# AMS 553.430 - Introduction to Statistics

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### Introduction

Math 553.430 is one of the most important courses that is required/recommended for the engineering-based majors at Johns Hopkins University.

These notes are being live-TeXed, through I edot for Typos and add diagrams requiring the TikZ package separately. I am using Texpad on Mac OS X.

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# Introduction to Probability (553.420) Review

### Part 1 - Counting

- (1) Multiplication rule (Basic Counting Principle)
- (2) Combinations/Permutations
  - ullet Sampling with or without replacement.  $\Rightarrow$  Inclusion-Exclusion Principle
- (3) Birthday Problem
- (4) Matching Problem (inclusion-exclusion principle)
- (5) n balls going into m boxes (all are distinguishable)
- (6) Multinomial Coefficients e.g. assign A, B, C, D, to different students  $\rightarrow$  anagram problem
- (7) Pairing Problem

$$2n \text{ people, paired up} \begin{cases} \text{ordered: } \binom{2n}{2,2,\cdots,2} & \text{e.g. different courts for players} \\ \text{unordered: } \frac{\binom{2n}{2,2,\cdots,2}}{n!} \end{cases}$$

8 Partition of integers  $\rightarrow \binom{n}{n+k-1}$  where n is the sum of integer and k is the number of partitions

# Basics of Probability

#### Axioms

- $\bigcirc 1$   $0 \le P(A) \le 1, \forall A$
- (2)  $P(\Omega) = 1 \rightarrow$  where  $\Omega$  is the sample space
- (3) Countable additivity
  - if  $A_1, \dots, A_n$  are mutually exclusive, then

$$P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i\right) = P(A_1) + P(A_2) + \dots = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A_i)$$

$$\Rightarrow P(A) = 1 - P(A^c)$$

$$P(A) = \frac{|A|}{|\Omega|}$$

### **Conditional Probability**

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$$

#### **Bayes Rule**

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} = \frac{P(B|A)P(A)}{\sum_{j} P(B|C_{j})P(C_{j})} \qquad \bigcup_{\substack{j \text{ partition of } \Omega}} C_{j} = \Omega$$

#### Law of Total Probability

$$P(A) = \sum_{j} P(A|B_{j})P(B_{j}) = \sum_{j} P(A \cap B_{j}) \qquad \bigcup_{\substack{j \text{ partition of } \Omega}} B_{j} = \Omega$$

Part 2 - Discrete and Continuous Random Variables

Function	Discrete	Continuous
Probability Function	PMF: $P(X = x)$	PDF: $f_x(x)$
Probability Distribution	$\sum_{x} P(X = x) = 1$	$\int_{x} f_{x}(x)dx = 1$
Expectation	$E[X] = \sum_{x} x P(X = x)$	$E[X] = \int_{x} x f(x) dx$
Variance	$Var[X] = E[X^2] - (E[X])^2$	$Var[X] = E[X^2] - (E[X])^2$

### Law of the Unconscious Statistician (LOTUS)

1-dim 
$$E[g(x)] = \sum_{x} g(x)P(X=x) \bigg/ E[g(x)] = \int_{x} g(x)f(x)dx$$
 2-dim 
$$E[g(X,Y)] = \sum_{y} \sum_{x} g(x,y)P(X=x,Y=y) \bigg/ E[g(X,Y)] = \int_{y} \int_{x} g(x,y)f(x,y)dxdy$$

#### Special notes on Discrete Distributions

#### **Binomial Distribution**

A sum of i.i.d. (identical, independent distribution) Bernoulli(p) R.V.

- Approximation method  $\Rightarrow$  if n is large, p very small and np < 10.
  - use Poisson (np), otherwise preferably  $p \approx \frac{1}{2}$
  - use Normal (np, np(1-p))
- Mode:
  - if (n+1)p integer, mode = (n+1)p or (n+1)p 1.
  - if  $(n+1)p \notin \mathbb{Z}$  mode is  $\lfloor (n+1)p \rfloor$
  - **Proof:** consider  $\frac{P(X=x)}{P(X=x-1)}$  going below 1.

### Negative Binomial

A sum of i.i.d Geometric(p) R.V.  $\blacksquare \ a^{th} \ \text{head before} \ b^{th} \ \text{tail}$ 

**Example 1.** A coin has probability p to land on a head, q = 1 - p to land on a tail.  $P[5^{th}$ tail occurs before the  $10^{th}$  head]?