

MXB101

Lecture Notes



**MAXWELL
HANKS**

PROBABILITY AND STOCHASTIC MODELLING

Events and Probability

WHAT IS PROBABILITY?

Classical Definition

- N - number of possible outcomes
- N_A - number of outcomes; event A
- $\Pr(A) = \frac{N_A}{N}$ } only if equally likely

Frequency Definition

- Say you perform n of N_A satisfy A : by observation:
- $$\Pr(A) \approx \frac{n_A}{n}, \therefore \Pr(A) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n_A}{n}$$
- inductive, basis of statistical theory

DEFINITIONS

- A set A is an unordered collection of elements.
- We denote
 $A = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$, for $a_i \in A$ and $a_j \notin A$
element of A not element of A
- Special sets; $\emptyset = \{\}$, no elements
- Universal set: $\mathcal{U} = \{\text{all elements in universe}\}$ (or Ω)

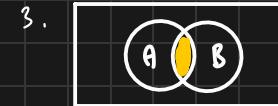
E.g., $A = \{\text{all positive even numbers}\}$

$$A = \{2, 4, 6, \dots\}$$

$$A = \{a \in \mathbb{Z} : a > 0, \exists k \in \mathbb{Z}, a = 2k\}$$

SET OPERATORS

1. \bar{A} or A^c complement of A ; not A (depends on universal set)
 $\Rightarrow \bar{A} = \{x : x \notin A\}$
 $\Rightarrow \bar{\emptyset} = \emptyset$
2. $A \cup B$ or $A+B$; union, A or B (or both)
 $\Rightarrow A \cup B = \{x : x \in A, \text{ or } x \in B\}$
3. $A \cap B$ or AB ; intersection; (both)
 $\Rightarrow A \cap B = \{x : x \in A \text{ and } x \in B\}$

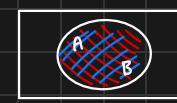


PROPERTIES

1. $A \cup B = B \cup A$ } commutativity
2. $A \cap B = B \cap A$
3. $(A \cup B) \cup C = A \cup (B \cup C)$ } associativity
4. $(A \cup B) \cap C = A \cup (B \cap C)$
5. $A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$ } distributive laws
6. $A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$
7. $\overline{A \cup B} = \bar{A} \cap \bar{B}$ } De Morgan's laws
8. $\overline{A \cap B} = \bar{A} \cup \bar{B}$

SET RELATIONS

1. $A = B$, sets are equal; $\{x \in A, x \in B, \text{ and } x \in B, x \in A\}$
2. $A \subset B$, proper subset; $\exists x \in B \rightarrow x \notin A$
3. $A \subseteq B$, subset, if $x \in A, x \in B$ (also equal)



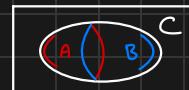
both $A \subseteq B$

PROPERTIES

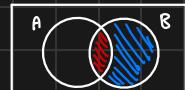
1. $A \subseteq A \cup B$
2. $A \cap B \subseteq A$
3. $A = B \iff (A \subseteq B) \wedge (B \subseteq A)$
4. $\emptyset \subseteq A \subseteq \mathcal{U}/\Omega$
5. if $A \subseteq B$, then $A \cap B = A$; $A \cup B = B$ ***

DISJOINT

1. if $A \cap B = \emptyset$, disjoint
2. if $A \cup B = C$, $A \cap B$ exhaust C



1. $A \cap \bar{A} = \emptyset$
2. $A \cup \bar{A} = \mathcal{U} = \Omega$ Partition
3. If $A \cap B \neq \emptyset$; $A \cap B$ and $\bar{A} \cap B$ exhaust B !!!



Events and Probability

EVENTS

- Let Ω denote the set of all possible outcomes sample space
- An event A is any subset Ω , (not continuous spaces)
 - if $A \subseteq \Omega$, $\bar{A} \subseteq \Omega$
 - if $A, B \subseteq \Omega$, then $A \cap B \subseteq \Omega$, and $A \cup B \subseteq \Omega$

AXIOMS OF PROBABILITY

- Three fundamental axioms;

- A1. For $A \subseteq \Omega$, $\Pr(A) \geq 0$
- A2. $\Pr(\Omega) = 1$
- A3. If $A \cap B = \emptyset$, $\Pr(A \cup B) = \Pr(A) + \Pr(B)$ addition rule (disjoint)

IMPLICATIONS

1. $\Pr(\bar{A}) = 1 - \Pr(A)$] Complement
2. $\Pr(\emptyset) = 0$
3. $\Pr(B) = \Pr(A \cap B) + \Pr(\bar{A} \cap B)$] Total probability
4. $\Pr(A \cup B) = \Pr(A) + \Pr(B) - \Pr(A \cap B)$] Addition
5. If $A \subseteq B$, $\Pr(A) \leq \Pr(B)$]
6. If $A \subseteq B$, $\Pr(A \cap B) = \Pr(A)$] Subset
7. If $A \subseteq B$, $\Pr(A \cup B) = \Pr(B)$]
8. $\Pr(A) \leq 1$
9. $\Pr(\bar{A} \cup \bar{B}) = \Pr(\bar{A} \cap \bar{B})$] De Morgan
10. $\Pr(\bar{A} \cap \bar{B}) = \Pr(\bar{A} \cup \bar{B})$

PROOFS

1. $\Pr(\bar{A}) = 1 - \Pr(A)$ RTP
Since $\Omega = \bar{A} \cup A$, then
 $\Pr(\bar{A} \cup A) = 1$ {A2}
Since $A \cap \bar{A} = \emptyset$, then
 $\Pr(\bar{A}) + \Pr(A) = 1$ {A3}
 $\therefore \Pr(\bar{A}) = 1 - \Pr(A)$ QED
2. $\Pr(\emptyset) = 0$
Since $\emptyset = \bar{\Omega}$, $\Pr(\emptyset) = 1 - \Pr(\Omega)$ {complement}
 $= 0$, QED
3. $\Pr(B) = \Pr(A \cap B) + \Pr(\bar{A} \cap B)$ RTP {Total prob}
 $A \cap B$ and $\bar{A} \cap B = \emptyset$ and exhaust B
So $\Pr(B) = \Pr((A \cap B) \cup (\bar{A} \cap B))$ {exhaust}
 $\therefore = \Pr(A \cap B) + \Pr(\bar{A} \cap B)$

PROOFS

4. $\Pr(A \cup B) = \Pr(A) + \Pr(B) - \Pr(A \cap B)$
Note $A \cup B = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap \bar{B}) \cup (\bar{A} \cap B)$ {disjoint}
So:
$$\begin{aligned}\Pr(A \cup B) &= \Pr(A \cap B) + \Pr(A \cap \bar{B}) + \Pr(\bar{A} \cap B) \\ &= \Pr(A \cap B) + \Pr(A) - \Pr(A \cap B) + \Pr(B) - \Pr(A \cap B) \\ &= \Pr(A \cap B) + \Pr(A) + \Pr(B) - 2\Pr(A \cap B) \\ &= \Pr(A) + \Pr(B) - \Pr(A \cap B)\end{aligned}\text{QED}$$

