

# Probability

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# Preface

Currently, most of the material in this book comes from the lecture notes of **Professor Jay Cheng**. The proofs of theorems are not included yet, which warrants further efforts in the future.

# Chapter 1

## Axioms of Probability

**Definition 1.1** (Sample Space). *The sample space  $\Omega$  of an experiment is the set of all possible outcomes of the experiment.*

**Definition 1.2** (Event). *An event of an experiment is a subset of the sample space  $\Omega$  of the experiment. We call  $\Omega$  the certain event and  $\emptyset$  the impossible event of the experiment. We say that an event  $A$  occurs if the outcome of the experiment belongs to  $A$ .*

**Definition 1.3** ( $\sigma$ -algebra). *A  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  of subsets of a sample space  $\Omega$  is a collection of subsets of  $\Omega$  such that*

- (i)  $\Omega \in \mathcal{A}$ ,
- (ii)  $\mathcal{A}$  is closed under complementation, i.e., if  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ , then  $\Omega \setminus A \in \mathcal{A}$ ,
- (iii)  $\mathcal{A}$  is closed under countable union, i.e., if  $A_n \in \mathcal{A}$  for  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ , then  $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \in \mathcal{A}$ .

**Theorem 1.1** (Properties of  $\sigma$ -algebra). *Suppose  $\mathcal{A}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra of subsets of a sample space  $\Omega$ .*

- (i)  $\emptyset \in \mathcal{A}$ ,
- (ii)  $\mathcal{A}$  is closed under finite union,
- (iii)  $\mathcal{A}$  is closed under countable and finite intersection.

*Proof.* abc □

**Theorem 1.2** (Intersection of  $\sigma$ -algebras). *Suppose  $\Gamma$  is a nonempty collection of  $\sigma$ -algebras of subsets of a sample space  $\Omega$ . Then the intersection  $\mathcal{B} = \bigcap_{\mathcal{A} \in \Gamma} \mathcal{A}$  of the  $\sigma$ -algebras in  $\Gamma$  is also a  $\sigma$ -algebra of subsets of  $\Omega$ .*

*Proof.* abc □

**Corollary 1.1** (Existence of Smallest  $\sigma$ -algebra). *Suppose  $\mathcal{C}$  is a collection of subsets of a sample space  $\Omega$ . Then there exists a smallest  $\sigma$ -algebra of subsets of  $\Omega$  including  $\mathcal{C}$ .*

*Proof.* abc □

**Definition 1.4** (Generated  $\sigma$ -algebra). *Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a collection of subsets of a sample space  $\Omega$ , we define the  $\sigma$ -algebra of subsets of  $\Omega$  generated by  $\mathcal{C}$  as the smallest  $\sigma$ -algebra of subsets of  $\Omega$  including  $\mathcal{C}$  and denote it as  $\sigma(\mathcal{C})$ .*

**Definition 1.5** (Probability Measure). *Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a  $\sigma$ -algebra of subsets of a sample space  $\Omega$ , a probability measure  $\mathbb{P} : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  on  $\mathcal{A}$  is a real-valued function on  $\mathcal{A}$  such that*

- (i) *Nonnegativity:*  $\mathbb{P}(A) \geq 0, \forall A \in \mathcal{A}$ ,
- (ii) *Normalization:*  $\mathbb{P}(\Omega) = 1$ ,
- (iii) *Countable additivity:* *If  $A_1, A_2, \dots$  are pairwise disjoint events in  $\mathcal{A}$  then*

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n\right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}(A_n).$$

*For an event  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ , we call  $\mathbb{P}(A)$  the probability of the event  $A$ .*

**Definition 1.6** (Probability Space). *A probability space is an ordered triple  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$  consisting of a sample space  $\Omega$ , a  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  of subsets of  $\Omega$ , and a probability measure  $\mathbb{P}$  on  $\mathcal{A}$ .*

**Theorem 1.3** (A Kind of Probability Measure). *Suppose  $\Omega = \{\omega_1, \omega_2, \dots\}$ ,  $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$  and  $\mathbb{P}(A) = \sum_{\omega_i \in A} P_i$ , for all  $A \in \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$ , where  $P_i \geq 0, \forall i = 1, 2, \dots$ , and  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P_i = 1$ , then  $\mathbb{P}$  is a probability measure on  $\mathcal{P}(\Omega)$ . A similar result holds if  $\Omega = \{\omega_1, \omega_2, \dots, \omega_N\}$ , where  $N \geq 1$ .*

*Proof.* abc □

**Corollary 1.2** (A Kind of Probability Measure (special)). *Suppose  $\Omega = \{\omega_1, \omega_2, \dots, \omega_N\}$ ,  $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$ , and  $\mathbb{P}(A) = \frac{|A|}{N}$  for all  $A \in \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$ , then  $\mathbb{P}$  is a probability measure on  $\mathcal{P}(\Omega)$ .*

*Proof.* abc □

**Theorem 1.4** (Classical definition of probability). *Suppose  $\Omega = \{\omega_1, \omega_2, \dots, \omega_N\}$ ,  $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$  and  $\mathbb{P}$  is a probability measure on  $\mathcal{P}(\Omega)$  such that  $\mathbb{P}(\omega_1) = \mathbb{P}(\omega_2) = \dots = \mathbb{P}(\omega_N)$ , then  $\mathbb{P}(A) = \frac{|A|}{N}$  for all  $A \in \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$ .*

*Proof.* abc □

**Theorem 1.5** (Properties of Probability Measure). *Suppose  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$  is a probability space.*

- (i)  $\mathbb{P}(\emptyset) = 0$ .
- (ii)  $\mathbb{P}(A) + \mathbb{P}(A^c) = 1$ . Therefore,  $0 \leq \mathbb{P}(A) \leq 1$ , for all  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ .

(iii) *Finite additivity: If  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_N$  are pairwise disjoint events in  $\mathcal{A}$ , then*

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^N A_n\right) = \sum_{n=1}^N \mathbb{P}(A_n).$$

*Proof.* abc □

**Theorem 1.6** (Properties of Probability Measure). *Suppose  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$  is a probability space, and suppose  $A, B \in \mathcal{A}$ .*

(1) *If  $A_1, A_2, \dots$  are pairwise disjoint events on  $\Omega$  and*

$$\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n = \Omega,$$

*then*

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n\right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}(A_n).$$

(2) *If  $B \subseteq A$ , then  $\mathbb{P}(A) = \mathbb{P}(A \cap B) + \mathbb{P}(A \cap B^c)$  for all  $A, B \in \mathcal{A}$ .*

(3)  $\mathbb{P}(A \cap B) \leq \min\{\mathbb{P}(A), \mathbb{P}(B)\} \leq \max\{\mathbb{P}(A), \mathbb{P}(B)\} \leq \mathbb{P}(A \cup B)$ .

*Proof.* abc □

**Corollary 1.3** (Finite Additivity under Union). *Suppose  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$  is a probability space,  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $A_1, A_2, \dots$  are pairwise disjoint events in  $\mathcal{A}$ , and*

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n\right) = 1,$$

*then*

$$\mathbb{P}(A) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}(A \cap A_n).$$

*Proof.* abc □

**Theorem 1.7** (Inclusion-exclusion Identity). *Suppose  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$  is a probability space, and suppose  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n \in \mathcal{A}$ , where  $n \geq 2$ , then*

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i\right) = \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{k+1} \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_k \leq n} \mathbb{P}(A_{i_1} \cap A_{i_2} \cap \dots \cap A_{i_k}).$$

*Proof.* abc □

**Lemma 1.1** (Generated Pairwise Disjoint). *Suppose  $\mathcal{A}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra of subsets of a sample space  $\Omega$ , suppose  $A_1, A_2, \dots \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $B_1 = A_1$ , and*

$$B_n = A_n \setminus \bigcup_{i=1}^{n-1} A_i$$

*for all  $n \geq 2$ , then  $B_1, B_2, \dots$  are pairwise disjoint events in  $\mathcal{A}$ ,*

$$\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i = \bigcup_{i=1}^n B_i$$

*for all  $n \geq 1$ , and*

$$\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n.$$

*Proof.* abc □

**Theorem 1.8** (Inclusion-exclusion Inequality). *Suppose  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$  is a probability space, and suppose  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n \in \mathcal{A}$ , where  $n \geq 2$ , then*

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i\right) \begin{cases} \leq \sum_{k=1}^m (-1)^{k+1} \cdot \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_k \leq n} \mathbb{P}(A_{i_1} \cap A_{i_2} \cap \dots \cap A_{i_k}), & \text{if } m \text{ is odd} \\ \geq \sum_{k=1}^m (-1)^{k+1} \cdot \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_k \leq n} \mathbb{P}(A_{i_1} \cap A_{i_2} \cap \dots \cap A_{i_k}), & \text{if } m \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

*where  $1 \leq m \leq n$ .*

*In particular,*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i\right) &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{P}(A_i), \\ \mathbb{P}\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i\right) &\geq \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{P}(A_i) - \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \mathbb{P}(A_i \cap A_j). \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* abc □

**Theorem 1.9** (Boole's Inequality). *Suppose  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$  is a probability space, and suppose  $A_1, A_2, \dots \in \mathcal{A}$ , then*

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i\right) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}(A_i).$$

*Proof.* abc □

**Definition 1.7** (Monotonicity). *Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$  be a probability space.*

*A sequence  $\{A_1, A_2, \dots\}$  of events in  $\mathcal{A}$  is increasing if  $A_1 \subseteq A_2 \subseteq \dots$ .*

*A sequence  $\{A_1, A_2, \dots\}$  of events in  $\mathcal{A}$  is decreasing if  $A_1 \supseteq A_2 \supseteq \dots$ .*



**Definition 1.8** (Limit of Events). *Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$  be a probability space.*

(1) *The limit  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n$  of an increasing sequence  $\{A_1, A_2, \dots\}$  of events in  $\mathcal{A}$  is the event that at least one of the events occurs, i.e.,*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n.$$

(2) *The limit  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n$  of a decreasing sequence  $\{A_1, A_2, \dots\}$  of events in  $\mathcal{A}$  is the event that all the events occur, i.e.,*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n.$$

**Theorem 1.10** (Continuity of Probability Measure). *Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$  be a probability space.*

(1) *Suppose that  $\{A_1, A_2, \dots\}$  is an increasing sequence of events in  $\mathcal{A}$ . Then*

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n\right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P}(A_n).$$

(2) *Suppose that  $\{A_1, A_2, \dots\}$  is a decreasing sequence of events in  $\mathcal{A}$ . Then*

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n\right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P}(A_n).$$

*Proof.* abc □

**Remark 1.1** (Not Necessary). *If  $\mathbb{P}(A) = 0$ , then it is not necessary that  $A = \emptyset$ , e.g.,  $\Omega = (0, 1)$  and  $A = A_\alpha$ ,  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ . If  $\mathbb{P}(A) = 1$ , then it is not necessary that  $A = \Omega$ , e.g.,  $\Omega = (0, 1)$  and  $A = A_\alpha^c$ ,  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ .*

**Definition 1.9** (Length). *The length of the intervals  $(a, b)$ ,  $[a, b)$ ,  $(a, b]$ ,  $[a, b]$  are defined to be  $(b - a)$ .*

**Definition 1.10** (Random). *A point is said to be randomly selected from an interval  $(a, b)$  if any subintervals of  $(a, b)$  with the same length are equally likely to contain the randomly selected point.*

**Theorem 1.11** (Probability of Randomness). *The probability that a randomly selected point from  $(a, b)$  falls in the subinterval  $(\alpha, \beta)$  of  $(a, b)$  is*

$$\mathbb{P} = \frac{\beta - \alpha}{b - a}.$$

*Proof.* abc □

**Definition 1.11** (Borel Algebra). *The  $\sigma$ -algebra of subsets of  $(a, b)$  generated by the set of all subintervals of  $(a, b)$  is called Borel algebra associated with  $(a, b)$  and is denoted  $\mathcal{B}_{(a,b)}$ .*

**Theorem 1.12** (Existence of Probability Measure). *For any interval  $(a, b)$ , there exists a unique probability measure  $\mathbb{P}$  on  $\mathcal{B}_{(a,b)}$  s.t.,*

$$\mathbb{P}((\alpha, \beta)) = \frac{\beta - \alpha}{b - a},$$

*for all  $(\alpha, \beta) \subseteq (a, b)$ .*

*Proof.* abc □

# Chapter 2

## Combinational Methods

**Theorem 2.1** (Counting Principle). *There are  $n_1 \times n_2 \times \cdots \times n_k$  different ways in which we can first choose an element from a set of  $n_1$  elements, then an element from a set of  $n_2$  elements,..., and finally an element from a set of  $n_k$  elements.*

*Proof.* abc □

**Definition 2.1** (Permutation). *An ordered arrangement of  $r$  objects from a set  $A$  containing  $n$  objects is called an  $r$ -arrangement permutation of  $A$ , where  $0 \leq r \leq n$ .*

*An  $n$ -element permutation of  $A$  is called a permutation of  $A$ . The number of different  $r$ -permutation permutations of  $A$  is given by*

$${}_nP_r = n \times (n-1) \times (n-2) \times \cdots \times (n-r+1) = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!}.$$

**Theorem 2.2** (Permutation with Types). *The number of different (w.r.t. types) permutations of  $n$  objects of  $k$  different types is*

$$\frac{n!}{n_1! \times n_2! \times \cdots \times n_k!},$$

*where  $n_1$  are alike,  $n_2$  are alike,...,  $n_k$  are alike, and  $n = n_1 + n_2 + \cdots + n_k$ .*

*Proof.* abc □

**Definition 2.2** (Combination). *An unordered arrangement of  $r$  objects from a set  $A$  containing  $n$  objects is called an  $r$ -element combination of  $A$ . The number of different  $r$ -element combinations of  $A$  is given by*

$${}_nC_r = \binom{n}{r} = \frac{{}_nP_r}{r!} = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!r!}.$$

**Theorem 2.3** (Property of Combination).

$$\sum_{i=0}^k \binom{n+i}{i} = \sum_{i=0}^k \binom{n+i}{n} = \binom{n+k+1}{k}$$

*Proof.* abc

□

**Theorem 2.4** (Multinomial Expansion).

$$(x_1 + x_2 + \cdots + x_k)^n = \sum_{\substack{n_1 + n_2 + \cdots + n_k = n \\ n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k \geq 0}} \frac{n!}{n_1! \times n_2! \times \cdots \times n_k!} \cdot x_1^{n_1} x_2^{n_2} \cdots x_k^{n_k}, \forall n \geq 0.$$

*Proof.* abc

□

**Corollary 2.1** (Binomial Expansion).

$$(x + y)^n = \sum_{i=1}^n \binom{n}{i} x^i y^{n-i}, \forall n \geq 0.$$

**Theorem 2.5** (Stirling's Formula).

$$\sqrt{2\pi n} \left(\frac{n}{e}\right)^n \cdot \exp\left(\frac{1}{12n} - \frac{1}{360n^2}\right) < n! < \sqrt{2\pi n} \left(\frac{n}{e}\right)^n \cdot \exp\left(\frac{1}{12n}\right), \forall n \geq 1.$$

*Therefore,*

$$n! \sim \sqrt{2\pi n} \left(\frac{n}{e}\right)^n, \text{ i.e., } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n!}{\sqrt{2\pi n} \left(\frac{n}{e}\right)^n} = 1.$$

*Proof.* abc

□

# Chapter 3

## Conditional Probability and Independence

**Definition 3.1** (Conditional Probability). *Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$  be a probability space, and  $A, B \in \mathcal{A}$ . The conditional probability of  $A$  given  $B$ , denoted  $\mathbb{P}(A|B)$ , is given by*

$$\mathbb{P}(A|B) = \begin{cases} \frac{\mathbb{P}(A \cap B)}{\mathbb{P}(B)}, & \text{if } \mathbb{P}(B) > 0, \\ 0, & \text{if } \mathbb{P}(B) = 0. \end{cases}$$

**Remark 3.1** (Property of Conditional Probability).

$$\mathbb{P}(A \cap B) = \mathbb{P}(B) \cdot \mathbb{P}(A|B), \forall A, B \in \mathcal{A}.$$

*Proof.* abc

□

**Theorem 3.1** (Conditional Probability Space). *Suppose  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$  is a probability space, and suppose  $\mathbb{P}(B) > 0$ , for some  $B \in \mathcal{A}$ . Then the conditional probability function  $\mathbb{P}(\cdot|B) : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a probability measure on  $\mathcal{A}$ , and hence  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P}(\cdot|B))$  is a probability space.*

*Proof.* abc

□

**Theorem 3.2** (Reduction of Probability Space). *Suppose  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$  is a probability space, and suppose  $\mathbb{P}(B) > 0$ , for some  $B \in \mathcal{A}$ . Let  $\mathcal{A}_B : \{A \in \mathcal{A} : A \subseteq B\}$  and  $P_B(A) = \mathbb{P}(A|B)$  for all  $A \in \mathcal{A}_B$ . Then  $\mathcal{A}_B$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra of subsets of  $B$  and  $P_B$  is a probability measure on  $\mathcal{A}_B$ , and hence  $(B, \mathcal{A}_B, P_B)$  is a probability space.*

*Proof.* abc

□

**Remark 3.2** (Conversion of Reduced and Conditional Probability Space). *Note that  $\mathbb{P}(A|B) = \mathbb{P}(A \cap B|B) = P_B(A \cap B)$ ,  $\forall A \in \mathcal{A}$ . And  $\mathbb{P}(A|B) = P_B(A)$ , if  $A \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $A \subseteq B$ .*

*Proof.* abc

□

**Theorem 3.3** (Law of Multiplication). *Suppose  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$  is a probability space, and  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n \in \mathcal{A}$ . Then*

$$\mathbb{P}(A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_n) = \mathbb{P}(A_1)\mathbb{P}(A_2|A_1) \cdots \mathbb{P}(A_n|A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_{n-1}).$$

*Proof.* abc □

**Theorem 3.4** (Law of Total Probability (infinite)). *Suppose  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$  is a probability space, and suppose  $B_1, B_2, \dots \in \mathcal{A}$  are pairwise disjoint and  $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n = \Omega$ . Then,*

$$(1) \mathbb{P}(A) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}(B_n) \cdot \mathbb{P}(A|B_n), \forall A \in \mathcal{A}.$$

$$(2) \mathbb{P}(A|B) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}(B_n|B) \cdot \mathbb{P}(A|B \cap B_n), \forall A, B \in \mathcal{A}.$$

*Proof.* abc □

**Corollary 3.1** (Law of Total Probability (finite)). *Suppose  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$  is a probability space, and suppose  $B_1, B_2, \dots, B_n \in \mathcal{A}$  are pairwise disjoint and  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n B_i = \Omega$ . Then,*

$$(1) \mathbb{P}(A) = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{P}(B_i) \cdot \mathbb{P}(A|B_i), \forall A \in \mathcal{A}.$$

$$(2) \mathbb{P}(A|B) = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{P}(B_i|B) \cdot \mathbb{P}(A|B \cap B_i), \forall A, B \in \mathcal{A}.$$

*Proof.* abc □

**Theorem 3.5** (Bayes' Theorem (infinite)). *Suppose  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$  is a probability space, and suppose  $B_1, B_2, \dots \in \mathcal{A}$  are pairwise disjoint and  $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n = \Omega$ . Then*

$$\mathbb{P}(B_k|A) = \frac{\mathbb{P}(B_k) \cdot \mathbb{P}(A|B_k)}{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}(B_n) \cdot \mathbb{P}(A|B_n)}, \forall A \in \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P}(A) > 0, k = 1, 2, \dots$$

*Proof.* abc □

**Corollary 3.2** (Bayes' Theorem (finite)). *Suppose  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$  is a probability space, and suppose  $B_1, B_2, \dots, B_n \in \mathcal{A}$  are pairwise disjoint and  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n B_i = \Omega$ . Then*

$$\mathbb{P}(B_k|A) = \frac{\mathbb{P}(B_k) \cdot \mathbb{P}(A|B_k)}{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{P}(B_i) \cdot \mathbb{P}(A|B_i)}, \forall A \in \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P}(A) > 0, k = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

*Proof.* abc □

**Theorem 3.6** (Properties of Conditional Probability). *Suppose  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$  is a probability space, and suppose  $A, B \in \mathcal{A}$ .*

$$(1) \mathbb{P}(A|B) > \mathbb{P}(A) \Leftrightarrow \mathbb{P}(A \cap B) > \mathbb{P}(A) \cdot \mathbb{P}(B) \Leftrightarrow \mathbb{P}(B|A) > \mathbb{P}(B)$$

$$(2) \mathbb{P}(A|B) < \mathbb{P}(A), \mathbb{P}(B) > 0 \Leftrightarrow \mathbb{P}(A \cap B) < \mathbb{P}(A) \cdot \mathbb{P}(B)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \mathbb{P}(B|A) < \mathbb{P}(B), \mathbb{P}(A) > 0$$

$$(3) \mathbb{P}(A|B) = \mathbb{P}(A) \rightarrow \mathbb{P}(A \cap B) = \mathbb{P}(A) \cdot \mathbb{P}(B)$$

$$\mathbb{P}(A \cap B) = \mathbb{P}(A) \cap \mathbb{P}(B), \mathbb{P}(A) = 0 \text{ or } \mathbb{P}(B) > 0 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}(A|B) = \mathbb{P}(A)$$

$$\text{If } \mathbb{P}(A) = 0 \text{ or } \mathbb{P}(B) > 0, \text{ then } \mathbb{P}(A|B) = \mathbb{P}(A) \Leftrightarrow \mathbb{P}(A \cap B) = \mathbb{P}(A) \cdot \mathbb{P}(B)$$

*Proof.* abc □

**Definition 3.2** (Independence). Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$  be a probability space, and  $A, B \in \mathcal{A}$ . If  $\mathbb{P}(A \cap B) = \mathbb{P}(A) \cdot \mathbb{P}(B)$ , then  $A$  and  $B$  are said to be independent, denoted  $A \perp B$ . If  $A$  and  $B$  are not independent, they are said to be dependent. Furthermore, if  $\mathbb{P}(A|B) > \mathbb{P}(A)$ , then  $A$  and  $B$  are said to be positively correlated, and if  $\mathbb{P}(A|B) < \mathbb{P}(A)$ , then  $A$  and  $B$  are said to be negatively correlated.

