

# MATH 2431

## All-in-one Summary

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### 1 Events and their Probabilities

- **Sample Space:** Given an experiment, the sample space  $\Omega$  is the set of all outcomes  $\omega$ .
- **Event:** A subset of  $\Omega$ .
- **Field:** Any collection  $\mathcal{F}$  of subsets of  $\Omega$  is called a field if it satisfies the following properties:
  - $\emptyset \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $\Omega \in \mathcal{F}$ .
  - If  $A \in \mathcal{F}$ , then  $A^c \in \mathcal{F}$ , i.e.  $\mathcal{F}$  is closed under complement.
  - If  $A, B \in \mathcal{F}$ , then  $A \cup B \in \mathcal{F}$ , i.e.  $\mathcal{F}$  is closed under finite union.
- **$\sigma$ -Field:** Any collection  $\mathcal{F}$  of events in  $\Omega$  is called a  $\sigma$ -field if it satisfies the following properties:
  - $\emptyset \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $\Omega \in \mathcal{F}$ .
  - If  $A \in \mathcal{F}$ , then  $A^c \in \mathcal{F}$ .
  - If  $A_1, A_2, \dots \in \mathcal{F}$ , then  $\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i \in \mathcal{F}$ , i.e.  $\mathcal{F}$  is closed under countable union.
- **Probability Measure:** Given a measurable space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F})$ , a probability on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F})$  is a function  $\mathbb{P} : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow [0, 1]$ , satisfying:
  - $\mathbb{P}(\emptyset) = 0$  and  $\mathbb{P}(\Omega) = 1$ .
  - If  $A_1, A_2, \dots \in \mathcal{F}$  are disjoint, then  $\mathbb{P}(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}(A_i)$ .
- **Inclusion-Exclusion Formula:** If  $A, B \in \mathcal{F}$ , then  $\mathbb{P}(A \cup B) = \mathbb{P}(A) + \mathbb{P}(B) - \mathbb{P}(A \cap B)$ .
- **General Measure:** Given  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F})$ , a measure is a set function  $\mu : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ , such that
  - $\mu(\emptyset) = 0$ .
  - it satisfies countable additivity.
- **Set Limit:** Given  $A_1, A_2, \dots \in \mathcal{F}$ ,  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n = \bigcap_{m=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{n=m}^{\infty} A_n = \{\omega \in \Omega : \omega \in A_n \text{ for infinitely many } n\}$  and  $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \bigcap_{m=n}^{\infty} A_m = \{\omega \in \Omega : \omega \in A_n \text{ for all but finitely many } n\}$ .

- **Set Convergence:**  $(A_n)$  converges if  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n = \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n$ .
- **Continuity of Probability Measure:** Given a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ , and  $(A_n)$  in  $\mathcal{F}$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n = A$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P}(A_n) = \mathbb{P}(A)$ .
- **Conditional Probability:** If  $\mathbb{P}(B) > 0$ , then the conditional probability that  $A$  occurs given that  $B$  has occurred is  $\mathbb{P}(A | B) = \frac{\mathbb{P}(A \cap B)}{\mathbb{P}(B)}$ .
- **Law of Total Probability:** Let  $B_1, \dots, B_n$  be a partition of  $\Omega$ . Suppose that  $\mathbb{P}(B_i) > 0$  for all  $i$ . Then,  $\mathbb{P}(A) = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{P}(A | B_i) \mathbb{P}(B_i)$ .
- **Independence:** Let  $A, B \in \mathcal{F}$ . We say  $A$  is independent if  $\mathbb{P}(A \cap B) = \mathbb{P}(A) \mathbb{P}(B)$ . Let  $\bigcup_{i \in I} \{A_i\} \subset \mathcal{F}$ , where  $I$  is not necessarily countable.  $\bigcup_{i \in I} \{A_i\}$  is called mutually independent if  $\mathbb{P}\left(\bigcap_{j \in J} A_j\right) = \prod_{j \in J} \mathbb{P}(A_j)$ , for every  $J \subset I$  and pairwise independent if  $\mathbb{P}(A_{i_1} \cap A_{i_2}) = \mathbb{P}(A_{i_1}) \mathbb{P}(A_{i_2})$ , for every  $\{i_1, i_2\} \subset I$ .
- $A \amalg B \iff A \amalg B^c$ .
- If  $\{A, B, C\}$  is independent, then  $A \amalg (B \cup C)$  and  $A \amalg (B \cap C)$ .
- **Lemma:** If  $(\mathcal{F}_i)_{i \in I}$  is a system of  $\sigma$ -algebra on  $\Omega$ , then  $\bigcap_{i \in I} \mathcal{F}_i$  is a  $\sigma$ -field.
- **Generated  $\sigma$ -Field:** Let  $A \subset 2^\Omega$ . The  $\sigma$ -field generated by  $A$  is  $\sigma(A) = \bigcap_{\mathcal{G} \in X} \mathcal{G}$ , where  $X = \{\mathcal{G} : \mathcal{G} \text{ is a } \sigma\text{-field such that } A \subset \mathcal{G}\}$ .
- **Product Space:** Given  $(\Omega_1, \mathcal{F}_1, \mathbb{P}_1)$  and  $(\Omega_2, \mathcal{F}_2, \mathbb{P}_2)$ ,  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  is a product space if
  - $\Omega = \Omega_1 \times \Omega_2$ .
  - $\mathcal{F} = \sigma(\mathcal{F}_1 \times \mathcal{F}_2)$ .
  - $\mathbb{P} = \mathbb{P}_1 \otimes \mathbb{P}_2$ .

