

# STAT 240

# Personal Notes

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# Chapter 1: What is Probability?

## RANDOM EXPERIMENTS (1.1)

A "random experiment" is the process of obtaining a random observed result.

Random experiments can be split into two types:

① Controlled experiments; and

eg flipping a coin, rolling a die

② Observational studies.

eg # of students taking STAT 240 in F2021

## FEATURES OF RANDOM EXPERIMENTS

Note that random experiments have the following common features:

- ① The outcomes/results cannot be predicted with certainty; and
- ② All the possible outcomes are known beforehand with certainty.

## SAMPLE SPACE (1.2)

### OUTCOME

An "outcome" is an observed result of interest from a random experiment.

eg the number rolled after rolling a die.

### SAMPLE SPACE

The "sample space" of a random experiment is the set of all possible distinct outcomes of said experiment.

eg when rolling a 6-sided die:

$$S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$$

### EVENTS

An "event" of a random experiment is a group or set of outcomes of said experiment; ie subsets of the sample space.

There are two types of events:

① Simple events - consist of one outcome

eg rolling a 1 on a 6-sided die:

$$S = \{1, \dots, 6\} \quad E = \{1\}$$

② Compound events - consist of multiple outcomes

eg rolling an odd number on a 6-sided die:

$$S = \{1, \dots, 6\} \quad E = \{1, 3, 5\}$$

Note that

① Two simple events will never occur simultaneously; eg can never roll a 1 & 3 at the same time with one die.

② A compound event occurs if and only if one of its simple events occurs; and

eg odd # rolled  $\Leftrightarrow$  1 rolled or 3 rolled or 5 rolled (on a 6-sided die)

③ Two compound events can occur simultaneously.

eg 3 rolled  $\Rightarrow$  {odd number rolled ( $E = \{1, 3, 5\}$ ) and multiple of 3 rolled ( $E = \{3, 6\}$ )}

## DEFINITIONS OF PROBABILITY (1.3)

💡 "Probability" is a quantitative measure of how likely an event is to occur.

### CLASSICAL DEFINITION

💡 The "classical definition" of probability states that each distinct outcome in the sample space is equally likely to occur.

💡 In this case, the probability of an event  $E$  is equal to

eg roll a 6-sided die once.

$E$  = number is odd.

$$\Rightarrow E = \{1, 3, 5\}, \quad S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}.$$

$$\text{So } P(E) = \frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2}.$$

### RELATIVE FREQUENCY DEFINITION

💡 The "relative frequency" definition of probability states that the probability of an event occurring is the proportion it occurs in a very long series of repetitions of the experiment.

eg rolling a 6-sided die 300 times

$\Rightarrow$  3 shows up 49 of those 300 times

$\Rightarrow$  so  $P(\text{die}=3) \approx \frac{49}{300} \approx \frac{1}{6}$ .

### SUBJECTIVE PROBABILITY DEFINITION

💡 In the "subjective probability" definition of probability, the probability of an event is determined by an opinion (ie what a person thinks the probability is).

eg the probability of COVID-19 being eradicated by 2022.

💡 Note that this plays a role in fields like "Bayesian Statistics".

## DISCRETE PROBABILITY MODELS (1.4)

💡 In discrete probability models:

- ① The sample space  $S$  satisfies  $|S| \leq |\mathbb{N}|$ ; ie there are either a finite or countably infinite number of basic events; and
- ② Each probability  $p_i$  satisfies  $0 \leq p_i \leq 1$ ; and
- ③ The probabilities of each basic event sum to 1; ie  $\sum p_i = 1$ .

## CLASSIC DISCRETE MODELS (1.5)

💡 In classic discrete models:

- ① The sample space  $S$  satisfies  $|S| < |\mathbb{N}|$  (ie it is finite); and
- ② All basic events are equally likely to occur;  
ie  $P(a_1) = \dots = P(a_{|S|}) = \frac{1}{|S|}$ .

# Chapter 2: Counting Techniques

## FULL FACTORIAL: $n!$ (2.1)

The factorial of  $n$ , denoted as " $n!$ " and defined to be

$$n! = n(n-1) \dots 1$$

is the number of ways to put  $n$  distinguishable objects in a row.

## COMBINATIONS: $C_n^r$ OR ${}^nC_r$ (2.2)

" $n$  choose  $r$ ", denoted as " $C_n^r$ " or " ${}^nC_r$ ", defined to be

$$C_n^r = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!} = \frac{n(n-1) \dots (n-(r-1))}{r!}$$

is the number of ways to select  $r$  objects from  $n$  distinguishable objects.

## PERMUTATIONS: $P_n^r$ OR ${}^nP_r$ (2.3)

" $P_n^r$ " or " ${}^nP_r$ ", defined to be

$$P_n^r = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!} = n(n-1) \dots (n-(r-1)) = C_r^n \cdot r!$$

is the number of ways to select  $r$  objects from  $n$  distinguishable objects and put them in a row.

## GENERALIZATION OF COMBINATIONS (2.4)

We can show the number of ways to arrange  $n$  objects in a row, where  $n_1$  objects are of type 1,  $n_2$  objects are of type 2, ...,  $n_k$  objects are of type  $k$ , where  $n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_k = n$ , is

$$\# \text{ of outcomes} = \frac{n!}{n_1! \dots n_k!} = C_n^{n_1} C_{n-n_1}^{n_2} C_{n-n_1-n_2}^{n_3} \dots C_{n_{k-1}+n_k}^{n_k} C_{n_k}^{n_k}$$

e.g. Roll a die 4 times. Find  $P(\text{the sum}=10)$ .

Soln. This is equivalent to distributing 10 balls into 4 sections, where each section has at least 1 ball.



9 different spaces for the "dividers", 4 "dividers"

$\Rightarrow C_9^4$  ways of "positioning" the dividers.

But, we exclude the option where one of the sections has 7 balls, i.e.

$$C_9^4 - 4$$

Hence  $P(\text{event}) = \frac{C_9^4 - 4}{6^4}$ , since there are  $6^4$  outcomes of rolling a 6 sided die twice.  $\square$

## STARS & BARS WITHOUT "EMPTY" SECTIONS

Given  $n$  stars, the # of ways to divide them up into  $k$  sections with  $k-1$  rods without one of the sections containing zero elements is

$$\# = C_{k-1}^{n-1}$$

eg  $n=5, k=4$

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## STARS & BARS WITH "EMPTY" SECTIONS

Given  $n$  stars, the # of ways to divide them up into  $k$  sections with  $k-1$  rods with one (or more) sections containing zero elements is

$$\# = C_{n+k-1}^{k-1}$$

$$\star | | \star | \star | \star$$

eg  $n=5, k=4$

2nd section has no elements.

# Chapter 3: Probability Rules

## RELATIONS AMONGST EVENTS

### (3.1)

#### EVERY EVENT $\subseteq S$ (THE "CERTAIN" EVENT)

Let  $A$  be an event.

Then necessarily

$A \subseteq S = \{\text{the event that always occurs}\}$ .

#### $\emptyset$ (THE "IMPOSSIBLE" EVENT)

We use " $\emptyset$ " to denote the event that never occurs.

#### UNION OF EVENTS: $A \cup B$

Let  $A, B$  be events.

Then " $A \cup B$ " is the event that at least one of the two occurs.



#### INTERSECTION OF EVENTS: $A \cap B$

Let  $A, B$  be events.

Then, " $A \cap B$ " is the event that both  $A$  &  $B$  occur.

We also denote  $A \cap B = AB$ .



#### MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE / DISJOINT

Let  $A, B$  be events.

Then, we say  $A$  &  $B$  are "mutually exclusive" (or "disjoint") if  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ .

#### INCLUSION: $A \subseteq B$

Let  $A, B$  be events.

Then, we say " $A \subseteq B$ " if  $B$  occurs whenever  $A$  occurs; ie

$A$  occurs  $\Rightarrow B$  occurs.