**Theorem 3.7** (Properties of Independence). Suppose  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$  is a probability space, and suppose  $A, B \in \mathcal{A}$ .

- (1) If  $\mathbb{P}(A) = 0$  or  $\mathbb{P}(A) = 1$ , then  $A \perp B$ ,  $\forall B \in \mathcal{A}$ .
- (2) If  $A \subseteq B$  and  $A \perp B$ , then either  $\mathbb{P}(A) = 0$  or  $\mathbb{P}(B) = 1$ .
- (3) If  $A$  and  $B$  are disjoint and  $\mathbb{P}(A) > 0$ ,  $\mathbb{P}(B) > 0$ , then they are dependent.

*Proof.* abc □

**Theorem 3.8** (Independence of Two Events). Suppose  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$  is a probability space, and suppose  $A, B \in \mathcal{A}$ , and  $A \perp B$ .

Then  $A^* \perp B^*$ , i.e.,  $\mathbb{P}(A^* \cap B^*) = \mathbb{P}(A^*) \cdot \mathbb{P}(B^*)$ ,  $\forall A^* = A, A^c; B^* = B, B^c$ .

*Proof.* abc □

**Corollary 3.3** (Conditional Probability with Independence). Suppose  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$  is a probability space, and suppose  $A, B \in \mathcal{A}$ , and  $A \perp B$ .

If  $\mathbb{P}(B) > 0$ , then  $\mathbb{P}(A^*|B) = \mathbb{P}(A^*)$ ,  $\forall A^* = A, A^c$ .

If  $\mathbb{P}(B) < 1$ , then  $\mathbb{P}(A^*|B^c) = \mathbb{P}(A^*)$ ,  $\forall A^* = A, A^c$ .

*Proof.* abc □

**Remark 3.3** (Conditional Probability with Independence). If  $A \perp B$  and  $\mathbb{P}(B) > 0$ , then knowledge about the occurrence of  $B$  does not change the probability of the occurrence of  $A^*$ .

If  $A \perp B$  and  $\mathbb{P}(B) < 1$ , then knowledge about the occurrence of  $B^c$  does not change the probability of the occurrence of  $A^*$ .

*Proof.* abc □

**Definition 3.3** (Independent Set). Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$  be a probability space, and  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n \in \mathcal{A}$ , where  $n \geq 2$ .

If  $\mathbb{P}(A_{i_1} \cap A_{i_2} \cap \dots \cap A_{i_k}) = \mathbb{P}(A_{i_1})\mathbb{P}(A_{i_2}) \dots \mathbb{P}(A_{i_k})$ ,  $\forall 2 \leq k \leq n$ ,

$$\# = \sum_{k=2}^n \binom{n}{k} = 2^n - n - 1, 1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_k \leq n, \# := \text{number}.$$

Then  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$  are said to be independent; otherwise, they are said to be dependent.

**Remark 3.4** (Sub Independent Set). If  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n \in \mathcal{A}$  are independent, then  $A_{i_1}, A_{i_2}, \dots, A_{i_k}$  are independent,  $\forall 2 \leq k \leq n$ ,  $1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_k \leq n$ .

*Proof.* abc □

**Theorem 3.9** (Equivalent Statements of Independence). *Suppose  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$  is a probability space,  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n \in \mathcal{A}$ , where  $n \geq 2$ . The following statements are equivalent:*

- (1)  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$  are independent.
- (2)  $\mathbb{P}(A_{i_1}^* \cap A_{i_2}^* \cap \dots \cap A_{i_k}^*) = \mathbb{P}(A_{i_1}^*) \mathbb{P}(A_{i_2}^*) \dots \mathbb{P}(A_{i_k}^*)$ ,  $\forall 2 \leq k \leq n$ ,  
 $1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_k \leq n$ ,  $A_{i_r}^* = A_{i_r}$  or  $A_{i_r}^c$ .
- (3)  $\mathbb{P}(A_{i_1}^* \cap A_{i_2}^* \cap \dots \cap A_{i_n}^*) = \mathbb{P}(A_{i_1}^*) \mathbb{P}(A_{i_2}^*) \dots \mathbb{P}(A_{i_n}^*)$ ,  $\forall A_i^* = A_i, A_i^c$ ,  
 $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

*Proof.* abc □

**Definition 3.4** (Independent Set). *Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$  be a probability space, and  $A_i \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $\forall i \in I$ , where  $I$  is an index set, then  $\{A_i : i \in I\}$  is said to be independent if any finite subset of  $\{A_i : i \in I\}$  is independent; otherwise, it is said to be dependent.*

**Corollary 3.4** (Independence under Finite Union). *Suppose  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$  is a probability space, and suppose  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n \in \mathcal{A}$  are independent. Then*

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{P} \left[ \left( A_{i_1}^* \cap A_{i_2}^* \cap \dots \cap A_{i_k}^* \right) \cap \left( A_{j_1}^* \cap A_{j_2}^* \cap \dots \cap A_{j_l}^* \right) \right] \\ &= \mathbb{P} \left( A_{i_1}^* \cap A_{i_2}^* \cap \dots \cap A_{i_k}^* \right) \cdot \mathbb{P} \left( A_{j_1}^* \cap A_{j_2}^* \cap \dots \cap A_{j_l}^* \right) \end{aligned}$$

$\forall k, l \geq 1$ ,  $k + l \leq n$ ,  $1 \leq i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k, j_1, j_2, \dots, j_l \leq n$  distinct, and  $A_{i_r}^* = A_{i_r}$  or  $A_{i_r}^c$ ,  $r = 1, 2, \dots, k$ ,  $A_{j_r}^* = A_{j_r}$  or  $A_{j_r}^c$ ,  $r = 1, 2, \dots, l$ .

*In particular, if  $\mathbb{P}(A_{j_1}^* \cap A_{j_2}^* \cap \dots \cap A_{j_l}^*) > 0$ , for some  $1 \leq l \leq n-1$ ,  $1 \leq j_1, \dots, j_l \leq n$  distinct, and  $A_{j_r}^* = A_{j_r}$  or  $A_{j_r}^c$ ,  $r = 1, 2, \dots, l$ . Then*

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{P} \left[ \left( A_{i_1}^* \cap A_{i_2}^* \cap \dots \cap A_{i_k}^* \right) \mid \left( A_{j_1}^* \cap A_{j_2}^* \cap \dots \cap A_{j_l}^* \right) \right] \\ &= \mathbb{P} \left( A_{i_1}^* \cap A_{i_2}^* \cap \dots \cap A_{i_k}^* \right) \end{aligned}$$

*for all  $1 \leq k \leq n-l$ .  $i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\} \setminus \{j_1, j_2, \dots, j_l\}$  distinct, and  $A_{i_r}^* = A_{i_r}$  or  $A_{i_r}^c$ ,  $r = 1, 2, \dots, k$ .*

*Proof.* abc □

# Chapter 4

## Distribution Functions and Discrete Random Variables

### 4.1 Random Variables

**Definition 4.1** (Measurable Space). *A measurable space is an ordered pair  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A})$  consisting of a sample space  $\Omega$  and a  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  of subsets of  $\Omega$ .*

**Definition 4.2** (Measurable Function). *Let  $(\Omega_1, \mathcal{A}_1)$ ,  $(\Omega_2, \mathcal{A}_2)$  be measurable spaces. A function from  $\Omega_1$  to  $\Omega_2$  is called a measurable function from  $(\Omega_1, \mathcal{A}_1)$  to  $(\Omega_2, \mathcal{A}_2)$  if  $f^{-1}(B) \in \mathcal{A}_1, \forall B \in \mathcal{A}_2$ , where  $f^{-1}(B) = \{x \in \Omega_1 : f(x) \in B\}$  is the pre-image of  $B$  under  $f$ .*

**Lemma 4.1** ( $\sigma$ -algebra under Function). *Suppose  $f$  is a function from  $\Omega_1$  to  $\Omega_2$ .*

- (1) *If  $\mathcal{A}_2$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra of subsets of  $\Omega_2$ , then  $\mathcal{A}_1 = \{f^{-1}(B) : B \in \mathcal{A}_2\}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra of subsets of  $\Omega_1$ .*
- (2) *If  $\mathcal{A}_1$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra of subsets of  $\Omega_1$ , then  $\mathcal{A}_2 = \{B \in \Omega_2 : f^{-1}(B) \in \mathcal{A}_1\}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra of subsets of  $\Omega_2$ .*

*Proof.* abc □

**Theorem 4.1** ( $\sigma$ -algebra Including Subset). *Suppose  $(\Omega_1, \mathcal{A}_1)$  is a measurable space and  $f$  is a function from  $\Omega_1$  to  $\Omega_2$ . If  $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \{B \subseteq \Omega_2 : f^{-1}(B) \in \mathcal{A}_1\}$ , then  $\sigma(\mathcal{C}) \subseteq \{B \subseteq \Omega_2 : f^{-1}(B) \in \mathcal{A}_1\}$ .*

*Proof.* abc □

**Corollary 4.1** (A Kind of Measurable Function). *Suppose  $(\Omega_1, \mathcal{A}_1)$ ,  $(\Omega_2, \mathcal{A}_2)$  are measurable spaces, and  $f$  is a function from  $\Omega_1$  to  $\Omega_2$ . Suppose  $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \{B \subseteq \Omega_2 : f^{-1}(B) \in \mathcal{A}_1\}$  and  $\sigma(\mathcal{C}) \supseteq \mathcal{A}_2$ . Then  $f$  is a measurable function from  $(\Omega_1, \mathcal{A}_1)$  to  $(\Omega_2, \mathcal{A}_2)$ .*

*Proof.* abc □



**Theorem 4.2** (Composite Measurable Function). *Suppose  $(\Omega_1, \mathcal{A}_1)$ ,  $(\Omega_2, \mathcal{A}_2)$ ,  $(\Omega_3, \mathcal{A}_3)$  are measurable spaces,  $f$  is a measurable function from  $(\Omega_1, \mathcal{A}_1)$  to  $(\Omega_2, \mathcal{A}_2)$ , and  $g$  is a measurable function from  $(\Omega_2, \mathcal{A}_2)$  to  $(\Omega_3, \mathcal{A}_3)$ . Then  $g \circ f$  is a measurable function from  $(\Omega_1, \mathcal{A}_1)$  to  $(\Omega_3, \mathcal{A}_3)$ .*

*Proof.* abc □

**Definition 4.3** (Open Set). *A set  $A$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is called an open set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  if for all  $\mathbf{x} \in A$ ,  $\exists r > 0 \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_{\mathbf{x}}(r) \subseteq A$ , where  $\mathcal{B}_{\mathbf{x}}(r) = \{\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n : \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}\| < r\}$ .*

**Definition 4.4** (Borel  $\sigma$ -algebra). *The  $\sigma$ -algebra generated by the set of all open sets in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is called the Borel  $\sigma$ -algebra of subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and is denoted by  $\mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}^n}$ . We call a set in  $\mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}^n}$  a Borel set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .*

**Theorem 4.3** (Measurable Function from Continuity). *Suppose  $f$  is a continuous function from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to  $\mathbb{R}^m$ . Then  $f$  is a measurable function from  $(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}^n})$  to  $(\mathbb{R}^m, \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}^m})$ .*

*Proof.* abc □

**Definition 4.5** (Cell). *A cell in  $\mathbb{R}$  is a finite interval of the form  $(a, b)$ ,  $[a, b)$ ,  $(a, b]$ , or  $[a, b]$  for some  $a \leq b$ . A cell  $I$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , where  $n \geq 1$ , is a Cartesian product of  $n$  cells  $I_1, I_2, \dots, I_n$  in  $\mathbb{R}$ , i.e.,  $I = I_1 \times I_2 \times \dots \times I_n$ .*

**Definition 4.6** (Open Cube). *Let  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $l > 0$ , and  $I_i = (x_i - \frac{l}{2}, x_i + \frac{l}{2})$ ,  $\forall 1 \leq i \leq n$ . The open cube  $C_{\mathbf{x}}(l)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with center  $\mathbf{x}$  and side length  $l$  is defined as the open cell  $I_1 \times I_2 \times \dots \times I_n$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .*

**Theorem 4.4** (Set from Cells). *Every open set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is a countable union of open cells in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .*

*Proof.* abc □

**Theorem 4.5** (Measurable Function on Open Cells). *Suppose  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A})$  is a measurable space and  $f$  is a function from  $\Omega$  to  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Suppose that  $f^{-1}(B) \in \mathcal{A}$  for all open cells in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Then  $f$  is a measurable function from  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A})$  to  $(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}^n})$ .*

*Proof.* abc □

**Theorem 4.6** (Components of Measurable Function). *Suppose  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A})$  is a measurable space,  $f = (f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n)$  is a function from  $\Omega$  to  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Then  $f$  is a measurable function from  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A})$  to  $(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}^n}) \Leftrightarrow f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$  are measurable functions from  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A})$  to  $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}})$ .*

*Proof.* abc □

**Theorem 4.7** (Elementary Operation of Measurable Function). *Suppose  $f$  and  $g$  are measurable functions from  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A})$  to  $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}})$ , and  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $cf$ ,  $f^n$ ,  $|f|$ ,  $f + g$ ,  $f \circ g$  are measurable functions from  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A})$  to  $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}})$ .*

*Proof.* abc □

**Theorem 4.8** (Limit of Measurable Functions). *Suppose that  $f_1, f_2, \dots$  are measurable functions from  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A})$  to  $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}})$  and  $f_n \rightarrow f$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , where  $f$  is a function from  $\Omega$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ . Then  $f$  is also a measurable function from  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A})$  to  $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}})$ .*

*Proof.* abc □

**Theorem 4.9** (Equivalence of Nine Types of Set). *Suppose  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A})$  is a measurable space and  $f$  is a function from  $\Omega$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ . Let  $\mathcal{C}_1$  be the set of all open sets in  $\mathbb{R}$ ,*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{C}_2 &= \{(a, b), a, b \in \mathbb{R}, a \leq b\}, & \mathcal{C}_3 &= \{(a, b], a, b \in \mathbb{R}, a \leq b\}, \\ \mathcal{C}_4 &= \{[a, b], a, b \in \mathbb{R}, a \leq b\}, & \mathcal{C}_5 &= \{[a, b), a, b \in \mathbb{R}, a \leq b\}, \\ \mathcal{C}_6 &= \{[a, +\infty), a \in \mathbb{R}\}, & \mathcal{C}_7 &= \{(a, +\infty), a \in \mathbb{R}\}, \\ \mathcal{C}_8 &= \{(-\infty, a], a \in \mathbb{R}\}, & \mathcal{C}_9 &= \{(-\infty, a), a \in \mathbb{R}\}. \end{aligned}$$

*Then  $f$  is a measurable function from  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A})$  to  $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}})$  if  $f^{-1}(B) \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $\forall B \subseteq \mathcal{C}_i$  for any  $i = 1, 2, \dots, 9$ .*

*Proof.* abc □

**Theorem 4.10** (Induced Probability Space under Function). *Suppose  $f$  is a measurable function from  $(\Omega_1, \mathcal{A}_1)$  to  $(\Omega_2, \mathcal{A}_2)$ . Suppose  $P$  is a probability measure on  $\mathcal{A}_1$ . Then the function  $P_f$  on  $\mathcal{A}_2$  given by*

$$P_f(B) = P[f^{-1}(B)], \quad \forall B \in \mathcal{A}_2$$

*is a probability measure.*

*We call  $(\Omega_2, \mathcal{A}_2, P_f)$  the probability space induced from  $(\Omega_1, \mathcal{A}_1, P)$  under  $f$ .*

*Proof.* abc □

**Remark 4.1** (Conventional Denotation). *(1) The set  $f^{-1}(B)$  is conventionally denoted as  $f \in B$ . Therefore  $P_f(B) = P[f^{-1}(B)] = \mathbb{P}(f \in B)$ ,  $\forall B \in \mathcal{A}_2$ .*

*(2) If  $B \in \mathcal{A}_2$ , then  $f^{-1}(B) = f^{-1}[B \cap f(\Omega_1)]$ , and hence  $P_f(B) = \mathbb{P}(f \in B) = P[f^{-1}(B)] = P[f^{-1}(B \cap f(\Omega_1))] = P[f \in (B \cap f(\Omega_1))] = P_f(B \cap f(\Omega_1))$ .*

*Proof.* abc □

**Definition 4.7** (Random Variable). *Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$  be a probability space. A measurable function  $X$  from  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A})$  to  $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}})$  is called a random variable (r.v.) of the probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ .*

*A measurable function  $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$  from  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A})$  to  $(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}^n})$  is called a random vector (r.vect.) of the probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ .*

**Remark 4.2** (Conventional Denotation of Random Variable). *If  $X$  is a r.v. of the probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ , then  $P_X(B) = P[X^{-1}(B)] = \mathbb{P}(X \in B) = P[\{w \in \Omega : X(w) \in B\}]$ ,  $\forall B \in \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}}$ .*

*Proof.* abc □

**Theorem 4.11** (Additivity of Countable Points). *Suppose  $\mathbf{X}$  is a r.vect. of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ , and  $B$  is a “countable” subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then  $B \in \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}}$ , and*

$$P_{\mathbf{X}}(B) = \mathbb{P}(\mathbf{X} \in B) = \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in B} \mathbb{P}(\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{x}) = \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in B} P_{\mathbf{X}}(\{\mathbf{x}\}).$$

*Proof.* abc □

## 4.2 Distribution Functions

**Definition 4.8** (Cumulative Distribution Function). *Let  $X$  be a r.v. of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ . The cumulative distribution function (c.d.f)  $F_X$  of the r.v.  $X$  is a function from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $[0, 1]$ , given by*

$$F_X(t) = P_X((-\infty, t]) = \mathbb{P}(X \in (-\infty, t]) = \mathbb{P}(X \leq t), \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

**Theorem 4.12** (Properties of C.D.F). *Suppose  $X$  is a r.v. of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ .*

- (1)  $F_X$  is increasing.
- (2)  $F_X(+\infty) := \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} F_X(t) = 1$ .
- (3)  $F_X(-\infty) := \lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} F_X(t) = 0$ .
- (4)  $F_X(t+) = \mathbb{P}(X \leq t) = F_X(t)$ .  $F_X(t)$  is right continuous.
- (5)  $F_X(t-) = \mathbb{P}(X < t)$ .

*Proof.* abc □

**Corollary 4.2** (More Properties of C.D.F). *Suppose  $X$  is a r.v. of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ .*

- (1)  $\mathbb{P}(X \leq a) = F_X(a)$ ,  $\mathbb{P}(X > a) = 1 - F_X(a)$ .
- (2)  $\mathbb{P}(X < a) = F_X(a-)$ ,  $\mathbb{P}(X \geq a) = 1 - F_X(a-)$ .
- (3)  $\mathbb{P}(X = a) = F_X(a) - F_X(a-)$ .
- (4)  $\mathbb{P}(a < X \leq b) = F_X(b) - F_X(a)$ ,  $\mathbb{P}(a \leq X \leq b) = F_X(b) - F_X(a-)$ ,  
 $\mathbb{P}(a < X < b) = F_X(b-) - F_X(a)$ ,  $\mathbb{P}(a \leq X < b) = F_X(b-) - F_X(a-)$ .

*Proof.* abc □

**Theorem 4.13** (Existence of C.D.F). *Suppose  $F : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is a function s.t.  $F$  is increasing and right continuous,*

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} F_X(t) = 1, \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} F_X(t) = 0.$$

*Then there exists a r.v.  $X$  of some probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ , s.t. the c.d.f.  $F_X$  of  $X$  is equal to  $F$ . We call such function a c.d.f.*

*Proof.* abc □

### 4.3 Discrete Random Variables

**Definition 4.9** (Discrete R.V.). A r.v. of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$  is called a discrete r.v. if  $X(\Omega) = \{X(w) : w \in \Omega\}$  is countable.

**Definition 4.10** (Probability Mass Function). Let  $X$  be a discrete r.v. of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$  s.t.  $X(\Omega) = \{x_1, x_2, \dots\}$ . The probability mass function (p.m.f)  $p_X : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, 1]$  of  $X$  is a function from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $[0, 1]$  given by  $p_X(x) = P_X(\{X = x\}) = \mathbb{P}(X = x)$ ,  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**Theorem 4.14** (Properties of P.M.F). Suppose  $X$  is a discrete r.v. of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ . Then,

- (1)  $p_X(x) \geq 0$ ,  $\forall x \in X(\Omega)$ .
- (2)  $p_X(x) = 0$ ,  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus X(\Omega)$ .
- (3)  $\sum_{x \in X(\Omega)} p_X(x) = 1$ .

