

# Lecture 2:

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Logistics

(Bertsekas)

EE24, EE 100T 24, BT 24.

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Probability space

$(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$

sample space

probability function

event space

$\mathcal{F}$ : event space is collection of subsets of  $\Omega$  satisfy the following conditions

$\sigma$ -algebra

①  $\emptyset \in \mathcal{F}$

should contain null set.

②  $\text{If } A \in \mathcal{F}, A^c \in \mathcal{F}$

③  $\text{If } A_1, A_2, \dots \in \mathcal{F} \text{ then } \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i \in \mathcal{F}$

$A_1, A_2 \in \mathcal{F}$

$A_1 \cup A_2 \in \mathcal{F}$

$A_1 \cap A_2 \in \mathcal{F}$

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$(A_1 \cup A_2)^c \in \mathcal{F}$

$\bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i \in \mathcal{F}$

Examples:

①  $\mathcal{F} = \{\emptyset, \Omega\}$

②  $\mathcal{F} = \{\emptyset, A, A^c, \Omega\}$

For some  $A \subset \Omega$ .

③  $\mathcal{F} = \text{all subsets of } \Omega$ .

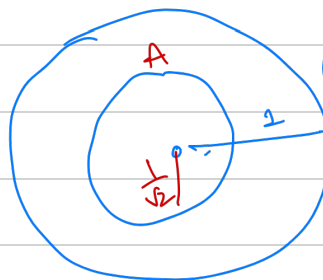
④  $\mathcal{F} = \{\emptyset, A, A^c, \Omega\}$ .

Exercise

Find a minimal cardinality  $\mathcal{F}$  that has  $A, B$  as elements.

$A = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2, x^2 + y^2 \leq \frac{1}{2}\}$

⑤  $\mathcal{F} = \text{all subsets of } \Omega$ .



$\Omega = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2, x^2 + y^2 \leq 1\}$ .

Probability function

$$P: \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

① Non-negativity

for any  $A \in \mathcal{F}$ ,

$$P(A) \geq 0$$

② Normalization

$$P(\Omega) = 1.$$

$A_1, A_2, \dots$   
are disjoint  
 $P(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i)$   
 $\uparrow = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A_i)$

③ Additivity

$A, B \in \mathcal{F}$  that are disjoint  
i.e.,  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ .

$$\text{Then } P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B).$$

normalization

additivity

①

$$P(\emptyset) = 0.$$

$$\rightarrow 1 = P(\Omega) = P(\emptyset \cup \Omega) = P(\emptyset) + P(\Omega)$$

②

$$P(A \cup B) \leq P(A) + P(B)$$

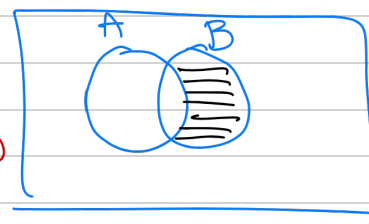
$$= P(\emptyset) + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow P(\emptyset) = 0$$

Union bound

$$\text{a) } (A \cup B) = (A \cup B \setminus A)$$

$$P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B \setminus A) \rightarrow \text{①}$$



$$\text{b) } B = (B \setminus A) \cup (B \cap A)$$

$$B \cap A^c = B \setminus A$$



$$P(B) = \underline{P(B \setminus A)} + P(A \cap B) \rightarrow \text{②}$$

$A$  and  $B \setminus A$  are disjoint

From ① and ②

$$P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$$

$$\leq P(A) + P(B) + 0 \quad (\text{non-negativity}).$$

③

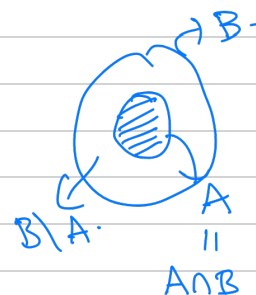
$$A \subset B, \quad P(A) \leq P(B)$$

$$B = (B \cap A) \cup (B \setminus A).$$

$$P(B) = P(B \cap A) + P(B \setminus A)$$

$$= P(A) + P(B \setminus A)$$

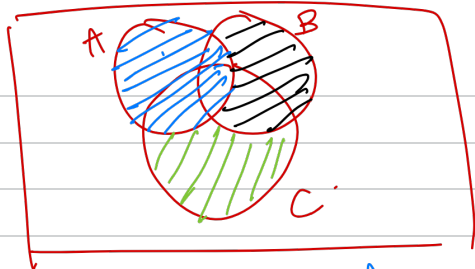
$$\geq P(A).$$



④

$$P(A \cup B \cup C) = P(A) + P(B \cup C \setminus A)$$

$$= P(A) + P(B \setminus A) + P(C \setminus (A \cup B)).$$



$$(A \cup B \cup C) = (A) \cup (B \setminus A) \cup (C \setminus (A \cup B)).$$

↓  
disjoint union

Union bound for three sets

$$\begin{aligned} P(A \cup B \cup C) &\leq P(A) + P(B \cup C) \\ &\leq P(A) + P(B) + P(C) \end{aligned}$$