## 2 Random Variables and their Distributions

- **Random Variable:** A random variable is a function  $X : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with the property that  $X^{-1}(B) = \{\omega \in \Omega : X(\omega) \in B\} \in \mathcal{F}$ , for all intervals  $B \subset \mathbb{R}$ . In this case,  $X$  is  $\mathcal{F}$ -measurable.
- **Borel Set:** A set is a Borel Set if it can be formed from open sets through the operations of countable union, countable intersection and relative complement.
- **Borel  $\sigma$ -Field of  $\mathbb{R}$ :** Any  $\sigma$ -field that is a collection of Borel sets is called a Borel  $\sigma$ -field, i.e.  $\sigma$ -field  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$  generated by all open sets in  $\mathbb{R}$ .
- $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P}) \xrightarrow{X} (\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}), \mathbb{Q})$ , where  $\mathbb{Q} : \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is indeed a probability measure on  $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}))$  and  $\mathbb{Q} = \mathbb{P} \circ X^{-1}$ .
- **Distribution Function:**  $F_X(x) = \mathbb{P} \circ X^{-1}((-\infty, x])$ .

- **Lemma:** A cumulative distribution function has the following properties:

- $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} F(x) = 0$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} F(x) = 1$ .
- If  $x < y$ , then  $F(x) \leq F(y)$ .
- $F$  is right-continuous.

- **Discrete Random Variable:**  $X$  is discrete if it takes values in some countable subset  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots\}$  of  $\mathbb{R}$ .

- **Probability Mass Function:**  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, 1]$ , where  $f(x) = \mathbb{P} \circ X^{-1}(\{x\})$  and the **cumulative distribution function** is given by  $F(x) = \sum_{u \leq x} f(u)$ . Hence,  $f(x) = F(x) - F(x^-)$ .

- **Continuous Random Variable:**  $X$  is continuous if its distribution function  $F(x)$  can be written as  $F(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(u) du$ , for every  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , for some integrable function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, 1]$ .

- **Random Vector in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ :**  $\vec{X} = (X_1, X_2) : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  is a random vector if  $\vec{X}^{-1}(D) = \{\omega : \Omega : \vec{X}(\omega) = (X_1(\omega), X_2(\omega)) \in D\} \in \mathcal{F}$ , for every  $D \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^2)$ , i.e.  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}) \xrightarrow{\vec{X}} (\mathbb{R}^2, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^2))$ . Equivalently,  $\vec{X} = (X_1, X_2) : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  is a random vector if both  $X_1, X_2 : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are random variables.  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P}) \xrightarrow{\vec{X}=(X_1, X_2)} (\mathbb{R}^2, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^2), \mathbb{P} \circ \vec{X}^{-1})$ .

- **Jointly Distribution Function:**  $F_{X_1, X_2}(x_1, x_2) = \mathbb{P} \circ \vec{X}^{-1}((-\infty, x_1] \times (-\infty, x_2])$ .

- **Lemma:** The jointly distribution function has the following properties:

- $\lim_{x, y \rightarrow -\infty} F_{X, Y}(x, y) = 0$  and  $\lim_{x, y \rightarrow +\infty} F_{X, Y}(x, y) = 1$ .
- If  $x_1 \leq x_2$  and  $y_1 \leq y_2$ , then  $F_{X, Y}(x_1, y_1) \leq F_{X, Y}(x_2, y_2)$ .
- Continuity from above.

