

# Probability:

- It's importance in ML :

1. Uncertainty estimation
2. Decision making
3. Algorithm design and analysis.
4. Model performance evaluation.

- Important topics :

1. Basic (Conditional probability - Bayes' theorem  
- Random Variables)
2. Distributions (Normal - Multinomial - Poisson)
3. Models : Naive Bayes - Logistic Regression  
- Hidden Markov

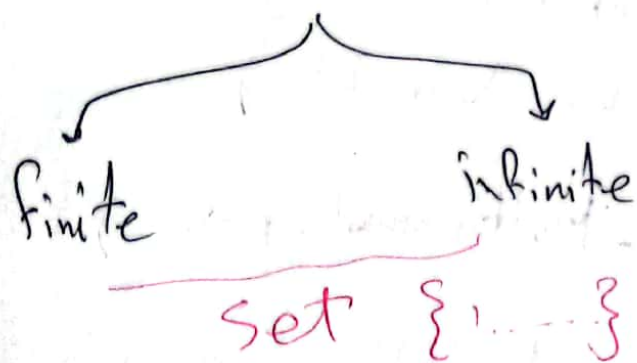
## Random experiment:

→ is an experiment whose outcomes cannot be predicted with certainty.

## Sample space: (S)

→ set of all possible outcomes of a random experiment.

Discrete (countable)



Continuous

measurements

intervals (ranges)

$$S = ]0, 30]$$

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## Event: (A)

→ Is a subset of sample space.

$$A \subset S$$

$$P(S) = 1$$

$$P(A) = \frac{N(A)}{N(S)}$$

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$$\boxed{1} \quad \text{impossible} \leq P(A) \leq \text{Certain} \quad 1$$

$$\boxed{2} \quad P(S) = 1$$

$$\boxed{3} \quad P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$$

$$\boxed{4} \quad P(A^c) = 1 - P(A)$$

De Morgan Laws:

$$\boxed{1} \quad A^c \cap B^c = (A \cup B)^c$$

$$\boxed{2} \quad A^c \cup B^c = (A \cap B)^c$$

Techniques of Counting:

Multiplication

and

steps

Addition  
or/any

Permutation

order  
no repetitions

Selection  $r$   
from  $n$

$${}^n P_r$$

Combination

no order

no repetitions

$${}^n C_r$$

$${}^n P_r = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!}$$

$${}^n C_r = \frac{n!}{(n-r)! r!}$$

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## Conditional Probability:

→ The probability of an event  $B$  occurring when it is known that the some other event  $A$  has occurred is called Conditional probability.

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

Annotations: A question mark points to  $P(B/A)$ . An arrow labeled "given" points from  $P(B/A)$  to the denominator  $P(A)$ . An arrow labeled "Intersection" points to the numerator  $P(B \cap A)$ .

Intersection/Multiplication Rule:

$$P(B \cap A) = P(B/A) P(A)$$

## Note:

[1] if  $A, B$  are two disjoint event so

$$P(A \cap B) = 0$$

[2] if  $A, B$  are independant events

$$\rightarrow P(A/B) = P(A) \quad P(B/A) = P(B) \quad P(A \cap B) = P(A) \cdot P(B)$$

## Discrete Random Variable:

→ A Random Variable is a function that associates a real number with each element in sample space.

→ If the range of a random variable is countable set (finite or infinite) the R.V. is said to be discrete R.V.

### [1] Probability Mass Function (PMF) Distribution (PDF)

$f(x) = P(X=x)$  denotes the prob that R.V.  $X$  takes the value of  $x$ .

→ PMF must satisfy:

$$① f(x) \geq 0$$

$$② \sum_{x \in S} f(x) = 1$$

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## [2] Cumulative Distribution Function (CDF)

$$F(x) = P(X \leq x) = \sum_{x_i \leq x} f(x_i)$$

→ CDF must satisfy:

① non-decreasing function

②  $F(-\infty) = 0$

$$F: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, 1]$$

③  $F(\infty) = 1$

## [3] Expectations $E(x)$ / Mean $\mu$ $\mu_x$

$X$ : random variable

$x$ : value of  $X$

$f(x)$ : PMF/PDF

$$E(X) = \sum x f(x)$$

→ The average value of R.V. over long run.