#### COMPLEMENT: $A^c = \bar{A}$

Let  $A$  be an event.

Then,  $\bar{A}$  is the event such that  $\bar{A}$  occurs  $\Leftrightarrow A$  does not occur.

#### PARTITION OF $S$

Let  $B_1, \dots, B_n$  be events.

Then, we say  $B_1, \dots, B_n$  form a "partition" of  $S$  if

$$B_1 \cup \dots \cup B_n = S \quad \& \quad B_i \cap B_j = \emptyset \quad \forall i \neq j.$$

## PROBABILITY RULES (3.2)

A probability function  $P: P(S) \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is any function that satisfies the following for any  $A, B \subseteq S$ :

- ①  $P(\emptyset) = 0$ ;
- ②  $P(S) = 1$ ;
- ③  $P(A) \geq 0 \quad \forall A \subseteq S$ ;
- ④  $A \subseteq B \Rightarrow P(A) \leq P(B)$ ;
- ⑤  $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$ ; & (addition law of probability)  
- this generalizes to more variables as well.
- ⑥  $P(A^c) = 1 - P(A)$ .

# Chapter 4: Conditional Probability and Event Independence

## CONDITIONAL PROBABILITY (4.1)

**💡** Let  $A, B$  be events.  
Then, the probability that  $A$  happens given  $B$  already happens, denoted as " $P(A|B)$ ", is equal to

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

\* note  $P(B) \neq 0$  necessarily.

## INDEPENDENCE [OF TWO EVENTS] (4.2)

**💡** Let  $A, B$  be events.  
Then, we say  $A$  &  $B$  are "independent" if and only if

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

**💡** Note that if  $P(A), P(B) \neq 0$ , then  $A$  &  $B$  cannot be mutually exclusive (ie  $P(A \cap B) = 0$ ) if they are independent.

**💡** If  $A$  &  $B$  are independent, then

- ①  $A$  &  $B^c$  are independent;
- ②  $A^c$  &  $B$  are independent; and
- ③  $A^c$  &  $B^c$  are independent.

**💡** Note that independence arises from independent random events.

## INDEPENDENCE [OF $> 2$ EVENTS] (4.3)

**💡** Let  $A_1, \dots, A_n$  be  $n$  events.  
Then, we say  $A_1, \dots, A_n$  are (mutually) independent if

$$P(A_{n_1} A_{n_2} \dots A_{n_k}) = P(A_{n_1}) \dots P(A_{n_k}) \quad \forall \{n_1, \dots, n_k\} \in \binom{\{1, \dots, n\}}{k}.$$

**💡** For the  $n=3$  case,  $A_1, A_2$  &  $A_3$  are independent if

- ①  $P(A_1 A_2) = P(A_1)P(A_2);$
- ②  $P(A_1 A_3) = P(A_1)P(A_3);$
- ③  $P(A_2 A_3) = P(A_2)P(A_3);$  and
- ④  $P(A_1 A_2 A_3) = P(A_1)P(A_2)P(A_3).$

$A_1, \dots, A_n$  ARE INDEPENDENT  $\Rightarrow P(\prod_{i=1}^n A_i) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(A_i | A_1 \dots A_{i-1})$

## (THE MULTIPLICATION FORMULA) (4.4.1)

**💡** Let  $A_1, \dots, A_n$  be independent events.

Then necessarily

$$P(A_1 \dots A_n) = P(A_1)P(A_2 | A_1)P(A_3 | A_1 A_2) \dots P(A_n | A_1 \dots A_{n-1}).$$

**Proof.** Note that for any  $k=1, \dots, n$ , we have

$$P(A_k | A_1 \dots A_{k-1}) = \frac{P(A_1 \dots A_{k-1} A_k)}{P(A_1 \dots A_{k-1})} = P(A_k).$$

The proof follows trivially.  $\square$

$A_1, \dots, A_n$  PARTITION  $S \Rightarrow P(B) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A_i)P(B | A_i)$

## (TOTAL PROBABILITY FORMULA) (4.4.2)

**💡** Let  $A_1, A_2, \dots$  form a partition of  $S$ , ie we have that

$$A_i A_j = \emptyset \quad \forall i \neq j \quad \text{and} \quad \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i = S.$$

Let  $B$  be an event. Then necessarily

$$P(B) = P(BS) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A_i B) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A_i)P(B | A_i).$$

\* this also works for finite collections of events as well.

$A_1, \dots, A_n$  PARTITION  $S \Rightarrow$

$$P(A_i | B) = \frac{P(A_i)P(B | A_i)}{\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} P(A_j)P(B | A_j)}$$

## (THE BAYES FORMULA) (4.4.3)

**💡** Let  $A_1, A_2, \dots$  form a partition of  $S$ , and let  $B$  be such that  $P(B) \neq 0$ .

Then necessarily, for any  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have that

$$P(A_i | B) = \frac{P(A_i B)}{P(B)} = \frac{P(A_i)P(B | A_i)}{P(B)} = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} P(A_j)P(B | A_j)}{P(B)}.$$

\* again, this also generalises to the finite case.

# Chapter 5:

## Discrete Random Variables and Probability Models

### RANDOM VARIABLES (5.1)

#### RANDOM VARIABLE (RV) (5.1)

Let  $S$  be a sample space.

Then, a "random variable" is defined to be some  $X: S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

Note that we usually denote random variables by capital letters. (e.g.  $X, Y, Z$ , etc.)

#### DISCRETE [r.v.]

Let  $X: S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a r.v.  
Then, we say  $X$  is "discrete" if  $\text{range}(X) \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ .

#### PROBABILITY MASS FUNCTION (PMF)

Let  $X: S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a r.v.

Then, the "probability mass function" (or pmf) of  $X$  is defined to be the function  $f: \text{range}(X) \rightarrow [0, 1]$  by  $f(x) = P[X=x] \quad \forall x \in \text{range}(X)$ .

By construction of  $f$ , note that  $\sum_{x \in \text{range}(X)} f(x) = 1$ .

#### CUMULATIVE DISTRIBUTION FUNCTION (CDF)

Let  $X: S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a r.v.

Then, the "cumulative distribution function" (or cdf) of  $X$  is defined to be the function  $F: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, 1]$  by  $F(x) = P[X \leq x] \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Properties of cdf:  
 ①  $F(x_1) \leq F(x_2) \Leftrightarrow x_1 \leq x_2 \quad \forall x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ ; and  
 ②  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} F(x) = 0$  &  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} F(x) = 1$ .

#### PMF CAN BE OBTAINED BY CDF, AND VICE VERSA

Let  $X: S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be discrete.

Then, given the pmf  $f$  of  $X$ , we can obtain  $X$ 's cdf  $F$ , and vice versa.

Proof. Let  $x \in \text{range}(X)$ . See that  $f(x) = P[X=x] = P[X \leq x] - P[X \leq x-\epsilon] = F(x) - F(x-\epsilon)$ , where  $\epsilon > 0$  is such that  $\text{range}(X) \cap [x-\epsilon, x] = \{x\}$ . (Since  $X$  is discrete, such an  $\epsilon$  will exist.)

#### FINDING PMF (E1)

Let  $X$  be the number of heads after flipping a fair coin  $n$  times.

Find the pmf of  $X$ .

Sol<sup>n</sup>. See that  $\text{range}(X) = \{0, 1, \dots, n\}$ .

Then

$$P[X=k] = C_n^k \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^k \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-k} = C_n^k \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n$$

and so the pmf of  $X$  is  $f: \{0, \dots, n\} \rightarrow [0, 1]$  given by

$$f(k) = P[X=k] = C_n^k \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n \quad \forall k=0, \dots, n.$$

### BERNOULLI TRIALS & RELATED RV (5.2)

#### BERNOULLI TRIALS (5.2.1)

A "Bernoulli trial" focuses on a particular random experiment with only two possible outcomes: success or failure.