5. $A \subseteq B$, then $\Pr(A) \leq \Pr(B)$ RTP
Proof: $B = (\bar{A} \cap B) \cup A$ { $A, \bar{A} \cap B \in \emptyset$, exhaust B}
So: $\Pr(B) = \Pr(\bar{A} \cap B) + \Pr(A)$ {disjoint!}
 $\therefore \Pr(A) \leq \Pr(B)$ {A1; $\Pr(\bar{A} \cap B) \geq 0$ }

6. If $A \subseteq B$; $\Pr(A \cap B) = \Pr(A)$; $A \subseteq B$, $A \cap B = A$
7. If $A \subseteq B$; $\Pr(A \cup B) = \Pr(B)$; $A \subseteq B$, $A \cup B = B$

QED

8. $\Pr(A) \leq 1$
 $\rightarrow \Pr(\Omega) = \Pr(A) + \Pr(\bar{A})$ {disjoint}
Since $\Pr(\Omega) = 1$, $\Pr(A) + \Pr(\bar{A}) = 1$
 $\therefore \Pr(A) \leq 1$ { $\Pr(\bar{A}) = 1 - \Pr(A)$ }
9. $\Pr(\bar{A} \cup \bar{B}) = \Pr(\bar{A} \cap \bar{B})$
 $\Pr(\bar{A} \cup \bar{B}) = 1 - \Pr(A \cup B)$
 $= 1 - \Pr((A \cap B) \cup (A \cap \bar{B}) \cup (\bar{A} \cap B))$
 $\Pr(\bar{A} \cap \bar{B}) = \Pr(\bar{A}) + \Pr(\bar{B}) - \Pr(\bar{A} \cup \bar{B})$
Since $\bar{A} \cup \bar{B} = \bar{A} \cap \bar{B}$, QED

INDEPENDENCE

- A and B are independent if A does not affect probability of B
- If A, B are independent;
 - $\Pr(A \cap B) = \Pr(A)\Pr(B)$
 - Independence is NOT same as disjoint!

Independence and Conditional Probability

CONDITIONAL PROBABILITY

- Conditional probability; probability of A given B; - $\Pr(A|B) = \frac{\Pr(A \cap B)}{\Pr(B)}$



$$\Pr(A) = \frac{3}{4}$$
$$\Pr(B) = \frac{1}{2}$$
$$\Pr(A \cap B) = \frac{1}{2}$$

CHANGING THE SAMPLE SPACE

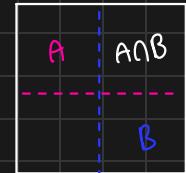
- All probability rules hold when conditioning on the same event (C)
 - $\Pr(\bar{A}|C) = 1 - \Pr(A|C)$ {Complement}
 - $\Pr(A \cup B|C) = \Pr(A|C) + \Pr(B|C) - \Pr(A \cap B|C)$ {Addition}
 - $\Pr(A \cap B|C) = \Pr(A|B \cap C) \Pr(B|C)$ {Multiplication}

MULTIPLICATION RULE

- If A and B are not independent, then
 - $\Pr(A|B) = \frac{\Pr(A \cap B)}{\Pr(B)}$
 - $\Rightarrow \Pr(A \cap B) = \Pr(A|B) \Pr(B)$
- This is general multiplication rule for dependent.

INDEPENDENCE

- One event does not affect the Pr of another:
 - $\Pr(A|B) = \Pr(A)$
 - $\Pr(B|A) = \Pr(B)$
 - $\Pr(A|B) = \Pr(A) = \frac{\Pr(A \cap B)}{\Pr(B)}$
 - $\Pr(A) \Pr(B) = \Pr(A \cap B)$



CONDITIONAL INDEPENDENCE

- Sometimes A and B are not independent, i.e.,
 - $\Pr(A|B) \neq \Pr(A)$
- But they become independent when we condition on another event C;
 - $\Pr(A|B \cap C) = \Pr(A|C)$
- A and B are **conditionally independent** given C.
 - $\Pr(A \cap B|C) = \Pr(A|C) \Pr(B|C)$
- Conversely, A and B may be conditionally dependent but unconditionally independent

DISJOINT EVENTS

- Never occur simultaneously; $\Pr(A \cap B) = 0$; $A \cap B = \emptyset$ (mutually exclusive)
 - Therefore, $\Pr(A|B) = 0$; $\Pr(A \cap B) = 0$

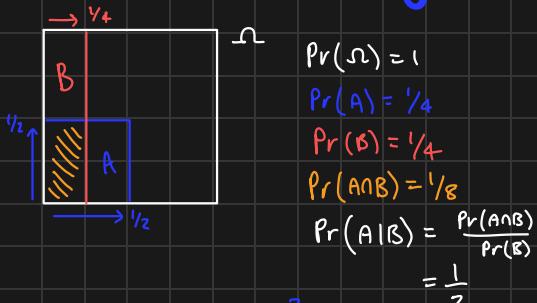
SUBSET EVENTS

- If $A \subseteq B$; $\Pr(A) \leq \Pr(B) \Rightarrow A \cup B = B$, $A \cap B = A$
 $\therefore \Pr(B|A) = 1$, $\therefore \Pr(A|B) = \frac{\Pr(A)}{\Pr(B)}$

Independence and Conditional Probability

CONDITIONAL PROBABILITY

- Definition, $\Pr(A|B) = \frac{\Pr(A \cap B)}{\Pr(B)}, \forall \Pr(B) \neq 0$

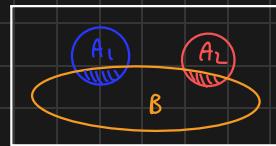


SUBSET PROPERTIES

- If $B \subseteq A$, $\Pr(A|B) = \frac{\Pr(A \cap B)}{\Pr(B)} = \frac{\Pr(B)}{\Pr(B)} = 1$ {Subset rule; $B \subseteq A; AB=B$ }
- also
- If $A \subseteq B$ then $\Pr(A|B) = \frac{\Pr(A \cap B)}{\Pr(B)} = \frac{\Pr(A)}{\Pr(B)} \geq \Pr(A)$ {Subset rule; $\Pr(B) \leq 1$ }