→ The weighted sum of R.V. values

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## Properties of Expectation:

$$\textcircled{1} E(g(x)) = \sum g(x) f(x)$$

$$\textcircled{2} E(ax+b) = aE(x) + b$$

$$\textcircled{3} E(c) = c \rightarrow c \text{ is Constant}$$

$$\textcircled{4} E(ax \pm bY) = E(ax) \pm E(bY) = aE(x) \pm bE(Y)$$

$$\boxed{4} \text{ Variance } V(x) = \sigma^2$$

$$\text{Standard deviation } \sigma = \sqrt{V(x)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} V(x) &= E(x - M)^2 \\ &= \sum (x - M)^2 f(x) \end{aligned}$$

$$V(x) = E(x^2) - (E(x))^2 = E(x^2) - M^2$$

## Properties of Variance:

$$\textcircled{1} V(ax+b) = a^2 V(x)$$

$$\textcircled{2} V(c) = 0$$

$$\textcircled{3} V(ax \pm bY) = a^2 V(x) + b^2 V(Y)$$

$$x, y \rightarrow R.V$$

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## 5 Moment Generating Function (MGF)

→ The mean of Random Variable is called 1st moment.

In general  $r^{\text{th}}$  moment =  $E(X^r)$

→ MGF is a function that can be used to derive various moments of R.V.

$$M_X(t) = E(e^{tx}) = \sum e^{tx} f(x)$$

$$E(X) = \left. \frac{d}{dt} M_X(t) \right|_{t=0} = \text{Mean} = 1^{\text{st}} \text{ moment}$$

$$E(X^2) = \left. \frac{d^2}{dt^2} M_X(t) \right|_{t=0} = 2^{\text{nd}} \text{ moment}$$



## Special discrete prob. distributions:

### [1] Bernoulli Trials:

→ a random experiment with two possible outcomes that may be success or failure.

→ PMF of Bernoulli Trials:  $f(x) = \begin{cases} p & x=1 \\ 1-p & x=0 \end{cases}$

→ Mean ( $\mu$ ):  $\sum x f(x) = p$

→ Variance:  $E(x^2) - \mu^2 = p(1-p)$

### [2] Binomial experiment:

→ Consists of  $n$  Bernoulli Trials such that:

1. trials are independent.

2. each trial results in only two possible outcomes.

3. probability of success in each trial denotes as  $p$ .

→ PMF:  $f(x) = C_n^x p^x q^{n-x}$ ,  $x \rightarrow$  no. successes

→ Mean  $\mu$   $E(x) = np$

→ Variance  $V(x) \Rightarrow \sigma^2 = npq$

### [3] Geometric Distributions:

→ As binomial experiment but the trials will be repeated until first success.

$X \sim \text{Geo}(p)$

$p$ : Prob. of Success

$X$ : No. trials until first success

→ PMF:  $f(x) = p(1-p)^{x-1}$

→ Mean:  $E(X) = \frac{1}{p}$

→ Variance:  $V(X) = \frac{q}{p^2}$

### [4] Poisson Distribution:

→ It gives the probability of an event happening a certain number of times ( $x$ ) within a given interval of times or space.

→ PMF:  $f(x) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^x}{x!}$

$\lambda$ : average <sup>rate</sup> No. of Success in given interval

$x$ : No. of success in given interval.

→  $E(X) = \lambda$

→  $V(X) = \lambda$

# Continuous Random Variables:

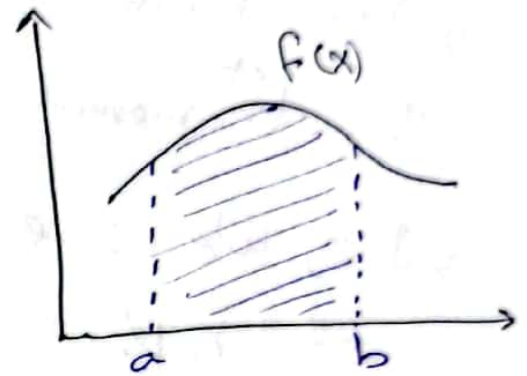
→ When r.v. denoting range of values like length, time, distance. . . .

## ① Probability density function (PDF):

1.  $f(x) \geq 0$

2.  $P(a < x < b) = \int_a^b f(x) dx$   
 $\infty \rightarrow \text{end}$

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



## ② Cumulative distribution function (CDF):

$$F(x) = P(X \leq x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(\cdot) d\cdot$$

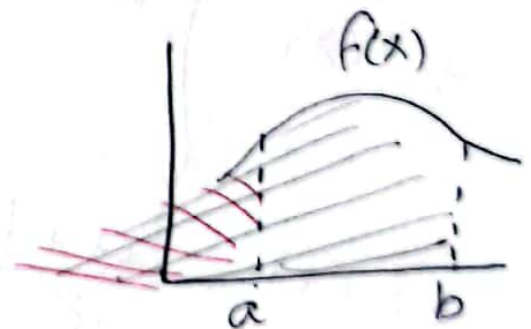
$-\infty \rightarrow \text{start}$

→ If given  $F(x) = P(X \leq x)$

-  $P(x < a) = F(a)$

-  $P(x > a) = 1 - F(a)$

-  $P(a < x < b) = F(b) - F(a)$



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# Moment Generating Function: MGF

$$E(x^r) = \left. \frac{d^r}{dt^r} M_x(t) \right|_{t=0} \longrightarrow r^{\text{th}} \text{ moment}$$

→ The mean of a r.v. is referred to as the 1<sup>st</sup> moment of prob. distribution

→ So, we use MGF to derive various moments of r.v. . .