We call the random variables and the experiment obtained from Bernoulli trials as "Bernoulli random variables" and a "Bernoulli experiment" respectively.

#### BERNOULLI RV (5.2.2)

In particular, if  $B$  is a Bernoulli rv:

① then  $P[B=\text{Success}]$ , or  $P(B)$ , is equal to  $P(B) = p$  (where  $p$  = probability of success); and

②  $P[B=\text{Failure}]$ , or  $P(B^c)$ , is equal to  $P(B^c) = 1-p$ .

Thus, the pmf of  $B$  is

$$f: \{0, 1\} \rightarrow [0, 1] \text{ by } f(0) = 1-p \text{ & } f(1) = p,$$

or equivalently by

$$f(x) = p^x (1-p)^{1-x} \quad \forall x \in \{0, 1\}.$$

#### BERNOULLI SEQUENCE (5.2.3)

A "Bernoulli sequence" occurs when

- ① we repeat a Bernoulli trial many times;
- ② the results are all independent; and
- ③ the success probability  $p$  stays the same.

#### BINOMIAL DISTRIBUTION: $X \sim \text{Binomial}(n, p)$ / $X \sim \text{Bin}(n, p)$ (5.2.4)

Let  $X$  be the rv equal to the number of successes after repeating a Bernoulli trial  $n$  times independently, with probability of success  $p$ .

Then, we say  $X$  follows a binomial distribution, and write  $X \sim \text{Binomial}(n, p)$ .

In this case, the pmf of  $X$  is equal to

$$f: \{0, \dots, n\} \rightarrow [0, 1] \text{ by } f(k) = C_n^k p^k (1-p)^{n-k} \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{N}.$$

#### GEOMETRIC DISTRIBUTION: $X \sim \text{Geometric}(p)$ / $X \sim \text{Geo}(p)$ (5.2.5)

Repeat independent Bernoulli trials, with success probability  $p$ , until a trial is successful.

Let the rv  $X$  be equal to the number of failures before the success was reached.

Then, we say  $X$  follows a geometric distribution, and write  $X \sim \text{Geometric}(p)$ .

In this case, the pmf of  $X$  is equal to

$$f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow [0, 1] \text{ by } f(k) = (1-p)^k p \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Note that  $P(X \geq n) = (1-p)^n$   $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ ; and

①  $P(X \geq n) = (1-p)^n$   $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ ; and  
 Proof.  $P(X \geq n) = \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} (1-p)^k p = (1-p)^n p \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (1-p)^k = (1-p)^n p \left(\frac{1}{1-(1-p)}\right) = (1-p)^n$ .

②  $P(X \geq m+n | X \geq n) = P(X \geq m)$   $\forall m, n \in \mathbb{N}$  (the memory-less property).

Proof.  $P(X \geq m+n | X \geq n) = \frac{P(X \geq m+n \cap X \geq n)}{P(X \geq n)} = \frac{P(X \geq m+n)}{P(X \geq n)} = \frac{(1-p)^{m+n}}{(1-p)^n} = (1-p)^m = P(X \geq m)$ .

## NEGATIVE BINOMIAL DISTRIBUTION:

$X \sim \text{Negative Binomial}(k, p) / X \sim \text{NB}(k, p)$  (5.2.6)

- Repeat independent Bernoulli trials, with success probability  $p$ , until the  $k^{\text{th}}$  success is reached.
- Let the rv  $X$  be the number of failures before the  $k^{\text{th}}$  success.

Then, we say  $X$  follows a negative binomial distribution, and write  $X \sim \text{Negative Binomial}(k, p)$ .

In this case, the pmf of  $X$  is equal to

$$f: N \rightarrow [0, 1] \text{ by } f(n) = C_{n+k-1}^n p^k (1-p)^n \quad \forall n \in N.$$

Proof. See that

$$\begin{aligned} P[X=n] &= P[\text{having } n \text{ failures before } k^{\text{th}} \text{ success}] \\ &= P[n \text{ failures \& } k-1 \text{ successes, followed by } k^{\text{th}} \text{ success}] \\ &= \frac{(n+k-1)!}{n!(k-1)!} (1-p)^n p^{k-1}. \\ \therefore P[X=n] &= C_{n+k-1}^n (1-p)^n p^k. \end{aligned}$$

## HYPERGEOMETRIC DISTRIBUTION:

$X \sim \text{Hypergeometric}(N, M, n) / X \sim \text{Hyp}(N, M, n)$  (5.3)

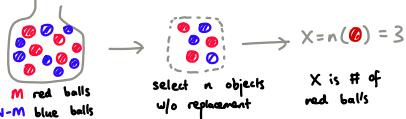
- Suppose we have a collection of  $N$  objects;  $M$  of one type, and  $N-M$  of another (distinct) type.

Randomly select  $n$  objects without replacement, where  $n \leq \min\{M, N-M\}$ .

Let the rv  $X$  be the number of objects of the first type in these  $n$  objects.

Then, we say  $X$  follows a "hypergeometric distribution", and write

$$X \sim \text{Hypergeometric}(N, M, n).$$



In this case, the pmf of  $X$  is equal to

$$f: \{0, \dots, n\} \rightarrow [0, 1] \text{ by } f(k) = \frac{\binom{M}{k} \binom{N-M}{n-k}}{\binom{N}{n}} \quad \forall k = 0, \dots, n.$$

VANDERMONDE'S IDENTITY:  $\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{M}{k} \binom{N-M}{n-k} = \binom{N}{n}$

Let  $n \leq M, N-M$ .

Then necessarily

$$\binom{N}{n} = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{M}{k} \binom{N-M}{n-k}.$$

## POISSON DISTRIBUTION:

$X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda) / X \sim \text{Poi}(\lambda)$  (5.4)

- In some observational studies, events happen over time or space.

We say such an event follows a Poisson process if the following conditions are satisfied:

- Events in non-overlapping time intervals are independent;  $\left\{ \text{independence} \right\}$
- $P[\geq 2 \text{ events in } [t, t+\Delta t]] = o(\Delta t)$ , where  $\left\{ \text{individuality} \right\}$
- $\lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{o(\Delta t)}{\Delta t} = 0$  and  $\Delta t \ll t$ ; and
- $P[\text{one event in } [t, t+\Delta t]] = \lambda \Delta t + o(\Delta t)$ ,  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ .  $\left\{ \text{homogeneity} \right\}$

Note that we call " $\lambda$ " in ③ the "intensity parameter".

- Let the rv  $X$  be the number of events in  $[0, t]$ .

Then we say  $X$  follows a Poisson distribution, and write

$$X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda).$$

In this case, the pmf of  $X$  is given by

$$f: N \rightarrow [0, 1] \text{ by } f(x) = \frac{e^{-\lambda t} (\lambda t)^x}{x!}.$$

Proof. First, divide  $[0, t]$  into  $n$  small intervals:

$$\Delta t, \frac{t}{n}, \dots, \frac{t}{n}$$

Note that  $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Let the events

$$\begin{aligned} B_1^{(n,x)} &= \text{there are } x \text{ small intervals each with one event;} \\ B_2^{(n)} &= \geq 1 \text{ small interval exists with two or more events.} \end{aligned}$$

Then, see that

$$\begin{aligned} P(B_1^{(n,x)}) &= \binom{n}{x} (P[\text{one event in interval of length } \frac{\Delta t}{n} = \Delta t]) (1-p)^{n-x} \\ &\quad \text{(by binomial distn)} \\ &= \binom{n}{x} (\lambda \frac{\Delta t}{n} + o(\frac{\Delta t}{n}))^x (1 - \lambda \frac{\Delta t}{n} - o(\frac{\Delta t}{n}))^{n-x}. \quad \text{(by point ② of defn)} \end{aligned}$$