Therefore if  $X(\Omega) = \{x_1, x_2, \dots\}$ , then,

- (1)  $p_X(x_i) \geq 0$ ,  $\forall i = 1, 2, \dots$ .
- (2)  $p_X(x) = 0$ ,  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{x_1, x_2, \dots\}$ .
- (3)  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} p_X(x_i) = 1$ .

*Proof.* abc □

**Theorem 4.15** (Existence of P.M.F). Suppose  $p : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is a function s.t.

- (1)  $p(x_i) \geq 0 \forall i = 1, 2, \dots$ .
- (2)  $p(x) = 0$ ,  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{x_1, x_2, \dots\}$ .
- (3)  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} p(x_i) = 1$ .

for some distinct  $x_1, x_2, \dots \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Then there exists a discrete r.v.  $X$  of some probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$  s.t. the p.m.f.  $p_X$  of  $X$  is equal to  $p$ . We call such a function a p.m.f.

*Proof.* abc □

**Theorem 4.16** (Step Distribution Function for Discrete R.V.). Suppose  $X$  is a discrete r.v. of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$  s.t.  $X(\Omega) = \{x_1, x_2, \dots\}$ , where  $x_1 < x_2 < \dots$ . Then the distribution function of  $X$  is a step function given by

$$F_X(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } t < x_1 \\ \sum_{i=1}^n p_X(x_i), & \text{if } x_n \leq t \leq x_{n+1}, n = 1, 2, \dots \end{cases} = \sum_{i=1}^n p_X(x_i) U(t - x_i),$$

where

$$U(t) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } t \geq 0 \\ 0, & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* abc □

## 4.4 Expectations of Discrete Random Variables

**Definition 4.11** (Expectation). *Let  $X$  be a discrete r.v. of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ . The expectation (or expected value, or mean) of  $X$  is given by*

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \sum_{x \in X(\Omega)} x \cdot \mathbb{P}(X = x) = \sum_{x \in X(\Omega)} x \cdot p_X(x)$$

*if the sum converges absolutely. And if the sum diverges to  $\pm\infty$ ,  $\mathbb{E}[X] = \pm\infty$ .*

**Remark 4.3** (Explanations of Expectation). (1) *The expectation  $\mathbb{E}[X] = \sum_{x \in X(\Omega)} x \cdot p_X(x)$  is the weighted average of  $\{x : x \in X(\Omega)\}$  with weights  $\{\mathbb{P}(X = x) : x \in X(\Omega)\}$ .*  
 (2) *The expectation  $\mathbb{E}[X] = \sum_{x \in X(\Omega)} x \cdot p_X(x)$  is the center of gravity of  $\{\mathbb{P}(X = x) : x \in X(\Omega)\}$ .*

*Proof.* abc □

**Theorem 4.17** (Expectation of Constant). *Suppose  $X$  is a discrete r.v. of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$  s.t.  $X$  is a constant with probability 1, i.e.,  $\mathbb{P}(X = c) = 1$  for some  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $c \in X(\Omega)$ ,  $\mathbb{P}(X = x) = 0$ ,  $\forall x \in X(\Omega) \setminus \{c\}$ , and  $\mathbb{E}[X] = c$ . In particular, if  $X$  is a constant r.v. of  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ , i.e.,  $X(w) = c$ ,  $\forall w \in \Omega$ , for some  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ , then  $\mathbb{E}[X] = c$ .*

*Proof.* abc □

**Theorem 4.18** (Composition of Function and R.V.). *Suppose  $X$  is a discrete r.v. of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$  and  $g$  be a measurable function from  $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}})$  to  $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}})$ . Then  $g(X) := g \circ X$  is a discrete r.v. of  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$  and*

$$\mathbb{E}[g(X)] = \sum_{x \in X(\Omega)} g(x) \mathbb{P}(X = x).$$

*Proof.* abc □

**Corollary 4.3** (Linearity of Expectation). *Suppose  $X$  is a discrete r.v. of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ ,  $g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n$  are measurable functions from  $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}})$  to  $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}})$ , and  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n \in \mathbb{R}$ , Then*

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i g_i(X)$$

*is a discrete r.v. of  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$  and*

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i g_i(X) \right] = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \mathbb{E}[g_i(X)].$$

*Proof.* abc □

## 4.5 Variances and Moments of Discrete Random Variables

**Definition 4.12** (Variance and Standard Deviation). *Let  $X$  be a discrete r.v. of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$  and suppose  $\mathbb{E}[X]$  exists. The variance of  $X$  is given by*

$$\text{Var}(X) = \mathbb{E}[(X - \mathbb{E}[X])^2],$$

*and the standard deviation of  $X$  is given by  $\sigma_X = \sqrt{\text{Var}(X)}$ .*

**Remark 4.4** (Explanation about Variance). *The variance of a discrete r.v. measures the dispersion (or spread) of its probability masses about its expectation (center of gravity of its probability masses).*

*Proof.* abc □

**Theorem 4.19** (Calculating Variance). *Suppose  $X$  is a discrete r.v. of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$  and suppose  $\mathbb{E}[X]$  exists. Then  $\text{Var}(X) = \mathbb{E}[X^2] - (\mathbb{E}[X])^2$ .*

*Proof.* abc □

**Theorem 4.20** (Minimum Distance with Expectation). *Suppose  $X$  is a discrete r.v. of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$  and suppose  $\mathbb{E}[X]$  exists. If  $\mathbb{E}[X^2] < +\infty$ , then  $\text{Var}(X) = \min_{a \in \mathbb{R}} \mathbb{E}[(X - a)^2]$ .*

*Proof.* abc □

**Theorem 4.21** (With Probability 1). *Suppose  $X$  is a discrete r.v. of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ .*

*(1)  $\mathbb{E}[X^2] \geq 0$ , “=” holds  $\Leftrightarrow X = 0$  with probability 1, i.e.,  $\mathbb{P}(X = 0) = 1$ .*

*(2) If  $\mathbb{E}[X]$  exists, then  $\text{Var}(X) \geq 0$ , “=” holds  $\Leftrightarrow X = \mathbb{E}[X]$  with probability 1, i.e.,  $\mathbb{P}(X = \mathbb{E}[X]) = 1$ .*

*Proof.* abc □

**Theorem 4.22** (Calculating Linear Combination). *Suppose  $X$  is a discrete r.v. of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$  and suppose  $\mathbb{E}[X]$  exists. Then  $\text{Var}(aX + b) = a^2 \text{Var}(X)$  and  $\sigma_{aX+b} = |a| \sigma_X$ ,  $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ .*

*Proof.* abc □

**Definition 4.13** (Moment and Absolute Moment). *Let  $X$  be a discrete r.v. of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ , and  $r, c \in \mathbb{R}$ .*

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{The } r^{\text{th}} \text{ moment of } X \text{ is given by } \mathbb{E}[X^r] \\ \text{The } r^{\text{th}} \text{ central moment of } X \text{ is given by } \mathbb{E}[(X - \mathbb{E}[X])^r] \\ \text{The } r^{\text{th}} \text{ moment of } c \text{ is given by } \mathbb{E}[(X - c)^r] \\ \text{The } r^{\text{th}} \text{ absolute moment of } X \text{ is given by } \mathbb{E}[|X|^r] \\ \text{The } r^{\text{th}} \text{ absolute central moment of } X \text{ is given by } \mathbb{E}[|X - \mathbb{E}[X]|^r] \\ \text{The } r^{\text{th}} \text{ absolute moment of } c \text{ is given by } \mathbb{E}[|X - c|^r] \end{array} \right.$$

*If the respective sum converges absolutely.*

**Theorem 4.23** (Existence of Lower Order Moment). *Suppose  $X$  is a discrete r.v. of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$  and suppose  $0 < r < s$ . If  $\mathbb{E}[|X|^s]$  exists, then  $\mathbb{E}[|X|^r]$  exists. That is, the existence of a higher order moment of  $X$  guarantees the existence of a lower order moment of  $X$ .*

*Proof.* abc □

## 4.6 Standardized Random Variables

**Definition 4.14** (Standardized R.V.). *Let  $X$  be a discrete r.v. of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ . If  $\text{Var}(X)$  exists and  $\text{Var}(X) \neq 0$ , then the standardized r.v. of  $X$  is given by*

$$X^* = \frac{X - \mathbb{E}[X]}{\sigma_X}$$

*i.e.,  $X^*$  is the number of standard deviation units by which  $X$  differs from  $\mathbb{E}[X]$ .*

**Theorem 4.24** (Expectation and Variance of Standardized R.V.). *Suppose  $X$  is a discrete r.v. of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$  and  $\text{Var}(X)$  exists,  $\text{Var}(X) \neq 0$ . Then  $\mathbb{E}[X^*] = 0$  and  $\text{Var}(X^*) = 1$ .*

*Proof.* abc □

**Theorem 4.25** (Independence of Units). *Suppose  $X$  is a discrete r.v. of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$  and  $\text{Var}(X)$  exists,  $\text{Var}(X) \neq 0$ . Then the standardized r.v. of  $X$  is independent of the units in which  $X$  is measured.*

*Proof.* abc □

**Remark 4.5** (Standardization for Comparison). *Standardization can be useful when comparing r.v.'s with different distributions.*

*Proof.* abc □

# Chapter 5

## Special Discrete Distributions

### 5.1 Bernoulli R.V.'s and Binomial R.V.'s

**Definition 5.1** (Bernoulli Trial). *A Bernoulli trial is an experiment that has only two outcomes, say success and failure, so that its sample space is given by  $\Omega = \{s, f\}$ .*

Let  $X$  be the number of success in a Bernoulli trial.

$$p_X(i) = \begin{cases} 1 - p, & \text{if } i = 0 \\ p, & \text{if } i = 1 \\ 0, & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

where  $p = \mathbb{P}(X = 1) = \mathbb{P}(\{s\})$  is the probability of success.

**Definition 5.2** (Bernoulli R.V.). *A discrete r.v.  $X$  of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$  is called a Bernoulli r.v. with parameter  $p$  where  $0 < p < 1$ , denoted  $X \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p)$ , if its p.m.f is given by*

$$p_X(i) = \begin{cases} 1 - p, & \text{if } i = 0 \\ p, & \text{if } i = 1 \\ 0, & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

*Such a p.m.f is called a Bernoulli p.m.f with parameter  $p$ .*

**Theorem 5.1** (Expectation and Variance of Bernoulli R.V.). *Suppose  $X \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p)$ , where  $0 < p < 1$ . Then*

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = p, \quad \text{Var}(X) = p(1 - p).$$

*Proof.* abc

□



Consider an experiment in which  $n$  independent Bernoulli trials with the same probability of success, say  $p$ , are performed. The sample space of the experiment is  $\Omega = \{(\omega_1, \omega_2, \dots, \omega_n) : \omega_i = s \text{ or } f, i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$  and  $\mathbb{P}(\{(\omega_1, \omega_2, \dots, \omega_n)\}) = p^i(1-p)^{n-i}$ , where  $i = |\{1 \leq j \leq n : \omega_j = s\}|$ .

Let  $X$  be the number of successes in the  $n$  Bernoulli trials.

$$p_X(i) = \begin{cases} \binom{n}{i} p^i (1-p)^{n-i}, & \text{if } i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n \\ 0, & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

**Definition 5.3** (Binomial R.V.). A discrete r.v.  $X$  of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$  is called a binomial r.v. with parameter  $n$  and  $p$  where  $n \geq 1$  and  $0 < p < 1$ , denoted  $X \sim \text{binomial}(n, p)$ , if its p.m.f is given by

$$p_X(i) = \begin{cases} \binom{n}{i} p^i (1-p)^{n-i}, & \text{if } i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n \\ 0, & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

Such a p.m.f is called a binomial p.m.f with parameter  $n$  and  $p$ .

**Remark 5.1** (Bernoulli R.V. from Binomial R.V.). (1) A Bernoulli r.v. with parameter  $p$  is a binomial r.v. with parameter 1 and  $p$ .

(2)

$$\sum_{i=1}^n p_X(i) = \sum_{i=1}^n \binom{n}{i} p^i (1-p)^{n-i} = [p + (1-p)]^n = 1$$

Thus  $p_X(\cdot)$  is a p.m.f.

**Theorem 5.2** (Expectation and Variance of Binomial R.V.). Suppose  $X \sim \text{binomial}(n, p)$ , where  $n \geq 1$  and  $0 < p < 1$ . Then

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = np, \quad \text{Var}(X) = np(1-p).$$

*Proof.* abc □

**Theorem 5.3** (Maximum Point of Binomial Probability). Suppose  $X \sim \text{binomial}(n, p)$ , where  $n \geq 1$  and  $0 < p < 1$ . Then

$$\arg \max_{0 \leq i \leq n} p_X(i) = \begin{cases} (n+1)p - 1 \text{ or } (n+1)p, & \text{if } (n+1)p \in \mathbb{Z} \\ \lfloor (n+1)p \rfloor, & \text{if } (n+1)p \notin \mathbb{Z} \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* abc □

## 5.2 Poisson R.V.'s

If  $X \sim \text{binomial}(n, p)$ , then  $p_X(i) = \binom{n}{i} p^i (1-p)^{n-i}$  is difficult to calculate if  $n$  is large. A recursive relation:

$$p_X(0) = (1-p)^n, \quad p_X(i) = \frac{n-i+1}{i(1-p)} \cdot p_X(i-1), \quad \forall i \geq 1.$$

An approximation for large  $n$ , small  $p$ , and moderate  $np$ , say  $np = \lambda$  for some constant  $\lambda$ :

$$\begin{aligned} p_X(i) &= \binom{n}{i} p^i (1-p)^{n-i} = \frac{n(n-1) \cdots (n-i+1)}{i!} \left(\frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^i \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^{n-i} \\ &= \frac{n(n-1) \cdots (n-i+1)}{n^i} \cdot \frac{1}{\left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^i} \cdot \frac{\lambda^i}{i!} \cdot \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^i}{i!}. \end{aligned}$$

**Definition 5.4** (Poisson R.V.). A discrete r.v. of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$  is called a Poisson r.v. with parameter  $\lambda$  where  $0 < \lambda < \infty$ , denoted  $X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$ , if its p.m.f is given by

$$p_X(i) = \begin{cases} e^{-\lambda} \cdot \frac{\lambda^i}{i!}, & i = 0, 1, 2, \dots \\ 0, & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

Such a p.m.f is called a Poisson p.m.f with parameter  $\lambda$ .

**Remark 5.2** (Poisson R.V. from Binomial R.V.). (1) A Poisson r.v. with parameter  $\lambda$  is an approximation of a binomial p.m.f. with parameters  $n$  and  $p$  such that  $n$  is large and  $p$  is small, and  $np = \lambda$ .

(2)

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} p_X(i) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} e^{-\lambda} \cdot \frac{\lambda^i}{i!} = e^{-\lambda} \cdot e^{\lambda} = 1$$

thus  $p_X(\cdot)$  is a p.m.f.

**Theorem 5.4** (Expectation and Variance of Poisson R.V.). Suppose  $X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$ , where  $\lambda > 0$ . Then  $\mathbb{E}[X] = \lambda$  and  $\text{Var}(X) = \lambda$ .

*Proof.* abc □

**Theorem 5.5** (Maximum Point of Poisson Probability). Suppose  $X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$ , where  $\lambda > 0$ . Then

$$\arg \max_{i \geq 0} p_X(i) = \begin{cases} \lambda - 1 \text{ or } \lambda, & \text{if } \lambda \in \mathbb{Z} \\ \lfloor \lambda \rfloor, & \text{if } \lambda \notin \mathbb{Z} \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* abc □

## 5.3 Geometric R.V.'s, Negative Binomial R.V.'s and Hypergeometric R.V.'s

Consider an experiment in which independent Bernoulli trials with the same probability of success, say  $p$ , are performed until the first success occurs. The sample space of the experiment is  $\Omega = \{s, fs, ffs, \dots\}$ .

Let  $X$  be the number of Bernoulli trials until the first success occurs,

$$p_X(i) = \begin{cases} (1-p)^{i-1} \cdot p, & i = 1, 2, \dots \\ 0, & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

**Definition 5.5** (Geometric R.V.). A discrete r.v. of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$  is called a geometric r.v. with parameter  $p$  where  $0 < p < 1$ , denoted  $X \sim \text{geometric}(p)$ , if its p.m.f is given by

$$p_X(i) = \begin{cases} (1-p)^{i-1} \cdot p, & i = 1, 2, \dots \\ 0, & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

Such a p.m.f is called a geometric p.m.f with parameter  $p$ .

**Remark 5.3** (Justification of P.M.F.).

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} p_X(i) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (1-p)^{i-1} \cdot p = p \cdot \frac{1}{1-(1-p)} = 1$$

thus  $p_X(\cdot)$  is a p.m.f.

**Theorem 5.6** (Expectation and Variance of Geometric R.V.). Suppose  $X \sim \text{geometric}(p)$ , where  $0 < p < 1$ . Then

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \frac{1}{p}, \quad \text{Var}(X) = \frac{1-p}{p^2}.$$

*Proof.* abc □

**Theorem 5.7** (Memoryless Property). Suppose  $X$  is a discrete r.v. of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$  with  $X(\Omega) = \{1, 2, \dots\}$ . Then  $P[(X > m+n) | (X > m)] = \mathbb{P}(X > n)$ ,  $\forall m, n > 0 \Leftrightarrow X$  is a geometric r.v.

*Proof.* abc □

Consider an experiment in which independent Bernoulli trials with the same probability of success, say  $p$ , are performed until the  $r^{\text{th}}$  success occurs, where  $r \geq 1$ .

Let  $X$  be the number of Bernoulli trials until the  $r^{\text{th}}$  success occurs,

$$p_X(i) = \begin{cases} \binom{i-1}{r-1} p^r (1-p)^{i-r}, & i = r, r+1, \dots \\ 0, & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

**Definition 5.6** (Negative Binomial R.V.). A discrete r.v. of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$  is called a negative binomial r.v. with parameters  $r$  and  $p$  where  $r \geq 1$  and  $0 < p < 1$ , denoted  $X \sim \text{neg.-binomial}(r, p)$ , if its p.m.f is given by

$$p_X(i) = \begin{cases} \binom{i-1}{r-1} p^r (1-p)^{i-r}, & i = r, r+1, \dots \\ 0, & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

Such a p.m.f is called a negative binomial p.m.f with parameters  $r$  and  $p$ .

**Remark 5.4** (Geometric R.V. from Negative Binomial R.V.). (1) A geometric r.v. with parameter  $p$  is a negative binomial r.v. with parameters 1 and  $p$ .

(2)

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=r}^{\infty} (i-1)(i-2)\cdots(i-r+1)x^{i-r} &= \frac{d^{r-1}}{dx^{r-1}} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x^{i-1} \right) \\ &= \frac{d^{r-1}}{dx^{r-1}} \left( \frac{1}{1-x} \right) = \frac{(r-1)!}{(1-x)^r} \\ \rightarrow \sum_{i=r}^{\infty} p_X(i) &= \sum_{i=r}^{\infty} \binom{i-1}{r-1} p^r (1-p)^{i-r} = \frac{p^r}{(r-1)!} \cdot \frac{(r-1)!}{(1-(1-p))^r} = 1 \\ \rightarrow p_X(\cdot) &\text{ is a p.m.f.} \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 5.8** (Expectation and Variance of Negative Geometric R.V.). Suppose  $X \sim \text{neg.-binomial}(r, p)$ , where  $r \geq 1$  and  $0 < p < 1$ . Then

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \frac{r}{p}, \quad \text{Var}(x) = \frac{r(1-p)}{p^2}.$$

*Proof.* abc □

**Theorem 5.9** (Maximum Point of Negative Geometric Probability). Suppose  $X \sim \text{neg.-binomial}(r, p)$ , where  $r \geq 1$  and  $0 < p < 1$ . Then

$$\arg \max_{i \geq r} p_X(i) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } r = 1 \\ \frac{r-1}{p} \text{ or } \frac{r-1}{p+1}, & \text{if } \frac{r-1}{p} \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \\ \left\lfloor \frac{r-1}{p+1} \right\rfloor, & \text{if } \frac{r-1}{p} \notin \mathbb{Z} \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* abc □

A box contains  $N_1$  red balls and  $N_2$  blue balls. Suppose that  $n$  balls are randomly drawn from the box, one by one and without replacement.

Let  $X$  be the number of “red” balls drawn

$$p_X(i) = \begin{cases} \frac{\binom{N_1}{i} \binom{N_2}{n-i}}{\binom{N_1+N_2}{n}}, & i = a, a+1, \dots, b. \ a = \max\{n - N_1, 0\}, b = \min\{n, N_1\} \\ 0, & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

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**Definition 5.7** (Hypergeometric R.V.). A discrete r.v. of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$  is called a hypergeometric r.v. with parameter  $N_1, N_2$  and  $n$  where  $N_1, N_2 \geq 1$  and  $n \geq 1$ , denoted  $X \sim \text{hypergeometric}(N_1, N_2, n)$ , if its p.m.f is given by

$$p_X(i) = \begin{cases} \frac{\binom{N_1}{i} \binom{N_2}{n-i}}{\binom{N_1+N_2}{n}}, & i = a, a+1, \dots, b. \quad a = \max\{n - N_1, 0\}, b = \min\{n, N_1\} \\ 0, & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

Such a p.m.f is called a hypergeometric r.v. with parameter  $N_1, N_2$  and  $n$ .