## Special Continuous Prob. Distr.

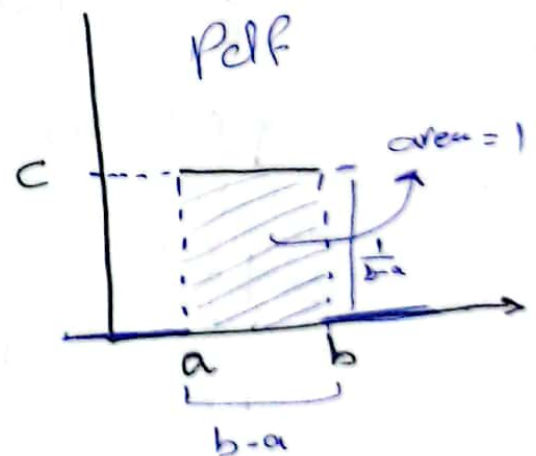
II Uniform distribution:

→ A r.v. that is Uniformly distributed over an interval  $[a, b]$  has constant pdf

$$\rightarrow f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a} & a \leq x \leq b \\ 0 & \text{o.w} \end{cases}$$

$$\rightarrow E(x) = \frac{a+b}{2}$$

$$\rightarrow V(x) = \frac{(b-a)^2}{12}$$



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## [2] Exponential Distr. :

- if  $X \sim \text{poisson}(\lambda)$

$\lambda$  : no. of events per Unit of time

$\rightarrow T \sim \text{exp}(\lambda)$

$T$  : - The time required for 1<sup>st</sup> event to occur  
- the time to 1<sup>st</sup> poisson event occur  
- Inter arrival time between successive poisson events.

-  $F(t) = 1 - e^{-\lambda t} \Leftarrow \text{CDF}$

-  $E(t) = \frac{1}{\lambda}$        $P(t) =$

-  $V(t) = \frac{1}{\lambda^2}$

## [3] Erlang-k Distribution :

$\rightarrow$  It is a generalization of exp. distr. that describe the length of an interval until  $k$  event occur in a poisson process or time until  $k^{\text{th}}$  poisson event.

-  $f(t) = \frac{\lambda^k e^{-\lambda t} t^{k-1}}{(k-1)!}$  ,  $t > 0$  ,  $k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

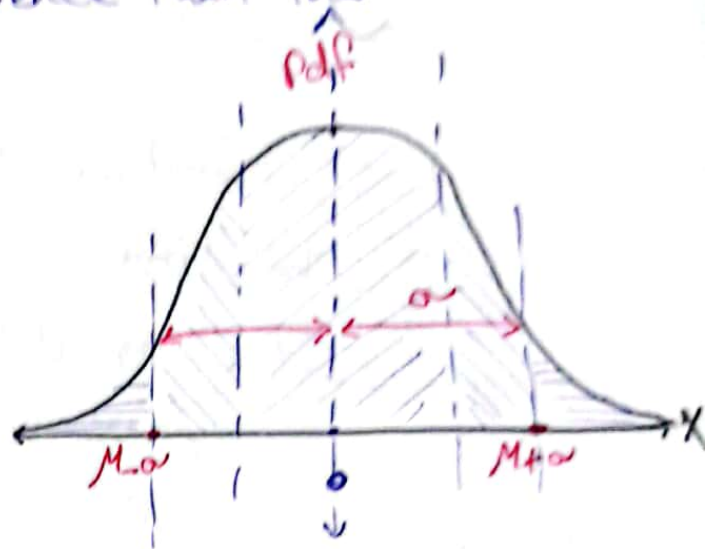
-  $E(t) = \frac{k}{\lambda}$  ,  $V(t) = \frac{k}{\lambda^2}$

#### [4] Normal (Gaussian) distribution:

→ A probability distribution that is symmetric about the mean, showing that data near the mean are more frequent in occurrence than the data far from mean.

$$\rightarrow X \sim \text{Normal}(\mu, \sigma^2)$$

$$\rightarrow f(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} \quad (\text{PDF})$$



$$\rightarrow f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} \quad (\text{standard normal}) \rightarrow -\infty < x < \infty$$