Notice that since we want to consider infinitely small periods of time for our Poisson variable, we can deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} P(X=x) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(B_1^{(n,x)}) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \binom{n}{x} \left( \lambda \frac{\Delta t}{n} + o(\frac{\Delta t}{n}) \right)^x \left( 1 - \lambda \frac{\Delta t}{n} - o(\frac{\Delta t}{n}) \right)^{n-x} \right] \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{n!}{x!(n-x)!} \left( \lambda \frac{\Delta t}{n} + o(\frac{\Delta t}{n}) \right)^x \left( 1 - \lambda \frac{\Delta t}{n} - o(\frac{\Delta t}{n}) \right)^{n-x} \right] \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{1}{x!} \frac{n(n-1)\dots(n-x+1)}{n^x} \left( \lambda t + no(\frac{\Delta t}{n}) \right)^x \left( 1 - \lambda \frac{\Delta t}{n} - o(\frac{\Delta t}{n}) \right)^n \cdot \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left( 1 - \lambda \frac{\Delta t}{n} - o(\frac{\Delta t}{n}) \right)^{-x} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{x!} (1)(\lambda t)^x \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( 1 - \lambda \frac{\Delta t}{n} \right)^n (1) \\ &= \frac{1}{x!} (\lambda t)^x e^{-\lambda t} \quad \text{(using the identity } e^x = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1 + \frac{x}{n})^n \text{)} \\ \therefore P(X=x) &= \frac{e^{-\lambda t} (\lambda t)^x}{x!}, \end{aligned}$$

as needed  $\blacksquare$

# Chapter 6: Expectation and Variance

## EXPECTED VALUE / EXPECTATION [OF A DISC RV]

(6.1)

Let  $X$  be a drv, with  $\text{ran}(X) = A$  & pmf  $f(x)$ . Then, the "expectation" or "expected value" of  $X$ , denoted as " $E(X)$ ", is defined to be equal to

$$E(X) = \sum_{x \in A} x f(x). \quad (\text{Def})$$

Note to calculate expectations, we need to:

- ① Identify the rv  $X$  involved;
- ② Find the pmf of  $X$ ; and
- ③ Compute  $E(X)$ .

$$X \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p) \Rightarrow E(X) = p \quad (6.2.1)$$

Let  $X \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p)$ . Then necessarily  $E(X) = p$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Proof. } E(X) &= \sum_{x \in \{0,1\}} x P(X=x) \\ &= 0P(X=0) + 1P(X=1) \\ &= p. \quad \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$

$$X \sim \text{Binomial}(n, p) \Rightarrow E(X) = np \quad (6.2.2)$$

Let  $X \sim \text{Binomial}(n, p)$ . Then necessarily  $E(X) = np$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Proof. } E(X) &= \sum_{k=0}^n k P[X=k] \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^n k \left( \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k} \right) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^n k \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} p^k (1-p)^{n-k} \\ &= np \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{(n-1)!}{(k-1)!(n-k)!} p^{k-1} (1-p)^{n-k} \\ &= np \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(n-1)!}{k!(n-k)!} p^k (1-p)^{n-k-1} \\ &= np (1) \quad (\text{by Bin formula}) \\ \therefore E(X) &= np. \quad \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$

$$X \sim \text{Geometric}(p) \Rightarrow E(X) = \frac{1-p}{p} \quad (6.2.3)$$

Let  $X \sim \text{Geometric}(p)$ . Then necessarily  $E(X) = \frac{1-p}{p}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Proof. } E(X) &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} k \cdot P(X=k) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} k (1-p)^k p. \\ &= p(1-p) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k (1-p)^{k-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Recall the identity  $\frac{1}{(1-x)^2} = 1 + 2x + 3x^2 + \dots + nx^{n-1}, \quad |x| < 1$

$$\text{Since } |1-p| < 1, \text{ thus } \frac{1}{(1-(1-p))^2} = 1 + 2(1-p) + 3(1-p)^2 + \dots = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k(1-p)^{k-1},$$

and so

$$E(X) = p(1-p) \left( \frac{1}{p} \right) = \frac{1-p}{p}. \quad \blacksquare$$

$$X \sim \text{NB}(k, p) \Rightarrow E(X) = \frac{k(1-p)}{p} \quad (6.2.4)$$

Let  $X \sim \text{NB}(k, p)$ . Then necessarily  $E(X) = \frac{k(1-p)}{p}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Proof. } E(X) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n \cdot P(X=n) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n \left( \binom{n+k-1}{n} p^k (1-p)^n \right) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n \frac{(n+k-1)!}{n! (k-1)!} (1-p)^n p^k \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} K \frac{p^k}{p} \cdot \frac{((n-1)+(k-1)-1)!}{(n-1)! k!} (1-p)^{n-1} p^{k-1} \\ &= \frac{k(1-p)}{p} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \binom{(n-1)+(k-1)-1}{n-1} (1-p)^{n-1} p^{k-1} \\ &= \frac{k(1-p)}{p} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{n+(k-1)-1}{n} (1-p)^n p^{k-1} \\ &= \frac{k(1-p)}{p} (1) \\ \therefore E(X) &= \frac{k(1-p)}{p}. \quad \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$

$$X \sim \text{Hyp}(N, M, n) \Rightarrow E(X) = \frac{nM}{N} \quad (6.2.5)$$

Let  $X \sim \text{Hyp}(N, M, n)$ . Then necessarily  $E(X) = \frac{nM}{N}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Proof. } E(X) &= \sum_{k=0}^n k \cdot P(X=k) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^n k \cdot \frac{\binom{M}{k} \binom{N-M}{n-k}}{\binom{N}{n}} \\ &= \frac{n!(N-n)!}{N!} \sum_{k=1}^n k \cdot \frac{M!}{k!(n-k)!} \frac{(N-n)!}{(n-k)!(N-M-n+k)!} \\ &= \frac{M(n!) (N-n)!}{N!} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{(M-1)!}{(k-1)! (n-k)!} \frac{(N-n)!}{(n-k)!(N-M-n+k)!} \\ &= \frac{M \cdot n!(N-n)!}{N!} \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(M-1)!}{k!} \frac{(N-n)!}{(n-k-1)!} \\ &= M \frac{n!(N-n)!}{N!} \binom{N-1}{n-1} \quad (\text{by Vandermonde Identity}) \\ &= M \frac{n!(N-n)!}{N!} \cdot \frac{(N-1)!}{(n-1)!(N-n)!} \\ \therefore E(X) &= \frac{Mn}{N}. \quad \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$

$$X \sim \text{Po}(\mu) \Rightarrow E(X) = \mu \quad (6.2.6)$$

Let  $X \sim \text{Po}(\mu)$ . Then necessarily  $E(X) = \mu$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Proof. } E(X) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n \frac{e^{-\mu} \mu^n}{n!} \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\mu} \mu^n}{(n-1)!} \\ &= \mu \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\mu} \mu^n}{n!} \\ &= \mu (1) = \mu. \quad \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$

$$E[g(X)] = \sum_{x \in A} g(x) f(x) \quad ((\text{THE LAW OF THE UNCONSCIOUS STATISTICIAN})) \quad (6.3)$$

Let  $g$  be a function on the drv  $X$ , which has range  $A$  and pmf  $X$ .

$$\text{Then necessarily } E[g(X)] = \sum_{x \in A} g(x) f(x).$$

Proof. Let  $Y = g(X)$ , and let  $D_Y = \{x \in X : g(x) = y\}$ , and let  $B = \text{ran}(Y)$ .

Then

$$P[Y=y] = P[g(X)=y] = \sum_{x \in D_Y} P[X=x].$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} E(Y) &= \sum_{y \in B} y \cdot P[g(X)=y] \\ &= \sum_{y \in B} y \cdot \sum_{x \in D_Y} P[X=x] \\ &= \sum_{y \in B} \sum_{x \in D_Y} g(x) P[X=x] \\ \therefore E(Y) &= E[g(X)] = \sum_{x \in A} g(x) f(x). \quad \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$

$$E[ag(X) + b] = aE[g(X)] + b; \quad E[ag_1(X) + bg_2(X)] = aE[g_1(X)]$$

$$+ bE[g_2(X)] \quad ((\text{LINEAR PROPERTIES OF EXPECTATION}))$$

Let  $g, g_1, g_2$  be functions on the drv  $X$ , and let  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}^+$ .