**Remark 5.5** (Justification of P.M.F.). (1) If  $n \leq \min\{N_1, N_2\} \rightarrow a = \max\{n - N_1, 0\} = 0, b = \min\{n, N_1\} = n$ .

(2)

$$\begin{aligned} (1+x)^{N_1+N_2} &= (1+x)^{N_1} (1+x)^{N_2} \\ \rightarrow \text{the coefficient of } x^n &\text{ is } \binom{N_1+N_2}{n} = \sum_{i=a}^b \binom{N_1}{i} \binom{N_2}{n-i}, \\ \text{where } a &= \max\{n - N_1, 0\}, b = \min\{n, N_1\} \\ \rightarrow \sum_{i=a}^b p_X(i) &= \sum_{i=a}^b \frac{\binom{N_1}{i} \binom{N_2}{n-i}}{\binom{N_1+N_2}{n}} = 1. \\ \rightarrow p_X(\cdot) &\text{ is a p.m.f.} \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 5.10** (Expectation and Variance of Hypergeometric R.V.). Suppose  $X \sim \text{hypergeometric}(N_1, N_2, n)$ , where  $N_1, N_2 \geq 1$  and  $1 \leq n \leq \min\{N_1, N_2\}$ . Then

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \frac{nN_1}{N_1+N_2}, \quad \text{Var}(x) = n \cdot \frac{N_1}{N_1+N_2} \cdot \frac{N_2}{N_1+N_2} \cdot \left(1 - \frac{n-1}{N_1+N_2-1}\right).$$

*Proof.* abc

□

**Theorem 5.11** (Binomial Approximation for Hypergeometric).  $n$  balls are drawn with replacement

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow X &\sim \text{binomial}\left(n, \frac{N_1}{N_1+N_2}\right) \\ \rightarrow \mathbb{E}[X] &= n \cdot \frac{N_1}{N_1+N_2}, \quad \text{Var}(x) = n \cdot \frac{N_1}{N_1+N_2} \cdot \frac{N_2}{N_1+N_2}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, if  $n \ll N_1 + N_2$ , then drawing with replacement is a good approximation of drawing without replacement.

*Proof.* abc

□

**Theorem 5.12** (Maximum Point of Hypergeometric Probability). *Suppose  $X \sim \text{hypergeometric}(N_1, N_2, n)$ , where  $N_1, N_2 \geq 1$  and  $1 \leq n \leq \min\{N_1, N_2\}$ . Then*

$$\begin{aligned} & \arg \max_{0 \leq i \leq n} p_X(i) \\ &= \begin{cases} \frac{(n+1)(N_1+1)}{N_1+N_2+2} - 1 \text{ or } \frac{(n+1)(N_1+1)}{N_1+N_2+2}, & \text{if } \frac{(n+1)(N_1+1)}{N_1+N_2+2} \in \mathbb{Z} \\ \left\lfloor \frac{(n+1)(N_1+1)}{N_1+N_2+2} \right\rfloor, & \text{if } \frac{(n+1)(N_1+1)}{N_1+N_2+2} \notin \mathbb{Z} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* abc □

**Remark 5.6** (Binomial and Poisson Approximation for Hypergeometric).

$$\begin{aligned} p_X(i) &= \frac{\binom{N_1}{i} \binom{N_2}{n-i}}{\binom{N_1+N_2}{n}} \\ &= \frac{n!}{i! (n-i)!} \cdot \frac{N_1 (N_1-1) \cdots (N_1-i+1) N_2 (N_2-1) \cdots (N_2-n+i+1)}{(N_1+N_2) (N_1+N_2-1) \cdots (N_1+N_2+n-1)} \end{aligned}$$

(1) If  $N_1 \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $N_2 \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\frac{N_1}{N_1+N_2} \rightarrow p$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} p_X(i) &= \binom{n}{i} \cdot \frac{1}{1 \cdot \left(1 - \frac{1}{N_1+N_2}\right) \cdots \left(1 - \frac{n-1}{N_1+N_2}\right)} \\ &\cdot \frac{N_1}{N_1+N_2} \left( \frac{N_1}{N_1+N_2} - \frac{1}{N_1+N_2} \right) \cdots \left( \frac{N_1}{N_1+N_2} - \frac{i-1}{N_1+N_2} \right) \left( \frac{N_2}{N_1+N_2} \right) \\ &\cdot \left( \frac{N_2}{N_1+N_2} - \frac{1}{N_1+N_2} \right) \cdots \left( \frac{N_2}{N_1+N_2} - \frac{n-i-1}{N_1+N_2} \right) \\ &\xrightarrow{N_1, N_2 \rightarrow \infty} \binom{n}{i} p^i (1-p)^{n-i} \leftarrow \text{binomial}(n, p) \end{aligned}$$

(2) If  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $N_1 \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $N_2 \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\frac{n}{N_1+N_2} \rightarrow 0$ ,  $\frac{N_1}{N_1+N_2} \rightarrow \frac{\lambda}{n}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} p_X(i) &= \frac{1}{i!} \cdot \frac{1}{\frac{(N_1+N_2)!}{(N_1+N_2-n)!}} \cdot n N_1 \cdot (n-1) (N_1-1) \cdots (n-i+1) (N_1-i+1) \\ &\cdot (N_1+N_2-N_1) (N_1+N_2-N_1-1) \cdots (N_1+N_2-N_1-n+i+1) \\ &= \frac{1}{i!} \cdot \frac{\prod_{j=0}^{i-1} \frac{n N_1 - j(n+N_1) + j^2}{N_1+N_2} \cdot \prod_{j=0}^{n-i-1} \left(1 - \frac{N_1+j}{N_1+N_2}\right)}{\frac{1}{(N_1+N_2)^n} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2\pi(N_1+N_2)} \left(\frac{N_1+N_2}{e}\right)^{N_1+N_2} e^{a_{N_1+N_2}}}{\sqrt{2\pi(N_1+N_2-n)} \left(\frac{N_1+N_2-n}{e}\right)^{N_1+N_2-n} e^{a_{N_1+N_2-n}}}} \end{aligned}$$

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where  $a_n = \ln \frac{n!}{\sqrt{2\pi n} \left(\frac{n}{e}\right)^n} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 p_X(i) & \xrightarrow{n, N_1, N_2 \rightarrow \infty, \frac{n}{N_1 + N_2} \rightarrow 0, \frac{N_1}{N_1 + N_2} \rightarrow \frac{\lambda}{n}} \\
 & \frac{1}{i!} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\lambda^i \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^{n-i}}{e^{n \cdot \lim_{N_1, N_2 \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{n}{N_1 + N_2}\right)^{N_1 + N_2 - n}}} \\
 & = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\lambda^i}{i!} \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^{n-i} = e^{-\lambda} \cdot \frac{\lambda^i}{i!} \leftarrow \text{Poisson}(\lambda)
 \end{aligned}$$

# Chapter 6

## Continuous Random Variables

### 6.1 Probability Density Function

**Definition 6.1** (Probability Density Function). *Let  $X$  be a r.v. of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ .  $X$  is called an absolutely continuous (or a continuous) r.v. if there exists a nonnegative real-valued function  $f_X : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  s.t.*

$$\mathbb{P}(x \in B) = \int_B f_X(x) dx, \quad \forall B \in \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}}.$$

*The function  $f_X$  is called the probability density function (p.d.f.) of  $X$ .*

**Remark 6.1** (Approximation of Probability).

$$\mathbb{P}(a \leq X \leq a + \delta) = \int_a^{a+\delta} f_X(x) dx = f_X(a_\delta) \cdot \delta,$$

*for some  $a_\delta \in [a, a + \delta]$ .*

*If  $f_X$  is continuous at  $a$*

$$\rightarrow \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\mathbb{P}(a \leq X \leq a + \delta)}{\delta} = \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} f_X(a_\delta) = f_X(a).$$

*So  $\mathbb{P}(a \leq X \leq a + \delta) \approx f_X(a_\delta) \cdot \delta$ , if  $f_X$  is continuous at  $a$  and  $\delta$  is very small.*

**Theorem 6.1** (C.D.F and Probability from P.D.F.). *Suppose  $X$  is a continuous r.v. of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ .*

(1)

$$F_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f_X(t) dt.$$

*Therefore,  $F_X(x)$  is a continuous function.*

(2)

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x) dx = 1$$



(3) If  $f_X$  is continuous at  $a$ , then  $F'_X(a) = f_X(a)$ . Therefore, if  $f_X$  is a continuous function, then  $F'_X(x) = f_X(x)$ ,  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

(4)  $\mathbb{P}(X = a) = 0, \forall a \in \mathbb{R}$ . Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{P}(a \leq X \leq b) &= \mathbb{P}(a \leq X < b) \\ &= \mathbb{P}(a < X \leq b) = \mathbb{P}(a < X < b) \\ &= \int_a^b f_X(x) dx.\end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* abc □

**Theorem 6.2** (Existence of P.D.F.). Suppose  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is a nonnegative real-valued function s.t.

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

Then there exists a continuous r.v.  $X$  of some probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$  s.t. the p.d.f. is equal to  $f$ .

*Proof.* abc □

**Definition 6.2** (Sufficient Conditions of P.D.F.). A nonnegative real-valued function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  s.t.

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

is called a p.d.f.

The c.d.f.  $F : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, 1]$  associated with  $f$  is given by

$$F(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t f(x) dx, \forall t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

**Remark 6.2** (Neither Discrete Nor Continuous R.V.). There are r.v.'s that are neither discrete nor continuous, e.g.,

$$F_X(x) = \alpha F_d(x) + (1 - \alpha) F_c(x),$$

where  $0 < \alpha < 1$ .

## 6.2 The Probability Density Function of A Function of A R.V.

**Theorem 6.3** (Method of Distribution Functions). Suppose  $X$  is a continuous r.v. of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ .

If  $Y = g(X)$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}f_Y(y) &= \frac{d}{dy} [F_Y(y)] = \frac{d}{dy} [\mathbb{P}(Y \leq y)] = \frac{d}{dy} [P[g(x) \leq y]] \\ &\rightarrow \frac{d}{dy} [X \sim g^{-1}(y)] \rightarrow \frac{d}{dy} [F_X(g^{-1}(y))] \rightarrow \frac{d}{dy} [g^{-1}(y)] \cdot f_X[g^{-1}(y)].\end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* abc □

**Theorem 6.4** (Method of Transformations). *Suppose  $X$  is a continuous r.v. of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$  such that its p.d.f. is continuous. Suppose  $Y = g(X)$ , where  $g$  is a measurable function from  $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}})$  to  $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}})$ .*

(1) *If  $g(X)$  is a discrete r.v., then*

$$P_Y(y) = \int_{x:g(x)=y} f_X(x)dx, \quad \forall y \in g[X(\Omega)].$$

(2) *If  $g(X)$  is a continuous r.v.,  $g'(x)$  exists, and  $g'(x) \neq 0$ ,  $\forall x \in g^{-1}(\{y\}) : \{x : g(x) = y\}$ , where  $y \in g[X(\Omega)]$ . Then,*

$$f_Y(y) = \sum_{x:g(x)=y} \frac{f_X(x)}{|g'(x)|}.$$

*Proof.* abc □

### 6.3 Expectations and Variances

**Definition 6.3** (Expectation). *Let  $X$  be a continuous r.v. of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$  s.t. its p.d.f. is continuous. The expectation (or mean) of  $X$  is given by*

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_X(x) dx$$

*if  $x f_X(x)$  is absolutely integrable, i.e.,*

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x f_X(x)| dx < +\infty,$$

*and is given by  $\mathbb{E}[X] = \pm\infty$ , if the integration diverges to  $\pm\infty$ .*

**Remark 6.3** (Necessary and Sufficient Condition of Absolutely Integrable).

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[X] &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_X(x) dx = \int_0^{\infty} x f_X(x) dx - \int_{-\infty}^0 (-x) f_X(x) dx \\ \rightarrow \mathbb{E}[|X|] &= \int_0^{\infty} x f_X(x) dx + \int_{-\infty}^0 (-x) f_X(x) dx \\ \therefore \mathbb{E}[|X|] < \infty &\Leftrightarrow \int_0^{\infty} x f_X(x) dx < \infty \text{ and } \int_{-\infty}^0 (-x) f_X(x) dx < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 6.5** (Calculation of Expectation). *Suppose  $X$  is a continuous r.v. of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ . Then*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[X] &= \int_0^{\infty} \mathbb{P}(x > t) dt - \int_0^{\infty} \mathbb{P}(x \leq -t) dt \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} [1 - F_X(t)] dt - \int_0^{\infty} [F_X(-t)] dt. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* abc □

**Corollary 6.1** (Calculation of  $r^{\text{th}}$  Moment). *Suppose  $X$  is a nonnegative continuous r.v. of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ , and  $r > 0$ . Then*

$$\mathbb{E}[X^r] = \int_0^\infty r t^{r-1} \mathbb{P}(x > t) dt = \int_0^\infty r t^{r-1} [1 - F_X(t)] dt.$$

*In particular,*

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

*Proof.* abc □

**Theorem 6.6** (Approximation of Expectation). *Suppose  $X$  is a continuous r.v. of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ . Then*

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}(|X| \geq n) \leq \mathbb{E}[|X|] \leq 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}(|X| \geq n).$$

*Therefore,*

$$\mathbb{E}[|X|] < \infty \Leftrightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}(|X| \geq n) < \infty.$$

*Proof.* abc □

**Theorem 6.7** (Infinite Zero). *Suppose  $X$  is a continuous r.v. of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ . Then,*

$$\mathbb{E}[X] < \infty \rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x \cdot \mathbb{P}(X > x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} x \cdot \mathbb{P}(X \leq x) = 0.$$

*Proof.* abc □

**Theorem 6.8** (Expectation of Measurable Function). *Suppose  $X$  is a continuous r.v. of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ , and suppose  $g$  is a measurable function from  $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}})$  to  $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}})$ . Then*

$$\mathbb{E}[g(X)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) \cdot f_X(x) dx$$

*Proof.* abc □

**Corollary 6.2** (Expectation of Linear Combination of Measurable Functions). *Suppose  $X$  is a continuous r.v. of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ .  $g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n$  are measurable functions from  $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}})$  to  $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}})$ , and  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then*

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i g_i(x) \right] = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \mathbb{E}[g_i(X)]$$

*Proof.* abc □

**Definition 6.4** (Variance and Standard Deviation). *Let  $X$  be a continuous r.v. of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$  and suppose  $\mathbb{E}[X]$  exists. The **variance** of  $X$  is given by  $\text{Var}(x) = \mathbb{E}[(X - \mathbb{E}[X])^2]$ . And the **standard deviation** of  $X$  is given by  $\sigma_X = \sqrt{\text{Var}(x)} = \sqrt{\mathbb{E}[(X - \mathbb{E}[X])^2]}$ .*

**Theorem 6.9** (Minimum Distance with Expectation). *Suppose  $X$  is a continuous r.v. of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ , and suppose  $\mathbb{E}[X]$  exists. If  $\mathbb{E}[X^2] < +\infty$ , then  $\text{Var}(x) = \min_{a \in \mathbb{R}} \mathbb{E}[(X - a)^2]$ .*

*Proof.* abc □

**Theorem 6.10** (Calculation of Linear Combination). *Suppose  $X$  is a continuous r.v. of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ , and suppose  $\mathbb{E}[X]$  exists. Then*

(1)

$$\text{Var}(x) = \mathbb{E}[X^2] - (\mathbb{E}[X])^2$$

(2)

$$\text{Var}(aX + b) = a^2 \text{Var}(x), \quad \sigma_{aX+b} = |a| \sigma_X, \quad \forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}.$$

*Proof.* abc □

**Definition 6.5** (Moment and Absolute Moment). *Let  $X$  be a continuous r.v. of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ , and  $r, c \in \mathbb{R}$ .*

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{The } r^{\text{th}} \text{ moment of } X \text{ is given by } \mathbb{E}[X^r] \\ \text{The } r^{\text{th}} \text{ central moment of } X \text{ is given by } \mathbb{E}[(X - \mathbb{E}[X])^r] \\ \text{The } r^{\text{th}} \text{ moment of } c \text{ is given by } \mathbb{E}[(X - c)^r] \\ \text{The } r^{\text{th}} \text{ absolute moment of } X \text{ is given by } \mathbb{E}[|X|^r] \\ \text{The } r^{\text{th}} \text{ absolute central moment of } X \text{ is given by } \mathbb{E}[|X - \mathbb{E}[X]|^r] \\ \text{The } r^{\text{th}} \text{ absolute moment of } c \text{ is given by } \mathbb{E}[|X - c|^r] \end{array} \right.$$

*If the respective sum converges absolutely.*

**Theorem 6.11** (Existence of Lower Order Moment). *Suppose  $X$  is a continuous r.v. of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$  and suppose  $0 < r < s$ . If  $\mathbb{E}[|X|^s]$  exists, then  $\mathbb{E}[|X|^r]$  exists. That is, the existence of a higher order moment of  $X$  guarantees the existence of a lower order moment of  $X$ .*

*Proof.* abc □

**Theorem 6.12** (Positive Variance). *Suppose  $X$  is a continuous r.v. of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ . Then*

$$\mathbb{E}[(X - a)^2] > 0, \quad \forall a \in \mathbb{R}.$$

*Therefore*

$$\mathbb{E}[X] \text{ exists} \rightarrow \text{Var}(X) > 0.$$

*Proof.* abc □

# Chapter 7

## Special Continuous Distributions

### 7.1 Uniform R.V.'s

**Definition 7.1** (Uniform R.V.). *A continuous r.v. of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$  is called a uniform r.v. over  $(\alpha, \beta)$ , where  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\alpha < \beta$ , denoted  $X \sim U(\alpha, \beta)$ , if its p.d.f. is given by*

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\beta - \alpha}, & \text{if } \alpha < x < \beta \\ 0, & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

**Remark 7.1** (P.D.F. and C.D.F.). (1)  $f_X(x) \geq 0, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$ , and

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x) dx = \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} \frac{1}{\beta - \alpha} dx = 1$$

$\rightarrow f_X(x)$  is a p.d.f.  
(2)

$$F_X(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } x \leq \alpha \\ \frac{x - \alpha}{\beta - \alpha}, & \text{if } \alpha < x < \beta \\ 1, & \text{if } x \geq \beta \end{cases}$$

**Theorem 7.1** (Expectation and Variance of Uniform R.V.). *Suppose  $X \sim U(\alpha, \beta)$ , where  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\alpha < \beta$ . Then*

$$\mathbb{E}[X^n] = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha^{n-i} \beta^i}{n+1}.$$

Therefore

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \frac{\alpha + \beta}{2}, \quad \text{Var}(x) = \frac{(\beta - \alpha)^2}{12}.$$

*Proof.* abc

□

**Remark 7.2** (Expectation and Variance of Discrete “Uniform R.V.”). Suppose  $X \sim \text{Uniform}(1, 2, \dots, n)$ , where  $n \geq 1$ . Then

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \frac{n+1}{2}, \quad \mathbb{E}[X^2] = \frac{(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$$

and

$$\text{Var}(x) = \frac{n^2 - 1}{12}.$$

**Theorem 7.2** (Linear Generated R.V.). Suppose  $X \sim U(\alpha, \beta)$ , where  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\alpha < \beta$ . Suppose  $Y = aX + b$ , where  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $a \neq 0$ . Then

$$Y \sim \begin{cases} U(a\alpha + b, a\beta + b), & \text{if } a > 0 \\ U(a\beta + b, a\alpha + b), & \text{if } a < 0 \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* abc □

## 7.2 Normal (Gaussian) R.V.’s

**Definition 7.2** (Normal (Gaussian) R.V.). A continuous r.v. of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$  is called a normal (Gaussian) r.v. with parameters  $\mu$  and  $\sigma^2$ , where  $\mu, \sigma \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\sigma \neq 0$ , denoted  $X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$ , if its p.d.f. is given by

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \cdot \exp\left[-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right], \quad -\infty < x < \infty.$$

**Remark 7.3** (P.D.F. and C.D.F.). (1)  $f_X(x) \geq 0$ ,  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$ , and let  $I = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-ax^2} dx$ .

$$\begin{aligned} I^2 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-a(x^2+y^2)} dx dy \\ &\xrightarrow{x=r \cos \theta, y=r \sin \theta} \int_0^{\infty} \int_0^{2\pi} e^{-ar^2} r dr d\theta = \frac{\pi}{a} \\ &\rightarrow I = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{a}} \rightarrow \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \sqrt{\frac{a}{\pi}} \cdot e^{-ax^2} dx = 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x) dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx = 1$$

$\rightarrow f_X(x)$  is a p.d.f.

(2) If  $\mu = 0$ ,  $\sigma^2 = 1$ , then  $X$  is called a standard normal (Gaussian) r.v.

(3)

$$\begin{aligned}
F_X(x) &= \int_{-\infty}^x \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(y-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} dy \\
&\xrightarrow{y=\sigma t+\mu} \int_{-\infty}^{\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{t^2}{2}} dt \\
&= \Phi\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\Phi(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{t^2}{2}} dt.$$

**Theorem 7.3** (Symmetric about  $\mu$ ). Suppose  $X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$ .

(1)  $f_X(x)$  is symmetric about  $x = \mu$ , with maximum at  $x = \mu$ , and inflection points at  $x = \mu \pm \sigma$ .