IMPORTANT

- $\Pr(A|B) \geq 0$; since if $\Pr(B) > 0$, $\Pr(A \cap B) \geq 0$
- $\Pr(B|B) = 1$; since $B \subseteq \Omega$; $\Pr(\Omega|B) = 1$
- For $A_1 \cap A_2 = \emptyset$, $\Pr(A_1 \cup A_2|B) = \Pr(A_1|B) + \Pr(A_2|B)$



$$\begin{aligned}
 \hookrightarrow \text{Consider } \Pr(A_1 \cup A_2|B) &= \frac{\Pr((A_1 \cup A_2) \cap B)}{\Pr(B)} \\
 &= \frac{\Pr((A_1 \cap B) \cup (A_2 \cap B))}{\Pr(B)} \quad \text{Since } A_1 \cap A_2 = \emptyset \Rightarrow \\
 &\quad \frac{\Pr(A_1 \cap B) + \Pr(A_2 \cap B)}{\Pr(B)} \\
 &= \Pr(A_1|B) + \Pr(A_2|B)
 \end{aligned}$$

INDEPENDENCE

- Consider $\Pr(A|B) = \frac{\Pr(A \cap B)}{\Pr(B)}$
rearrange; $\Pr(A \cap B) = \Pr(A|B) \Pr(B)$] - {multiplication rule}
- For independence; $\Pr(A \cap B) = \Pr(A) \Pr(B)$ ← recovered from general case
 $\hookrightarrow A$ and B are independent if;
 - $\Pr(A|B) = A$
 - $\Pr(B|A) = B$
 - $\Pr(A \cap B) = \Pr(A) \Pr(B)$



$$\begin{aligned}
 \Pr(A|B) &= \frac{1}{3} = \Pr(A) \\
 \Pr(B|A) &= \frac{1}{4} = \Pr(B)
 \end{aligned}$$

Common errors

- Subsets are not independent
 $A \subseteq B$, $\Pr(A|B) = \frac{\Pr(A)}{\Pr(B)} \geq \Pr(A)$
- Disjoint events not independent
 $\Pr(A|B) = \frac{\Pr(A \cap B)}{\Pr(B)} = \frac{0}{\Pr(B)} = 0$

Related Ideas

- Mutual independence; $\Pr(A \cap B \cap C) = \Pr(A) \Pr(B) \Pr(C)$
- Pairwise independence; $\Pr(A \cap B) = \Pr(A) \Pr(B)$, $\Pr(B \cap C) = \dots$ etc.
- Conditional independence; $\Pr(A \cap B|C) = \Pr(A|C) \Pr(B|C)$
 $\hookrightarrow \Pr(A \cap B|C) = \dots$ does NOT imply $\Pr(A|B) = \Pr(A) \Pr(B)$

Total Probability

LAW OF TOTAL PROBABILITY

- We can write A as $A = AB \cup A\bar{B}$
- Noting $B \cap \bar{B} = \emptyset$, $B \cup \bar{B} = \Omega$; using addition rule:

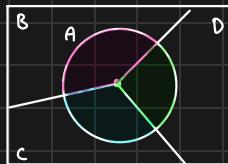
$$\Pr(A) = \Pr(AB) + \Pr(A\bar{B})$$

- Applying multiplication rule:

$$\Pr(A) = \Pr(A|B)\Pr(B) + \Pr(A|\bar{B})\Pr(\bar{B})$$

- Law of TP can be derived by partitioning Ω into a collection of disjoint events, $B_1, \dots, B_n \Rightarrow \bigcup_i B_i = \Omega$

$$\Pr(A) = \sum_{i=1}^n \Pr(A|B_i)\Pr(B_i)$$



BAYES' RULE

- Want to calculate $\Pr(A|E)$, but only know $\Pr(E|A)$
- Start with conditional probability rule:

$$\Pr(A|E) = \frac{\Pr(A \cap E)}{\Pr(E)}$$

- Using general multiplication rule (numerator)

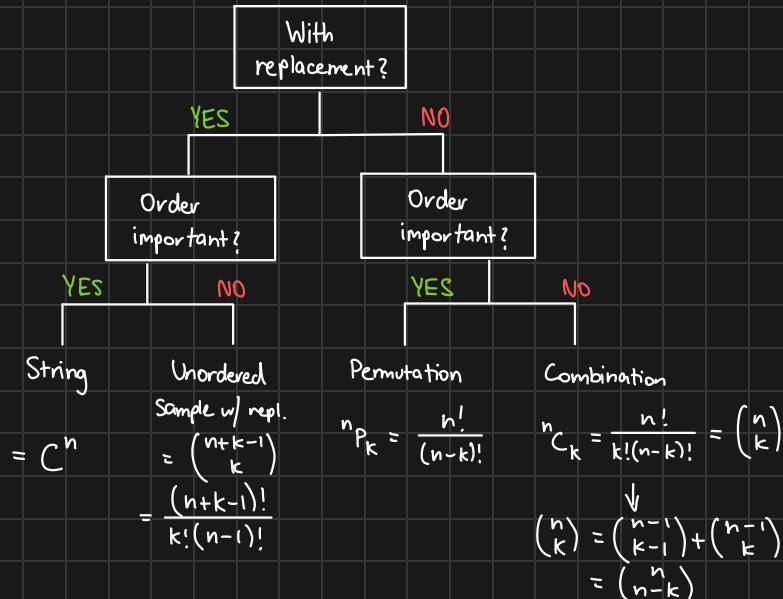
$$\Pr(A|E) = \frac{\Pr(E|A)\Pr(A)}{\Pr(E)}$$

- Using law of TP (denominator):

$$\Pr(A|E) = \frac{\Pr(E|A)\Pr(A)}{\sum_{i=1}^n \Pr(E|B_i)\Pr(B_i)}$$

Combinatorics

FUNDAMENTALS



Random Variables

DISCRETE DISTRIBUTIONS

- Let N be a discrete random variable:

$$\Pr(N=n) = p_n \forall n$$

- For this to be a valid pmf:

$$\Pr(N=n) \geq 0, \forall n, \sum_n \Pr(N=n) = 1$$

CONTINUOUS DISTRIBUTIONS

- A continuous probability is defined using a **probability density function** (pdf), and also range of values taken.

- Let X be a CRV, the pdf of X is denoted $f(x)$.

- For $f(x)$ to be a valid pdf:

$$f(x) \geq 0 \forall x, \int_x f(x) dx = 1$$

- If X is continuous; $f(x) \neq \Pr(X=x)$

- To compute $\Pr(a < X < b)$, integrate over range:

$$\Pr(a < X < b) = \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

CUMULATIVE DISTRIBUTION FUNCTION

- The **cumulative distribution function** computes $\Pr(X=x)$:

$$F(x) = \Pr(X \leq x) = \begin{cases} \int_{-\infty}^x f(y) dy = \Pr(X < x), & X \text{ is cont.} \\ \sum_{y=-\infty}^x \Pr(X=y), & X \text{ is discrete} \end{cases}$$

- For a continuous random variable X we have that $\Pr(X > x) = 1 - \Pr(X < x) = 1 - F(x)$. Survival function / comp. cdf

- For a CRV X , the cdf holds:

- $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} F(x) = 0$
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} F(x) = 1$
- $F(x)$ is monotonically increasing and continuous.