Then necessarily

$$\textcircled{1} \quad E[ag(X) + b] = aE[g(X)] + b; \text{ and}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad E[ag_1(X) + bg_2(X)] = aE[g_1(X)] + bE[g_2(X)].$$

Proof. Follows almost directly from LOUS.  $\blacksquare$

## VARIANCE (6.4)

Let  $X$  be a drv.

Then, the "variance" of  $X$ , denoted as " $\text{Var}(X)$ " or " $\sigma^2$ ", is defined to be equal to

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

\* we use " $\mu$ " to denote " $E(X)$ ", so

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

$\mathbb{E}_2$   $\text{Var}(X)$  is used to measure the "variability" of a sample, ie how "concentrated" the data is.

$\mathbb{E}_3$  The "standard deviation" of  $X$ , denoted as " $\sigma$ ", is defined to be

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\text{Var}(X)}.$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = \sum_{x \in A} (x - E(X))^2 f(x) = E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2$$

$\mathbb{E}$  (let  $X$  be a drv, with  $\text{ran}(X) = A$  & pmf  $f$ .

Then necessarily

$$\text{① } \text{Var}(X) = \sum_{x \in A} (x - E(X))^2 f(x); \text{ and}$$

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

Proof. By defn,

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

$$= \sum_{x \in A} (x - E(X))^2 f(x) \quad (\text{by LOUS}),$$

Showing ①.

$$\text{Then } \sum_{x \in A} (x - E(X))^2 f(x) = \sum_{x \in A} (x^2 - 2xE(X) + E(X)^2) f(x),$$

$$= \sum_{x \in A} x^2 f(x) - 2E(X) \sum_{x \in A} x + E(X)^2$$

$$= \sum_{x \in A} x^2 f(x) - 2E(X) E(X) + E(X) E(X)$$

$$= E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2,$$

showing ②.  $\square$

## PROPERTIES OF VARIANCE

$\mathbb{E}$  (let  $X$  be a drv. Note the following:

$$\text{① } \text{Var}(X) \geq 0;$$

$$\text{② } E(X^2) \geq (E(X))^2;$$

$$\text{③ } \text{Var}(X) = 0 \Leftrightarrow P(X=c)=1 \text{ for some constant } c; \text{ and}$$

$$\text{④ } \text{Var}(aX+b) = a^2 \text{Var}(X).$$

Proof. By defn of variance,

$$\text{Var}(X) = \sum_{x \in A} (x - E(X))^2 f(x) = \sum_{x \in A} (x - E(X))^2 P(X=x),$$

and as  $P[X=x]$ ,  $(x - E(X))^2 \geq 0 \quad \forall x \in A$ . ① follows.

Thus

$$E(X^2) - (E(X))^2 \geq 0 \Rightarrow E(X^2) \geq (E(X))^2, \text{ showing ②.}$$

Next,

$$\text{Var}(X) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \sum_{x \in A} \frac{(x - \mu)^2}{\geq 0} f(x) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (x - \mu)^2 = 0 \quad \forall x \in A$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x = \mu \quad \forall x \in A \quad (\text{ie } A = \{\mu\})$$

$$\Leftrightarrow P[X=\mu] = 1, \text{ showing ③;}$$

and

$$\text{Var}(aX+b) = E[(aX+b)^2] - (E(aX+b))^2$$

$$= a^2 E(X^2) + 2ab E(X) + b^2 - (aE(X) + b)^2$$

$$= a^2 E(X^2) + 2ab E(X) + b^2 - a^2 E(X)^2 - 2ab E(X) - b^2$$

$$= a^2 E(X^2) - a^2 E(X)^2$$

$$= a^2 \text{Var}(X),$$

showing ④.  $\square$

$$X \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p) \Rightarrow \text{Var}(X) = p(1-p) \quad (6.5.1)$$

$\mathbb{E}$  (let  $X \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p)$ . Then necessarily  $\text{Var}(X) = p(1-p)$ .

$$\text{Proof. } \text{Var}(X) = E(X^2) - (E(X))^2$$

$$= \sum_{x=0}^1 x^2 p[X=x] - p^2$$

$$= p - p^2$$

$$\therefore \text{Var}(X) = p(1-p). \quad \square$$

$$X \sim \text{Binomial}(n, p) \Rightarrow \text{Var}(X) = np(1-p) \quad (6.5.2)$$

$\mathbb{E}$  (let  $X \sim \text{Binomial}(n, p)$ . Then necessarily  $\text{Var}(X) = np(1-p)$ .

Proof. First, see that

$$\text{Var}(X) = E(X^2) - (E(X))^2$$

$$= E(X(X-1)) - (E(X))^2 + E(X).$$

Then,

$$E(X(X-1)) = \sum_{k=0}^n k(k-1) p[X=k]$$

$$= \sum_{k=2}^n k(k-1) \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$$

$$= \sum_{k=2}^n n(n-1) \cdot \frac{(n-2)!}{(n-2)!(n-k)!} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$$

$$= n(n-1)p \sum_{k=0}^{n-2} \frac{(n-2)!}{k!(n-k-2)!} p^k (1-p)^{n-2-k}$$

$$= n(n-1)p^2 (1)$$

$$\therefore E(X(X-1)) = n(n-1)p^2.$$

Thus

$$\text{Var}(X) = E(X(X-1)) - (E(X))^2 + E(X)$$

$$= n(n-1)p^2 - (np)^2 + np$$

$$= np[(n-1)p - np + 1]$$

$$\therefore \text{Var}(X) = np(1-p). \quad \square$$

$$X \sim \text{Geometric}(p) \Rightarrow \text{Var}(X) = \frac{(1-p)^2}{p^2} + \frac{1-p}{p} \quad (6.5.3)$$

$\mathbb{E}$  (let  $X \sim \text{Geometric}(p)$ . Then necessarily  $\text{Var}(X) = \frac{(1-p)^2}{p^2} + \frac{1-p}{p}$ .

Proof. See that

$$\text{Var}(X) = E(X^2) - (E(X))^2$$

$$= E(X(X-1)) - (E(X))^2 + E(X).$$

Then

$$E(X(X-1)) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n(n-1) \cdot P[X=n]$$

$$= \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1) \cdot (1-p)^n p$$

$$= p(1-p)^2 [(1 \times 2) + (2 \times 3)(1-p) + (3 \times 4)(1-p)^2 + \dots]$$

$$= 2p(1-p)^2 [1 + 3(1-p) + 6(1-p)^2 + \dots]$$

$$= 2p(1-p)^2 \left( \frac{1}{1-(1-p)^2} \right)$$

$$\therefore E(X(X-1)) = \frac{2(1-p)^2}{p^2}.$$

Thus

$$\text{Var}(X) = E(X(X-1)) - (E(X))^2 + E(X)$$

$$= \frac{2(1-p)^2}{p^2} - \left( \frac{1-p}{p} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{1-p}{p} \right)$$

$$= \left( \frac{1-p}{p} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{1-p}{p} \right). \quad \square$$

$$X \sim \text{Poisson}(\mu) \Rightarrow \text{Var}(X) = \mu \quad (6.5.4)$$

$\mathbb{E}$  (let  $X \sim \text{Poisson}(\mu)$ . Then necessarily  $\text{Var}(X) = \mu$ .