- **Marginal Distribution:**  $F_X(x) = \mathbb{P} \circ X^{-1}((-\infty, x]) = \lim_{y \rightarrow +\infty} F_{X, Y}(x, y)$ .

- **Jointly Discrete Random Variables:**  $X, Y : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are jointly discrete if  $(X, Y)$  takes values in some countable subset of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  only. The jointly probability mass function  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is given by  $f_{X, Y}(x, y) = \mathbb{P} \circ (X, Y)^{-1}(\{x, y\})$ . And hence  $F_{X, Y}(x, y) = \sum_{u \leq x, v \leq y} f_{X, Y}(u, v)$ .

- **Jointly Continuous Random Variables:**  $X, Y : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are jointly continuous if  $F_{X, Y}(x, y) = \int_{-\infty}^x \int_{-\infty}^y f_{X, Y}(u, v) dv du$ , for every  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ , for some integrable function  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow [0, +\infty]$  called a jointly probability density function, which is not a probability measure. More generally,  $\mathbb{P} \circ (X, Y)^{-1}(B) = \iint_B f_{X, Y}(u, v) dv du$ .

### 3 Discrete Random Variable

Assume  $X, Y$  are discrete random variables.

- **Independence of Random Variables:**  $X, Y : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are independent if  $\mathbb{P}(X \in E, Y \in F) = \mathbb{P}(X \in E) \mathbb{P}(Y \in F)$ , for every  $E, F \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$ . Equivalently,  $X \perp Y$  if  $F_{X,Y}(x, y) = F_X(x)F_Y(y)$ , for every  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ . Or equivalently,  $X \perp Y$  if  $f_{X,Y}(x, y) = f_X(x)f_Y(y)$ , for every  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be random variables. They are mutually independent if any of the following is true:

- $\mathbb{P} \circ (X_1, \dots, X_n)^{-1} (A_1 \times \dots \times A_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n \mathbb{P} \circ X_i^{-1} (A_i)$ , for every  $A_i \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$ .
- $F_{X_1, \dots, X_n} = \prod_i F_{X_i}$ .
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The independence of events is a special case of the independence of random variables, i.e.  $A \perp B \iff \mathbf{1}_A \perp \mathbf{1}_B$ . Also,  $X \perp Y \iff X^{-1}(E) \perp Y^{-1}(F)$ , for every  $E, F \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$ .

- **$\sigma$ -Field generated by Random Variable:**  $\sigma(X) = \{X^{-1}(E) : E \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})\} \subset \mathcal{F}$ .
- **Independence of two  $\sigma$ -Fields:** Let  $\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{G} \subset \mathcal{F}$  be two  $\sigma$ -fields.  $\mathcal{H} \perp \mathcal{G}$  if  $A \perp B$  for every  $A \in \mathcal{H}$  and every  $B \in \mathcal{G}$ .
- **Theorem:** If  $X \perp Y$  and  $g, h : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $g(X)$  and  $h(Y)$  are still random variables, then  $g(X) \perp h(Y)$ .
- **Expectation:** The expectation  $\mathbb{E}X$  is defined as  $\mathbb{E}X = \sum_i x_i f_X(x_i) = \sum_{x: f_X(x) > 0} x f_X(x)$ , if the above sum is absolutely convergent.
- **Lemma:** If  $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $g(X)$  is still a random variable, then  $\sum y f_Y(y) = \mathbb{E}g(X) = \sum_x g(x) f_X(x)$ . If  $X, Y : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are two jointly discrete random variables and  $g : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $g(X, Y)$  is still a random variable, then  $\mathbb{E}g(X, Y) = \sum_{x,y} g(x, y) f_{X,Y}(x, y)$ .
- **Moments and Central Moments:**  $\mathbb{E}X^k$  and  $\mathbb{E}(X - \mathbb{E}X)^k$ .
- **Properties of  $\mathbb{E}(\cdot)$ :**
  - If  $x \geq 0$ , then  $\mathbb{E}X \geq 0$ .
  - If  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\mathbb{E}(aX + bY) = a\mathbb{E}X + b\mathbb{E}Y$ .
- **Uncorrelated Relation:**  $X$  and  $Y$  are uncorrelated if  $\mathbb{E}XY = \mathbb{E}X\mathbb{E}Y$ .
- **Properties of Variance:**
  - $\text{Var}(aX + b) = a^2 \text{Var}(X)$ .
  - $\text{Var}(X + Y) = \text{Var}(X) + \text{Var}(Y)$ , if  $X, Y$  are uncorrelated.
- **Covariance:**  $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = \mathbb{E}((X - \mathbb{E}X)(Y - \mathbb{E}Y)) = \mathbb{E}XY - \mathbb{E}X\mathbb{E}Y$ . In general,  $\text{Var}(X + Y) = \text{Var}X + \text{Var}Y + 2\text{Cov}(X, Y)$ . More generally,  $\text{Var}(\sum_i X_i) = \sum_i \text{Var}X_i + 2 \sum_{i < j} \text{Cov}(X_i, X_j)$ .