CDF to PDF

- If we only have access to the cdf $F(x)$, $f(x)$ recovered:

$$F(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(y) dy \Rightarrow f(x) = \frac{dF(x)}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx} \left[\int_{-\infty}^x f(y) dy \right]$$

- Derived from FTcC.

MEDIAN

- The median, m , for a CRV x , is a value such that:

$$\int_{-\infty}^m f(x) dx = \int_m^\infty f(x) dx = 0.5$$

QUANTILES

- Cdf gives $F(x) = p, p \in [0,1]$. F is monotone increasing.
- Of interest, x that produces p ; $x = F^{-1}(p) = Q(p)$
 - Inverse cdf / quantile function.

EXPECTED VALUE

- Central tendency; expected value for $g(x)$:

$$\mathbb{E}[x] = \sum_x x \Pr(X=x) \quad \text{Discrete}$$

$$\mathbb{E}[x] = \int_x x f(x) dx \quad \text{Continuous}$$

- If X is continuous, another identity arises:

$$\mathbb{E}[x] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(x) dx + \int_{x>0} (1-F(x)) dx$$

- Result obtained by integration by parts to $\int_x x f(x) dx$.

VARIANCE

- Spread of the function for X is **variance**.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}[x] &= \mathbb{E}[(x - \mathbb{E}[x])^2] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[x^2] - \mathbb{E}[x]^2 \end{aligned}$$

- $\text{Var}[x] \geq 0, \text{Var}[a] = 0, a \in \mathbb{R}$

- For continuous X , we have

$$\mathbb{E}[(x - \mathbb{E}[x])^2] = \int_x (x - \mathbb{E}[x])^2 f(x) dx, \mathbb{E}[x] = \mathbb{E}[x]$$

$$\mathbb{E}[x^2] = \int_x x^2 f(x) dx$$

STANDARD DEVIATION

- Common measure of spread: $\text{sd}(x) = \sqrt{\text{Var}(x)}$

TRANSFORMATIONS

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[ax+b] &= a\mathbb{E}[x] + b \\ \text{Var}[ax+b] &= a^2 \text{Var}[x] \end{aligned}$$

Special Discrete Distributions

DISCRETE UNIFORM DISTRIBUTION

- Single equally likely trials
- Let $X \sim \text{Uniform}(a, b)$; then
 - $\Pr(X=x) = \frac{1}{b-a+1} \quad \forall x \in \{a, a+1, \dots, b-1, b\}$
 - $\mathbb{E}[X] = \frac{a+b}{2}$
 - $\text{Var}[X] = \frac{(b-a)^2 - 1}{12}$

NEGATIVE BINOMIAL DISTRIBUTION

- Number of trials N , until k successes, $k \geq 1$, success p .
- Let $N \sim \text{NB}(k, p)$;
 - $\Pr(N=n) = \binom{n-1}{k-1} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}, \quad n = \{k, k+1, \dots\}$
 - $\mathbb{E}[N] = \frac{k}{p}$
 - $\text{Var}[N] = \frac{k(1-p)}{p^2}$
- For $N \sim \text{NB}(k, p)$ $N = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} Y_k \sim \text{Geom}(p) \Rightarrow Y = N - k$
 - $\Pr(Y=y) = \binom{y+k-1}{k-1} p^k (1-p)^y, \quad y \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \cup 0$
 - $\mathbb{E}[Y] = \mathbb{E}[N-k] = \mathbb{E}[N] - k = \frac{k(1-p)}{p}$
 - $\text{Var}[Y] = \frac{k(1-p)}{p^2}$

POISSON DISTRIBUTION

- Counts number of events N over time λ .
- Let $N \sim \text{Pois}(\lambda)$
 - $\Pr(N=n) = \frac{\lambda^n e^{-\lambda}}{n!}, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \cup 0$
 - $\mathbb{E}[N] = \text{Var}[N] = \lambda$
- Proof:** $\mathbb{E}[N] = \lambda \Rightarrow \Pr(N=n) = \frac{\lambda^n e^{-\lambda}}{n!}, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \cup 0$

$$\mathbb{E}[N] = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n \frac{\lambda^n e^{-\lambda}}{n!} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n \frac{\lambda^n e^{-\lambda}}{n!}$$

$$= e^{-\lambda} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^n}{(n-1)!}$$

$$\therefore \mathbb{E}[N] = \lambda e^{-\lambda} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}, \quad \text{Let } y = n-1$$

$$\therefore \mathbb{E}[N] = \lambda e^{-\lambda} \sum_{y=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^y}{y!}$$
- Recall** $e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{6} + \dots$

$$\therefore \mathbb{E}[N] = \lambda e^{-\lambda} e^{\lambda}$$

$$\therefore \mathbb{E}[N] = \lambda \quad \text{QED}$$

Proof: $\text{Var}[N] = \lambda \Rightarrow \mathbb{E}[N(N-1)] = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n(n-1) \frac{\lambda^n e^{-\lambda}}{n!}$

$$= \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1) \frac{\lambda^n e^{-\lambda}}{n!}$$

$$\therefore \mathbb{E}[N(N-1)] = \lambda^2 e^{-\lambda} \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^{n-2}}{(n-2)!}$$

Let $y = n-2$, $\mathbb{E}[N(N-1)] = \lambda^2 e^{-\lambda} \sum_{y=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^y}{y!} = \lambda^2$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}[N] &= \mathbb{E}[N^2] - \mathbb{E}[N]^2 \\ &= \mathbb{E}[N^2] - \mathbb{E}[N] + \mathbb{E}[N] - \mathbb{E}[N]^2 \\ &= \lambda^2 + \lambda - \lambda^2 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore \text{Var}[N] = \lambda \quad \text{QED}$

MODELLING DATA

- Poisson ($\mathbb{E} = \text{Var}$)
- Binomial (underdispersed, $\mathbb{E} > \text{Var}$)
- Geom/NB (overdispersed, $\mathbb{E} < \text{Var}$)

Proof: $\text{Var}[N] = \frac{1-p}{p^2} \Rightarrow \mathbb{E}[N(N-1)] = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n(n-1)(1-p)^{n-1} p$

$$= p(1-p) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n(n-1)(1-p)^{n-2} = p(1-p) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{d^2}{dp^2} (1-p)^n$$

$$= p(1-p) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[\frac{1}{p} - 1 \right] = -p(1-p) \frac{d}{dp} \left[\frac{1}{p} \right] = \frac{1-p}{p^2}$$

Alternative: $\text{Var}[N] = \mathbb{E}[N^2] - \mathbb{E}[N]^2 = \mathbb{E}[N^2] - \mathbb{E}[N] + \mathbb{E}[N] - \mathbb{E}[N]^2$

$$= \frac{1-p}{p^2} \quad \text{QED}$$

Special Continuous Distributions

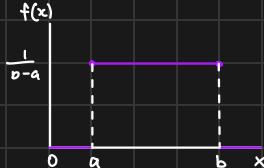
UNIFORM DISTRIBUTION

- Simplest continuous distribution
- Values between a and b .
- The probability of getting an outcome within some interval is the same as all other intervals of the same length.
- The probability density function is proportional to k .
- X is uniform over (a, b) , $X \sim U(a, b)$.