Proof.  $\text{Var}(X) = E(X(X-1)) - (E(X))^2 + E(X).$

Then

$$E(X(X-1)) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n(n-1) P[X=n]$$

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

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

$$= \mu^2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\mu} \mu^n}{n!}$$

$$= \mu^2 (1) = \mu^2.$$

$$\text{Hence } \text{Var}(X) = E(X(X-1)) - (E(X))^2 + E(X)$$

$$= \mu^2 - (\mu)^2 + \mu$$

$$= \mu. \quad \square$$

# Chapter 7:

## Discrete Multivariate Distributions

### BIVARIATE DISTRIBUTIONS (7.1)

**💡** "Bivariate distributions" are probability distributions that deal with two random variables.

**JOINT PMF:**  $f(x,y)$  (7.1.1)

**💡** Let  $X, Y$  be drvs. Then, the "joint probability mass function", ie the "joint pmf", of  $X \& Y$  is the function  $f$  defined by

$$f(x,y) : \text{ran}(X) \times \text{ran}(Y) \rightarrow [0,1] \text{ by } f(x,y) = P[X=x, Y=y].$$

**💡** Properties of joint pmf:

- ①  $f(x,y) \geq 0$  (by defn of  $f$ ); and
- ②  $\sum_y \sum_x f(x,y) = 1$ .

**💡** In general, for drvs  $X_1, \dots, X_n$ , the joint pmf of

$X_1, \dots, X_n$  is defined by

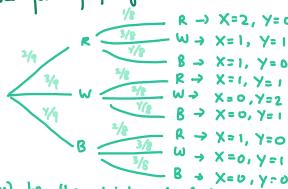
$$f: \prod_{i=1}^n \text{ran}(X_i) \rightarrow [0,1] \text{ by } f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = P[X_1=x_1, \dots, X_n=x_n].$$

**eg'** A box contains 2 red, 3 white & 4 black ones. Randomly select 2 balls w/o replacement.

Let  $X = \#$  of red balls selected; &  $Y = \#$  of white balls selected.

Find the joint pmf of  $X \& Y$ .

Soln.



Let  $f(x,y)$  be the joint pmf of  $f$ .

By adding the probabilities for each case, you eventually get that

	0	1	2
0	6/36	8/36	1/36
1	12/36	6/36	0
2	3/36	0	0

**MARGINAL PMF:**  $f_X(x)$ ,  $f_Y(y)$  (7.1.1)

**💡** Let  $f$  be the joint pmf of some drvs  $X \& Y$ .

Then, the "marginal pmfs" of  $X \& Y$ , denoted as " $f_X$ " & " $f_Y$ " respectively, is defined to be equal to

$$f_X(x) = P[X=x] = \sum_y P[X=x, Y=y] = \sum_y f(x,y),$$

and

$$f_Y(y) = P[Y=y] = \sum_x P[X=x, Y=y] = \sum_x f(x,y).$$

\* we also denote

$$f_X := f_1 \quad \& \quad f_Y := f_2.$$

**💡** In general, for drvs  $X_1, \dots, X_n$ , we have that

$$f_{X_i}(x_i) = P[X_i=x_i] = \sum_{x_1} \dots \sum_{x_{i-1}} \sum_{x_{i+1}} \dots \sum_{x_n} P[X_1=x_1, \dots, X_n=x_n]$$

$$= \sum_{x_1} \dots \sum_{x_{i-1}} \sum_{x_{i+1}} \dots \sum_{x_n} f(x_1, \dots, x_n).$$

\* we also denote

$$f_{X_i} := f_i.$$

Note that

- ①  $f(x,y)$  determines  $f_X(x)$  &  $f_Y(y)$ ; but
- ② We cannot generally find  $f(x,y)$  from  $f_X(x)$  &  $f_Y(y)$ .

**CONDITIONAL PMF:**  $f_{|y}(x|y)$  (7.1.2)

**💡** Let  $X \& Y$  be drvs.

Then, the "conditional pmf of  $X$  given  $Y=y$ ", denoted as " $f_{|y}(x|y)$ ", is defined to be

$$f_{|y}(x|y) = \frac{f(x,y)}{f_Y(y)} = \frac{P[X=x, Y=y]}{P[Y=y]},$$

given that  $f_Y(y) > 0$ .

Note that:

$$\text{① } f_{|y}(x|y) \geq 0 \quad (\text{as } f(x,y) \geq 0, f_Y(y) > 0); \quad \&$$

$$\text{② } \sum_x f_{|y}(x|y) = 1 \quad \forall y \in \text{ran}(Y).$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Proof: } \sum_x f_{|y}(x|y) &= \sum_x \frac{f(x,y)}{f_Y(y)} \\ &= \frac{1}{f_Y(y)} \sum_x f(x,y) \\ &= \frac{1}{f_Y(y)} f_Y(y) \quad (\text{by defn}) \\ &= 1. \quad \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$

**INDEPENDENT [RANDOM VARIABLES] (7.1.3)**

**💡** Let  $X \& Y$  be rv, with pmf  $f$ .

Then, we say  $X$  and  $Y$  are "independent" if

$$f(x,y) = P[X=x, Y=y] = P[X=x]P[Y=y] = f_X(x)f_Y(y)$$

for each  $x \in \text{ran}(X)$ ,  $y \in \text{ran}(Y)$ .

**💡** So, to show  $X \& Y$  are not independent, it suffices to find some  $x \in \text{ran}(X)$ ,  $y \in \text{ran}(Y)$  such that

$$f(x,y) \neq f_X(x)f_Y(y).$$

**eg**  $X \sim \text{Geo}(p)$ ;  $Y = X^2$ : Show  $X \& Y$  are not independent.

→ Let  $x=0$ ,  $y=1$ .

$$\text{Then } f(0,1) = P[X=0, Y=1] = P[X=0, X^2=1]$$

$= 0$  (since this is impossible).

$$\begin{aligned} \text{But } f_X(0)f_Y(1) &= P[X=0]P(Y=1) \\ &= P[X=0]P(X^2=1) \\ &= P[X=0]P(X=1) \\ &= p(1-p).p \quad (\neq 0). \quad \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$

**💡** In general, the rv  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  (with pmf  $f$ ) are independent if

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = f_1(x_1) \dots f_n(x_n) \quad \forall x_i \in \text{ran}(X_i), 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

# DISTRIBUTION OF A FUNCTION OF RANDOM VARIABLES (7.2)

To find the pmf for  $T = g(X, Y)$ , we use the following method:

- ① Evaluate  $\text{ran}(T) = \text{ran}(g(X, Y))$ ;
- ② Find the values of  $(x, y)$  such that  $g(x, y) |_{X=x, Y=y} = t$  for each  $t \in \text{ran}(T)$ ; then
- ③ Use  $f_{X,Y}(x, y)$  to get the respective probabilities of each  $(x, y)$ , and "merge" them accordingly under each  $t \in \text{ran}(T)$  to obtain the pmf for  $T$ .

e.g. A box contains 2 red, 3 white & 4 black ones. Randomly select 2 balls w/o replacement.

Let  
 $X = \# \text{ of red balls selected}$ ;  
 $Y = \# \text{ of white balls selected}$ .

let  $T = 2XY - 1$ . Find the pmf of  $T$ . (E3)

Soln.

	X		
T	0	1	2
0	-1	-1	-1
1	-1	1	3
2	-1	3	7

From earlier we found the pmf of  $X, Y$  in a tabular form:

	x		
y	0	1	2
0	6/36	8/36	1/36
1	12/36	6/36	0
2	3/36	0	0

By "comparing" the two tables, see that

$$\begin{aligned} P[T=-1] &= P(X=0, Y=0) + P(X=0, Y=1) + P(X=0, Y=2) \\ &\quad + P(X=1, Y=0) + P(X=1, Y=2) \\ &= 6/36 + 8/36 + 1/36 + 12/36 + 3/36 = 30/36. \end{aligned}$$

$P[T=1]$ ,  $P[T=3]$  &  $P[T=7]$  are calculated similarly.