(2)  $\Phi(-y) = 1 - \Phi(y)$ ,  $\forall y \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\Phi(0) = \frac{1}{2}$ . Therefore,

$$F_X(\mu - y) = 1 - F_X(\mu + y)$$

and

$$F_X(\mu) = \frac{1}{2}.$$

*Proof.* abc □

**Theorem 7.4** (Linear Generated R.V.). Suppose  $X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$ , where  $\mu, \sigma \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\sigma \neq 0$ . Suppose  $Y = aX + b$ , where  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $a \neq 0$ . Then,

$$Y \sim \mathcal{N}(a\mu + b, a^2\sigma^2).$$

In particular, if

$$Y = \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma},$$

then

$$Y \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1).$$

*Proof.* abc □

**Definition 7.3** (Gamma Function). The function  $\Gamma : (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  given by

$$\Gamma(\alpha) = \int_0^\infty e^{-t} t^{\alpha-1} dt, \quad \forall \alpha > 0$$

is called the gamma function.

**Theorem 7.5** (Properties of Gamma Function). (1)

$$\Gamma(\alpha + 1) = \alpha\Gamma(\alpha), \forall \alpha > 0.$$

(2)

$$\Gamma(n + 1) = n!, \forall n \geq 0.$$

(3)

$$\Gamma\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{(2n)!}{2^{2n}n!}\sqrt{\pi}, \forall n \geq 0.$$

*Proof.* abc □

**Theorem 7.6** (Calculation of Moment and Absolute Moment). Suppose  $X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$ , where  $\mu, \sigma \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\sigma \neq 0$ .

(1)

$$\mathbb{E}[|x - \mu|^n] = \frac{(2\sigma^2)^{\frac{n}{2}}}{\sqrt{\pi}} \Gamma\left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right) = \begin{cases} \frac{2^{k+1} \cdot k!}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \sigma^{2k+1}, & \text{if } n = 2k + 1, \quad k \geq 0 \\ \frac{(2k)!}{2^k \cdot k!} \sigma^{2k}, & \text{if } n = 2k, \quad k \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

(2)

$$\mathbb{E}[(x - \mu)^n] = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } n = 2k + 1, \quad k \geq 0 \\ \frac{(2k)!}{2^k \cdot k!} \sigma^{2k} & \text{if } n = 2k, \quad k \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

(3)

$$\mathbb{E}[X^n] = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \mathbb{E}[(x - \mu)^k] \cdot \mu^{n-k}.$$

*Proof.* abc □

**Theorem 7.7** (De Moivre-Laplace Theorem). Suppose  $X \sim \text{binomial}(n, p)$ , where  $n \geq 1$  and  $0 < p < 1$ . Then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P}\left(a < \frac{X - np}{\sqrt{np(1-p)}} < b\right) = \int_a^b \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx, \forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}, a < b.$$

*Proof.* abc □

**Theorem 7.8** (Approximation of  $\Phi(x)$ ).

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi x}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{x^2}\right) e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} < 1 - \Phi(x) < \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi x}} \cdot e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}, \forall x > 0.$$

*Proof.* abc □

**Theorem 7.9** (Expectation of Exponential Function). Suppose  $X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$ , where  $\mu, \sigma \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\sigma \neq 0$ , and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then

$$\mathbb{E}[e^{\alpha x}] = e^{\alpha\mu + \frac{1}{2}\alpha^2\sigma^2}.$$

*Proof.* abc □



## 7.3 Gamma R.V.'s, Erlang R.V.'s and Exponential R.V.'s

**Definition 7.4** (Gamma R.V., Erlang R.V. and Exponential R.V.). A continuous r.v. of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$  is called a gamma r.v. with parameters  $\alpha$  and  $\lambda$ , where  $\alpha, \lambda > 0$ , denoted  $X \sim \mathcal{G}(\alpha, \lambda)$ , if its p.d.f. is given by

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\lambda e^{-\lambda x} (\lambda x)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)}, & \text{if } \alpha > 0 \\ 0, & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

If  $\alpha = n$ ,  $n \geq 1$ , then  $X$  is called an Erlang r.v. with parameters  $n$  and  $\lambda$ , denoted  $X \sim \mathcal{E}(n, \lambda)$ .

If  $\alpha = 1$ , then  $X$  is called an exponential r.v. with parameters  $\lambda$ , denoted  $X \sim \mathcal{E}(\lambda)$ .

**Remark 7.4** (Properties of P.D.F.). (1)

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda e^{-\lambda x} (\lambda x)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} dx \xrightarrow{t=\lambda x} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{e^{-t} t^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} dt = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha)}{\Gamma(\alpha)} = 1$$

$\rightarrow f_X(x)$  is a p.d.f.

(2)

$$\begin{aligned} f'_X(x) &= \frac{\lambda^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \cdot e^{-\lambda x} (-\lambda x^{\alpha-1} + (\alpha-1) x^{\alpha-2}) \\ &= \frac{\lambda^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \cdot e^{-\lambda x} \cdot x^{\alpha-2} [-\lambda x + (\alpha-1)] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f''_X(x) &= \frac{\lambda^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \cdot e^{-\lambda x} [-\lambda^2 x^{\alpha-1} - \lambda(\alpha-1) x^{\alpha-2} - \lambda(\alpha-1) x^{\alpha-2} + (\alpha-2)(\alpha-1) x^{\alpha-3}] \\ &= \frac{\lambda^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \cdot e^{-\lambda x} \cdot x^{\alpha-3} [(\lambda x - (\alpha-1))^2 - (\alpha-1)] \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore 0 < \alpha \leq 1 \rightarrow f'_X(x) < 0, f''_X(x) > 0, \forall x > 0.$$

$$\alpha > 1 \rightarrow f'_X(x) \begin{cases} > 0 \Leftrightarrow x < \frac{\alpha-1}{\lambda} \\ = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = \frac{\alpha-1}{\lambda} \\ < 0 \Leftrightarrow x > \frac{\alpha-1}{\lambda} \end{cases}$$

and

$$f''_X(x) \begin{cases} > 0 \Leftrightarrow x > \frac{\alpha-1}{\lambda} + \frac{\sqrt{\alpha-1}}{\lambda} \text{ or } x < \frac{\alpha-1}{\lambda} - \frac{\sqrt{\alpha-1}}{\lambda} \\ = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = \frac{\alpha-1}{\lambda} \pm \frac{\sqrt{\alpha-1}}{\lambda} \\ < 0 \Leftrightarrow \frac{\alpha-1}{\lambda} - \frac{\sqrt{\alpha-1}}{\lambda} < x < \frac{\alpha-1}{\lambda} + \frac{\sqrt{\alpha-1}}{\lambda} \end{cases}$$

**Theorem 7.10** (Calculation of C.D.F.). *Suppose  $X \sim \mathcal{G}(\alpha, \lambda)$ , where  $\alpha, \lambda > 0$ . Then*

$$F_X(x) = 1 - \frac{\Gamma(\alpha, \lambda x)}{\Gamma(\alpha)},$$

where

$$\Gamma(\alpha, x) = \int_x^\infty e^{-t} t^{\alpha-1} dt$$

is the incomplete gamma function.

If  $\alpha = n \geq 1$ , then

$$F_X(x) = 1 - \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \frac{e^{-\lambda x} (\lambda x)^i}{i!} = \mathbb{P}(N \geq n)$$

where  $N \sim \text{Poisson}(n\lambda)$ .

*Proof.* abc □

**Theorem 7.11** (Expectation and Variance of Gamma R.V.). *Suppose  $X \sim \mathcal{G}(\alpha, \lambda)$ , where  $\alpha, \lambda > 0$ . Then*

$$\mathbb{E}[X^n] = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + n)}{\Gamma(\alpha) \lambda^n} = \frac{\binom{n+\alpha-1}{n}}{\lambda^n} = \frac{(\alpha)_n}{\lambda^n}$$

where

$$(\alpha)_n = \binom{n+\alpha-1}{n} = (n+\alpha-1) \cdots (\alpha-1) \cdot \alpha$$

Therefore,

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \frac{\alpha}{\lambda} \text{ and } \text{Var}(x) = \frac{\alpha}{\lambda^2}.$$

*Proof.* abc □

**Theorem 7.12** (Linear Generated Gamma R.V.). *Suppose  $X \sim \mathcal{G}(\alpha, \lambda)$ , where  $\alpha, \lambda > 0$ , and  $Y = aX$ , where  $a > 0$ . Then*

$$Y \sim \mathcal{G}\left(\alpha, \frac{\lambda}{a}\right).$$

*Proof.* abc □

**Theorem 7.13** (Gamma R.V. from Normal R.V.). *Suppose  $X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$ , where  $\mu, \sigma \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\sigma \neq 0$  and  $Y = (X - \mu)^2$ . Then*

$$Y \sim \mathcal{G}\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2\sigma^2}\right).$$

*Proof.* abc □

**Lemma 7.1** (Plus to Multiply Property of Exponential Function). *Suppose  $f : [0, +\infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is right continuous on  $[0, +\infty)$  and  $f(x+y) = f(x) \cdot f(y)$ ,  $\forall x, y \geq 0$ . Then there either  $f(x) = 0$ ,  $\forall x \geq 0$  or  $\exists \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  s.t.  $f(x) = e^{-\lambda x}$ ,  $\forall x \geq 0$ .*

*Proof.* abc □

**Theorem 7.14** (Memoryless Property). *Suppose  $X$  is a nonnegative continuous r.v. of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ . Then  $\mathbb{P}(x > s + t | x > s) = \mathbb{P}(x > t)$ ,  $\forall s, t > 0 \Leftrightarrow X \sim \mathcal{E}(\lambda)$ , for some  $\lambda > 0$ .*

*Proof.* abc □

**Remark 7.5** (Analog of Geometric R.V.). *Exponential r.v.'s are the continuous analog of geometric r.v.'s.*

**Theorem 7.15** (Geometric R.V. from Exponential R.V.). *Suppose  $X \sim \mathcal{E}(\lambda)$  where  $\lambda > 0$  and  $Y = \lceil X \rceil$ . Then  $Y \sim \text{geometric}(1 - e^{-\lambda})$ .*

*Proof.* abc □

**Definition 7.5** (Independent Set). *A set of r.v.'s  $\{X_i : i \in I\}$  of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$  is called independent, if for any finite subset  $\{X_{i_1}, X_{i_2}, \dots, X_{i_k}\}$ ,  $k \geq 2$  of  $\{X_i : i \in I\}$  the events*

$$X_{i_1} \in B_1, X_{i_2} \in B_2, \dots, X_{i_k} \in B_k$$

*are independent for all  $B_1, B_2, \dots, B_k \in \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}}$ .*

*Otherwise,  $\{X_i : i \in I\}$  is called dependent.*

**Definition 7.6** (Continuous R.Vect.). *A r.vect.  $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$  of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$  is called an absolute continuous r.vect. (or continuous r.vect.) if there exists a nonnegative real-valued function  $f_{\mathbf{X}} : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  s.t.*

$$\mathbb{P}(X_1 \in B_1, X_2 \in B_2, \dots, X_n \in B_k) = \int_{B_1} \int_{B_2} \dots \int_{B_n} f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}) dx_n \dots dx_2 dx_1$$

*for all  $B_1, B_2, \dots, B_n \in \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}}$ .*

*Then the function  $f_{\mathbf{X}}$  is called the p.d.f. of the r.vect.  $\mathbf{X}$ , or the joint p.d.f. of the r.v.'s  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$ .*

**Theorem 7.16** (P.D.F. and C.D.F. of Continuous R.Vect.). *Suppose  $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$  is a continuous r.vect. and*

$$F_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbb{P}(X_1 \leq x_1, X_2 \leq x_2, \dots, X_n \leq x_n).$$

*Then*

$$f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\partial F_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x})}{\partial x_1 \dots \partial x_n}.$$

*Furthermore, if  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are independent, then*

$$f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}) = f_{X_1}(x) f_{X_2}(x) \dots f_{X_n}(x).$$

*Proof.* abc □

**Theorem 7.17** (Convolution Theorem). *If  $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, X_2)$  is a continuous r.vect. and  $Y = X_1 + X_2$ . Then*

$$f_Y(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X_1, X_2}(x, y - x) dx.$$

*Furthermore, if  $X_1 \perp X_2$ , then*

$$f_Y(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X_1}(x) f_{X_2}(y - x) dx.$$

*Proof.* abc □

**Definition 7.7** (Beta Function). *The function  $B : \mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is given by*

$$B(\alpha, \beta) = \int_0^1 x^{\alpha-1} (1-x)^{\beta-1} dx, \quad \forall \alpha, \beta > 0$$

*is called beta function.*

**Lemma 7.2** (Calculation of Beta Function).

$$B(\alpha, \beta) = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha) \cdot \Gamma(\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)}, \quad \forall \alpha, \beta > 0.$$

*Proof.* abc □

**Theorem 7.18** (Independent Additivity of Gamma R.V.). *Suppose  $X_i \sim \mathcal{G}(\alpha_i, \lambda)$  where  $\alpha_i, \lambda > 0, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ,  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are independent, and  $Y = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n$ . Then*

$$Y \sim \mathcal{G}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i, \lambda\right).$$

*Proof.* abc □

**Theorem 7.19** (Independent Minimum of Exponential R.V.). *Suppose  $X_i \sim \mathcal{E}(\lambda_i)$  where  $\lambda_i > 0, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , and  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are independent.*

*(1) If  $Y = \min\{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n\}$ , then*

$$Y \sim \mathcal{E}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i\right).$$

*(2)*

$$\mathbb{P}(X_1 < X_2) = \frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2}.$$

*Proof.* abc □

**Definition 7.8** (Stochastic Process). A stochastic process (s.p.)  $\{X(t) : t \in I\}$  is a collection of r.v.'s of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ . If  $I = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$  or  $\{0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots\}$ , then we call  $\{X(t) : t \in I\}$  a discrete-time S.P. If  $I = [0, \infty)$  or  $(-\infty, \infty)$ , then we call  $\{X(t) : t \in I\}$  a continuous-time S.P.

**Definition 7.9** (Counting Process and Poisson Process). Let  $\{T_1, T_2, \dots\}$  be a discrete-time S.P. s.t.  $T_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots$ , is the time of occurrence of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  event, and  $0 < T_1 < T_2 < \dots$ .

Let  $X_i = T_i - T_{i-1}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots$ , where  $T_0 = 0$  be the inter-occurrence time between the  $(i-1)^{\text{th}}$  and the  $i^{\text{th}}$  events, and  $N(t) = |\{i : 0 < T_i \leq t\}|$  be the number of events occurring in  $(0, t]$ , so that  $\{N(t) : 0 < t < \infty\}$  is called the counting process of the S.P.  $\{T_1, T_2, \dots\}$ .

Then we call  $\{T_1, T_2, \dots\}$  a Poisson process with rate  $\lambda$ , if  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  are independent and identically distributed (i.i.d.) and  $N(t) \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda t)$ .

**Theorem 7.20** (Necessary and Sufficient Condition of Poisson Process). Suppose  $\{T_1, T_2, \dots\}$  is a S.P. s.t.  $0 < T_1 < T_2 < \dots$  and its inter-occurrence times  $X_i = T_i - T_{i-1}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots$  are i.i.d., where  $T_0 = 0$ . Then  $\{T_1, T_2, \dots\}$  is a Poisson process with rate  $\lambda \Leftrightarrow X_i \sim \mathcal{E}(\lambda)$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots$ .

*Proof.* abc □

**Remark 7.6** (Negative Binomial  $\leftrightarrow$  Geometric vs Gamma  $\leftrightarrow$  Exponential). (1) A negative binomial r.v.  $T_r = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_r \sim \text{neg.-binomial}(r, p)$  is the number of i.i.d. Bernoulli trials with the same probability of success  $p$  until the  $r^{\text{th}}$  success occurs, where  $X_i \sim \text{geometric}(p)$  is the number of Bernoulli trials between the  $(i-1)^{\text{th}}$  and the  $i^{\text{th}}$  successes, and  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  are independent.

(2) A gamma r.v.  $T_n = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n \sim \mathcal{G}(n, \lambda)$  is the time of occurrence of the  $n^{\text{th}}$  event of a Poisson process with rate  $\lambda$ , where  $X_i \sim \mathcal{E}(\lambda)$  is the inter-occurrence time between the  $(i-1)^{\text{th}}$  and the  $i^{\text{th}}$  events, and  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  are independent.

**Theorem 7.21** (Merging and Splitting of Poisson Process). (1) Suppose that  $k$  independent Poisson processes with rates  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_k$  are merged into a S.P.  $\{T_1, T_2, \dots\}$ . Then  $\{T_1, T_2, \dots\}$  is a Poisson process with rate  $\lambda = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \dots + \lambda_k$ .

(2) Suppose that in a Poisson process with rate  $\lambda$ , an event is a type- $i$  event with probability  $P_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ . Then the S.P.  $\{T_1, T_2, \dots\}$  of the times of the occurrences of the type- $i$  events is a Poisson process with rate  $\lambda \cdot P_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ .

*Proof.* abc □

## 7.4 Beta R.V.'s

**Definition 7.10** (Beta R.V.). A continuous r.v.  $X$  of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$  is called a beta r.v. with parameter  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , where  $\alpha, \beta > 0$ , denoted  $X \sim \mathcal{B}(\alpha, \beta)$ , if its p.d.f. is given

by

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{B(\alpha, \beta)} x^{\alpha-1} (1-x)^{\beta-1}, & \text{if } 0 < x < 1 \\ 0, & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

where

$$B(\alpha, \beta) = \int_0^1 x^{\alpha-1} (1-x)^{\beta-1} dx = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha) \cdot \Gamma(\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)}.$$

**Remark 7.7** (P.D.F. and C.D.F.). (1)  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x) dx = 1 \rightarrow f_X(x)$  is a p.d.f.

(2) Beta r.v.'s are good approximations of r.v.'s that vary between two limits.

(3) If  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are i.i.d.  $\sim U(0, 1)$  and  $X_{(i)}$  is the  $i^{th}$  smallest r.v. of  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  so that  $X_{(1)} \leq X_{(2)} \leq \dots \leq X_{(n)}$ , then

$$X_{(i)} \sim \mathcal{B}(i, n+1-i).$$

(4)

$$\begin{aligned} f'_X(x) &= \frac{(\alpha-1)x^{\alpha-2}(1-x)^{\beta-1} - (\beta-1)x^{\alpha-1}(1-x)^{\beta-2}}{B(\alpha, \beta)} \\ &= \frac{x^{\alpha-2}(1-x)^{\beta-2}}{B(\alpha, \beta)} [(\alpha-1) - (\alpha+\beta-2)x] \\ &\rightarrow f'_X(x) \begin{cases} > 0, & \Leftrightarrow (\alpha+\beta-2)x < \alpha-1 \\ = 0, & \Leftrightarrow (\alpha+\beta-2)x = \alpha-1 \\ < 0, & \Leftrightarrow (\alpha+\beta-2)x > \alpha-1 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f''_X(x) &= \frac{(\alpha-1)(\alpha-2)x^{\alpha-3}(1-x)^{\beta-1} - (\beta-1)(\beta-2)x^{\alpha-1}(1-x)^{\beta-3}}{B(\alpha, \beta)} \\ &= \frac{x^{\alpha-3}(1-x)^{\beta-3}}{B(\alpha, \beta)} \cdot h(x, \alpha, \beta) \\ &= \begin{cases} \frac{x^{\alpha-3}(1-x)^{\beta-3}}{B(\alpha, \beta)} (\alpha+\beta-2)(\alpha+\beta-3) \cdot f(x, \alpha, \beta), & \alpha+\beta \neq 2, 3 \\ \frac{x^{\alpha-3}(1-x)^{\beta-3}}{B(\alpha, \beta)} \cdot 2 \cdot (\alpha-1) \cdot \left(x - \frac{\alpha-2}{2}\right), & \alpha+\beta = 2 \\ \frac{x^{\alpha-3}(1-x)^{\beta-3}}{B(\alpha, \beta)} \cdot (\alpha-1) \cdot (\alpha-2), & \alpha+\beta = 3 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

where

$$h(x, \alpha, \beta) = (\alpha+\beta-2)(\alpha+\beta-3)x^2 - 2(\alpha-1)(\alpha+\beta-3)x + (\alpha-1)(\alpha-2),$$

and

$$f(x, \alpha, \beta) = \left(x - \frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha+\beta-2}\right)^2 - \frac{(\alpha-1)(\beta-1)}{(\alpha+\beta-2)^2(\alpha+\beta-3)}.$$

**Theorem 7.22** (Expectation and Variance of Beta R.V.). *Suppose  $X \sim \mathcal{B}(\alpha, \beta)$ , then*

$$\mathbb{E}[X^n] = \frac{(\alpha)_n}{(\alpha + \beta)_n} = \frac{\binom{\alpha+n-1}{n}}{\binom{\alpha+\beta+n-1}{n}}.$$

*Therefore,*

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + \beta}$$

*and*

$$\text{Var}(x) = \frac{\alpha\beta}{(\alpha + \beta + 1)(\alpha + \beta)^2}.$$

*Proof.* abc

□

**Theorem 7.23** (Beta R.V. vs Binomial R.V.). *Suppose  $X \sim \mathcal{B}(\alpha, \beta)$ , and  $Y \sim \text{binomial}(\alpha + \beta - 1, p)$ , where  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,  $0 < p < 1$ . Then*

$$\mathbb{P}(X \leq p) = \mathbb{P}(Y \geq \alpha)$$

*and*

$$\mathbb{P}(X \geq p) = \mathbb{P}(Y \leq \alpha - 1).$$

*Proof.* abc

□

# Chapter 8

## Bivariate and Multivariate Distributions

### 8.1 Joint Distributions of Two or More R.V.'s

**Definition 8.1** (Joint P.M.F. of Multiple R.v.'s). *Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be discrete r.v.'s of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ . The nonnegative function  $P_X : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow [0, 1]$  given by*

$$p_X(\mathbf{x}) = P_X(\{\mathbf{x}\}) = \mathbb{P}(\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{P}(\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{x}), & \mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{X}(\Omega) \\ 0, & \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \mathbf{X}(\Omega) \end{cases}$$

*is called the joint p.m.f. of  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$ .*

**Remark 8.1** (Properties of Joint P.M.F.). (1)

$$p_X(\mathbf{x}) \geq 0, \forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{X}(\Omega) \text{ and } p_X(\mathbf{x}) = 0, \forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \mathbf{X}(\Omega).$$

(2)

$$\sum_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{X}(\Omega)} p_X(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{X}(\Omega)} \mathbb{P}(\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{x}) = \mathbb{P}(\mathbf{X} \in \mathbf{X}(\Omega)) = \mathbb{P}(\Omega) = 1$$

(3)

$$\mathbf{X}(\Omega) \subseteq \prod_{i=1}^n X_i(\Omega)$$

(4)

$$p_X(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{P}(\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{x}), & \mathbf{x} \in \prod_{i=1}^n X_i(\Omega) \\ 0, & \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \prod_{i=1}^n X_i(\Omega) \end{cases}$$



**Theorem 8.1** (Joint Marginal P.M.F.). *Suppose  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are discrete r.v.'s of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ . Then*

$$p_{X_{i_1}, X_{i_2}, \dots, X_{i_k}}(x_{i_1}, x_{i_2}, \dots, x_{i_k}) = \begin{cases} \sum_{\substack{x_i \in X_i(\Omega) \\ i \neq i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k}} p_{X_i}(x_i), & \forall i = i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k \\ 0, & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

We call

$$p_{X_{i_1}, X_{i_2}, \dots, X_{i_k}}(x_{i_1}, x_{i_2}, \dots, x_{i_k})$$

the joint p.m.f. marginalized over  $X_{i_1}, X_{i_2}, \dots, X_{i_k}$ . If  $k = 1$ , we call  $p_{X_i}(x_i)$  the marginal p.m.f. of  $X_i$ .