- **Conditional Distribution:** The conditional distribution of  $Y$  given  $X = x$  is given by  $\mathbb{P}(Y \in \cdot \mid X = x) : \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow [0, 1]$ . The conditional distribution function of  $Y$  given  $X = x$  is given by  $F_{Y|X}(\cdot \mid x) = \mathbb{P}(Y \leq \cdot \mid X = x) : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, 1]$ . The conditional mass function is given by  $f_{Y|X}(\cdot \mid x) = \mathbb{P}(Y = \cdot \mid X = x)$ . We define the above only when  $\mathbb{P}(X = x) > 0$ .
- **Conditional Expectation given an Event:** The conditional expectation of  $Y$  given  $X = x$  is given by  $\mathbb{E}(Y \mid X = x) = \sum_y y f_{Y|X}(y \mid x) = \psi(x)$ , which is a function of  $x$ .
- **Conditional Expectation given a Random Variable:** The conditional expectation of  $Y$  given  $X$  is given by  $\mathbb{E}(Y \mid X) = \psi(X)$ , which is a random variable and is a function of  $X$ .
- **Law of Total Expectation:** Let  $\psi(X) = \mathbb{E}(Y \mid X)$ . Then,  $\mathbb{E}\psi(X) = \sum_x \psi(x) f_X(x) = \sum_x \mathbb{E}(Y \mid X = x) \mathbb{P}(X = x) = \mathbb{E}Y$ .
- **Theorem:** Let  $\psi(X) = \mathbb{E}(Y \mid X)$ . Then,  $\mathbb{E}(\psi(X)g(X)) = \mathbb{E}(Yg(X))$ .
- **Sum of Random Variable:** Assume  $X \perp\!\!\!\perp Y$  and  $X, Y$  have joint probability mass function  $f_{X,Y}(x, y)$ . Then,  $f_{X+Y}(z) = \sum_x f_X(x) f_Y(z - x) = (f_X * f_Y)(z)$ .

## 4 Continuous Random Variables

Assume that  $X, Y$  are two continuous random variables.

- **Independence:**  $X, Y$  are independent if any of the following is true:
  - $\mathbb{P}(X \in A, Y \in B) = \mathbb{P}(X \in A) \mathbb{P}(Y \in B)$ , for every  $A, B \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$ .
  - $F_{X,Y}(x, y) = F_X(x) F_Y(y)$ , for every  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ .
  - $f_{X,Y}(x, y) = f_X(x) f_Y(y)$ , for every  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ .
- **Expectation:**  $\mathbb{E}X = \int x f_X(x) dx$ , only when  $\int |x| f_X(x) dx$  converges.
- **Tail Sum Formula:** If  $X \geq 0$  has distribution function  $F_X(x)$ , then  $\mathbb{E}X = \int_0^{+\infty} (1 - F_X(x)) dx$ .
- **Inverse Transform Sampling:**  $Y = G^{-1}(U)$  has the distribution function  $G(x)$ .
- **Conditional Distribution:** The conditional distribution of  $Y$  given  $X = x$  is given by  $\mathbb{P}(Y \leq y \mid X = x) = \int_{-\infty}^y \frac{f_{X,Y}(x, v)}{f_X(x)} dv$ . More generally,  $\mathbb{P}(Y \in A \mid X = x) = \int_A \frac{f_{X,Y}(x, v)}{f_X(x)} dv$ . Hence, the conditional probability density function is given by  $f_{Y|X}(y \mid x) = \frac{f_{X,Y}(x, y)}{f_X(x)}$ . They are defined only when  $f_X(x) > 0$ .
- **Conditional Expectation:**
  - Given an event  $X = x$ ,  $\mathbb{E}(Y \mid X = x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y f_{Y|X}(y \mid x) dy = \psi(x)$ .
  - Given a random variable  $X$ ,  $\mathbb{E}(Y \mid X) = \psi(X)$ .
- **Law of Total Expectation:**  $\mathbb{E}Y = \mathbb{E}(\psi(X))$  and  $\mathbb{E}(Yg(X)) = \mathbb{E}(\psi(X)g(X))$ .