$X \sim \text{Bin}(n, p)$ ,  $Y \sim \text{Bin}(m, p)$ ,  $X, Y$  INDEPENDENT  $\Rightarrow$

$X+Y \sim \text{Bin}(n+m, p)$  (E4)

Let  $X \sim \text{Bin}(n, p)$  be independent from  $Y \sim \text{Bin}(m, p)$ . We can show  $X+Y \sim \text{Bin}(n+m, p)$  by a pmf argument.

Proof. Let  $f$  be the joint pmf of  $X$  &  $Y$ .

Since  $X, Y$  are indep., thus  $f_{X,Y}(x, y) = f_X(x)f_Y(y) \forall x, y$ .

Let  $T = X+Y$ . See that

$$\begin{aligned} P[T=t] &= \sum_{x=0}^t P(X=x)P(Y=t-x) \\ &= \sum_{x=0}^t \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x} \binom{m}{t-x} p^{t-x} (1-p)^{m-(t-x)} \\ &= \sum_{x=0}^t \binom{n}{x} \binom{m}{t-x} p^t (1-p)^{n+m-t+x} \\ &= p^t (1-p)^{n+m-t} \sum_{x=0}^t \binom{n}{x} \binom{m}{t-x} \\ &= p^t (1-p)^{n+m-t} \binom{n+m}{t} \quad (\text{by Vandermonde's identity}), \end{aligned}$$

and so this suffices to show

$$T \sim \text{Bin}(n+m, p).$$

Let's find the conditional pmf of  $X$  given  $T=t$  also.

Soln. See that

$$\begin{aligned} P[X=x | T=t] &= \frac{P(X=x, T=t)}{P(T=t)} \\ &= \frac{P(X=x, X+Y=t)}{P(T=t)} \\ &= \frac{P(X=x, Y=t-x)}{P(T=t)} \\ &= \frac{P_X(x)P_Y(t-x)}{P(T=t)} \\ &= \frac{\binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x} \binom{m}{t-x} p^{t-x} (1-p)^{m-(t-x)}}{\binom{n+m}{t} p^t (1-p)^{n+m-t}} \\ &= \frac{\binom{n}{x} \binom{m}{t-x}}{\binom{n+m}{t}}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore P[X=x | T=t] = \frac{\binom{n}{x} \binom{m}{t-x}}{\binom{n+m}{t}}.$$

$\Rightarrow$  see that by construction, this is what a hypergeometric distribution is "finding"!

$X \sim \text{Po}(\mu_1)$ ,  $Y \sim \text{Po}(\mu_2) \Rightarrow X+Y \sim \text{Po}(\mu_1+\mu_2)$  (E5)

Let  $X \sim \text{Po}(\mu_1)$  be independent to  $Y \sim \text{Po}(\mu_2)$ . Then we can similarly show that  $X+Y \sim \text{Po}(\mu_1+\mu_2)$ .

Proof. Let  $T = X+Y$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{See that } P[T=t] &= \sum_{x=0}^t P[X=x, Y=t-x] \\ &= \sum_{x=0}^t P[X=x]P[Y=t-x] \quad (\text{as } X, Y \text{ are independent}) \\ &= \sum_{x=0}^t \frac{e^{-\mu_1} \mu_1^x}{x!} \frac{e^{-\mu_2} \mu_2^{t-x}}{(t-x)!} \\ &= e^{-\mu_1-\mu_2} \sum_{x=0}^t \frac{\mu_1^x \mu_2^{t-x}}{x!(t-x)!} \\ &= \frac{e^{-\mu_1-\mu_2}}{t!} \sum_{x=0}^t \frac{t!}{x!(t-x)!} \mu_1^x \mu_2^{t-x} \\ &= \frac{e^{-\mu_1-\mu_2}}{t!} \sum_{x=0}^t \binom{t}{x} \mu_1^x \mu_2^{t-x} \\ &= \frac{e^{-\mu_1-\mu_2}}{t!} (\mu_1+\mu_2)^t \quad (\text{by the binomial formula}) \end{aligned}$$

which suffices to show  $T \sim \text{Po}(\mu_1+\mu_2)$ .

We can similarly find  $f_X(x|t)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f_X(x|t) &= \frac{P[X=x, T=t]}{P(T=t)} \\ &= \frac{P(X=x, T=t)}{P(T=t)} \\ &= \frac{P(X=x, X+Y=t)}{P(T=t)} \\ &= \frac{P(X=x, Y=t-x)}{P(T=t)} \\ &= \frac{P(X=x)P(Y=t-x)}{P(T=t)} \\ &= \frac{P(X=x)P(Y=t-x)}{P(T=t)} \quad (\text{by independence of } X, Y) \\ &= \frac{\left(\frac{e^{-\mu_1} \mu_1^x}{x!}\right) \left(\frac{e^{-\mu_2} \mu_2^{t-x}}{(t-x)!}\right)}{P(T=t)} \\ &= \frac{\left(\frac{e^{-\mu_1} \mu_1^x}{x!}\right) \left(\frac{e^{-\mu_2} \mu_2^{t-x}}{(t-x)!}\right)}{t!} \\ &= \frac{t!}{x!(t-x)!} \cdot \frac{e^{-\mu_1-\mu_2}}{t!} \cdot \frac{\mu_1^x \mu_2^{t-x}}{(\mu_1+\mu_2)^t} \\ &= \binom{t}{x} \frac{\mu_1^x \mu_2^{t-x}}{(\mu_1+\mu_2)^t}. \end{aligned}$$

# TRINOMIAL DISTRIBUTION:

$$(X_1, X_2, X_3) \sim \text{Tri}(n, p_1, p_2, p_3) \quad (7.3)$$

$\exists_1$  In a "trinomial distribution":

- ① there are three possible outcomes A, B, C for a trial; and
- ②  $n$  trials occur independently.

$\exists_2$  In particular,

- ① If  $P(A) = p_1$ ,  $P(B) = p_2$  &  $P(C) = p_3$ , then  $p_1 + p_2 + p_3 = 1$ , and
- ② If  $X_1 = \#(A)$ ,  $X_2 = \#(B)$  &  $X_3 = \#(C)$ , then  $X_1 + X_2 + X_3 = n$ .

$\exists_3$  In this case, we write

$$(X_1, X_2, X_3) \sim \text{Trinomial}(n, p_1, p_2, p_3).$$

or

$$(X_1, X_2, X_3) \sim \text{Tri}(n, p_1, p_2, p_3).$$

## JOINT PMF [OF TRINOMIAL DISTRIBUTIONS]:

$$f(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \frac{n!}{x_1! x_2! x_3!} p_1^{x_1} p_2^{x_2} p_3^{x_3} \quad (7.3.1)$$

$\exists_1$  Let the rv  $X_1, X_2, X_3$  form a trinomial distribution, with  $X_1 + X_2 + X_3 = n$ .

Then the joint pmf is necessarily the function  $f$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} f(x_1, x_2, x_3) &= P[X_1=x_1, X_2=x_2, X_3=x_3] \\ &= P[X_1=x_1, X_2=x_2] = P[X_1=x_1, X_3=x_3] = P[X_2=x_2, X_3=x_3] \\ &= \frac{n!}{x_1! x_2! x_3!} p_1^{x_1} p_2^{x_2} p_3^{x_3}. \end{aligned}$$

Why?  $f(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \frac{n!}{x_1! x_2! x_3!} p_1^{x_1} p_2^{x_2} p_3^{x_3}$

# of ways to arrange  $n$  things w/  $x_1$  type 1,  $x_2$  type 2 &  $x_3$  type 3 multiplied.

$\exists_2$  Note that

$$\sum_{x_1=0}^n \sum_{x_2=0}^{n-x_1} P[X_1=x_1, X_2=x_2, X_3=n-x_1] = \sum_{x_1=0}^n \sum_{x_2=0}^{n-x_1} \frac{n!}{x_1! x_2! x_3!} p_1^{x_1} p_2^{x_2} p_3^{n-x_1} \\ = (p_1 + p_2 + p_3)^n \quad (\text{as } p_1 + p_2 + p_3 = 1).$$

## MARGINAL PMFS [OF TRINOMIAL DISTRIBUTIONS]:

$$f_{X_1}(x_1) = \sum_{x_2=0}^{n-x_1} f(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \sum_{x_3=0}^{n-x_1} f(x_1, x_2, x_3) \quad (7.3.2)$$

$\exists_1$  Let  $X_1, X_2, X_3$  form a trinomial distribution, with joint pmf  $f$ .

