



1 AXIOMS OF PROBABILITY

1.1 Definitions

1. For any event A , $0 \leq \Pr(A) \leq 1$.
2. $A \cup B \triangleq A + B$.
3. $A \cap B \triangleq AB$.
4. The null and complete event are $\phi = 0, S = 1$.
5. If $AB = 0$, $\Pr(A + B) = \Pr(A) + \Pr(B)$.
6. $(A + B)' = A'B'$

1.2 Problems

Prove the following:

1.

$$A = AB + AB' \quad (1.2.1.1)$$

2.

$$\Pr(A) = \Pr(AB) + \Pr(AB') \quad (1.2.2.1)$$

3.

$$A + B = B + AB' \quad (1.2.3.1)$$

4.

$$\Pr(A + B) = \Pr(A) + \Pr(B) - \Pr(AB) \quad (1.2.4.1)$$

2 BINOMIAL DISTRIBUTION

2.1 Definitions

1. The mean of X is defined as

$$E(X) = \sum_k k p_X(k) \quad (2.1.1.1)$$

2. The Z transform of X is defined as

$$M_X(z) = E(z^{-X}) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} z^{-k} p_X(k) \quad (2.1.2.1)$$

3. There is a one to one relationship between the pmf and its Z transform.
4. If X_1 and X_2 are independent,

$$E[f(X_1)g(X_2)] = E[f(X_1)]E[g(X_2)] \quad (2.1.4.1)$$

5. For a Bernoulli random variable X , the pmf is

$$p_X(n) = \begin{cases} p & k = 1 \\ 1 - p & k = 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (2.1.5.1)$$

6. X_i are said to be i.i.d (independent and identically distributed) if they are independent and have the same pmf.

2.2 Problem

1. Find the Z-transform for X , given that X is a Bernoulli random variable with parameter p .
2. If X_1 and X_2 are independent, and

$$Y = X_1 + X_2, \quad (2.2.2.1)$$

show that

$$M_Y(z) = M_{X_1}(z)M_{X_2}(z) \quad (2.2.2.2)$$

3. Find the Z-transform of Y , given that X_i are i.i.d Bernoulli random variables with parameter p .
4. Find the pmf of Y .
5. Find the pmf of

$$Y = \sum_{i=1}^N X_i, \quad (2.2.5.1)$$

where X_i are i.i.d.