pdf: $f(x) = \frac{1}{b-a}, x \in (a, b)$

cdf: $F(x) = \frac{x-a}{b-a}, x \in (a, b)$

$P(X < x) = \int_a^x \frac{1}{b-a} dy = \frac{1}{b-a}[y]_a^x$



Expected - $E[X] = \frac{a+b}{2}$

Variance - $\text{Var}[X] = \frac{(b-a)^2}{12}$

Median - $m = \frac{a+b}{2}$

EXPONENTIAL DISTRIBUTION

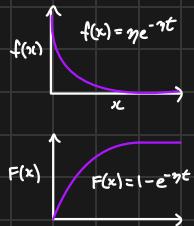
- Used to model time between events
- Has non-negative values ($0 \rightarrow \infty$)
- Requires a rate parameter $\eta, \eta > 0$.
- $T \sim \text{Exp}(\eta)$.

pdf: $f(t) = \eta e^{-\eta t}, t > 0$

cdf: $F(t) = 1 - e^{-\eta t}, t > 0$

$P(T < t) = \int_0^t \eta e^{-\eta t} dt = 1 - e^{-\eta t}$

If $T \sim \text{Exp}(\eta)$, $N \sim \text{Pois}(\eta t)$;
- $P(T > t) = P(N=0) = e^{-\eta t}$



Expected: $E[T] = \frac{1}{\eta}$

Variance: $\text{Var}[T] = \frac{1}{\eta^2}$

$$\begin{aligned} E[T] &= \int_0^\infty t \eta e^{-\eta t} dt = \eta \int_0^\infty t e^{-\eta t} dt \\ &= \eta \left[-\frac{1}{\eta} [te^{-\eta t}]_0^\infty \right] + \frac{1}{\eta} \int_0^\infty e^{-\eta t} dt \\ &= \eta \left[-\frac{1}{\eta^2} [e^{-\eta t}]_0^\infty \right] = \frac{1}{\eta} \end{aligned}$$

- Memoryless property: let T be the time between events
- $T \sim \text{Exp}(\eta)$

$$\Pr(T > s+t | T > t) = \Pr(T > s)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Proof: } \Pr(T > s+t | T > t) &= \frac{\Pr(T > s+t \cap T > t)}{\Pr(T > t)} \\ &= \frac{\Pr(T > s+t)}{\Pr(T > t)} = \frac{1 - F(s+t)}{1 - F(t)} = \frac{e^{-\eta(s+t)}}{e^{-\eta t}} = e^{-\eta s} \\ &= 1 - F(s) = \Pr(T > s) \end{aligned}$$

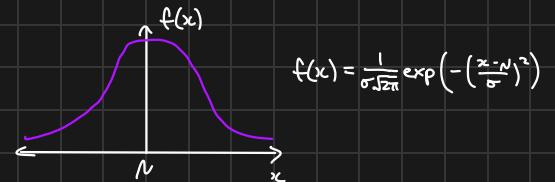
NORMAL DISTRIBUTION

- Describes many random situations, measurement/error.
- Can be used to approximate other distributions
- Frequently appears in statistical problems.

- Is unbounded, requires μ and σ^2 (mean, variance)
- Normal distribution: $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$
- Expected: $E[X] = \mu$
- Variance: $\text{Var}[X] = \sigma^2$

pdf: $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2\right), x \in \mathbb{R}$

cdf: $F(x) = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \text{erf}\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma\sqrt{2}}\right))$, $\text{erf}(z) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^z e^{-t^2} dt$



STANDARD NORMAL DISTRIBUTION

- If $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$, consider a transformation:

$$Z = \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma}$$

- Then we can show that $Z \sim N(0, 1)$, called SND
- Allows to disregard μ and σ^2 .

Proof: $E[Z] = E\left[\frac{X-\mu}{\sigma}\right] = \frac{1}{\sigma} E[X - \mu] = 0$

$$\text{Var}[Z] = \text{Var}\left[\frac{X-\mu}{\sigma}\right] = \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \text{Var}[X - \mu] = \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \text{Var}[X] = 1$$

Central Limit Theorem

INTRODUCTION

- The CLT states that the sum of independent and identical (iid) distributed random variables, when properly standardised, can be approximated with a normal distribution, as the number of elements get large.
- CLT can hold under weaker conditions than iid.
- Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be iid random variables from the distribution defined by a random variable X .
- Let $\mu = E[X]$, $\sigma^2 = Var[X]$, $\bar{X} = \frac{\sum_i^n X_i}{n}$, consider:

$$W = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}}$$

- CLT states as $n \rightarrow \infty$, $W \rightarrow N(0, 1)$.

Proof: $E[\bar{X}] = \mu$, $std[\bar{X}] = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$ RTP

$$\begin{aligned} E[\bar{X}] &= E\left[\frac{\sum_i^n X_i}{n}\right] = \frac{1}{n} E\left[\sum_i^n X_i\right] \\ &= \frac{1}{n} [E[X_1] + E[X_2] + \dots + E[X_n]] = \frac{n\mu}{n} = \mu \quad \text{QED} \\ Var[\bar{X}] &= Var\left[\frac{\sum_i^n X_i}{n}\right] = \frac{1}{n^2} Var[X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n] \\ &= \frac{1}{n^2} [Var[X_1] + Var[X_2] + \dots + Var[X_n]] = \frac{n\sigma^2}{n^2} \\ &\quad \{ \text{Independence} \} \quad \therefore Var[\bar{X}] = \frac{\sigma^2}{n} \\ std[\bar{X}] &= \sqrt{Var[\bar{X}]} = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} \quad \text{QED} \end{aligned}$$

APPLICATION

- Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be iid random variables from the distribution defined by a random variable X .
- Let $\mu = E[X]$, $\sigma^2 = Var[X]$
- Let $Y = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n$
- When n is large, $Y \approx N(n\mu, n\sigma^2)$
- E.g., X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be iid random variables from $Y \sim Exp(\eta)$
- Let $Y = \sum_k^n X_k$, Y is a gamma distribution:

$$f(y) = \frac{\eta^k}{(k-1)!} y^{k-1} e^{-\eta y}, y > 0$$

- Normal approximation: $Y \approx N\left(\frac{k}{\eta}, \frac{k}{\eta^2}\right)$

BINOMIAL APPROXIMATION (NORMAL)

- For n is large, binomial is harder to calculate.
- Normal / Poisson distribution can be used instead.
 - E.g., $X \sim Bi(1000, 0.3)$

$$P(X \geq 700) = \sum_{x=700}^{1000} \binom{1000}{x} 0.3^x 0.7^{n-x}$$

NORMAL APPROXIMATION (CLT)

- $X \sim Bi(n, p)$
- X can be a sum of n iid Bernoulli RVs, Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n ($Y_i \sim Ber(p)$) for $i \in [1, n]$. $\Rightarrow X = \sum_i^n Y_i = Y_1 + Y_2 + \dots + Y_n$.
- Thus, a normal approximation for X can be made for large n :

$$X \approx W \sim N(np, np(1-p))$$

- For $\mu = np$, $\sigma^2 = np(1-p)$.
- This approximation works for $np > 5$, $n(1-p) > 5$.