Denote the marginal pmf of  $f$  with  $X_1$  as  $f_{X_1}$ .

Then

$$f_{X_1}(x_1) = P[X_1=x_1] = \sum_{x_2=0}^{n-x_1} f(x_1, x_2, x_3)$$

and

$$f_{X_1}(x_1) = P[X_1=x_1] = \sum_{x_3=0}^{n-x_1} f(x_1, x_2, x_3),$$

and  $f_{X_2}, f_{X_3}$  are defined similarly.

Proof:  $f_{X_1}(x_1) = \sum_{x_2=0}^{n-x_1} f_{1,2}(x_1, x_2)$  (where  $f_{1,2}(n, x_2) = P[X_1=x_1, X_2=x_2]$ )

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_{x_2=0}^{n-x_1} \frac{n!}{x_1! x_2! (n-x_1-x_2)!} p_1^{x_1} p_2^{x_2} p_3^{n-x_1-x_2} \\ &= \sum_{x_2=0}^{n-x_1} \frac{n!}{x_1! x_2! x_3!} p_1^{x_1} p_2^{x_2} p_3^{x_3} \quad (\text{as } x_1+x_2+x_3=n) \\ &= \sum_{x_2=0}^{n-x_1} f(x_1, x_2, x_3), \end{aligned}$$

and the other sum is proved similarly.  $\square$

$$(X_1, X_2, X_3) \sim \text{Tri}(n, p_1, p_2, p_3) \Rightarrow X_1 \sim \text{Bin}(n, p_1) \quad (7.3.2)$$

$\exists_2$  Let  $X_1, X_2, X_3$  form a trinomial distribution.

Then necessarily  $X_i \sim \text{Bin}(n, p_i)$   $\forall i \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ .

Proof: We prove it for  $i=1$ ; the other cases are similar.

See that

$$\begin{aligned} P[X_1=x_1] &= f_{X_1}(x_1) \\ &= \sum_{x_2=0}^{n-x_1} \frac{n!}{x_1! x_2! (n-x_1-x_2)!} p_1^{x_1} p_2^{x_2} p_3^{n-x_1-x_2} \\ &= p_1^{x_1} \frac{n!}{(n-x_1)! x_1! x_2! (n-x_1-x_2)!} p_2^{x_2} p_3^{n-x_1-x_2} \\ &= p_1^{x_1} \binom{n}{x_1} (p_2 + p_3)^{n-x_1} \quad (\text{by bin formula}) \\ &= p_1^{x_1} (p_1) (1-p_1)^{n-x_1}, \end{aligned}$$

which suffices to show that

$$X_1 \sim \text{Bin}(n, p_1)$$

as needed.  $\square$

## CONDITIONAL PMFS [FOR TRINOMIAL DISTRIBUTIONS]:

$$(X_1 | X_3=x_3) \sim \text{Bin}(n-x_3, \frac{p_1}{p_1+p_2}) \quad (7.3.3)$$

$\exists_1$  Let  $X_1, X_2, X_3$  form a trinomial distribution.

Then necessarily

$$(X_1 | X_3=x_3) \sim \text{Bin}(n-x_3, \frac{p_1}{p_1+p_2}),$$

and the other cases (ie  $(X_i | X_j=x_j)$ ) are defined similarly.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Proof: } P[X_1=x_1 | X_3=x_3] &= \frac{P[X_1=x_1, X_3=x_3]}{P[X_3=x_3]} \\ &= \frac{\frac{n!}{x_1! x_2! x_3!} p_1^{x_1} p_2^{x_2} p_3^{x_3}}{\frac{(n-x_3)!}{(n-x_3-x_1)! x_1! x_2!} p_1^{x_1} p_2^{x_2} p_3^{x_3}} \quad (\text{since } X_3 \sim \text{Bin}(n, p_3)) \\ &= \frac{(x_1+x_2)!}{x_1! x_2!} \cdot \frac{p_1^{x_1} p_2^{x_2}}{(p_1+p_2)^{x_1+x_2}} \\ &= \left(\frac{x_1+x_2}{x_2}\right) \left(\frac{p_1}{p_1+p_2}\right)^{x_1} \left(\frac{p_2}{p_1+p_2}\right)^{x_2} \\ &= \binom{n-x_3}{n-x_3-x_1} p_1^{x_1} (1-p_1)^{n-x_3-x_1} \quad (p_1' = \frac{p_1}{p_1+p_2}), \end{aligned}$$

which is sufficient to prove the claim.  $\square$

$$(X_1, X_2, X_3) \sim \text{Tri}(n, p_1, p_2, p_3) \Rightarrow X_1 + X_2 \sim \text{Bin}(n, p_1 + p_2)$$

$$(7.3.4)$$

$\exists_1$  Let  $(X_1, X_2, X_3) \sim \text{Tri}(n, p_1, p_2, p_3)$ .

Then necessarily  $X_1 + X_2 \sim \text{Bin}(n, p_1 + p_2)$ .

$$\text{Proof: } P[X_1+x_2=t] = \sum_{x_1=0}^t P[X_1=x_1, X_2=t-x_1]$$

$$= \sum_{x_1=0}^t \frac{n!}{x_1! (t-x_1)!(n-x_1)!} p_1^{x_1} p_2^{t-x_1} p_3^{n-x_1}$$

$$= \frac{n!}{t! (n-t)!} \sum_{x_1=0}^t \frac{t!}{x_1! (t-x_1)!} p_1^{x_1} p_2^{t-x_1} p_3^{n-x_1}$$

$$= \binom{n}{t} (p_1 + p_2)^t (p_1 p_2)^{n-t} \quad (\text{by bin formula}).$$

which suffices to prove the claim.  $\square$

## MULTINOMIAL DISTRIBUTION:

$$(X_1, \dots, X_k) \sim \text{Mult}(n, p_1, \dots, p_k) \quad (7.4)$$

$\exists_1$  In a "multinomial distribution":

- ① Each trial has  $k$  outcomes, say  $A_1, \dots, A_k$  (where  $k \geq 2$ ); and

- ② we repeat said trial independently  $n$  times.

$\exists_2$  In this case, we say

$$(X_1, \dots, X_k) \sim \text{Multinomial}(n, p_1, \dots, p_k)$$

or

$$(X_1, \dots, X_k) \sim \text{Mult}(n, p_1, \dots, p_k),$$

where  $p_i = P(A_i)$   $\forall i \in \{1, \dots, k\}$  and  $X_i = \#\{A_i \text{ occurred in the trials}\}$ .

## JOINT PMF [OF MULTINOMIAL DISTRIBUTIONS]:

$$P[X_1=x_1, \dots, X_k=x_k] = \frac{n!}{x_1! \dots x_k!} p_1^{x_1} \dots p_k^{x_k}$$

$\exists_1$  Let  $(X_1, \dots, X_k) \sim \text{Mult}(n, p_1, \dots, p_k)$ .

Then the joint pmf of  $X_1, \dots, X_k$  is given by  $f$ , where

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_k) = P[X_1=x_1, \dots, X_k=x_k] = \frac{n!}{x_1! \dots x_k!} p_1^{x_1} \dots p_k^{x_k}.$$

Why?  $f(x_1, \dots, x_k) = \frac{n!}{x_1! \dots x_k!} p_1^{x_1} \dots p_k^{x_k}$

generalization of combinations multiplying the probabilities out

