

1- probability, random variables, and basic statistics

probability = measure of the likelihood that a random event will occur
 ↳ **frequentists** = defines probability as its relative frequency in many trials, objective
 ↳ **subjectivists** = degree of belief
sample space = the set of all possible outcomes of a random process
 ↳ $S = \{ (H,H), (T,T), (H,T), (T,H) \}$ ↳ $S = [0, +\infty)$ → can be continuous
event = any collection of possible outcomes of a random process, **subset** of sample space
 ↳ getting exactly one head in tossing two coins experiment/process

prior/marginal probabilities = $P(A)$, probability of a single even occurring, independently
disjoint events = $A \cap B = \emptyset$ → then $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B)$
joint probability = $P(A \cap B)$ frequency of two events occurring together = $|A \cap B| / |U|$ universal set
conditional probability = $P(A|B) = |A \cap B| / |B|$
conditionally independent = $X \perp Y | Z$ X and Y may not be independent in universal sets, but they are independent given Z
independent events = $P(A|B) = P(A) \rightarrow P(A \cap B) / P(B) \rightarrow P(A) \cdot P(B) = P(A \cap B) = P(A) \cdot P(B)$
 ↳ A and B = if two events are mutually independent
 ↳ independence is symmetric (if A ind of B → B ind of A)
 ↳ independence \nRightarrow disjoint

example = tossing a die $P(A|B) = P(A \cap B) / P(B)$
 $A = \{ \text{even results} \} \rightarrow \{ 2, 4, 6 \}$ $P(A) = \frac{3}{6}$
 $B = \{ \text{result} > 2 \} \rightarrow \{ 3, 4, 5, 6 \}$ $P(B) = \frac{4}{6}$
 $P(A \cap B) = \frac{2}{6}$ (2, 4) or $P(A \cap B) = \frac{2}{6} / \frac{4}{6} = \frac{1}{2} = P(A)$
 ↳ they are independent

bayesian theorem = $P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(A)} \cdot \frac{P(A)}{P(B)} \Rightarrow P(A|B) = \frac{P(B|A) \cdot P(A)}{P(B)}$

the law of total probability = $P(A) = P(A|B_1) \cdot P(B_1) + P(A|B_2) \cdot P(B_2) + \dots + P(A|B_n) \cdot P(B_n)$
 ↳ **marginalization** $P(A) = \sum_{i=1}^n P(A|B_i) \cdot P(B_i)$ ($\Delta = B_1 \cup B_2 \cup B_3 \dots B_n$)

example = a test is 95% effective in detecting when it is present, it has 1% false positive rate, 0.5% of the population has the disease, probability that a person with a positive test result actually has the disease? $P(B|A) = ?$
 A = positive test result
 B = having the disease
 $P(A|B) = 0.95$
 $P(A|B^c) = 0.01$
 $P(B) = 0.005$
 $P(B^c) = 0.995$
 $P(B|A) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(A)} = 0.923$
 $P(A \cap B) = \frac{P(A|B) \cdot P(B)}{P(A)}$ $P(A \cap B) = 0.95 \cdot (0.005)$ (0.0005)
 $P(A) = P(A \cap B) + P(A \cap B^c) = (0.0005) + (0.004975) = 0.005475$

random variable = rule that assigns a numerical value to each outcome in sample space
probability distributions = function that maps to the probability of a value
 ↳ $f(x) = 0.5$ $X_i \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ (outcome of a coin toss)
 ↳ **probability mass function (pmf)** = prob. dist. func. for discrete values $f: \{1, 2, 3\} \rightarrow [0, 1]$
 ↳ $f_X(x) = P(X=x)$
 ↳ **probability density function (pdf)** = for continuous values $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, 1]$
 ↳ $f_X(x) = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{P(x \leq X \leq x + \Delta x)}{\Delta x} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x) dx$
 ↳ **cumulative distribution function (cdf)** = X having value up to and including x
 ↳ $F_X(x) = \sum_{x_i \leq x} f(x_i)$ ↳ $F_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(t) dt$