General union bound:  $P(C)$

$$P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i\right) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n P(A_i)$$

By induction assume true for  $n-1$  set collection.

$$P\left(A_n \cup \bigcup_{i=1}^{n-1} A_i\right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\stackrel{\text{by induction assumption}}{\leq} P(A_n) + P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{n-1} A_i\right) \\ &\leq P(A_n) + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} P(A_i) \\ &\stackrel{\text{by induction assumption}}{\leq} \sum_{i=1}^n P(A_i) \end{aligned}$$

## Examples

①  $\Omega = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

$\mathcal{F}$  = all subsets of  $\Omega$ .

$$P(\{i\}) = \frac{1}{6} \quad \forall i \in \Omega.$$

$$P(\Omega) = 1.$$

$$A \subseteq \Omega.$$

$$P(A) = \sum_{i \in A} \frac{1}{6} = \frac{|A|}{6}.$$

$$P(\{1, 2\}) = \frac{2}{6} = \frac{1}{3}.$$

②  $\Omega = [0, 1]$

$\mathcal{F}$ : all subsets of  $\Omega$ . } vague.

$$P([a, b]) = (b - a) \quad \text{for any interval } [a, b].$$

$$\underline{P(\Omega) = 1.}$$

$$P(\Omega) \geq P(S) > 1 \quad \Leftarrow$$

contradicts  
normalization  
axiom.

Suppose we assign probability  $p$  to every element  $x \in [0, 1]$ .  
Pick a finite set  $S$  comprising of  $> \frac{1}{p}$  distinct elements from  $\Omega$ .  
(Can always find such  $S$  as  $\Omega$  is uncountable & infinite)

$$P(S) = \sum_{x \in S} P(\{x\})$$

$$= |S| \cdot p > \frac{1}{p} \cdot p = 1.$$

Size of  $S$

## Borel $\sigma$ -algebra

consider all open intervals in  $\Omega$ .

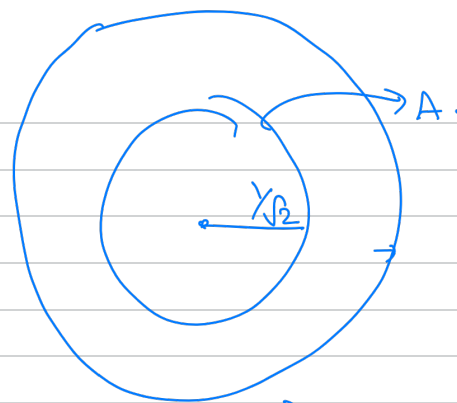
$$\mathcal{O} = \{(a, b) \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

$\mathcal{F}$  is  $\sigma$ -algebra generated by the open sets

$$(3) \quad \Omega = \{ (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2, x^2 + y^2 \leq 1 \}$$

$$P(A) = \frac{\text{area } A}{\pi} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$A \subseteq \Omega$$



$$P(\Omega) = \frac{\text{area } \Omega}{\pi} = 1$$

$$A = \{ (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2, x^2 + y^2 \leq \frac{1}{2} \}$$

Continuing on Properties of probability function

Inclusion-Exclusion Principle

$$(1) \quad P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$$

$$P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n P(A_i) - \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} P(A_i \cap A_j)$$

Exercise:  
prove using  
induction.

$$+ \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < i_3 \leq n} P(A_{i_1} \cap A_{i_2} \cap A_{i_3})$$

$$- \dots - (-1)^{n+1} P(A_1 \cap A_2 \dots \cap A_n)$$

(2) Continuity property of probability function.

Let  $A_1, A_2, \dots$

$$P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i\right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i\right)$$



$$x_n \rightarrow x$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x$$

Corollaries:

$$(a) \quad A_1 \subset A_2 \subset \dots$$

$$P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i\right) = P(A_n)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n) = f\left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n\right)$$

$$= f(x)$$

$$P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i\right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(A_n)$$

$$(b) \quad B_1 \supset B_2 \supset \dots$$

$$P\left(\bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} B_i\right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(B_n)$$

$$B_1^c \subset B_2^c \subset \dots$$

From Corollary @

$$\Rightarrow P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} B_i^c\right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(B_n^c)$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 - P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} B_i^c\right) = 1 - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(B_n^c)$$

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$$\Rightarrow P\left(\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} B_i^c\right)^c\right)$$

De-Morgan's  
laws

$$P\left(\bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} B_i\right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(B_n)$$

After  
Jan 15.

5-30 - 7 pm.

Thursday