

Probability Space
 (Ω, \mathcal{F}, P)
 Sample space
 collection of events I want to assign probabilities to
 level of resolution we observe our random experiment at Axioms

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- (i) $\Omega \in \mathcal{F}$
- (ii) If $A \in \mathcal{F}$, $A^c \in \mathcal{F}$
- (iii) If $A_i \in \mathcal{F}$, $\bigcup A_i \in \mathcal{F}$
 Hint: use of countable union to help to proof

□ $\mathcal{F} \rightarrow [0, 1]$

- (i) $0 \leq P(A) \leq 1$
 if one event occurs then other events do not
- (ii) $P(\emptyset) = 0$
- (iii) If A_1, A_2, \dots is a sequence of mutually exclusive events then
 $P(\bigcup A_i) = \sum_i P(A_i)$

(i) $P(A^c) = 1 - P(A)$

$$\text{Proof: } P(A \cup A^c) = P(A) + P(A^c)$$

$$P(A \cup A^c) = 1 = P(A) + P(A^c)$$

$$(ii) P(\emptyset) = 0, \emptyset = \Omega^c$$

$$(iii) \text{If } A \subseteq B \text{ then } P(A) \leq P(B)$$

$$\text{Proof: } B = A \cup (A \cap B)$$

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

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

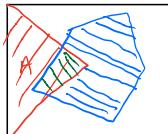
Union Bound

$$P(\bigcup A_i) \leq \sum_i P(A_i)$$

Conditional Probability

If A and B are two events, $P(B) \neq 0$, then

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



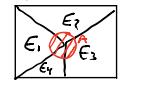
"B becomes the new universe, $B = \Omega'$ "

Total Probability Theorem

If $\{E_1, E_2, \dots, E_k\}$ partition Ω then

$$P(A) = \sum_{i=1}^k P(A \cap E_i)$$

This makes more sense since you know which event which occurred



No intersections

$$\sum_{i=1}^k P(E_i) = 1$$

Bayes Rule

Want to find "ground truth" that gave this observation.

$$P(E_j | A) = \frac{P(A \cap E_j)}{P(A)} = \frac{P(E_j) P(A|E_j)}{\sum_i P(E_i) P(A|E_i)} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{prior knowledge} \\ \text{generative model} \end{matrix}$$

Independence

Two events, A_1, A_2 , are independent if $P(A_1 \cap A_2) = P(A_1)P(A_2)$

$$\Rightarrow P(A_1 | A_2) = \frac{P(A_1 \cap A_2)}{P(A_2)} = \frac{P(A_1)P(A_2)}{P(A_2)} = P(A_1)$$

Can be extended:

Events $\{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n\}$ are independent if

$$P(A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_n) = P(A_1)P(A_2) \dots P(A_n) \quad \forall k \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$$

$$F_{X_1, \dots, X_n}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = F_{X_1}(x_1) \dots F_{X_n}(x_n)$$

$$P[x_1 \leq x_1, \dots, x_n \leq x_n] = P[x_1 \leq x_1] \dots P[x_n \leq x_n]$$

Random Variables

Given (Ω, \mathcal{F}, P) a random variable is a function $X: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that $\forall z \in \mathbb{R}$, $\{\omega | X(\omega) \leq z\} \in \mathcal{F} \subseteq \Omega$

Nth Moment

Nth Central Moment

$$E[X^n] = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x^n f_X(x) dx$$

$$E[(X - E[X])^n]$$

Cumulative Distribution Function

The CDF is defined as

$$F_X(z) = P(X \leq z) \quad \forall z \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$= P(\{\omega | X(\omega) \leq z\})$$

Properties of CDF

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow -\infty} F_X(z) = 0$$

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} F_X(z) = 1$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \forall z < y \quad F_X(z) \leq F_X(y)$$