*Proof.* abc □

**Theorem 8.2** (Expectation of Measurable Function). *Suppose  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are discrete r.v.'s of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ , and  $g$  is a measurable function from  $(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}^n})$  to  $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}})$ . Then*

$$\mathbb{E}[g(\mathbf{x})] = \sum_{\substack{x_i \in X_i(\Omega) \\ i = 1, 2, \dots, n}} g(\mathbf{x}) \cdot p_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}).$$

*Proof.* abc □

**Corollary 8.1** (Expectation of Linear Combined Measurable Function). *Suppose  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are discrete r.v.'s of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ , and  $g_1, g_2, \dots, g_m$  are measurable functions from  $(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}^n})$  to  $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}})$ , and  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_m \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then*

$$\sum_{k=1}^m \alpha_k \cdot g_k(\mathbf{x})$$

is a discrete r.v. of  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$  and

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\sum_{k=1}^m \alpha_k g_k(\mathbf{x})\right] = \sum_{k=1}^m \alpha_k \mathbb{E}[g_k(\mathbf{x})].$$

*Proof.* abc □

**Definition 8.2** (Joint P.D.F.). *Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be r.v.'s of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ . We say that  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are jointly continuous r.v.'s if there exists a nonnegative function  $f_{\mathbf{X}} : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow [0, 1]$  s.t.*

$$\mathbb{P}(\mathbf{X} \in B) = \int \int_B \dots \int f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x}, \quad \forall B \in \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}^n}.$$

The function  $f_{\mathbf{X}}$  is called the joint p.d.f. of  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$ .

**Theorem 8.3** (Joint Marginal P.D.F.). *Suppose  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are jointly continuous r.v.'s of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ . Then  $X_{i_1}, X_{i_2}, \dots, X_{i_k}$  are also jointly continuous r.v.'s of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$  with joint p.d.f.*

$$f_{X_{i_1}, X_{i_2}, \dots, X_{i_k}}(x_{i_1}, x_{i_2}, \dots, x_{i_k}) = \underbrace{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \cdots \int_{-\infty}^{\infty}}_{n-k} f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}) dx_i$$

where  $i \neq i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k$ .

We call

$$f_{X_{i_1}, X_{i_2}, \dots, X_{i_k}}(x_{i_1}, x_{i_2}, \dots, x_{i_k})$$

the joint p.d.f. marginalized over  $X_{i_1}, X_{i_2}, \dots, X_{i_k}$ . If  $k = 1$ , we call  $f_{X_i}(x_i)$  the marginal p.d.f. of  $X_i$ .

*Proof.* abc □

**Theorem 8.4** (Expectation of Measurable Function). *Suppose  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are jointly continuous r.v.'s of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ , and  $g$  is a measurable function from  $(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}^n})$  to  $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}})$ . Then*

$$\mathbb{E}[g(\mathbf{x})] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \cdots \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(\mathbf{x}) f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}) dx_n \cdots dx_2 dx_1.$$

*Proof.* abc □

**Remark 8.2** (Properties of Joint P.D.F.). (I)

$$f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}) > 0, \forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

(2)

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \cdots \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} = \mathbb{P}(\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^n) = 1.$$

(3)

$$\mathbb{P}(X_1 \in B_1, X_2 \in B_2, \dots, X_n \in B_n) = \int_{B_1} \int_{B_2} \cdots \int_{B_n} f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}) dx_n \cdots dx_2 dx_1,$$

$$\forall B_i \in \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}^n}, i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

(4)

$$\mathbb{P}(\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{a}) = \int_{a_1}^{a_1} \int_{a_2}^{a_2} \cdots \int_{a_n}^{a_n} f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}) dx_n \cdots dx_2 dx_1 = 0.$$

(5)

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbb{P}(a_i \leq X_i \leq a_i + \delta_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n) \\
&= \int_{a_1}^{a_1 + \delta_1} \int_{a_2}^{a_2 + \delta_2} \cdots \int_{a_n}^{a_n + \delta_n} f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}) dx_n \cdots dx_2 dx_1 \\
&= f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{a}_{\delta}) \cdot \delta_1 \cdot \delta_2 \cdots \delta_n \text{ for some } \mathbf{a}_{\delta} \in \prod_{i=1}^n [a_i, a_i + \delta_i] \text{ if } f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}) \text{ is continuous.} \\
&\rightarrow \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\mathbb{P}(a_i \leq X_i \leq a_i + \delta_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n)}{\delta_1 \cdot \delta_2 \cdots \delta_n} = \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{a}_{\delta}) = f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{a}) \\
&\text{and } \mathbb{P}(a_i \leq X_i \leq a_i + \delta_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n) \approx f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{a}) \cdot \delta_1 \cdot \delta_2 \cdots \delta_n.
\end{aligned}$$

**Corollary 8.2** (Expectation of Linear Combined Measurable Function). *Suppose  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are jointly continuous r.v.'s of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$  and  $g_1, g_2, \dots, g_m$  are measurable functions from  $(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}^n})$  to  $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}})$ , and  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_m \in \mathbb{R}$ , then*

$$\sum_{k=1}^m \alpha_k \cdot g_k(\mathbf{x})$$

is a continuous r.v. of  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$  and

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{k=1}^m \alpha_k \cdot g_k(\mathbf{x}) \right] = \sum_{k=1}^m \alpha_k \cdot \mathbb{E} [g_k(\mathbf{x})].$$

*Proof.* abc □

**Definition 8.3** (Joint C.D.F.). *Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be r.v.'s of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ . The joint c.d.f. of  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  is given by*

$$F_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbb{P}(X_1 \leq x_1, X_2 \leq x_2, \dots, X_n \leq x_n), \forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

**Theorem 8.5** (Joint Marginal C.D.F.). *Suppose  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are r.v.'s of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ . Then*

$$\begin{aligned}
& F_{X_{i_1}, X_{i_2}, \dots, X_{i_k}}(x_{i_1}, x_{i_2}, \dots, x_{i_k}) \\
&= F_{\mathbf{X}}(\infty, \dots, \infty, x_{i_1}, \infty, \dots, \infty, x_{i_2}, \infty, \dots, \infty, x_{i_k}, \infty, \dots, \infty)
\end{aligned}$$

We call

$$F_{X_{i_1}, X_{i_2}, \dots, X_{i_k}}(x_{i_1}, x_{i_2}, \dots, x_{i_k})$$

the joint c.d.f. marginalized over  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$ . If  $k = 1$ , we call  $F_{X_i}(x_i)$  the **marginal c.d.f.** of  $X_i$ .

*Proof.* abc □

**Theorem 8.6** (Properties of Joint C.D.F.). *Suppose  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are r.v.'s of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ .*

- (1)  $F_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x})$  is **increasing** and **right continuous** in each argument  $x_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .
- (2)  $F_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}) = 0$  if there exists at least one  $i$  such that  $x_i = -\infty$ .
- (3)  $F_{\mathbf{X}}(\infty, \infty, \dots, \infty) = 1$ .
- (4) If  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are **jointly continuous** r.v.'s, then

$$f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\partial F_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x})}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2 \cdots \partial x_n}, \forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

*Proof.* abc □

## 8.2 Independent R.V.'s

**Definition 8.4** (Independent Set). *Let  $\{X_i, i \in I\}$  be r.v.'s of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ .*

*We say that the r.v.'s  $\{X_i, i \in I\}$  are **independent** if for any finite subset  $\{X_{i_1}, X_{i_2}, \dots, X_{i_k}\}$  ( $k \geq 2$ ) of  $\{X_i, i \in I\}$ , the events  $X_{i_1} \in B_{i_1}, X_{i_2} \in B_{i_2}, \dots, X_{i_k} \in B_{i_k}$  are independent  $\forall B_{i_1}, B_{i_2}, \dots, B_{i_k} \in \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}}$ . Otherwise, the r.v.'s  $\{X_i, i \in I\}$  are dependent.*

**Theorem 8.7** (Equivalent Statements of Independence). *Suppose  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are r.v.'s of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ . The following three statements are **equivalent**:*

- (1)  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are independent.
- (2)

$$\mathbb{P}(X_1 \in B_1, X_2 \in B_2, \dots, X_n \in B_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n \mathbb{P}(X_i \in B_i), \forall B_1, B_2, \dots, B_n \in \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}}$$

(3)

$$F_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}) = \prod_{i=1}^n F_{X_i}(x_i), \forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

*Proof.* abc □

**Theorem 8.8** (Necessary and Sufficient Condition of Independence). *Suppose  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are r.v.'s of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ .*

- (1) If  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are **discrete** r.v.'s, then  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are independent

$$\Leftrightarrow P_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}) = \prod_{i=1}^n P_{X_i}(x_i), \forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

- (2) If  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are **jointly continuous** r.v.'s, then  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are independent

$$\Leftrightarrow f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}) = \prod_{i=1}^n f_{X_i}(x_i), \forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

*Proof.* abc □

**Definition 8.5** (Indicator Function). *Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$  be a probability space, and  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ . The indicator function  $I_A$  of the event  $A$  is given by*

$$I_A(w) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } w \in A \\ 0, & \text{o.w.} \end{cases} \quad \text{i.e.} \quad I_A = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } A \text{ occurs} \\ 0, & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

**Theorem 8.9** (Indicator Function is a Discrete Measurable Function). *Suppose  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$  is a probability space.  $I_A$  is a **discrete r.v.** of  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$  for all  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ .*

*Proof.* abc □

**Theorem 8.10** (Indicator R.V.'s Indicates Independence). *Suppose  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$  is a probability space, and  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n \in \mathcal{A}$ . The events  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$  are **independent**  $\Leftrightarrow$  the indicator r.v.'s  $I_{A_1}, I_{A_2}, \dots, I_{A_n}$  are **independent**.*

*Proof.* abc □

**Theorem 8.11** (Expectation of Measurable Functions of Independent R.V.). *Suppose  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are independent r.v.'s of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ , and  $g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n$  are measurable functions from  $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}})$  to  $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}})$ . Then  $g_1(X_1), g_2(X_2), \dots, g_n(X_n)$  are independent and*

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ \prod_{i=1}^n g_i(x_i) \right] = \prod_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}[g_i(x_i)].$$

*Proof.* abc □

**Remark 8.3** (Independent Expectations Can't Imply Independence of R.V.'s). *The converse is **not true**, i.e.,*

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ \prod_{i=1}^n g_i(x_i) \right] = \prod_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}[g_i(x_i)] \not\Rightarrow g_1(x_1), g_2(x_2), \dots, g_n(x_n) \text{ are independent.}$$

## 8.3 Conditional Distributions

**Lemma 8.1** (Properties of Conditional Probability). *Suppose  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$  is a probability space, and  $A, B, A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n, B_1, B_2, \dots, B_n \in \mathcal{A}$ .*

$$\mathbb{P}(A|B) = \begin{cases} \frac{\mathbb{P}(A \cap B)}{\mathbb{P}(B)}, & \text{if } \mathbb{P}(B) \neq 0 \\ 0, & \text{if } \mathbb{P}(B) = 0 \end{cases}$$

(1) If  $\mathbb{P}(B) \neq 0$ , then  $\mathbb{P}(\cdot|B)$  regarded as a function on  $\mathcal{A}$  is a **probability measure**.

(2) **Multiplication theorem:**

$$\mathbb{P}(A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_n) = \mathbb{P}(A_1) \mathbb{P}(A_2|A_1) \dots \mathbb{P}(A_n|A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_{n-1}).$$

**(3) Total probability theorem:**

If  $\{B_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is a partition of  $\Omega$ , then

$$\mathbb{P}(A) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}(B_n) \cdot \mathbb{P}(A|B_n), \forall A \in \mathcal{A}.$$

**(4) Bayes' theorem:**

If  $\mathbb{P}(A) \neq 0$  and  $\{B_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is a partition of  $\Omega$ , then

$$\mathbb{P}(B_k|A) = \frac{\mathbb{P}(B_k) \cdot \mathbb{P}(A|B_k)}{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}(B_n) \cdot \mathbb{P}(A|B_n)}, \forall A \in \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P}(A) > 0, k = 1, 2, \dots$$

*Proof.* abc □

★  $P_{X|Y}(x|y)$  :  $X$  and  $Y$  are discrete r.v.'s

**Definition 8.6** (P.M.F. and C.D.F. of D-D). *Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be discrete r.v.'s of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$  and  $y \in \mathbb{R}$ . The conditional p.m.f.  $P_{X|Y}(x|y)$  of  $X$  given that  $Y = y$  is given by*

$$P_{X|Y}(x|y) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{P}(X = x|Y = y) = \frac{\mathbb{P}(X = x, Y = y)}{\mathbb{P}(Y = y)} \\ = \frac{P_{X,Y}(x, y)}{P_Y(y)}, P_Y(y) \neq 0, \forall x \in \mathbb{R} \\ 0, \quad \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

The conditional c.d.f.  $F_{X|Y}(\cdot|y)$  of  $X$  given that  $Y = y$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} F_{X|Y}(x|y) &= \mathbb{P}(X \leq x|Y = y) \\ &= \sum_{t \leq x, t \in X(\Omega)} \mathbb{P}(X = t|Y = y) \\ &= \sum_{t \leq x, t \in X(\Omega)} P_{X|Y}(t|y), \forall x \in \mathbb{R}. \end{aligned}$$

**Remark 8.4** (Joint P.M.F.). (1)  $P_{X,Y}(x, y) = P_Y(y) \cdot P_{X|Y}(x|y) = P_X(x) \cdot P_{Y|X}(y|x)$ .

(2) A similar definition can be made for discrete **random vectors**.

**Theorem 8.12** (Properties of D-D Conditional Probability). *Suppose  $X, Y, X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are discrete r.v.'s of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ .*

(1) *If  $y \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $P_Y(y) \neq 0$ , then  $P_{X|Y}(\cdot|y)$  is a p.m.f.*

(2)  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,

$$P_X(x) = P_{X_1}(x_1) \cdot P_{X_2|X_1}(x_2|x_1) \cdots P_{X_n|X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{n-1}}(x_n|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}).$$

(3)  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$P_X(x) = \sum_{y \in Y(\Omega)} P_Y(y) \cdot P_{X|Y}(x|y).$$

(4) If  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $P_X(x) \neq 0$ , then

$$P_{Y|X}(y|x) = \frac{P_Y(y) \cdot P_{X|Y}(x|y)}{\sum_{y \in Y(\Omega)} P_Y(y) \cdot P_{X|Y}(x|y)}, \forall y \in \mathbb{R}.$$

*Proof.* abc □

★  $f_{X|Y}(x|y)$  :  $X$  and  $Y$  are jointly continuous r.v.'s

**Definition 8.7** (C.D.F. and P.D.F. of C-C). *Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be jointly continuous r.v.'s of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$  and  $y \in \mathbb{R}$ . The conditional c.d.f.  $F_{X|Y}(x|y)$  of  $X$  given that  $Y = y$  is given by*

$$F_{X|Y}(x|y) = \begin{cases} \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \mathbb{P}(X = x | y \leq Y \leq y + \delta) \\ = \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\mathbb{P}(X = x, y \leq Y \leq y + \delta)}{\mathbb{P}(y \leq Y \leq y + \delta)} \\ = \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \frac{[F_{X,Y}(x, y + \delta) - F_{X,Y}(x, y)]/\delta}{[F_Y(y + \delta) - F_Y(y)]/\delta} \\ = \frac{\frac{\partial F_{X,Y}(x,y)}{\partial y}}{f_Y(y)}, f_Y(y) \neq 0, \forall x \in \mathbb{R} \\ 0, \quad o.w. \end{cases}$$

The conditional p.d.f.  $f_{X|Y}(\cdot|y)$  of  $X$  given that  $Y = y$  is given by

$$f_{X|Y}(x|y) = \begin{cases} \frac{\partial F_{X,Y}(x,y)}{\partial x} = \frac{f_{X,Y}(x,y)}{f_Y(y)}, f_Y(y) \neq 0, \forall x \in \mathbb{R} \\ 0, \quad o.w. \end{cases}$$

**Remark 8.5** (Joint P.D.F.). (1)  $f_{X,Y}(x,y) = f_Y(y) \cdot f_{X|Y}(x|y) = f_X(x) \cdot f_{Y|X}(y|x)$ ,  $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}$

(2) A similar definition can be made for jointly continuous **random vectors**.

**Theorem 8.13** (Properties of C-C Conditional Probability). *Suppose  $X, Y, X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are jointly continuous r.v.'s of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ .*

(1) If  $y \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $f_Y(y) \neq 0$ , then  $f_{X|Y}(\cdot|y)$  is a p.d.f.

(2)  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,

$$f_X(x) = f_{X_1}(x_1) \cdot f_{X_2|X_1}(x_2|x_1) \cdots f_{X_n|X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{n-1}}(x_n|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}).$$

(3)

$$f_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_Y(y) \cdot f_{X|Y}(x|y) dy, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

(4) If  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $f_X(x) \neq 0$ , then

$$f_{Y|X}(y|x) = \frac{f_Y(y) \cdot f_{X|Y}(x|y)}{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_Y(y) \cdot f_{X|Y}(x|y) dy}, \forall y \in \mathbb{R}.$$

*Proof.* abc □

★  $f_{X|Y}(x|y)$  and  $P_{X|Y}(x|y)$  :  $X$  is a continuous r.v. and  $Y$  is a discrete r.v.

**Definition 8.8** (C.D.F., P.D.F. and P.M.F. of C-D and D-C). *Let  $X$  be a continuous r.v. and  $Y$  be a discrete r.v. of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ .*

*The conditional c.d.f.  $F_{X|Y}(\cdot|y)$  of  $X$  given that  $Y = y$ ,  $y \in \mathbb{R}$  is given by*

$$F_{X|Y}(x|y) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{P}(X \leq x|Y = y), & P_Y(y) \neq 0, \forall x \in \mathbb{R} \\ 0, & o.w. \end{cases}$$

*The conditional p.d.f.  $f_{X|Y}(\cdot|y)$  of  $X$  given that  $Y = y$ ,  $y \in \mathbb{R}$  is given by*

$$f_{X|Y}(x|y) = \begin{cases} \frac{\partial F_{X,Y}(x, y)}{\partial x} = \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \frac{F_{X|Y}(x + \delta|y) - F_{X|Y}(x|y)}{\delta} \\ = \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\mathbb{P}(x \leq X \leq x + \delta|Y = y)}{\delta}, & P_Y(y) \neq 0, \forall x \in \mathbb{R} \\ 0, & o.w. \end{cases}$$

*The conditional p.m.f.  $P_{X|Y}(\cdot|y)$  of  $Y$  given that  $X = x$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  is given by*

$$P_{Y|X}(y|x) = \begin{cases} \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \mathbb{P}(Y = y|x \leq X \leq x + \delta) \\ = \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\mathbb{P}(Y = y) \cdot \mathbb{P}(x \leq X \leq x + \delta|Y = y)/\delta}{\mathbb{P}(x \leq X \leq x + \delta)/\delta} \\ = \frac{P_Y(y) \cdot f_{X|Y}(x|y)}{f_X(x)}, & f_X(x) \neq 0, \forall y \in \mathbb{R} \\ 0, & o.w. \end{cases}$$

*The conditional c.d.f.  $F_{Y|X}(\cdot|x)$  of  $Y$  given that  $X = x$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  is given by*

$$F_{Y|X}(y|x) = \begin{cases} \sum_{t \leq x, t \in X(\Omega)} P_{Y,X}(t|x) = \frac{\sum_{t \leq x, t \in X(\Omega)} P_Y(t) \cdot f_{X|Y}(x|t)}{f_X(x)}, \\ f_X(x) \neq 0, \forall y \in \mathbb{R} \\ 0, & o.w. \end{cases}$$

**Remark 8.6** (Calculation of C-D P.D.F. and D-C P.M.F.). (1)  $P_Y(y) \cdot f_{X|Y}(x|y) = f_X(x) \cdot P_{Y|X}(y|x)$ ,  $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ .

(2) If  $y \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $P_Y(y) \neq 0$ , then

$$f_{X|Y}(x|y) = \frac{f_X(x) \cdot P_{Y|X}(y|x)}{P_Y(y)}, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

If  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $f_X(x) \neq 0$ , then

$$P_{Y|X}(y|x) = \frac{P_Y(y) \cdot f_{X|Y}(x|y)}{f_X(x)}, \forall y \in \mathbb{R}.$$



**Theorem 8.14** (Properties of C-D and D-C Conditional Probability). *Suppose  $X$  is a continuous r.v. and  $Y$  is a discrete r.v. of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ .*

(1) *If  $y \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $P_Y(y) \neq 0$ , then  $f_{X|Y}(\cdot|y)$  is a p.d.f. If  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $f_X(x) \neq 0$ , then  $P_{Y|X}(y|x)$  is a p.m.f.*

(2)

$$f_X(x) = \sum_{y \in Y(\Omega)} P_Y(y) \cdot f_{X|Y}(x|y), \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

$$P_Y(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x) \cdot P_{Y|X}(y|x) dx, \quad \forall y \in \mathbb{R}.$$

(3) *If  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $f_X(x) \neq 0$ , then*

$$P_{Y|X}(y|x) = \frac{P_Y(y) \cdot f_{X|Y}(x|y)}{\sum_{y \in Y(\Omega)} P_Y(y) \cdot f_{X|Y}(x|y)}, \quad \forall y \in \mathbb{R}.$$

*If  $y \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $P_Y(y) \neq 0$ , then*

$$f_{X|Y}(x|y) = \frac{f_X(x) \cdot P_{Y|X}(y|x)}{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x) \cdot P_{Y|X}(y|x) dx}, \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

*Proof.* abc □

**Definition 8.9** (Expectation of Conditional R.V.). *Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be r.v.'s of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$  and  $y \in \mathbb{R}$ . The conditional expectation  $\mathbb{E}[X|Y = y]$  of  $X$  given that  $Y = y$  is given by*

$$\mathbb{E}[X|Y = y] = \begin{cases} \sum_{x \in X(\Omega)} x \cdot P_{X|Y}(x|y), & \text{if } X \text{ is a discrete r.v.} \\ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \cdot f_{X|Y}(x|y) dx, & \text{if } X \text{ is a continuous r.v.} \end{cases}$$

**Theorem 8.15** (Expectation of Conditional Measurable Function). *Suppose  $X$  and  $Y$  are r.v.'s of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ , and  $g$  is a measurable function from  $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}})$  to  $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}})$ . Then*

$$\mathbb{E}[g(X)|Y = y] = \begin{cases} \sum_{x \in X(\Omega)} g(x) \cdot P_{X|Y}(x|y), & \text{if } X \text{ is a discrete r.v.} \\ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) \cdot f_{X|Y}(x|y) dx, & \text{if } X \text{ is a continuous r.v.} \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* abc □

## 8.4 Transformations of Two R.V.'s

**Theorem 8.16** (Transformations of Two R.V.'s). *Suppose  $X$  and  $Y$  are r.v.'s of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ ,  $g$  and  $h$  are measurable functions from  $(\mathbb{R}^2, \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}^2})$  to  $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}})$ , and  $U = g(X, Y)$  and  $V = h(X, Y)$ .*

*(1) If  $X$  and  $Y$  are discrete r.v.'s, then  $U$  and  $V$  are discrete r.v.'s and*

$$P_{U,V}(u, v) = \sum_{(x,y): g(x,y)=u, h(x,y)=v} P_{X,Y}(x, y).$$

*(2) If  $X$  and  $Y$  are jointly continuous r.v.'s,  $U$  and  $V$  are discrete r.v.'s, then*

$$P_{U,V}(u, v) = \iint_{\{(x,y): g(x,y)=u, h(x,y)=v\}} f_{X,Y}(x, y) dx dy.$$

*(3) If  $X$  and  $Y$  are jointly continuous r.v.'s,  $U$  and  $V$  are jointly continuous r.v.'s, and*

$$J(x, y) = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial g(x,y)}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial g(x,y)}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial h(x,y)}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial h(x,y)}{\partial y} \end{vmatrix} \neq 0$$

*$\forall (x, y) \in \{(x, y) : g(x, y) = u, h(x, y) = v\}$ , where  $J(x, y)$  is the Jacobian determinant,  $(u, v) \in g(X, Y)(\Omega) \times h(X, Y)(\Omega)$ , then*

$$f_{U,V}(u, v) = \sum_{(x,y): g(x,y)=u, h(x,y)=v} \frac{f_{X,Y}(x, y)}{|J(x, y)|}$$

*Proof.* abc □

**Theorem 8.17** (Convolution Theorem). *Suppose  $X$  and  $Y$  are two independent r.v.'s of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$  and  $Z = X + Y$ .*

*(1) If  $X$  and  $Y$  are discrete r.v.'s, then*

$$P_Z(z) = \sum_{x \in X(\Omega)} P_X(x) \cdot P_Y(z - x)$$

*(2) If  $X$  and  $Y$  are jointly continuous r.v.'s, then*

$$f_Z(z) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x) \cdot f_Y(z - x) dx.$$

*Proof.* abc □

## 8.5 Order Statistics

**Definition 8.10** (Order Statistic). Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be i.i.d. r.v.'s of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ . The  $i^{\text{th}}$  order statistic  $X_{(i)}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  of  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  is defined as the  $i^{\text{th}}$  **smallest** value in  $\{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n\}$  so that  $X_{(1)} \leq X_{(2)} \leq \dots \leq X_{(n)}$ , namely,  $X_{(i)}(w) =$  the  $i^{\text{th}}$  smallest value in  $\{X_1(w), X_2(w), \dots, X_n(w)\}$  for all  $w \in \Omega$ . In particular,  $X_{(1)} = \min\{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n\}$  and  $X_{(n)} = \max\{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n\}$ .

**Remark 8.7** (Without Equal & Not I.I.D.). (1) If  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are jointly continuous r.v.'s, then

$$\mathbb{P}(X_{(i)} = X_{(j)}) = 0, \forall i \neq j \rightarrow \mathbb{P}(X_{(1)} < X_{(2)} < \dots < X_{(n)}) = 1.$$

(2)  $X_{(i)}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  is a function of  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n \rightarrow X_{(1)}, X_{(2)}, \dots, X_{(n)}$  are **neither independent nor identically distributed** in general.

**Definition 8.11** (Random Sample). A random sample of size  $n$  of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$  is a sequence of  $n$  i.i.d. r.v.'s  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  of  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ .

**Definition 8.12** (Range, Midrange, Median and Mean of Random Sample). Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be a random sample of size  $n$  of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ .

The **sample range** is given by  $X_{(1)} + X_{(n)}$ .

The **sample midrange** is given by  $\frac{X_{(1)} + X_{(n)}}{2}$ .

The **sample median** is given by  $\begin{cases} X_{(i-1)}, & \text{if } n = 2i + 1 \\ \frac{X_{(i)} + X_{(i+1)}}{2}, & \text{if } n = 2i \end{cases}$

The **sample mean**  $\bar{X}$  is given by  $\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ .

**Remark 8.8** (Forced Decline). If  $\exists i_j < i_l \rightarrow x_{i_j} \geq x_{i_l}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} & F_{X_{(i_1)}, X_{(i_2)}, \dots, X_{(i_k)}}(x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_j}, \dots, x_{i_l}, \dots, x_{i_k}) \\ &= F_{X_{(i_1)}, X_{(i_2)}, \dots, X_{(i_k)}}(x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_l}, \dots, x_{i_l}, \dots, x_{i_k}) \end{aligned}$$

and  $f_{X_{(i_1)}, X_{(i_2)}, \dots, X_{(i_k)}}(x_{i_1}, x_{i_2}, \dots, x_{i_k}) = 0$ .

**Theorem 8.18** (C.D.F. and P.D.F. of Jointly Order R.V.'s). Suppose  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are i.i.d. jointly continuous r.v.'s of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$  with common c.d.f.  $F(x)$  and common p.d.f.  $f(x)$ . If  $1 \leq i_1 \leq i_2 \leq \dots \leq i_k \leq n$ ,  $-\infty < x_{i_1} < x_{i_2} < \dots < x_{i_k} < \infty$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} & F_{X_{(i_1)}, X_{(i_2)}, \dots, X_{(i_k)}}(x_{i_1}, x_{i_2}, \dots, x_{i_k}) \\ &= \sum_{j_k=i_k}^n \sum_{j_{k-1}=i_{k-1}}^{j_k} \dots \sum_{j_1=i_1}^{j_2} \binom{n}{j_k} \binom{j_k}{j_{k-1}} \dots \binom{j_2}{j_1} [F(x_{i_1})]^{j_1} [F(x_{i_2}) - F(x_{i_1})]^{j_2-j_1} \\ & \quad \dots [F(x_{i_k}) - F(x_{i_{k-1}})]^{j_k-j_{k-1}} [1 - F(x_{i_k})]^{n-j_k} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 & f_{X_{(i_1)}, X_{(i_2)}, \dots, X_{(i_k)}}(x_{i_1}, x_{i_2}, \dots, x_{i_k}) \\
 &= \frac{n!}{(i_1 - 1)! (i_2 - i_1 - 1)! \dots (i_k - i_{k-1} - 1)! (n - i_k)!} \\
 & \cdot f(x_{i_1}) f(x_{i_2}) \dots f(x_{i_k}) \cdot [F(x_{i_1})]^{i_1-1} [F(x_{i_2}) - F(x_{i_1})]^{i_2-i_1-1} \\
 & \dots [F(x_{i_k}) - F(x_{i_{k-1}})]^{i_k-i_{k-1}-1} [1 - F(x_{i_k})]^{n-i_k}
 \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* abc □

**Corollary 8.3** (Beta R.V. vs Binomial R.V.). *Suppose  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are i.i.d. r.v.'s  $\sim U(0, 1)$ , then*

$$X_{(i)} \sim \mathcal{B}(i, n + 1 - i), \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_{X_{(i)}}(x) &= \frac{n!}{(i-1)! (n-i)!} f(x) [F(x)]^{i-1} [1 - F(x)]^{n-i} \\
 &= \frac{n!}{(i-1)! (n-i)!} 1 \cdot x^{i-1} (1-x)^{n-i} \\
 &= \frac{\Gamma(n+1)}{\Gamma(i)\Gamma(n+1-i)} x^{i-1} (1-x)^{(n+1-i)-1} \\
 &= \frac{x^{i-1} (1-x)^{(n+1-i)-1}}{B(i, n+1-i)}, \quad 0 < x < 1 \\
 &\rightarrow X_{(i)} \sim \mathcal{B}(i, n+1-i)
 \end{aligned}$$

□

**Corollary 8.4** (Cases One, Two and  $n$  Order R.V.'s). (I)

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_{X_{(i)}}(x) &= \sum_{j=i}^n \binom{n}{j} [F(x)]^j [1 - F(x)]^{n-j}, \quad -\infty < x < \infty, \\
 f_{X_{(i)}}(x) &= \frac{n!}{(i-1)! (n-i)!} f(x) [F(x)]^{i-1} [1 - F(x)]^{n-i}, \quad -\infty < x < \infty.
 \end{aligned}$$

*In particular,*

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_{X_{(1)}}(x) &= 1 - [1 - F(x)]^n, \quad -\infty < x < \infty, \\
 f_{X_{(1)}}(x) &= n \cdot f(x) [1 - F(x)]^{n-1}, \quad -\infty < x < \infty,
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$F_{X_{(n)}}(x) = [F(x)]^n, \quad f_{X_{(n)}}(x) = n f(x) [F(x)]^{n-1}, \quad -\infty < x < \infty.$$

(2)

$$\begin{aligned}
& F_{X_{(i_1)}, X_{(i_2)}}(x, y) \\
&= \sum_{j_2=i_2}^n \sum_{j_1=i_1}^{j_2} \binom{n}{j_2} \binom{j_2}{j_1} [F(x)]^{j_1} [F(y) - F(x)]^{j_2-j_1} [1 - F(y)]^{n-j_2}, \\
&\quad -\infty < x < y < \infty \\
& f_{X_{(i_1)}, X_{(i_2)}}(x, y) = \frac{n!}{(i_1-1)!(i_2-i_1-1)!(n-i_2)!} f(x)f(y) [F(x)]^{i_1} \\
&\quad \cdot [F(y) - F(x)]^{i_2-i_1} [1 - F(y)]^{n-i_2}, -\infty < x < y < \infty
\end{aligned}$$

(3)

$$\begin{aligned}
& F_{X_{(1)}, X_{(2)}, \dots, X_{(n)}}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \\
&= \sum_{j_{n-1}=i_{n-1}}^n \sum_{j_{n-2}=i_{n-2}}^{j_{n-1}} \dots \sum_{j_1=i_1}^{j_2} \binom{n}{j_{n-1}} \binom{j_{n-1}}{j_{n-2}} \dots \binom{j_2}{j_1} [F(x_1)]^{j_1} \\
&\quad \cdot [F(x_2) - F(x_1)]^{j_2-j_1} \dots [F(x_{n-1}) - F(x_{n-2})]^{j_{n-1}-j_{n-2}} [F(x_n) - F(x_{n-1})]^{n-j_{n-1}}
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
& f_{X_{(1)}, X_{(2)}, \dots, X_{(n)}}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \\
&= n! f(x_1) f(x_2) \dots f(x_n), \quad -\infty < x_1 < x_2 < \dots < x_n < \infty
\end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* abc □

## 8.6 Multinomial Distributions

Consider an experiment with  $k$  possible outcomes  $\omega_1, \omega_2, \dots, \omega_k$ . Let  $A_{(i)} = \{\omega_i\}$  be the event that the outcome is  $\omega_i$  and let  $P_i = \mathbb{P}(A_i), i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ . Suppose that such an experiment is independently and successively performed  $n$  times. Let  $X_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, k$  be the number of times that event  $A_i$  occurs. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
& P_{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_k}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k) \\
&= \mathbb{P}(X_1 = x_1, X_2 = x_2, \dots, X_k = x_k) \\
&= \frac{n!}{x_1! x_2! \dots x_k!} P_1^{x_1} P_2^{x_2} \dots P_k^{x_k}, \quad x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k \geq 0 \text{ and } \sum_{i=1}^k x_i = n.
\end{aligned}$$

**Definition 8.13** (Multinomial Joint R.V.'s). *Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_k$  be discrete r.v.'s of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ . We call  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_k$  multinomial joint r.v.'s with parameters  $n, P_1, P_2, \dots, P_k$ , where  $n \geq 1, P_1, P_2, \dots, P_k \geq 0, P_1 + P_2 + \dots + P_k = 1$ , if the joint p.m.f. is given by*

$$P_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} \frac{n!}{x_1! x_2! \dots x_k!} P_1^{x_1} P_2^{x_2} \dots P_k^{x_k}, & x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k \geq 0 \text{ and } \sum_{i=1}^k x_i = n \\ 0, & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

**Remark 8.9** (Verification of P.M.F.).  $P_X(\mathbf{x}) \geq 0, \forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and

$$\sum_{\substack{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k \geq 0 \\ x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_k = n}} \frac{n!}{x_1! x_2! \dots x_k!} P_1^{x_1} P_2^{x_2} \dots P_k^{x_k} = (P_1 + P_2 + \dots + P_k)^n = 1$$

$\rightarrow P_X(\mathbf{x})$  is a p.m.f.

**Theorem 8.19** (Splitting of Multinomial Joint R.V.'s). Suppose  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_l$  are multinomial r.v.'s of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ , with parameters  $n, P_1, P_2, \dots, P_l$ , where  $n \geq 1, P_1, P_2, \dots, P_k \geq 0, P_1 + P_2 + \dots + P_k = 1$ . Then

$$X_{(i_1)}, X_{(i_2)}, \dots, X_{(i_k)}, n - X_{(i_1)} - X_{(i_2)} - \dots - X_{(i_k)}$$

are multinomial joint r.v.'s with parameters

$$n, P_{i_1}, P_{i_2}, \dots, P_{i_k}, 1 - P_{i_1} - P_{i_2} - \dots - P_{i_k}.$$

*Proof.* abc

□

# Chapter 9

## More Expectations and Variance

### 9.1 Expected Values of Sums of R.V.'s

**Theorem 9.1** (Expectations of Sum of Finite R.V.'s). *Suppose  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are r.v.'s of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ , then*

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \right] = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}[X_i].$$

*Proof.* abc □

**Theorem 9.2** (Expectations of Sum of Infinite R.V.'s). *Suppose  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  are r.v.'s of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ . If*

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}[X_i] < \infty$$

*or if  $X_i$  is nonnegative for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots$ , then*

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} X_i \right] = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}[X_i].$$

*Proof.* abc □

**Remark 9.1** (General Expectations of Sum of Infinite R.V.'s). *In general,*

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} X_i \right] \neq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}[X_i].$$

**Corollary 9.1** (Expectation of Integer-Valued R.V.). *Suppose  $X$  is an integer-valued r.v. of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ , then*

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}(x \geq i) - \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}(x \leq -i).$$

*Proof.* abc □

## 9.2 Covariance and Correlation Coefficients

**Theorem 9.3** (Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality). *Suppose  $X$  and  $Y$  are r.v.'s of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ , and suppose  $\mathbb{E}[X^2]$  and  $\mathbb{E}[Y^2]$  exists. Then*

$$|\mathbb{E}[XY]| \leq \sqrt{\mathbb{E}[X^2] \cdot \mathbb{E}[Y^2]}.$$

“=”  $\Leftrightarrow X = 0$  with probability 1 or  $Y = 0$  with probability 1 or  $Y = aX$  with probability 1, where

$$a = \frac{\mathbb{E}[XY]}{\mathbb{E}[X^2]}.$$

*Proof.* abc □

**Remark 9.2** (Cauchy-Schwarz Equalities). *Suppose that  $\mathbb{E}[X^2] \neq 0$  and  $\mathbb{E}[Y^2] \neq 0$ , then*

$$\mathbb{E}[XY] = \sqrt{\mathbb{E}[X^2] \cdot \mathbb{E}[Y^2]} \Leftrightarrow Y = aX$$

*with probability 1, where*

$$a = \frac{\mathbb{E}[XY]}{\mathbb{E}[X^2]} = \sqrt{\frac{\mathbb{E}[Y^2]}{\mathbb{E}[X^2]}} > 0.$$

$$\mathbb{E}[XY] = -\sqrt{\mathbb{E}[X^2] \cdot \mathbb{E}[Y^2]} \Leftrightarrow Y = aX$$

*with probability 1, where*

$$a = \frac{\mathbb{E}[XY]}{\mathbb{E}[X^2]} = -\sqrt{\frac{\mathbb{E}[Y^2]}{\mathbb{E}[X^2]}} < 0.$$

**Corollary 9.2** (Variance Larger Than or Equal to Zero). *Suppose  $X$  is a r.v. of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$  and suppose  $\mathbb{E}[X^2]$  exists, then*

$$|\mathbb{E}[X]|^2 \leq \mathbb{E}[X^2].$$

*Proof.* abc □

**Definition 9.1** (Covariance). *Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be r.v.'s of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$  with means  $\mu_X$  and  $\mu_Y$ , resp. The covariance  $\text{Cov}(X, Y)$  (or  $\sigma_{X,Y}$ ) of  $X$  and  $Y$  is given by*

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = \sigma_{X,Y} = \mathbb{E}[(X - \mu_X)(Y - \mu_Y)].$$

*We say that  $X$  and  $Y$  are positively correlated, negatively correlated and uncorrelated if  $\text{Cov}(X, Y) > 0$ ,  $\text{Cov}(X, Y) < 0$  and  $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = 0$ , resp.*



**Remark 9.3** (Covariance of Linear Combination of Two R.V.'s). (1)  $\text{Var}(X) = \mathbb{E}[(X - \mu_X)^2]$  is a measure of the spread or dispersion of  $X$ .

$\text{Var}(Y) = \mathbb{E}[(Y - \mu_Y)^2]$  is a measure of the spread or dispersion of  $Y$ .

$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = \sigma_{X,Y} = \mathbb{E}[(X - \mu_X)(Y - \mu_Y)]$  is a measure of the joint spread or dispersion of  $X$  and  $Y$ .

(2)

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Var}(aX + bY) &= \mathbb{E}[(aX + bY) - (a\mu_X + b\mu_Y)]^2 \\ &= \mathbb{E}[a(X - \mu_X) + b(Y - \mu_Y)]^2 \\ &= a^2\text{Var}(X) + b^2\text{Var}(Y) + 2ab\text{Cov}(X, Y)\end{aligned}$$

is a measure of the spread or dispersion along the  $(ax + by)$ -direction.