expected value = mean of a random variable $E[X] = \mu_X$
 ↳ $\mu_X = \sum x_i f(x_i) = x_1 f(x_1) + x_2 f(x_2) + \dots + x_n f(x_n)$ ↳ $\mu_X = \int x f(x) dx$
 ↳ **linear combinations** = $E[aX + bY] = aE[X] + bE[Y]$
 ↳ **product** = $E[XY] = \int xy f(x, y) dx dy$ $f_{X,Y}(x, y) = f_X(x) \cdot f_Y(y) \Leftrightarrow X$ and Y are independent
 ↳ joint probability

variance = $Var(X) = E[(X - \mu_X)^2] = E(X^2) - \mu_X^2$ → **difficultable** (absolute error is not)
 ↳ square the expected deviation from the mean
standard deviation = $\sigma = \sqrt{Var(X)}$

example = a lab rat
 X = number of meals eaten in a day, two meals half, one or no equally in remaining
 Y = number of hours slept in a day, 10 ± 4 hours uniformly distributed
 $f_X(x) = \begin{cases} 0.55, & x=0 \\ 0.15, & x=1 \\ 0.50, & x=2 \end{cases}$ $f_Y(y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{8}, & 6 \leq y \leq 14 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} = \frac{dF_Y(y)}{dy}$
 $F_X(x) = \begin{cases} 0.55, & x=0 \\ 0.50, & x=1 \\ 1, & x=2 \end{cases}$ $F_Y(y) = \begin{cases} 0, & y < 6 \\ \frac{y-6}{8}, & 6 \leq y \leq 14 \\ 1, & y > 14 \end{cases} = \int f_Y(y) dy$
 $E_X[X] = 0(0.55) + 1(0.15) + 2(0.50) = 1.55$ $E_Y[Y] = \int_6^{14} y f_Y(y) dy = \int_6^{14} \frac{y-6}{8} dy = \frac{1}{8} \left[\frac{y^2}{2} - 6y \right]_6^{14} = 10$

* expected number of hours above 8 → $g(y) = y - 8$ $E[g(Y)] = \int_6^{14} (y-8) f_Y(y) dy = 2$
 * expected number of meals per hour of sleep? (assuming independence)
 $E\left[\frac{X}{Y}\right] = \int_6^{14} \int_0^2 \frac{x}{y} f_X(x) f_Y(y) dx dy = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i f_X(x_i) \int_6^{14} \frac{1}{y} f_Y(y) dy = (1.55) \cdot \left[\frac{\ln(y)}{y} \right]_6^{14} = 0.132$
 * variance of sleep time = $E(Y^2) - \mu_Y^2 = \int_6^{14} y^2 f_Y(y) dy - 100 = \frac{1}{8} \left[\frac{y^3}{3} - 6y^2 \right]_6^{14} - 100 = 5.23$
 $\sigma = 2.29 \Rightarrow$ std

covariance = measure of the dependence of two variables to each other
 ↳ $Cov(X, Y) = E[(X - \mu_X)(Y - \mu_Y)] = E(XY) - E(X)E(Y)$
 ↳ if they are independent $E(XY) = E(X)E(Y) \Rightarrow Cov(X, Y) = 0$

pearson correlation = normalized measure of dependence
 $corr(X, Y) = \frac{Cov(X, Y)}{\sigma_X \sigma_Y}$ * $corr(X, Y) = 1 \rightarrow$ perfect positive dependence
 * $corr(X, Y) = -1 \rightarrow$ perfect negative dependence
 * if $corr(X, Y) = 1$ or -1 , when x is known, exact value of y is known
 ↳ for other values y can be known as rest of distribution, not exactly
 ↳ if X and Y are independent $\Rightarrow corr = 0$, but $corr = 0 \nRightarrow X$ and Y independent