\textcircled{3} F is right continuous

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0^+} F_X(x) = F_X(x_0)$$

$$\textcircled{4} \quad P[x \leq X \leq y] =$$

$$F_X(y) - F_X(x)$$

PMF for Discrete Random Variables

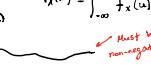
$$p_X(x) = P(X=x)$$

$$f_X(x) = \sum_{u=x} p_X(u)$$

PDF for Continuous Random Variables

$$f_X(x) = \frac{dF_X(x)}{dx} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{measures how fast} \\ \text{we accumulate probability} \end{matrix}$$

$$\text{thus } F_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f_X(u) du$$



Properties of PDF

$$\textcircled{1} \quad f_X(x) \geq 0 \quad \forall x$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f_X(x) dx = 1 = F_X(\infty)$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad P[x \leq X \leq y] = \int_x^y f_X(u) du$$

Variance

How much a r.v. varies from its expectation

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

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

$$= E[X^2] + (E[X])^2$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} g(x) f_X(x) dx = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} (X - E[X])^2 f_X(x) dx$$

Correlation

Correlation between X and Y

$$E[XY] = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} xy f_{X,Y}(x,y) dx dy$$

$$E[XY] = \sum_{x_i} \sum_{y_j} x_i y_j P_{X,Y}(x_i, y_j)$$

Covariance

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) \triangleq E[(X - E[X])(Y - E[Y])]$$

$$= E[XY] - E[X]E[Y]$$

If $E[XY] = 0$, we say X is orthogonal to Y.

If $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = 0$, we say X is uncorrelated to Y.

Properties

Independence of r.v.s X, Y

$$f_{X,Y}(x, y) = f_X(x)f_Y(y) \Rightarrow \text{uncorrelatedness}$$

X, Y, Z r.v.'s

$$\text{Cov}(X, aY + bZ) = a\text{Cov}(X, Y) + b\text{Cov}(X, Z)$$

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

Expectation

$$E[X] = \begin{cases} \sum_k k P[X=k] & , X \text{ discrete} \\ \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x f_X(x) dx & , X \text{ continuous} \end{cases}$$

Properties

LOTUS Rule

If

$$Y = g(x)$$

then

$$E[Y] = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} g(x) f_X(x) dx$$

$$E[g(x)] = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} g(x) f_X(x) dx$$

Linearity of Expectation

$$E[\alpha X + \beta Y] = \alpha E[X] + \beta E[Y], \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$$

Preservation of Order

If

$$P[X \geq Y] = 1$$

then

$$E[X] \geq E[Y]$$

Integration by Parts

A discrete, non-negative r.v. $X = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$

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

$$= \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} P(X \geq i) \quad \begin{matrix} \text{Tail Probability} \\ 1 - F_X(i) \end{matrix}$$

To see this, observe

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} i P(X=i) = 0 \cdot P(X=0) + 1 \cdot P(X=1) + 2 \cdot P(X=2) + \dots$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} P(X \geq i) = \begin{matrix} \text{= 0} \\ \vdots \\ \text{etc} \end{matrix}$$

Thus

$$E[X] = \int_0^{\infty} (1 - F_X(u)) du = \int_{-\infty}^0 F_X(u) du$$

Conditioning on Random Variables

Suppose X and Y have joint pmf $p_{X,Y}(x, y)$

The conditional pmf of X given $\{Y=y\}$ is

$$P_{X|Y}(x|y) \triangleq \Pr[X=x | Y=y]$$

$$= \frac{\Pr\{X=x \cap Y=y\}}{\Pr\{Y=y\}} = \frac{p_{X,Y}(x,y)}{p_Y(y)}$$

Similarly for continuous r.v.'s

$$f_{X|Y}(x|y) = \frac{f_{X,Y}(x,y)}{f_Y(y)} \quad \text{if } f_Y(y) \neq 0 \quad \forall y$$

Conditional Expectation

$$E[X|Y=y] = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x f_{X|Y}(x|y) dx$$

$E[X|Y]$ is a random variable which takes on value $E[X|Y=y]$ w/ density $f_Y(y)$.

Since $E[X|Y]$ is r.v. can take its expectation.

$$E_Y[E_{X|Y}[X|Y]] = E[X]$$

