

Probability

Events

An event is a collection of outcomes of a random experiment  
 $S = \{\text{collection of all outcomes of the experiment}\}$   
 $\phi = \{\text{empty set}\}$   
If  $A \cap B = \phi$ ,  
then  $A$  and  $B$  are mutually exclusive events  
DeMorgan's  $(A \cup B) = (\bar{A} \cap \bar{B})$

Axioms and Properties

Axioms

- I.  $P(A) \geq 0$
- II.  $P(S) = 1$
- III. If  $(A \cap B) = \phi$ ,  
then  $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B)$   
 $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$   $P(\bar{A}) = 1 - P(A)$

Independence

If  $P\{A \cap B\} = P\{A\}P\{B\}$ ,  
then  $A$  and  $B$  are independent  
If  $P(A \cap B|C) = P(A|C)P(B|C)$ ,  
 $A$  and  $B$  are **conditionally** independent given event  $C$   
**Mutually Exclusivity**  
If  $P\{A \cap B\} = \phi$ ,  
then  $A$  and  $B$  are M.E. And, in this case  
 $P(A|B) = P(A)$  and  $P(B|A) = P(B)$

Conditional Probability

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

Bayes' rule

$P(B|A) = P(A|B)P(B)/P(A)$ ,

PDF and CDF

PDF

The **Probability Density Function** is a function that accepts an outcome and returns the probability of that outcome occurring. Written as:  
 $p(x)$  and  $f_x(x)$

PMF and CMF

Are the discrete time versions of the PDF and CDF

CDF

The **Cumulative Distribution Function**. Commonly written as:  
 $P(x)$  and  $F_x(x)$

Is the integral of the PDF.  $F_x(x) = \int f_x(x)dx$

Distributions

Binomial

General

$X$  = the number of successes in n trials. This is n trials of a Bernoulli random variable.

Probability Mass Function

$P\{X = k\} = \binom{n}{k}p^kq^{n-k}$ , for  $k = 0, 1, 2, ..., n$ , where  
 $\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$

Mean

$m_x = np$

Variance

$Var(x) = np(1 - p)$

Uniform

General

$X$  has equal likeliness of taking any value in the interval  $[a, b]$

Probability Density Function

$f_x(u) = \frac{1}{b-a}$ , for  $a < u < b$ , and is 0 elsewhere

Cumulative Distribution Function

$$F_x(u) = \begin{cases} 0, & u < a \\ \frac{u-a}{b-a}, & a < u < b \\ 1, & b < u \end{cases}$$

Mean

$m_x = (a + b)/2$

Variance

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

Triangular

General

Upon adding two uniform distributions, we get the triangular density function. The function only has value over  $[2a, 2b]$

Density

$$f_x(\alpha) = \begin{cases} \frac{\alpha-2a}{(b-a)^2}, & 2a < \alpha < (a + b) \\ \frac{2b-\alpha}{(b-a)^2}, & (a + b) < \alpha < (2b) \\ 0, & otherwise \end{cases}$$

Cumulative

This was not listed in the summary, and I need to review to understand why.

Exponential

General

$X$  is the time to arrival or time to failure, where arrival rate is  $\lambda$   
 $X$  can also be viewed as departure time with departure rate  $\mu$

Probability Density Function

$f_x(t) = \lambda e^{-\lambda t}$ , for  $t > 0$ , and is 0 elsewhere.

Cumulative Distribution Function

$F_x(t) = 1 - e^{-\lambda t}$ , for  $t \geq 0$ , and is 0 elsewhere.

Mean and Variance

$m_x = \sigma_x = 1/\lambda$

Gaussian

General

The normal distribution  
**Probability Density Function**

With mean  $m$  and standard deviation  $\sigma$

$$f_x(u) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{(u-m)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

Unit Gaussian (normal)  $\sigma = 1$ ,  $m = 0$

$$f_x(u) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{u^2}{2}}$$

Unit Gaussian Cumulative Distribution  $\phi(u)$

$\phi(u)$  was used to compute the following  
 $P\{a < X < b\} = \phi(\frac{b-m}{\sigma}) - \phi(\frac{a-m}{\sigma})$

Mean and Variance

$m$  and  $\sigma$  are the mean and standard deviation  
 $\sigma_x^2$  is the variance

Geometric

General

$X$  is the number of trials before the first success  
 $p$  is the probability of success

Mass Function

$P\{X = k\} = p(1 - p)^{k-1}$ , for  $k = 1, 2, 3, ...$

Mean

$m_x = 1/p$

Variance

$Var(X) = (1 - p)/p^2$

Poisson

General

$X$  is the number of arrivals in a time interval  $t$   
 $\lambda$  is the arrival rate

Mass Function

$P\{X = k\} = \frac{(\lambda t)^k}{k!} e^{-\lambda t}$ , for  $k = 0, 1, 2, 3, ...$

Mean and Variance

$m_x = Var(X) = \lambda t$

Moments

First

General

The first moment is the mean of the distribution.  
Sometimes referred to as the center of mass.