POISSON APPROXIMATION

- $X \sim Bi(n, p)$
- Assume $np < 5$, a Poisson approximation can be made:

$$X \approx Y \sim Pois(np)$$

- If instead $n(1-p) < 5$, consider $W = n - X$ (number of fails):

$$W \approx Y \sim Pois(n(1-p))$$

APPROXIMATING POISSON PROBABILITIES

- Consider $X = \sum_i^n Y_i$, $Y_i \sim Pois(\xi)$ and are independent.
- Then, $X \sim Pois(\lambda = n\xi)$, thus by CLT:

$$X \approx Y \sim N(\lambda, \lambda)$$

- Approx works for $\lambda > 10-20$.

Bivariate Distributions

TWO RANDOM VARIABLES

- For the DRVs X and Y , the distribution is given by the joint pmf: $\Pr(X=x, Y=y) \forall x, y$.
- For two CRVs X and Y , distribution is given by joint pdf $f(x, y)$, defined over some range of X, Y
- May be represented by tabular form, conditions:
 - $\Pr(X=x, Y=y) \geq 0 \forall x, y, f(x, y) \geq 0$
 - $\sum_x \sum_y \Pr(X=x, Y=y) = 1 \quad \int_x \int_y f(x, y) dy dx = 1$

MARGINAL PMFs/PDFS

- From joint PMF, marginal pmf for X, Y

$$\Pr(X=x) = \sum_y \Pr(X=x, Y=y), \quad \Pr(Y=y) = \sum_x \Pr(X=x, Y=y)$$

- Compute marginal pdf: $f(x) = \int_y f(x, y) dy$

CONDITIONAL PMF

- With joint pmfs, and marginal pmfs: conditional:

$$\Pr(X=x|Y=y) = \frac{\Pr(X=x, Y=y)}{\Pr(Y=y)}$$

- Computing CP $\forall X$ for some Y , gives cond. pmf of X given Y
- We must have $\sum_x \Pr(X=x|Y=y) = 1$
- Conditional pdf of X given $Y=y$: $f(x|y) = \frac{f(x,y)}{f(y)}$
- Hence $\int_x f(x|y) = 1 \Rightarrow X|Y=y$

INDEPENDENCE

- For DRVs X, Y to be independent, $\Pr(X=x|Y=y) = \Pr(X=x) \Pr(Y=y)$
- Above holds, $\Pr(X=x, Y=y) = \Pr(X=x) \Pr(Y=y)$
- Otherwise general multiplication rule:

$$\Pr(X=x, Y=y) = \Pr(X=x|Y=y) \Pr(Y=y)$$

- CRVs are independent iff:

- $f(x, y)$ decomposes to $g(x), h(y) \Rightarrow f(x, y) \propto g(x)h(y)$.
Hence $f(x, y) = f(x)f(y)$ Independence: $f(x|y) = f(x)$
- The joint range of X, Y do not depend on each other

CONDITIONAL EXPECTATION/VARIANCE

- Given a conditional distribution $X|Y=y$, compute $\mathbb{E}[x]/\text{Var}[x]$:

$$\mathbb{E}[X|Y=y] = \int_x x f(x|y) dx$$

- For DRV, replace integration with summation.

- Conditional Variance: $\text{Var}[X|Y=y] = \mathbb{E}[X^2|Y=y] - \mathbb{E}[X|Y=y]^2$

- If X and Y are independent, $\mathbb{E}[X|Y=y] = \mathbb{E}[X]$

TOTAL EXPECTATION

- Obtain marginal expectations by law of total expectation.

$$\mathbb{E}[x] = \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[x|y]]$$

RANDOM SUMS/PRODUCTS

- Given two random variables X, Y , holds $\mathbb{E}[X+Y] = \mathbb{E}[X] + \mathbb{E}[Y]$
- If X and Y are independent, $\mathbb{E}[XY] = \mathbb{E}[X]\mathbb{E}[Y]$
 - $\text{Var}[X+Y] = \text{Var}[X] + \text{Var}[Y]$
 - $\text{Var}[XY] = \text{Var}[X]\text{Var}[Y] + \mathbb{E}[X]^2\text{Var}[Y] + \mathbb{E}[Y]^2\text{Var}[X]$.

COVARIANCE

- Measure of dependence between two variables:

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

- We also have $\text{Cov}(aX+b, cY+d) = ac\text{Cov}(X, Y)$
- Total expectation of X, Y is:

$$\mathbb{E}[XY] = \sum_x \sum_y xy \Pr(X=x, Y=y) / \mathbb{E}[XY] = \iint_{-\infty}^{\infty} xy f(x, y) dy dx$$

- Positive: increase in one, increase in another
- Negative: increase in one, decrease in another
- Zero, X and Y are independent.

VARIANCE SUMS

- If X, Y are independent; $\text{Var}(X+Y) = \text{Var}(X) + \text{Var}(Y)$
- If X, Y are dependent; $\text{Var}(X+Y) = \text{Var}(X) + \text{Var}(Y) \pm 2\text{Cov}(X, Y)$
- $\text{Var}(X+Y+Z) = \text{Var}(X) + \text{Var}(Y) + \text{Var}(Z) + 2\text{Cov}(X, Y) + 2\text{Cov}(Y, Z) + 2\text{Cov}(X, Z)$

CORRELATION

- Direction and strength of relationship of X, Y

$$\rho(x, y) = \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(X)\text{Var}(Y)}}$$

- $\rho(x, y) > 0$, X, Y positive linear
- $\rho(x, y) < 0$, X, Y negative linear
- $\rho(x, y) = 0$, independent
- $\rho(x, y) = 1$, perfect positive linear
- $\rho(x, y) = -1$, perfect negative linear.



