

- A discrete r.v. X has probability mass function (PMF)
 $p(x) := P(X=x)$ notated $X \sim p(x)$ &
- A cumulative distribution function $F(x) := P(X \leq x)$
- r.v. X has "support" $\text{Supp}[X] := \{x : p(x) > 0, x \in \mathbb{R}\}$
 \hookrightarrow Something that can happen.
- Support & PMF are related as $\sum_{x \in \text{Supp}(X)} p(x) = 1$
- $|\text{Supp}(X)| \leq |\mathbb{N}|$ i.e. the # of possible different realizations
 (finite or discrete) with probability

Bernoulli: $X \sim \text{Bern}(p) := \begin{cases} 1 & \text{w.p. } p \\ 0 & \text{w.p. } 1-p \end{cases} = p^x (1-p)^{1-x}$

$\text{Supp}(X) = \{0, 1\}$

where p is its parameter (tuning knob) & belong to the parameter space " $p \in (0, 1)$ "

If $p=1$, $X \sim \text{Bern}(1) = \{1 \text{ w.p. } 1\} = \text{Deg}(1)$ degenerate r.v. $= \mathbb{1}_{X=1}$

If $p=0$, $X \sim \text{Bern}(0) = \{0 \text{ w.p. } 1\} = \text{Deg}(0)$ $= \mathbb{1}_{X=0}$

$X \sim \text{Deg}(c) = \{c \text{ w.p. } 1\}$ $= \mathbb{1}_{X=c}$

• Note: $P(X=3.7) = p(3.7) = p^{3.7} (1-p)^{-2.7} = 0.5$
 \parallel if $p = \frac{1}{2}$
 0

doesn't work b/c of the support of the Bernoulli

Let $\mathbb{1}_A := \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } A \\ 0 & \text{if } A^c \end{cases}$

Indicator function

$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad p(x) = p^x (1-p)^{1-x} \mathbb{1}_{x \in \{0, 1\}}$

X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n are discrete r.v's which has a joint mass fun 12

(JMF) $P_{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) =$

$$P(X_1 = x_1 \& X_2 = x_2 \& \dots \& X_n = x_n)$$

If $X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots, X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} P_{X_1} \dots P_{X_n}(x_1 \dots x_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n P_{X_i}(x_i), \forall \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$
(independent) \rightarrow product

If $X_1 \stackrel{d}{=} X_2 \stackrel{d}{=} \dots \stackrel{d}{=} X_n \Rightarrow P_{X_1}(x) = P_{X_2}(x) = \dots P_{X_n}(x)$

(identically distributed)

This means they share the same PMF.

$$\Rightarrow \prod_{i=1}^n P(x_i)$$

$X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim}$

\Rightarrow independent & identically distributed

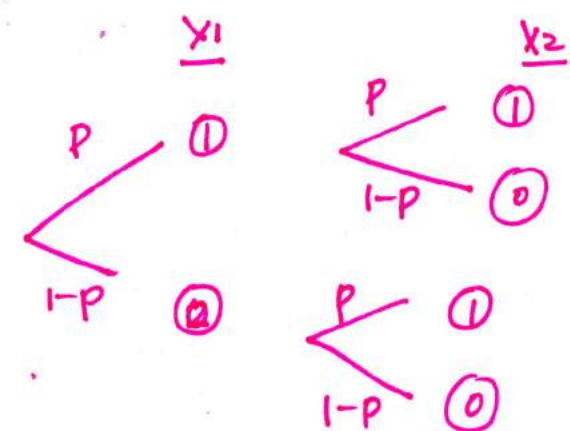
Let $X_1, X_2 \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \text{Bern}(p)$

Let $T := X_1 + X_2 \sim P_T(t) = ?$

$$\text{SUPP}[T] = \text{SUPP}[X_1] + \text{SUPP}[X_2] = \{0, 1, 2\}$$

$$A + B := \{a + b : a \in A, b \in B\}$$

Visualization:



$\langle X_1, X_2 \rangle$	$P_{X_1, X_2}(X_1, X_2)$	T	$P_T(t)$
$\langle 1, 1 \rangle$	p^2	2	p^2
$\langle 1, 0 \rangle$	$p(1-p)$	1	$2p(1-p)$
$\langle 0, 1 \rangle$	$(1-p)p$	1	
$\langle 0, 0 \rangle$	$(1-p)^2$	0	$(1-p)^2$

$$\Rightarrow T = \{2, 1, 0\}$$

So, $P_T(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{w.p. } (1-p)^2 \\ 1 & 2p(1-p) \\ 2 & p^2 \end{cases}$

$$\sum p_T(t) = (1-p)^2 + 2p(1-p) + p^2$$

$$t \in \text{SUPP}(T) = 1$$

It's correct, but not practical

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$$\bullet P(T=t) = P_T(t) = \sum_{x_1 \in \mathbb{R}} \sum_{x_2 \in \mathbb{R}} P_{x_1, x_2}(x_1, x_2) \mathbb{1}_{x_1 + x_2 = t}$$

$$= \sum_{x_1 \in \mathbb{R}} \sum_{x_2 \in \mathbb{R}} P_{x_1, x_2}(x_1, t-x_1) \mathbb{1}_{x_2 = t-x_1}$$

$$= \sum_{x_1 \in \mathbb{R}} P_{x_1, x_2}(x_1, t-x_1)$$

$$= \sum_{x \in \mathbb{R}} P_{x_1, x_2}(x, t-x)$$

$$= \sum_{x \in \mathbb{R}} P_{x_1}(x) P_{x_2}(t-x)$$

$$= \sum_{x \in \text{SUPP}(X)} P(x) P(t-x) \mathbb{1}_{t-x \in \text{SUPP}(X)}$$

if x_1, x_2
independent
if $x_1 = x_2$

$$= \sum_{x \in \mathbb{R}} P(x) p(t-x) = \sum_{x \in \mathbb{R}} P(x) \mathbb{1}_{x \in \text{SUPP}(X)} P(t-x) \mathbb{1}_{t-x \in \text{SUPP}(X)}$$

$$\bullet P_T(t) = \sum_{x \in \mathbb{R}} (p^x (1-p)^{1-x} \mathbb{1}_{x \in (0,1)}) (p^{t-x} (1-p)^{1-t+x} \mathbb{1}_{t-x \in (0,1)})$$

$$= \sum_{x \in \{0,1\}} p^x (1-p)^{1-x} p^{t-x} (1-p)^{1-t+x} \mathbb{1}_{t-x \in (0,1)}$$

$$= \sum_{x \in \{0,1\}} p^t (1-p)^{2-t} \mathbb{1}_{t-x \in (0,1)}$$

$$= p^t (1-p)^{2-t} \sum_{x \in \{0,1\}} \mathbb{1}_{t-x \in (0,1)}$$

$$= p^t (1-p)^{2-t} (\mathbb{1}_{t \in (0,1)} + \mathbb{1}_{t \in \{0,1\}})$$

$$= p^t (1-p)^{2-t} (\mathbb{1}_{t \in (0,1)} + \mathbb{1}_{t \in \{1,2\}}) =$$

$$\begin{cases} (1-p)^2 & \text{if } t=0 \\ 2p(1-p) & \text{if } t=1 \\ p^2 & \text{if } t=2 \\ 0 & \text{if otherwise} \end{cases}$$