- **Distribution of  $g(X)$ :** Let  $Y = g(X)$  be a continuous random variable.  $F_Y(y) = \int_{g^{-1}((-\infty, y])} f_X(x) dx$ . Hence,  $f_Y(y) = \frac{d}{dy} \int_{g^{-1}((-\infty, y])} f_X(x) dx$ . If  $g(x)$  is strictly monotone and differentiable,  $f_Y(y) = \begin{cases} f_X(g^{-1}(y)) \cdot \left| \frac{d}{dy} g^{-1}(y) \right|, & \text{if } y = g(x) \text{ for some } x \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$  Consider multivariable cases. Suppose  $(X, Y)$  are jointly continuous with  $f_{X,Y}$ .  $U = g(X, Y)$ ,  $V = h(X, Y)$  are jointly continuous. Assume that  $X, Y$  can be uniquely solved from  $U, V$ , i.e. there exist unique functions  $a, b$  such that  $X = a(U, V)$ ,  $Y = b(U, V)$ , and that the function  $g, h$  are differentiable and the Jacobian determinant does not equal to 0. Then,

$$f_{U,V}(u, v) = f_{X,Y}(x, y) \frac{1}{|\det(\mathbf{J}(x, y))|} = \begin{cases} f_{X,Y}(a(u, v), b(u, v)) \frac{1}{|\det(\mathbf{J}(x, y))|}, & \text{if } (u, v) = (g(x, y), h(x, y)) \text{ for some } x, y \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where

$$\mathbf{J}(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial h}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix}.$$

- **Sum of Continuous Random Variables:**  $F_{X+Y}(z) = \int \left( \int_{-\infty}^z f_{X,Y}(v - y, y) dy \right) dv$ . Hence,  $f_{X+Y}(z) = \int f_{X,Y}(z - y, y) dy = \int f_{X,Y}(x, z - x) dx$ . If  $X \perp Y$ , then  $f_{X+Y}(z) = (f_X * f_Y)(z)$ .

## 5 Generating Function

- **Generating Function:** For any sequence  $\{a_n\}$ , the generating function is given by

$$G_a(s) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i s^i,$$

if it converges.

- **Probability Generating Function:** The probability generating function of a random variable  $X$  with nonnegative value is given by

$$G_X(s) = \mathbb{E}s^X = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} f_X(i) s^i.$$

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$$f_X(i) = \frac{d^i}{i! ds^i} G_X(s) \Big|_{s=0}.$$

– Generally,

$$\mathbb{E}s^X = \int s^x dF_X(x).$$

- **Moment and Probability Generating Function:** If  $X$  has probability generating function  $G_X$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} - \mathbb{E}X &= \lim_{s \uparrow 1} G'(s) := G'(1), \\ - E(X(X-1) \cdots (X-k+1)) &= \lim_{s \uparrow 1} G^{(k)}(s) := G^{(k)}(1). \end{aligned}$$

- **Sum of Independent Random Variables:** If  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent,

$$G_{X+Y} = G_X \cdot G_Y.$$

- **Sum of Random Number of Random Variables:** Assume that  $\{X_i\}$  is i.i.d. random variables and  $N \geq 0$  is a random variable independent of all  $X_i$ 's. Let  $T = \sum_{i=1}^N X_i$ . Then,

$$G_T = G_N \circ G_X.$$

- The sum of a Poisson number of independent Bernoulli random variables is still Poisson.