Vectors and Matrices

VECTORS

- Scalar: single number
- Vector: row or column
- E.g., $\underline{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $\underline{y} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}$
 $\therefore \underline{x} = \underline{x} + \underline{y} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}$

VECTOR EQUALITY

- Two vectors are equal iff
 - They have the same dimensions
 - All corresponding elements are equal
- $\begin{pmatrix} 0.5 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \neq \begin{pmatrix} 0.5 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ Not same dimension
- $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \neq \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ Not same dimension.
- $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \neq \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ Not equal (elements)

VECTOR ARITHMETIC

- Add / subtract vectors in same dimension.
- $\begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 - b_1 \\ a_2 - b_2 \\ a_3 - b_3 \end{pmatrix}$
- Multiply every element w/ scalar
- $\lambda \times \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda a_1 \\ \lambda a_2 \\ \lambda a_3 \end{pmatrix}$

DOT PRODUCT

- Multiply elements and sum.
- $\begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{pmatrix} = a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2 + a_3 b_3$
- If $\underline{a} \cdot \underline{b} = 0$, \underline{a} and \underline{b} are orthogonal (perpendicular)

PROPERTIES

- $\underline{x} + \underline{y} = \underline{y} + \underline{x}$
- $(\underline{x} + \underline{y}) + \underline{z} = \underline{x} + (\underline{y} + \underline{z})$
- $\underline{x} + \underline{0} = \underline{0} + \underline{x} = \underline{x}$
- $\underline{x} + (-\underline{x}) = (-\underline{x}) + \underline{x} = \underline{0}$
- $\lambda(\underline{x} + \underline{y}) = \lambda\underline{x} + \lambda\underline{y}$
- $(\lambda + \theta)\underline{x} = \lambda\underline{x} + \theta\underline{x}$
- $(\lambda\theta)\underline{x} = \lambda(\theta\underline{x})$
- $|\underline{x}| = \underline{x}$

LINEAR COMBINATION/INDEPENDENCE

- $\underline{x} = c_1 \underline{v}_1 + c_2 \underline{v}_2 + \dots + c_n \underline{v}_n$
- Vectors $\underline{v}_1, \underline{v}_2, \dots, \underline{v}_n$ are linearly independent if $\forall c_i = 0$ is solution.

MAGNITUDE

- For $\underline{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}$, $|\underline{x}| = \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_n^2}$

MATRICES

- Matrix: table of numbers
- $\underline{M} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ (2 rowsx 3 columns)
- Equality: only equal when dimension and elements are equal.

TRANSPOSE MATRIX

- Transpose: rows and columns swapped
- $\underline{M} = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \underline{M}^T = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{pmatrix}$

MATRIX MULTIPLICATION

- To multiply two matrices together, inner dimensions must match.
- \therefore E.g., $(4 \times 2) \times (2 \times 3) = (4 \times 3)$
- $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} e & f \\ g & h \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} ae+bg & af+bh \\ ce+dg & cf+dh \end{pmatrix}$

IDENTITY MATRIX

- Identity matrix \underline{I} has no effect when multiplying by another.
- $\underline{I} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \underline{I} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

MATRIX INVERSE

- Let \underline{A} be a square matrix, \underline{A}^{-1} is the inverse:

$$\underline{A} \times \underline{A}^{-1} = \underline{I}$$

MATRIX POWERS

- To take power of a matrix, multiply itself:
- $\underline{A} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}, \underline{A}^2 = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a^2 + bc & ab + bd \\ ca + cd & cb + d^2 \end{pmatrix}$

MATRIX PROPERTIES

- $\underline{A} + \underline{\bar{B}} = \underline{\bar{B}} + \underline{A}$
- $\underline{\bar{A}} + (\underline{\bar{B}} + \underline{\bar{C}}) = (\underline{\bar{A}} + \underline{\bar{B}}) + \underline{\bar{C}} = \underline{\bar{C}}$
- $\underline{\bar{A}} + \underline{\bar{0}} = \underline{\bar{0}} + \underline{\bar{A}} = \underline{\bar{A}}$
- $\underline{\bar{A}} + -\underline{\bar{A}} = -\underline{\bar{A}} + \underline{\bar{A}} = \underline{\bar{0}}$
- $\lambda(\underline{\bar{A}} + \underline{\bar{B}}) = \lambda\underline{\bar{A}} + \lambda\underline{\bar{B}}$
- $(\lambda + \theta)\underline{\bar{A}} = \lambda\underline{\bar{A}} + \theta\underline{\bar{A}}$
- $\lambda\theta\underline{\bar{A}} = \lambda(\theta\underline{\bar{A}})$
- $|\underline{\bar{A}}| = \underline{\bar{A}}$
- $(\underline{\bar{A}}^T)^T = \underline{\bar{A}}$
- $(\underline{\bar{A}} + \underline{\bar{B}})^T = \underline{\bar{A}}^T + \underline{\bar{B}}^T$
- $(\underline{\bar{A}}\underline{\bar{B}})^T = \underline{\bar{B}}^T\underline{\bar{A}}^T$
- $(\lambda\underline{\bar{A}})^T = \lambda\underline{\bar{A}}^T$
- If \underline{A} is symmetric, $\underline{\bar{A}} = \underline{\bar{A}}^T$
- $\underline{\bar{A}}\underline{\bar{B}} \neq \underline{\bar{B}}\underline{\bar{A}}$
- $(\underline{\bar{A}}\underline{\bar{B}})\underline{\bar{C}} = \underline{\bar{A}}(\underline{\bar{B}}\underline{\bar{C}})$
- $\underline{\bar{A}}(\underline{\bar{B}} + \underline{\bar{C}}) = \underline{\bar{A}}\underline{\bar{B}} + \underline{\bar{A}}\underline{\bar{C}}$
- $(\underline{\bar{A}} + \underline{\bar{B}})\underline{\bar{C}} = \underline{\bar{A}}\underline{\bar{C}} + \underline{\bar{B}}\underline{\bar{C}}$
- $\lambda(\underline{\bar{A}}\underline{\bar{B}}) = (\lambda\underline{\bar{A}})\underline{\bar{B}} = \underline{\bar{A}}(\lambda\underline{\bar{B}})$

Markov Chains

CONDITIONAL PROBABILITY

- Addition rule: $\Pr(A \cup B | C) = \Pr(A|C) + \Pr(B|C) - \Pr(AB|C)$
- Multiplication rule: $\Pr(AB|C) = \Pr(A|BC) \Pr(B|C)$
- Complement rule: $\Pr(\bar{A}|C) = 1 - \Pr(A|C)$

MARKOV CHAIN

- Discrete time and state stochastic process (disjoint/disc. state)
- Let X_t be a RV describing the state at step t .
- Each step changes probabilistically (may not change states)

MARKOV PROPERTY

- Markov property states that:

$$\Pr(X_t = x_t | X_{t-1} = x_{t-1}, \dots, X_0 = x_0) = \Pr(X_t = x_t | X_{t-1} = x_{t-1})$$

- X_t is conditionally independent of $X_{t-2}, X_{t-3}, \dots, X_0 | X_{t-1}$

HOMOGENEOUS MARKOV CHAINS

- A Markov chain is homogeneous if:

$$\Pr(X_{t+n} = j | X_t = i) = \Pr(X_n = j | X_0 = i) = p_{ij}^{(n)}$$

- n-step cond. prob. do not depend on step t .