↳ at  $\mu=0$  and  $\sigma=1$

→ In Standard normal:

$$\rightarrow Z \sim N(0, 1)$$

$$\Phi(-Z) = 1 - \Phi(Z)$$

$$\rightarrow P(-3 < Z < 3) = 1$$

$$\rightarrow \Phi(0) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Phi(3) = 1$$

$$\rightarrow \Phi(\infty) = 1$$

$$\Phi(-3) = 0$$

$$\rightarrow \Phi(-\infty) = 0$$

Standardization

$$X \rightarrow Z$$

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

PDF



# Discrete joint Probability distribution:

## I] Joint probability mass function:

→ If  $X, Y$  are two discrete random variables the probability distr. for their simultaneous occurrence can be represented by a function  $f_{xy}(x, y)$  called joint PMF or joint PDF.

$$\rightarrow f_{xy}(x, y) = f_{xy}(X=x, Y=y)$$

$$\textcircled{1} \rightarrow 0 \leq f_{xy}(x, y) \leq 1$$

$$\textcircled{2} \rightarrow \sum_x \sum_y f_{xy}(x, y) = \boxed{1}$$

⇒ check dependency:

\*  $X, Y$  are indep. if

$$\text{joint} \leftarrow f_{xy}(x, y) = \underbrace{f_x(x)}_{\text{marginal of } x} \cdot \underbrace{f_y(y)}_{\text{marginal of } y} \rightarrow \text{for all } \underline{x, y}$$

⇒ Conditional probability:

$$f_{y/x} = \frac{f_{xy}(x, y)}{f_x(x)} \rightarrow \begin{matrix} \text{Joint} \\ \text{marginal of } y \text{ given } x \end{matrix}$$

# Covariance and Correlation Coefficient:

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = E((X - \mu_X)(Y - \mu_Y)) = \sum \frac{(X - \mu_X)(Y - \mu_Y)}{n-1}$$

$\sigma_{xy}$

$0 < \text{Cov} \Rightarrow +ve \text{ relationship}$   
 $x \uparrow \quad y \uparrow$

$0 > \text{Cov} \Rightarrow -ve \text{ relationship}$   
 $x \uparrow \quad y \downarrow$

$0 = \text{Cov} \Rightarrow \text{no relationship}$  ✗

note:

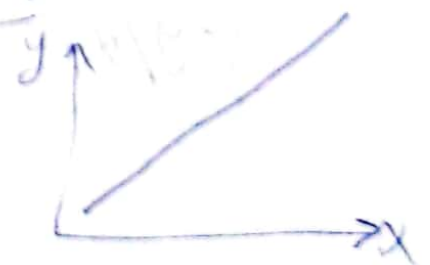
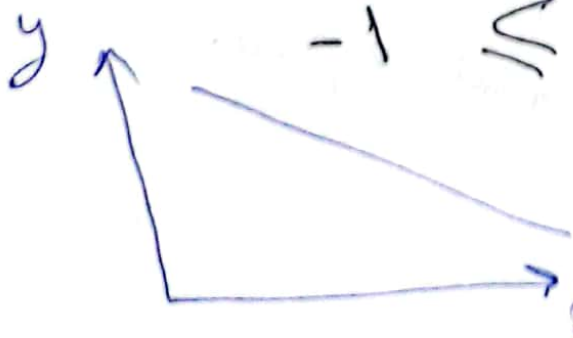
$\rightarrow$  We can't know by Cov How strong the relationship.

## Correlation Coefficient:

$$\rho(X, Y) = \frac{\overset{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\sigma_{xy}}}{\underset{\substack{\text{std. dev.} \\ \text{of } x}}{\sigma_x} \underset{\substack{\text{std. dev.} \\ \text{of } y}}{\sigma_y}}$$

$\rho(X, Y) = 0$   
not correlated

$$-1 \leq \rho(X, Y) \leq 1$$



If  $X, Y$  are two Random Variables whose joint pdf  $f_{xy}(x, y)$

$$\rightarrow \mu_x : E(x) = \sum x f(x) \rightarrow \text{margin of } x$$

$$\rightarrow \mu_y : E(y) = \sum y f(y) \rightarrow \text{margin of } y$$

$$\rightarrow E(xy) = \sum_{x,y} xy f(x, y)$$

Discrete

$$\Rightarrow \text{Cov}(x, y) = E(xy) - \mu_x \mu_y$$

In Continuous :

$$f_x(x) = \int_y f_{xy}(x, y) dy \rightarrow \text{vertical strip}$$

$$f_y(y) = \int_x f_{xy}(x, y) dx \rightarrow \text{horizontal strip}$$

$\rightarrow X, y$  are independent if  $f_{xy}(x, y) = f_x(x) \cdot f_y(y)$



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