- **Joint Probability Generating Function:** Suppose  $X_1, X_2$  are nonnegative, integer-valued and jointly discrete random variables. Then, the jointly probability generating function is given by

$$G_{X_1, X_2}(s_1, s_2) = \mathbb{E}s_1^{X_1} s_2^{X_2} = \sum_i \sum_j s_1^i s_2^j f_{X_1, X_2}(i, j).$$

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$$f_{X_1, X_2}(i, j) = \left. \frac{\partial^{i+j}}{i!j! \partial s_1^i \partial s_2^j} G_{X_1, X_2}(s_1, s_2) \right|_{(s_1, s_2) = (0, 0)}.$$

- If  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are independent, then

$$G_{X_1, X_2}(s_1, s_2) = G_{X_1}(s_1) G_{X_2}(s_2).$$

- **Moment Generating Function:**

$$M_X(t) = \mathbb{E}e^{tX} = \int e^{tx} dF_X(x).$$

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$$\left. \frac{d^k}{dt^k} \int e^{tx} dF_X(x) \right|_{t=0} = \int x^k e^{tx} dF_X(x) \Big|_{t=0} = \mathbb{E}X^k.$$

- **Characteristic Function:**

$$\phi_X(t) = \mathbb{E}e^{itX} = \int e^{itx} dF_X(x).$$

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$$\phi^{(k)}(0) = i^k \int x^k dF_X(x).$$

- Taylor Expansion:

$$\phi_X(s) = \sum_{j=0}^k \frac{\mathbb{E}X^j}{j!} (is)^j + o(s^k).$$

- If  $\phi^{(k)}(0)$  exists, then
  - \*  $\mathbb{E}|X|^k < \infty$ , if  $k$  is even,
  - \*  $\mathbb{E}|X|^{k-1} < \infty$ , if  $k$  is odd.
- If  $\mathbb{E}|X|^k < \infty$ , then  $\phi^{(k)}(0)$  exists.
- If  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent, then

$$\phi_{X+Y} = \phi_X \cdot \phi_Y.$$

- $X$  and  $Y$  are independent if and only if

$$\phi_{X,Y}(s, t) = \phi_X(s)\phi_Y(t).$$

- If  $X \sim \text{Be}(p)$ , then

$$\phi_X(t) = q + pe^{it}.$$

- If  $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ , then

$$\phi_X(t) = \exp\left(i\mu t - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 t^2\right).$$

- Cumulant Generating Function:  $\log \phi_X(t)$ .

- **Inversion Theorem:** If  $X$  is a continuous random variable with p.d.f.  $f$  and c.f.  $\phi$ , then

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-itx} \phi(t) dt,$$

at every point  $x$  where  $f$  is differentiable.

More generally, let  $\bar{F}(x) = \frac{1}{2} (F(x) + F(x^-))$ .

$$\bar{F}(b) - \bar{F}(a) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-N}^{-N} \frac{e^{-iat} - e^{-ibt}}{2\pi it} \phi(t) dt.$$

## 6 Convergence of Random Variables

- **Weak Convergence:** Let  $\{F_n\}$  be a sequence of distribution functions.  $F_n$  converges weakly to the distribution function  $F$ , denoted by  $F_n \rightarrow F$ , if  $F_n(x) \rightarrow F(x)$  pointwise at each point  $x$  where  $F$  is continuous.
- **Convergence in Distribution:** Let  $\{X_n\}$  be a family of random variables with distribution function  $\{F_n\}$ .  $X_n$  converges to  $X$  in distribution, denote by  $X_n \xrightarrow{D} X$  if  $F_n \rightarrow F$ .



- **Vague Convergence:** Let  $\{F_n\}$  be a sequence of distribution functions. If  $F_n(x) \rightarrow G(x)$  at all continuities of  $G$  where  $G$  is not necessarily a distribution function, then  $F_n$  converges to  $G$  vaguely, denote by  $F_n \xrightarrow{v} G$ .

- **Weak Law of Large Number:** Let  $\{X_n\}$  be i.i.d. random variables. Assume that  $\mathbb{E}|X_1| < \infty$  and  $\mathbb{E}X_1 = \mu$ . Let  $S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ . Then,

$$\frac{1}{n}S_n \xrightarrow{D} \mu.$$

- **Central Limit Theorem:** Let  $\{X_n\}$  be i.i.d. random variables with  $\mathbb{E}|X_i|^2 < \infty$ . Let  $\mathbb{E}X_1 = \mu$ ,  $\text{Var } X_1 = \sigma^2$  and  $S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ . Then,

$$\frac{1}{\sigma} \sqrt{n} \left( \frac{1}{n} S_n - \mu \right) = \frac{S_n - n\mu}{\sqrt{n}\sigma} \xrightarrow{D} N(0, 1).$$

More generally, let  $\{X_n\}$  be independent random variables with  $\mathbb{E}X_i = 0$ ,  $\text{Var } X_i = \sigma_i^2$ ,  $\mathbb{E}|X_i|^3 < \infty$  such that

$$\frac{1}{\sigma^3(n)} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}|X_i|^3 \rightarrow 0,$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , where  $\sigma^2(n) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^2$ . Then,

$$\frac{S_n}{\sigma(n)} \xrightarrow{D} N(0, 1).$$

Let  $\{X_n\}$  be a sequence of random variables. Let  $S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ .

- **Almost Sure Convergence:**  $X_n$  converges to  $X$  almost surely (a.s.), denote by  $X_n \xrightarrow{\text{a.s.}} X$  if

$$\mathbb{P}(\{\omega \in \Omega : X_n(\omega) \rightarrow X(\omega) \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty\}) = \mathbb{P}\left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} X_n = X\right) = 1.$$

- **Convergence in  $r$ -th Mean:**  $X_n$  converges to  $X$  in  $r$ -th mean, denote by  $X_n \xrightarrow{r} X$  if

$$\mathbb{E}|X_n - X|^r \rightarrow 0 \iff \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}|X_n - X|^r = 0,$$

where  $r \geq 1$ .

- **Convergence in Probability:**  $X_n$  converges to  $X$  in probability, denote by  $X_n \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} X$  if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,

$$\mathbb{P}(\{\omega \in \Omega : |X_n(\omega) - X(\omega)| \geq \varepsilon\}) \rightarrow 0 \iff \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P}(|X_n - X| \geq \varepsilon) = 0.$$

- **Implications:**

$$\begin{aligned} - & \left( X_n \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} X \right) \Rightarrow \left( X_n \xrightarrow{D} X \right). \\ - & \left( X_n \xrightarrow{\text{a.s.}} X \right) \Rightarrow \left( X_n \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} X \right). \end{aligned}$$

- $(X_n \xrightarrow{D} X) \Rightarrow (X_n \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} X)$ .
- $(X_n \xrightarrow{r} X) \Rightarrow (X_n \xrightarrow{s} X)$ , if  $r \geq s \geq 1$ .
- No other implications hold in general.

- **Markov Inequality:** Let  $X$  be any random variable. Let  $\phi$  be any nonnegative increasing function on  $[0, \infty)$ . Then,

$$\mathbb{P}(|X| \geq a) \leq \frac{\mathbb{E}\phi(|X|)}{\phi(a)},$$

for every  $a > 0$ .

- **Lyapunov's Inequality:** Let  $Z$  be any random variable.

$$(\mathbb{E}|Z|^s)^{\frac{1}{s}} \leq (\mathbb{E}|Z|^r)^{\frac{1}{r}},$$

for every  $r \geq s > 0$ .

Let  $A_n(\varepsilon) := \{\omega : |X_n(\omega) - X(\omega)| > \varepsilon\}$  and  $B_m(\varepsilon) := \bigcup_{n=m}^{\infty} A_n(\varepsilon)$ .

- **Theorem 1:**  $X_n \xrightarrow{\text{a.s.}} X$  if and only if

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P}(B_m(\varepsilon)) = \mathbb{P}\left(\bigcap_{m=1}^{\infty} B_m(\varepsilon)\right) = \mathbb{P}\left(\bigcap_{m=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{n=m}^{\infty} A_n(\varepsilon)\right) = \mathbb{P}\left(\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n(\varepsilon)\right) = \mathbb{P}(A_n(\varepsilon) \text{ i.o.}) = 0,$$

for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ .

- **Theorem 2:**  $X_n \xrightarrow{\text{a.s.}} X$  if

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}(A_n(\varepsilon)) < \infty,$$

for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ .

- Note that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}(A_n(\varepsilon)) < \infty \text{ implies } \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=m}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}(A_n(\varepsilon)) = 0.$$

- **Partial Converse Statements:**

- If  $X_n \xrightarrow{D} c$ , where  $c$  is a constant, then  $X_n \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} c$ .
- If  $X_n \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} X$  and  $\mathbb{P}(|X_n| \leq k) = 1$  for all  $n$  uniformly with some constant  $k > 0$ , then  $X_n \xrightarrow{r} X$ , for every  $r \geq 1$ .

