0$	$Y = 1$
$X = -1$	$\frac{1}{5}$	0	$\frac{1}{3}$
$X = 0$	$\frac{1}{5}$	1	$\frac{2}{3}$
$X = 1$	$\frac{3}{5}$	0	0

Example 2: a coin and streaks of Heads.

A coin is flipped 3 times.

N = # of Heads, S = length of the longest streak of Heads.

Determine the joint probability mass function of N given S and S given N .

$N \backslash S$	0	1	2	3	
0	$1/8$	0	0	0	$1/8$
1	0	$3/8$	0	0	$3/8$
2	0	$1/8$	$2/8$	0	$3/8$
3	0	0	0	$1/8$	$1/8$
	$1/8$	$4/8$	$2/8$	$1/8$	
$N \backslash S$	0	1	2	3	
0	1	0	0	0	
1	0	$3/4$	0	0	
2	0	$1/4$	1	0	
3	0	0	0	1	

	0	1	2	3
0	1	0	0	0
1	0	1	0	0
2	0	$1/3$	$2/3$	0
3	0	0	0	1

Independence based on conditional prob

X and Y are independent random variables if $p_{X|Y}(x, y) = p_X(x), \forall y$

Conditional expectation

X, Y are random variables.

x_1, \dots, x_n -- values for X .

$E(X|Y = y)$ -- cond. expectation of X given Y .

$$E(X|Y = y) = \sum_i x_i p_{X|Y}(x_i, y)$$

Example

$p_{X,Y}(x, y)$ is defined by the table:

	$Y = -1$	$Y = 0$	$Y = 1$
$X = -1$	1/10	0	1/10
$X = 0$	1/10	2/10	2/10
$X = 1$	3/10	0	0

$X Y$	$Y=-1$	$Y=0$	$Y=1$
$X=-1$	1/5	0	1/3
$X=0$	1/5	1	2/3
$X=1$	3/5	0	0

$$E[X|Y = -1] = (-1) \cdot \frac{1}{5} + 0 \cdot \frac{1}{5} + 1 \cdot \frac{3}{5} = \frac{2}{5}$$

$$E(X|Y = 0) = \frac{1}{5}$$

$$E(X|Y = 1) = (-1) \cdot \frac{1}{3} + 0 \cdot \frac{2}{3} + 1 \cdot 0 = -\frac{1}{3}$$

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Example

X is a standard Normal random variable. Estimate $N(t)$.

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}$$

$$N(t) = P[|X| \geq t] \stackrel{f_X(x) \text{ is symmetric}}{=} 2P[X \geq t] = 2 \int_t^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx \leq$$

$$\leq \frac{2}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_t^{\infty} \frac{x}{t} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx = \frac{2}{\sqrt{2\pi}t} \cdot (-e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}|_t^{\infty}) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{2\pi}t} e^{-\frac{t^2}{2}}$$

Markov's inequality

Useful for large t (otherwise, the upper bound for P will be bigger than 1, senseless)

A positive random variable X has expectation μ . Then

$$N(t) = P[X \leq t] \leq \frac{\mu}{t}, \quad \forall t > 0$$

Proof:

Compare X with another random variable Y , such that

$$Y = \begin{cases} 0, & X \leq t \\ t, & X \geq t \end{cases}$$

$$Y \leq X, \quad \forall t > 0 \Rightarrow E(Y) \leq E(X), \quad \forall t > 0$$

$$E(Y) = 0 \cdot P[X \leq t] + t \cdot P[X \geq t] \Bigg\{ \begin{array}{l} \\ E(X) = \mu \end{array} \Rightarrow P[X \geq t] = \frac{\mu}{t}, \quad \forall t > 0$$

Example

The probability of a coin to land on heads is $\frac{1}{6}$. The coin is flipped 24 times.

Find a bound of the probability it lands on heads at least 20 times.

X -- the amount of heads.

$$E(X) = 24 \cdot \frac{1}{6} = 4$$

$$P[\#head \geq 20] = \frac{E(X)}{20} = \frac{1}{5}$$

Chebyshev's inequality

Random variable X has finite expectations and finite variance. Then

$$P(|X - E(X)| > t) \leq \frac{Var(X)}{t^2}$$

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We can estimate the probability that a random variable is outside the segment