**Theorem 9.4** (Calculating Covariance). Suppose  $X$  and  $Y$  are r.v.'s of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ .

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

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

(3)  $|\text{Cov}(X, Y)| \leq \sigma_X \cdot \sigma_Y$ , “=”  $\Leftrightarrow X = \mu_X$  with probability 1 or  $Y = \mu_Y$  with probability 1 or  $Y = aX + b$  with probability 1, where

$$a = \frac{\sigma_{X,Y}}{\sigma_X^2}, \quad b = \mu_Y - \mu_X \cdot \frac{\sigma_{X,Y}}{\sigma_X^2}.$$

If  $\sigma_X \neq 0$  and  $\sigma_Y \neq 0$ , then

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = \sigma_X \cdot \sigma_Y \Leftrightarrow Y = aX + b$$

with probability 1, where

$$a = \frac{\sigma_Y}{\sigma_X} > 0, \quad b = \mu_Y - \mu_X \cdot \frac{\sigma_Y}{\sigma_X}.$$

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = -\sigma_X \cdot \sigma_Y \Leftrightarrow Y = aX + b$$

with probability 1, where

$$a = -\frac{\sigma_Y}{\sigma_X} < 0, \quad b = \mu_Y + \mu_X \cdot \frac{\sigma_Y}{\sigma_X}.$$

*Proof.* abc □

**Theorem 9.5** (Covariance of Two Linear Combined R.V.'s). Suppose  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n, Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_m$  are r.v.'s of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ .

(1)

$$\text{Cov}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i X_i, \sum_{j=1}^m b_j Y_j\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m a_i b_j \text{Cov}(X_i, Y_j).$$

(2)

$$\text{Var}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i X_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2 \text{Var}(x_i) + 2 \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} a_i b_j \text{Cov}(X_i, X_j).$$

In particular, if  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are **pairwise uncorrelated**, then

$$\text{Var} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n a_i X_i \right) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2 \text{Var}(x_i).$$

*Proof.* abc □

**Theorem 9.6** (Independence Implies Uncorrelated). *Suppose  $X$  and  $Y$  are r.v.'s of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ . If  $X \perp Y$ , then  $X$  and  $Y$  are uncorrelated, i.e.,*

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = \mathbb{E}[XY] - \mathbb{E}[X]\mathbb{E}[Y] = \mathbb{E}[X]\mathbb{E}[Y] - \mathbb{E}[X]\mathbb{E}[Y] = 0.$$

*Proof.* abc □

**Remark 9.4** (Uncorrelated Can't Imply Independence). *The inverse is not true, i.e.,*

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = 0 \not\Rightarrow X \perp Y.$$

**Definition 9.2** (Correlation Coefficient). *Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be r.v.'s of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$  with  $0 < \sigma_X^2 < \infty, 0 < \sigma_Y^2 < \infty$ . The correlation coefficient between  $X$  and  $Y$  is given by*

$$\rho_{X,Y} = \text{Cov}(X^*, Y^*) = \text{Cov} \left( \frac{X - \mu_X}{\sigma_X}, \frac{Y - \mu_Y}{\sigma_Y} \right) = \frac{\sigma_{X,Y}}{\sigma_X \sigma_Y}.$$

**Remark 9.5** (Properties of Correlation Coefficient). (1)  $X^* = \frac{X - \mu_X}{\sigma_X}$  is independent of the units in which  $X$  is measured.  $\rightarrow \rho_{X,Y}$  is **independent of the units** in which  $X$  and  $Y$  is measured.

(2)  $-1 \leq \rho_{X,Y} \leq 1$ .

$\rho_{X,Y} = 1 \Leftrightarrow Y = aX + b$  with probability 1, where

$$a = \frac{\sigma_Y}{\sigma_X} > 0, \quad b = \mu_Y - \mu_X \cdot \frac{\sigma_Y}{\sigma_X}.$$

$\rho_{X,Y} = -1 \Leftrightarrow Y = aX + b$  with probability 1, where

$$a = -\frac{\sigma_Y}{\sigma_X} < 0, \quad b = \mu_Y + \mu_X \cdot \frac{\sigma_Y}{\sigma_X}.$$

### 9.3 Conditioning on R.V.'s

**Definition 9.3** (Conditional Expectation on R.V.'s). *Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be r.v.'s of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ .*

*Let  $g(Y) = \mathbb{E}[X|Y = y], \forall y \in \mathbb{R}$ . We denote  $\mathbb{E}[X|Y]$  as the r.v.  $g(Y)$ . Note that  $\mathbb{E}[X|Y]$  is a function of  $Y$ .*

**Theorem 9.7** (Marginal Expectation). *Suppose  $X$  and  $Y$  are r.v.'s of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ . Then*

$$\mathbb{E} [\mathbb{E} [X|Y]] = \mathbb{E}[X].$$

*Proof.* abc □

**Theorem 9.8** (Marginal Expectation of Measurable Function). *Suppose  $X$  and  $Y$  are r.v.'s of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ . Then*

$$\mathbb{E} [\mathbb{E} [X \cdot g(Y)|Y]] = g(Y)\mathbb{E} [X|Y].$$

*Proof.* abc □

**Theorem 9.9** (Wald's Equations). *Suppose  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  are i.i.d. r.v.'s  $\sim X$  and  $N$  is a positive integer-valued r.v. of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ , and  $N \perp \{X_1, X_2, \dots\}$ .*

(1) *If  $\mathbb{E}[X] < \infty$  and  $\mathbb{E}[N] < \infty$ , then*

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^N X_i \right] = \mathbb{E}[N] \cdot \mathbb{E}[X].$$

(2) *If  $\text{Var}(X) < \infty$  and  $\text{Var}(N) < \infty$ , then*

$$\text{Var} \left( \sum_{i=1}^N X_i \right) = \mathbb{E}[N] \cdot \text{Var}(X) + (\mathbb{E}[X])^2 \cdot \text{Var}(N).$$

*Proof.* abc □

**Theorem 9.10** (Law of Total Probability). *Suppose  $A$  is an event and  $X$  is a r.v. of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ , then*

$$\mathbb{P}(A) = \begin{cases} \sum_{x \in X(\Omega)} \mathbb{P}(A|X=x) \cdot P_X(x), & \text{if } X \text{ is a discrete r.v.} \\ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}(A|X=x) \cdot f_X(x) dx, & \text{if } X \text{ is a continuous r.v.} \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* abc □

**Theorem 9.11** (Conditional Variance on R.V.'s). *Suppose  $X$  and  $Y$  are r.v.'s of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ , then*

$$\text{Var}(X) = \mathbb{E}[\text{Var}(x|y)] + \text{Var}(\mathbb{E}[X|Y]).$$

*Proof.* abc □

## 9.4 Bivariate Normal (Gaussian) Distribution

**Definition 9.4** (Bivariate Normal (Gaussian) R.V.'s). *Let  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  be r.v.'s of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ . We call  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  jointly normal (Gaussian) r.v.'s with parameters*

$$\boldsymbol{\mu} = \begin{pmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_{11} & \sigma_{12} \\ \sigma_{21} & \sigma_{22} \end{pmatrix} > 0,$$

where “ $> 0$ ” means positive definite, denoted

$$\mathbf{X} \sim \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}),$$

if their joint p.d.f. is given by

$$\begin{aligned} f_X(X) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^2 |\boldsymbol{\Sigma}|}} \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^\top \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^2 |\boldsymbol{\Sigma}|}} \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} (x_1 - \mu_1, x_2 - \mu_2) \frac{1}{|\boldsymbol{\Sigma}|} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_{22} & -\sigma_{12} \\ -\sigma_{12} & \sigma_{11} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 - \mu_1 \\ x_2 - \mu_2 \end{pmatrix} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^2 |\boldsymbol{\Sigma}|}} \exp(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^*) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$|\boldsymbol{\Sigma}| = \det(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}) = \sigma_{11} \cdot \sigma_{22} - \sigma_{12}^2 > 0,$$

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^* = -\frac{1}{2|\boldsymbol{\Sigma}|} \left[ \sigma_{22} (x_1 - \mu_1)^2 - 2\sigma_{12} (x_1 - \mu_1)(x_2 - \mu_2) + \sigma_{11} (x_2 - \mu_2)^2 \right].$$

Such a joint p.d.f. is called a bivariate normal p.d.f. with parameters  $\boldsymbol{\mu}$  and  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$ .

**Theorem 9.12** (Explicitly Normal (Gaussian) R.V.). *Suppose  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are r.v.'s of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ , and suppose  $\mathbf{X} \sim \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$ .*

(1)  $X_1 \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_1, \sigma_{11})$  and  $X_2 \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_2, \sigma_{22})$ . Therefore

$$\mu_1 = \mu_{X_1}, \sigma_{11} = \sigma_{X_1}^2 := \sigma_1^2, \mu_2 = \mu_{X_2}, \sigma_{22} = \sigma_{X_2}^2 := \sigma_2^2.$$

(2)

$$X_2|_{X_1=x_1} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\mu_2 + \frac{\sigma_{12}}{\sigma_{11}}(x_1 - \mu_1), \frac{|\boldsymbol{\Sigma}|}{\sigma_{11}}\right)$$

and

$$X_1|_{X_2=x_2} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\mu_1 + \frac{\sigma_{12}}{\sigma_{22}}(x_2 - \mu_2), \frac{|\boldsymbol{\Sigma}|}{\sigma_{22}}\right).$$

(3)  $\sigma_{12} = \sigma_{X_1, X_2} = \rho_{X_1, X_2} \cdot \sigma_{X_1} \sigma_{X_2} := \rho \cdot \sigma_1 \sigma_2$ . Therefore

$$X_2|_{X_1=x_1} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\mu_2 + \rho \cdot \frac{\sigma_2}{\sigma_1} (x_1 - \mu_1), (1 - \rho^2) \sigma_2^2\right)$$

and

$$X_1|_{X_2=x_2} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\mu_1 + \rho \cdot \frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_2} (x_2 - \mu_2), (1 - \rho^2) \sigma_1^2\right).$$

*Proof.* abc □

**Remark 9.6** (Mean Vector and Covariance Matrix).  $\boldsymbol{\mu} = \begin{pmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \end{pmatrix}$  is called the mean vector of  $\mathbf{X}$ , and  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_{11} & \sigma_{12} \\ \sigma_{21} & \sigma_{22} \end{pmatrix}$  is called the covariance matrix of  $\mathbf{X}$ .

**Lemma 9.1** (Linear Conditional Expectation and Constant Variance). Suppose  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are jointly continuous r.v.'s of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$  with  $\mu_{X_1} = \mu_1$ ,  $\mu_{X_2} = \mu_2$ ,  $\sigma_{X_1}^2 = \sigma_1^2$ ,  $\sigma_{X_2}^2 = \sigma_2^2$ ,  $\rho_{X_1, X_2} = \rho$ .

(1) If  $\mathbb{E}[X_2|X_1 = x_1] = ax_1 + b$  is a linear function in  $x_1$ , then

$$\mathbb{E}[X_2|X_1 = x_1] = \mu_2 + \rho \cdot \frac{\sigma_2}{\sigma_1} (x_1 - \mu_1).$$

(2) If  $\mathbb{E}[X_2|X_1 = x_1] = ax_1 + b$  is a linear function in  $x_1$ , and  $\text{Var}(X_2|X_1 = x_1) = \sigma^2$  is a constant, then

$$\text{Var}(X_2|X_1 = x_1) = (1 - \rho^2) \sigma_2^2.$$

*Proof.* abc □

**Theorem 9.13** (Derivation of Jointly Normal R.V.'s). Suppose  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are r.v.'s of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ . Suppose

(1)  $X_1$  is a normal r.v.

(2)  $X_2|X_1 = x_1$  is a normal r.v. for all  $x_1 \in \mathbb{R}$ .

(3)  $\mathbb{E}[X_2|X_1 = x_1]$  is a linear function in  $X_1$ , and  $\text{Var}(X_2|X_1 = x_1) = \sigma^2$  is a constant.

Then  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are **jointly normal** r.v.'s.

*Proof.* abc □

**Theorem 9.14** (Independence mutually Implies Uncorrelated). Suppose  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are jointly normal r.v.'s of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ . Then  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are independent  $\Leftrightarrow X_1$  and  $X_2$  are uncorrelated.

*Proof.* abc □

**Theorem 9.15** (Linearly Generated Normal R.V.). Suppose  $\mathbf{X} \sim \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_X, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_X)$  and  $\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{X} + b$ , where  $\mathbf{A}$  is nonsingular, i.e.,  $|\mathbf{A}| \neq 0$ . Then

$$\mathbf{Y} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\mu}_X + b, \mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_X\mathbf{A}^\top).$$

*Proof.* abc □

# Chapter 10

## Sums of Independent R.V.'s and Limit Theorems

### 10.1 Moment Generating Functions

**Definition 10.1** (Moment Generating Function). *The moment generating function (m.g.f.)  $M_X(t)$  of a r.v.  $X$  is given by  $M_X(t) = \mathbb{E}[e^{tx}]$  if  $\exists \delta > 0 \rightarrow M_X(t)$  is defined for all  $t \in (-\delta, \delta)$ .*

**Theorem 10.1** (Moment Generation). (1)  $\mathbb{E}[X^n] = M_X^{(n)}(0)$ ,  $\forall n \geq 0$ .  
 (2) Maclaurin's series for  $M_X(t)$ :

$$M_X(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{M_X^{(n)}(0)}{n!} t^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\mathbb{E}[X^n]}{n!} t^n.$$

*Proof.* abc □

**Remark 10.1** (Sufficient Condition for  $n^{th}$  Moment to Converge). *If  $|M_X(t)| < \infty$  for some  $t > 0$ , then  $|\mathbb{E}[X^n]| < \infty$  for all  $n \geq 1$ . But the converse is not true.*

**Theorem 10.2** (Same M.G.F. Implies Same C.D.F.). *If  $M_X(t) = M_Y(t)$  for all  $t \in (-\delta, \delta)$  for some  $\delta > 0$ , then the c.d.f. of  $X$  and  $Y$  are the same.*

*Proof.* abc □

### 10.2 Sums of Independent R.V.'s

**Theorem 10.3** (M.G.F. of Sums of Independent R.V.'s). *Suppose  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are independent r.v.'s with m.g.f.'s*

$$M_{X_1}(t), M_{X_2}(t), \dots, M_{X_n}(t)$$

respectively. Then the m.g.f. of their **sum**  $X = X_1 + X_2 + \cdots + X_n$  is

$$M_X(t) = \prod_{i=1}^n M_{X_i}(t).$$

*Proof.* abc □

**Theorem 10.4** (M.G.F. of Sums of Normal R.V.'s). *Suppose  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are **independent** r.v.'s and  $X_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_i, \sigma_i^2)$ ,  $\forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  and suppose  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{R}$ . If*

$$X = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i X_i,$$

*then*

$$X \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i \mu_i, \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2 \sigma_i^2\right).$$

*Proof.* abc □

**Corollary 10.1** (M.G.F. of Sums of I.I.D. Normal R.V.'s). *Suppose  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are **i.i.d.**  $\sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$ , then*

$$S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \sim \mathcal{N}(n\mu, n\sigma^2), \text{ and } \bar{X} = \frac{S_n}{n} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{n}\right).$$

*Proof.* abc □

## 10.3 Markov and Chebyshev Inequalities

**Theorem 10.5** (Markov's Inequality). *Suppose  $X$  is a nonnegative r.v., then*

$$\mathbb{P}(X \geq t) \leq \frac{\mathbb{E}[X]}{t}, \forall t > 0.$$

*Proof.* abc □

**Theorem 10.6** (Chebyshev's Inequality).

$$\mathbb{P}(|X - \mu_X| \geq t) \leq \frac{\sigma_X^2}{t^2}, \forall t > 0.$$

*In particular,*

$$\mathbb{P}(|X - \mu_X| \geq k \cdot \sigma_X) \leq \frac{1}{k^2}, \forall k > 0.$$

*Proof.* abc □

**Remark 10.2** (Not Tight Bounds). *The bounds obtained by Markov and Chebyshev inequalities are usually **not very tight**.*

**Theorem 10.7** (Zero Absolute Moment).

$$\mathbb{E}[|X|] = 0 \Leftrightarrow X = 0 \text{ with probability } 1.$$

*Proof.* abc □

**Corollary 10.2** (Zero Variance).

$$\text{Var}(X) = 0 \Leftrightarrow X = 0 \text{ with probability } 1.$$

*Proof.* abc □

**Theorem 10.8** (Chebyshev's Inequality for I.I.D R.V.'s). *Suppose  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are i.i.d. r.v.'s with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2 < \infty$ . Let*

$$\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$$

*be the sample mean of  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$ . Then*

$$\mathbb{P}(|\bar{X} - \mu| \geq \epsilon) \leq \frac{\sigma^2}{n\epsilon^2}.$$

*Proof.* abc □

**Theorem 10.9** (Chebyshev's Inequality for I.I.D. Bernoulli R.V.'s). *Suppose  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are i.i.d.  $\sim \text{Bernoulli}(p)$ . Let*

$$\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$$

*be the sample mean of  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$ . Then*

$$\mathbb{P}(|\bar{X} - p| \geq \epsilon) \leq \frac{p(1-p)}{n\epsilon^2} \leq \frac{1}{4n\epsilon^2}.$$

*Proof.* abc □

## 10.4 Laws of Large Numbers (LLN's)

**Definition 10.2** (Converge in Probability). *Let  $X, X_1, X_2, \dots$  be r.v.'s of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ . We say that  $X_n$  converges to  $X$  **in probability**, denoted*

$$X_n \xrightarrow{P} X,$$

*if*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P}(|X_n - X| < \epsilon) = 1, \forall \epsilon > 0,$$

*or*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P}(|X_n - X| > \epsilon) = 0, \forall \epsilon > 0.$$



**Theorem 10.10** (Weak Law of Large Numbers (WLLN)). *Suppose  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  are i.i.d. r.v.'s with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2 < \infty$ . Then*

$$\overline{X}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \xrightarrow{P} \mu,$$

i.e.,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P}(|\overline{X}_n - \mu| > \epsilon) = 0, \forall \epsilon > 0.$$

*Proof.* abc □

**Remark 10.3** (Relative Frequency Converges to Probability in Probability). *Let an experiment be repeated independently and let  $n(A)$  be the number of times an event  $A$  occurs in the first  $n$  repetitions of the experiment. Let*

$$X_i = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } A \text{ occurs on the } i^{\text{th}} \text{ repetition,} \\ 0, & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} n(A) &= \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \text{ and } \mathbb{E}[X_i] = 1 \cdot \mathbb{P}(A) + 0 \cdot \mathbb{P}(A^c) = \mathbb{P}(A). \\ \rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P}\left(\left|\frac{n(A)}{n} - \mathbb{P}(A)\right| > \epsilon\right) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P}\left(\left|\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i - \mathbb{P}(A)\right| > \epsilon\right) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the relative frequency  $\frac{n(A)}{n}$  of occurrence of  $A$  is very likely close to  $\mathbb{P}(A)$  if  $n$  is sufficiently large.

**Definition 10.3** (Converge Almost Surely). *Let  $X, X_1, X_2, \dots$  be r.v.'s of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ . We say that  $X_n$  converges to  $X$  **almost surely** (a.s.), denoted*

$$X_n \xrightarrow{\text{a.s.}} X,$$

if

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} X_n = X\right) = 1.$$

**Theorem 10.11** (Strong Law of Large Numbers (SLLN)). *Suppose  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  are i.i.d. r.v.'s with mean  $\mu$ . Then*

$$\overline{X}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \xrightarrow{\text{a.s.}} \mu$$

i.e.,

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \overline{X}_n = \mu\right) = 1.$$

*Proof.* abc □

**Remark 10.4** (Relative Frequency Converges Almost Surely).

$$\mathbb{P} \left( \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n(A)}{n} = \mathbb{P}(A) \right) = 1 \rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n(A)}{n} = \mathbb{P}(A) \text{ with probability } 1.$$

**Theorem 10.12** (Converge Almost Surely Implies Convergence in Probability).

$$\text{If } X_n \xrightarrow{a.s.} X, \text{ then } X_n \xrightarrow{P} X.$$

*Proof.* abc □

## 10.5 Central Limit Theorem (CLT)

**Theorem 10.13** (Levy Continuity Theorem). *Suppose  $X, X_1, X_2, \dots$  are r.v.'s of a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ .*

*If  $\exists \delta > 0 \rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M_{X_n}(t) = M_X(t), \forall t \in (-\delta, \delta)$ , then*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_n(x) = F(x)$$

*if  $F(x)$  is continuous at  $X$ .*

*Proof.* abc □

**Theorem 10.14** (Central Limit Theorem (CLT)). *Suppose  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are i.i.d. r.v.'s with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$ . Let*

$$S_n^* = \frac{X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n - \mathbb{E}[S_n]}{\sigma_{S_n}} = \frac{X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n - n\mu}{\sigma\sqrt{n}}.$$

*Then*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_{S_n^*}(X) = \Phi(x),$$

*i.e.,*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P} \left( \frac{X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n - n\mu}{\sigma\sqrt{n}} \leq x \right) = \Phi(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{y^2}{2}} dy.$$

*Equivalently,*

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P} \left( \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}} \leq x \right) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P} \left( \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sqrt{\frac{\text{Var}(X)}{n}}} \leq x \right) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P} \left( \frac{\bar{X} - \mathbb{E}[\bar{X}]}{\sigma_{\bar{X}}} \leq x \right) \\ &= \Phi(x). \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* abc □