TRANSITION PROBABILITY MATRIX

- A HMC is characterised by a TPM $\underline{\underline{P}}$.
 - Square matrix
 - (i, j) th element of $\underline{\underline{P}}$ is: $p_{ij} = \Pr(X_t = j | X_{t-1} = i)$
 - $p_{ij} \geq 0 \forall i, j \in \mathbb{N}^+$
 - $\sum_j p_{ij} = 1 \forall i \in \mathbb{N}^+$

$$\underline{\underline{P}} = \begin{bmatrix} & & & & x_{t+1} \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \end{bmatrix}$$

STEPS TO CREATE P

- Identify possible states of MC, write row/column
- Work through matrix row by row
- For each row, identify which states are not possible at the next step and enter these as 0.
- Then, for the possible states at the next stage, identify what must happen to that state. Calculate \Pr of that happening.
- Use the fact that $\sum_j p_{ij} = 1$

N-STEP TRANSITION PROBABILITIES

- A TPM \vec{P} , holds conditional probabilities of moving from state $i \rightarrow j$ in one step $\forall i, j$.
- \vec{P}^2 holds conditional probabilities of moving $i \rightarrow j$ in 2 steps
- \vec{P}^n provides n-step transition probabilities.

UNCONDITIONAL STATE PROBABILITIES

- Consider the (unconditional) probability of state j at time n :

$$\Pr(X_n = j) = p_j^{(n)}$$

- Denote the vector of state probabilities at time n as $\underline{\underline{s}}^{(n)}$ with j th element given by $p_j^{(n)}$:

$$\underline{\underline{s}}^{(n)\top} = \underline{\underline{s}}^{(n-1)\top} \underline{\underline{P}}, \quad \underline{\underline{s}}^{(0)\top} = \underline{\underline{s}}^{(0)\top} \underline{\underline{P}}$$

STEADY STATE STATIONARY DISTRIBUTION

- At steady state, the probability of being in a particular state does not change from one step to the next.
- $\underline{\underline{s}}^{(n+1)} = \underline{\underline{s}}^{(n)} \Rightarrow \underline{\underline{s}}^{(n+1)\top} = \underline{\underline{s}}^{(n)\top} \underline{\underline{P}} \Rightarrow \underline{\underline{s}}^{(n)\top} = \underline{\underline{s}}^{(n)\top} \underline{\underline{P}}$
- The probability of being in any states in steady state is $\underline{\underline{\pi}}$
 - $\underline{\underline{\pi}}^\top = \underline{\underline{s}}^{(n)\top} \underline{\underline{P}}^\top$ ($\underline{\underline{\pi}}^\top = [\pi_0, \pi_1, \dots, \pi_n]$)
 - $\sum_i \pi_i = 1$
 - $n \rightarrow \infty, \underline{\underline{P}}^n = \underline{\underline{\pi}}^\top$

Poisson Processes

- Stochastic process: events occurring "randomly" in time
- Continuous time, discrete state

SET UP

- Let $X(t)$ be the number of events occurring "randomly" in $(0, t)$. Without loss of generality, $\Pr(X(0)=0)=1$.

Let h be a very small time interval such that at most 1 event can happen during that time. Then:

- $\Pr(X(t+h)=n+1|X(t)=n) \approx \eta h$
- $\Pr(X(t+h)=n|X(t)=n) \approx 1 - \eta h$
- $\Pr(X(t+h) > n+1|X(t)=n) \approx 0$

POISSON PROCESS

$$X(t) \sim \text{Poisson}(\eta t)$$

$$\Pr(X(t)=n) = p_n(t) = \frac{e^{-\eta t} (\eta t)^n}{n!}, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$$

EXPONENTIAL DISTRIBUTION

- Let T be the time between events of a Poisson process

$$T \sim \text{Exp}(\eta)$$

- Thus the pdf of T is $f(t) = \eta e^{-\eta t}$, $t > 0$

PROPERTIES

- Memoryless property: $\Pr(T > x+y | T > x) = \Pr(T > y)$
- Non-overlapping time intervals of a Poisson are indep.
- Exactly 1 event $E \in (0, a)$, $E \sim U(0, a)$

PROOF

Let X be time occurred in $(0, a)$

Let $N(t_1, t_2)$ be # of events in Pois(t_1, t_2)

Consider CDF of X : $(N(t_1, t_2) \sim \text{Pois}(t_1, t_2))$

$$F(x) = \Pr(X < x | N(0, a) = 1) = \Pr(N(0, x) = 1 | N(0, a) = 1)$$

$$F(x) = \frac{\Pr(N(0, x) = 1 \cap N(0, a) = 1)}{\Pr(N(0, a) = 1)} \quad \{ \text{cond. rule} \}$$

$$= \frac{\Pr(N(0, x) = 1 \cap N(x, a) = 0)}{\Pr(N(0, a) = 1)}$$

$$= \frac{\Pr(N(0, x) = 1) \Pr(N(x, a) = 0)}{\Pr(N(0, a) = 1)} \quad \{ \text{non overlapping?} \}$$

$$= \frac{(\eta x) e^{-\eta x}}{(\eta a) e^{-\eta a}} \Rightarrow \text{CDF}(x) = \frac{x}{a}$$

$$f(x) = \frac{dF}{dx} = \frac{1}{a}, \quad \{0 < x < a\}$$

PROPERTIES CONT

- Exactly n events that occur in $(0, t)$, then number of events that occur in $(0, s < t)$ has $X \sim \text{Bin}(n, \frac{s}{t})$

PROOF

Let X be # of events in $(0, s)$ when n events occur in $(0, t)$, set

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(X=x | N(0, t)=n) &= \Pr(N(0, s)=x | N(0, t)=n) \\ &= \frac{\Pr(N(0, s)=x \cap N(s, t)=n-x)}{\Pr(N(0, t)=n)} \quad \{ \text{cond. rule} \} \\ &= \frac{\Pr(N(0, s)=x) \Pr(N(s, t)=n-x)}{\Pr(N(0, t)=n)} \\ &= \frac{(\eta s)^x e^{-\eta s}}{x!} \left(\frac{[\eta(t-s)]^{n-x} e^{-\eta(t-s)}}{[n-x]!} \right) \Big/ \frac{(\eta t)^n e^{-\eta t}}{n!} \\ &= \frac{n!}{x!(n-x)!} \frac{\eta^x \eta^n \eta^x}{\eta^n} \frac{e^{-\eta s} e^{-\eta(t-s)}}{e^{-\eta t}} \frac{s^x (t-s)^{n-x}}{t^x t^{n-x}} \\ &= \frac{n!}{x!(n-x)!} \left(\frac{s}{t} \right)^x \left(1 - \frac{s}{t} \right)^{n-x} \Rightarrow \boxed{\text{Hence } X \sim \text{Bin}(n, \frac{s}{t})} \end{aligned}$$