- **$L^2$ -Weak Law of Large Number:** Assume that  $\{X_n\}$  is uncorrelated random variables with  $\mathbb{E}X_i = \mu$  and  $\text{Var } X_i \leq C$  for every  $i$ . Then,

$$\frac{S_n}{n} \xrightarrow{2} \mu,$$

and consequently,

$$\frac{S_n}{n} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} \mu.$$

- **Weak Law of Large Number for Triangular Array:** Let  $\{X_{n,j}\}_{j=1,\dots,n}$  be a triangular array of random variables. Let  $S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_{n,i}$ ,  $\mathbb{E}S_n = \mu_n$  and  $\text{Var } S_n = \sigma_n^2$ . If

$$\frac{\sigma_n^2}{b_n^2} \rightarrow 0,$$

for some sequence  $\{b_n\}$ , then

$$\frac{S_n - \mu_n}{b_n} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} 0.$$

## 7 Borel-Cantelli Lemma and 0-1 Law

Let  $\{A_n\}$  be a sequence of events in  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F})$ . Let  $\{X_n\}$  be a sequence of random variables. Let  $S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ .

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$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n = \bigcap_{m=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{n=m}^{\infty} A_n = A_n \text{ i.o..}$$

- **Borel-Cantelli Theorem:** For any sequence of  $\{A_n\}$  in  $\mathcal{F}$ ,
  - $\mathbb{P}(A_n \text{ i.o.}) = 0$  if  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}(A_n) < \infty$ ,
  - $\mathbb{P}(A_n \text{ i.o.}) = 1$  if  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}(A_n) = \infty$  and  $\{A_n\}$  is independent.
  - \* If  $\{A_n\}$  is pairwise independent and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}(A_n) = \infty$ , then

$$\frac{\sum_{m=1}^n \mathbf{1}_{A_m}}{\sum_{m=1}^n \mathbb{P}(A_m)} \xrightarrow{\text{a.s.}} 1.$$

- **Theorem:**  $X_n \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} X$  if and only if for every subsequence  $X_{n(m)}$ , there exists a further subsequence such that

$$X_{n(m_k)} \xrightarrow{\text{a.s.}} X.$$

- **Strong Law of Large Number:** Let  $\{X_n\}$  be i.i.d. random variables with  $\mathbb{E}X_i = \mu$  and  $\mathbb{E}X_i^4 < \infty$  (which is not necessary), then

$$\frac{S_n}{n} \xrightarrow{\text{a.s.}} \mu.$$

- **Tail Sum Formula:**

$$\mathbb{E}|X| = \int_0^{\infty} \mathbb{P}(|X| > t) dt.$$

- **Glivenko-Cantelli Theorem:** Let  $\{X_n\}$  be i.i.d. samples of  $X$  with distribution function  $F$ . Let

$$F_N(x) := \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbf{1}(X_i \leq x).$$

Then,

$$\sup_x |F_N(x) - F(x)| \xrightarrow{\text{a.s.}} 0.$$

- **Borel 0-1 Law:** Let  $\{A_n\}$ , not necessarily independent, be events in  $\mathcal{F}$ . Let  $\mathcal{A} := \sigma(A_1, A_2, \dots)$ . Suppose that

- $A \in \mathcal{A}$ , i.e.  $A$  is a combination of  $A_i$ 's and  $A_i^c$ 's,
- $A$  is independent of any finite collection of  $\{A_n\}$ .

Then,

$$\mathbb{P}(A) = 0 \text{ or } 1.$$

- **Kolmogorov 0-1 Law:** Let  $\{X_n\}$  be independent random variables on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ . Let  $\mathcal{H}_n := \sigma\{X_{n+1}, X_{n+2}, \dots\} = \sigma\{\bigcup_{i=n+1}^{\infty} \sigma(X_i)\}$ . Let  $\mathcal{H}_{\infty} = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{H}_n$ , the tail  $\sigma$ -field. If  $E \in \mathcal{H}_{\infty}$ ,
  - $E$  is expressed in terms of  $X_i^{-1}(B_i)$ 's where  $B_i \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$ , but is independent of any collection of  $X_i^{-1}(B_i)$ 's,
  - $\mathbb{P}(E) = 0$  or  $1$ .
- **Tail Function:**  $Y : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup [-\infty, \infty]$  is a tail function if it is  $\mathcal{H}_{\infty}$ -measurable, i.e. it is a function of  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  and is independent of any finite collection of  $X_i$ 's.
- **Theorem:** If  $Y$  is a tail function of independent random variable sequence  $\{X_n\}$ , then

$$\mathbb{P}(Y = k) = 1,$$

for some  $k \in [-\infty, \infty]$ .

- Let  $\{X_n\}$  be independent. Then,

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{S_n}{n} \text{ exists}\right) = 0 \text{ or } 1.$$

- For any random power series, the radius of convergence equals to a constant almost surely.