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1 Set theory

Properties:

$$A \cup B = B \cup A \tag{1}$$

$$A \cap B = B \cap A \tag{2}$$

$$(A \cup B) \cup C = A \cup (B \cup C) \tag{3}$$

$$(AB)C = A(BC) \tag{4}$$

$$(A \cup B) \cap C = (A \cap C) \cup (B \cap C) \tag{5}$$

$$(AB) \cup C = (A \cup C) \cap (B \cup C) \tag{6}$$

De Morgan's rule:

$$\overline{E_1 \cup E_2 \cup \dots \cup E_n} = \overline{E_1} \cap \overline{E_2} \cap \dots \cap \overline{E_n}$$
(7)

$$\overline{E_1 \cap E_2 \cap \dots \cap E_n} = \overline{E_1} \cup \overline{E_2} \cup \dots \cup \overline{E_n}$$
(8)

2 Mathematics of probability

General rules:

$$P(\overline{E}) = 1 - P(E) \tag{9}$$

$$P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(AB) \tag{10}$$

$$P(A \cap B) = P(AB) = P(A|B)P(B) \tag{11}$$

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(AB)}{P(B)} \tag{12}$$

$$P(A|B) = 1 - P(\overline{A}|B) \tag{13}$$

Mutually exclusive events:

$$P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) \tag{14}$$

Statistically independent events:

$$P(AB) = P(A)P(B) \tag{15}$$

$$P(A|B) = P(A) \tag{16}$$

$$P(B|A) = P(B) \tag{17}$$

Total probability theorem:

$$P(A) = P(A|E_1)P(E_1) + P(A|E_2)P(E_2) + \dots + P(A|E_n)P(E_n) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} P(A|E_i)P(E_i)$$
(18)

Bayes' theorem:

$$P(E_i|A) = \frac{P(A|E_i)P(E_i)}{\sum_{j=1}^{n} P(A|E_j)P(E_j)}$$
(19)

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3 Probability distributions

Basic definitions:

Mean:
$$E(X) = \mu_X = \begin{cases} \sum_i x_i p_X(x_i) & \text{(discrete)} \\ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_X(x) dx & \text{(continuous)} \end{cases}$$
 (20)

Variance:
$$Var(X) = \begin{cases} \sum_{i} (x_i - E(X))^2 p_X(x_i) & \text{(discrete)} \\ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - E(X))^2 f_X(x) dx & \text{(continuous)} \end{cases}$$
 (21)

$$= E(X^2) - E(X)^2 (22)$$

Coefficient of variation:
$$\delta_X = \frac{\sigma_X}{\mu_X}$$
 (23)

 $X \sim \text{Uniform}(a, b)$:

$$P(a < X \le b) = \frac{x - a}{b - a} \tag{24}$$

$$\mu_X = \frac{a+b}{2} \tag{25}$$

$$Var(X) = \frac{(b-a)^2}{12}$$
 (26)

 $X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma)$:

(CDF)
$$P(X \le b) = \Phi\left(\frac{b-\mu}{\sigma}\right)$$
 (27)

$$P(a < X \le b) = \Phi\left(\frac{b-\mu}{\sigma}\right) - \Phi\left(\frac{a-\mu}{\sigma}\right)$$
 (28)

 $X \sim \text{Lognormal}(\lambda, \zeta)$:

$$P(a < X \le b) = \Phi\left(\frac{\ln b - \lambda}{\zeta}\right) - \Phi\left(\frac{\ln a - \lambda}{\zeta}\right) \tag{29}$$

$$\lambda = \ln x_m \tag{30}$$

$$\zeta = \sqrt{\ln(1 + \delta_X^2)} \approx \delta_X \tag{31}$$

$$\mu_X = e^{\left(\lambda + \frac{1}{2}\zeta^2\right)} \tag{32}$$

$$Var(X) = \mu_X^2 (e^{\zeta^2} - 1)$$
 (33)

 $X \sim \text{Binomial}(n, p)$:

(PDF)
$$P(X = x) = \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x}$$
 (34)

(CDF)
$$P(X \le x) = \sum_{k=0}^{x} {n \choose k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$$
 (35)

$$= \binom{n}{0} p^0 (1-p)^{n-0} + \binom{n}{1} p^1 (1-p)^{n-1} + \dots + \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x}$$
 (36)

$$\mu_X = np \tag{37}$$

$$Var(X) = np(1-p) \tag{38}$$

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 $X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$, where $\lambda = vt$:

(PDF)
$$P(X = x) = \frac{\lambda^x e^{-\lambda}}{x!}$$
 (39)

(CDF)
$$P(X \le x) = \sum_{k=0}^{x} \frac{\lambda^k e^{-\lambda}}{k!} = \frac{\lambda^0 e^{-\lambda}}{0!} + \frac{\lambda^1 e^{-\lambda}}{1!} + \dots + \frac{\lambda^x e^{-\lambda}}{x!}$$
 (40)

$$\mu_X = Var(X) = \lambda \tag{41}$$

 $X \sim \text{Exponential}(v)$:

(CDF)
$$P(T \le t) = 1 - e^{-vt}$$
 (42)

$$\mu_T = \frac{1}{v} \tag{43}$$

$$Var(T) = \frac{1}{v^2} \tag{44}$$

Memorylessness:
$$P(T > t + t_0 | T > t_0) = P(T > t)$$
 (45)

 $X \sim \text{Weibull}(k, \eta, \varepsilon)$, where $\eta = w_1 - \varepsilon$:

$$F_Y(y) = 1 - e^{-\left(\frac{y-\varepsilon}{w_1-\varepsilon}\right)^k}; y \ge \varepsilon \tag{46}$$

$$\mu_Y = \varepsilon + (w_1 - \varepsilon)\Gamma\left(1 + \frac{1}{k}\right) \tag{47}$$

$$\sigma_Y^2 = (w_1 - \varepsilon)^2 \left[\Gamma \left(1 + \frac{2}{k} \right) - \Gamma^2 \left(1 + \frac{1}{k} \right) \right] \tag{48}$$

4 Joint distributions

For two **discrete** r.v.'s X and Y:

$$p_{X,Y}(x_i, y_j) = p_{X|Y}(x_i|y_j)p_Y(y_j) = p_{Y|X}(y_j|y_i)p_X(x_i)$$
(49)

$$p_X(x_i) = \sum_{y_j} p_{X,Y}(x_i, y_j)$$
 (50)

$$p_Y(y_j) = \sum_{x_i} p_{X,Y}(x_i, y_j)$$
 (51)

If X and Y are statistically independent:

$$p_{X,Y}(x_i, y_i) = p_X(x_i)p_Y(y_i)$$
(52)

For two **continuous** r.v.'s X and Y:

$$f_{X,Y}(x,y) = f_{X|Y}(x|y)f_Y(y) = f_{Y|X}(y|x)f_X(x)$$
(53)

$$f_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(x,y)dy \tag{54}$$

$$f_Y(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(x,y)dx \tag{55}$$

If X and Y are statistically independent:

$$f_{X,Y}(x,y) = f_X(x)f_Y(y) \tag{56}$$

Covariance and correlation:

$$Cov(X,Y) = E(XY) - E(X)E(Y) = \rho_{XY}\sigma_X\sigma_Y$$
(57)

$$\rho_{XY} = \frac{Cov(X,Y)}{\sigma_X \sigma_Y} \tag{58}$$

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5 Functions of random variables

If $Z = aX \pm bY$, where X and Y are normal r.v.'s:

$$E(Z) = aE(X) \pm bE(Y) \tag{59}$$

$$Var(Z) = a^{2}Var(X) + b^{2}Var(Y) \pm 2ab Cov(X, Y)$$
(60)

For statistically independent random variables:

If $Z = \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i$, where $X_i \sim \text{Poisson}(v_i)$, then:

$$v_Z = \sum_{i=1}^n v_i \tag{61}$$

If $Z = \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i X_i$, where $X_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_{X_i}, \sigma_{X_i})$, then:

$$\mu_Z = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \mu_{X_i} \quad \sigma_Z^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2 \sigma_{X_i}^2$$
 (62)

If $Z = \prod_{i=1}^{n} X_i$, where $X_i \sim \text{Lognormal}(\lambda_{X_i}, \zeta_{X_i})$, then:

$$\lambda_Z = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_{X_i} \quad \zeta_Z^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n \zeta_{X_i}^2$$
 (63)

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