Formula

Where  $p(x)$  is the probability of the outcome  $x$  occurring.

$\mu_x = E\{X\} = \int p(x)xdx$

And applies via a sum for the discrete case.

N<sup>th</sup> Moment

$E\{X^n\} = \int p(x)x^ndx$

Properties

If  $Y = aX + b$ ,  
then  $m_y = am_x + b$   
and  $\sigma_y^2 = a^2\sigma_x^2$

Expectation

General

The expectation  $E$  of a function  $g$  of a random variable  $x$ ,  
 $E\{g(X)\}$ :

$E\{g(X)\} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(u)f_x(u)du$

A sum can be substituted for the integral in the discrete case unless using impulse functions

Properties

$E\{C\} = C$   
 $E\{ag(X) + bh(X)\} = aE\{g(x)\} + bE\{h(X)\}$   
If  $g(X) \geq 0$ , then  $E\{g(X)\} \geq 0$

Variance

$Var(X) = E[(X - \mu_x)^2] = E[X^2] - \mu_x^2$

$Var(X) = \sigma^2 = \int (X - \mu_x)^2 f_x(x)dx$

$Var(X) = \sigma^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n p_i(x_i - \mu_x)^2$

Covariance

$Var(X) = Cov(X, X)$   
 $Cov(X, Y) = \sigma_{XY} \sigma_{XY} = E[(X - \mu_x)(Y - \mu_y)]$   
 $\sigma_{XY} = E[XY] - E[X]E[Y]$   $cov(X, a) = 0$   
 $cov(X, Y) = cov(Y, X)$   $cov(X + a, Y + b) = abcov(X, y)$   
 $cov(X + a, Y + b) = cov(X, Y)$

Covariance for RV Vector

$\sigma_{\vec{X}\vec{Y}} = E[(\vec{X} - E[\vec{X}])(\vec{Y} - E[\vec{Y}])]$

$\sigma_{\vec{X}\vec{Y}} = E[\vec{X}\vec{Y}^T] - E[\vec{X}]E[\vec{Y}]^T$

Correlation

$corr(X, Y) = \rho_{XY}$   
 $\rho_{XY} = \frac{\sigma_{XY}}{\sigma_X\sigma_Y}$

Functions of Random Variables

A Single Random Variable

If  $Y = g(X)$ , where  $X$  is a random variable, then  
 $f_y(v) = P\{Y \leq v\} = P\{g(X) \leq v\}$   
If  $g(u)$  is monotonic, then

$f_y(v) = [\frac{f_x(u)}{g'(u)}]_{u=g^{-1}(v)}$

Two Random Variables

Joint distribution function of  $X$  and  $Y$

$F_{XY}(u, v) = P\{X \leq u, Y \leq v\}$

Properties

$P\{(a < X \leq b) \text{ and } (c < Y \leq d)\} =$   
 $F_{XY}(b, d) - F_{XY}(a, d) - F_{XY}(b, c) + F_{XY}(a, c) \geq 0$   
 $F_{XY}(-\infty, v) = 0, F_{XY}(u, -\infty) = 0$   
 $F_{XY}(\infty, \infty) = 1$

Marginal Distributions

$F_{XY}(u, \infty) = F_X(u)$

$F_{XY}(\infty, v) = F_Y(v)$

Joint Probability Mass Function

$p_{XY}(a_i, b_j) = P\{X = a_i, Y = b_j\}$ , where  $X$  and  $Y$  take values  $\{a_i\}$  and  $\{b_i\}$

Joint Probability Density Function

$$f_{XY}(u, v) = \frac{\delta^2 F_{XY}(u, v)}{\delta u \delta v}$$

Properties

$f_{XY}(u, v) \geq 0$   
 $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{XY}(u, v)du dv = 1$   
 $P\{(a < X \leq b \text{ and } (c < Y \leq d)\} =$   
 $\int_c^d \int_a^b f_{XY}(u, v)du dv = 1$   
 $F_{XY}(b, d) = \int_{-\infty}^d \int_{-\infty}^b f_{XY}(u, v)du dv$

Marginal Densities

$f_X(u) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{XY}(u, v)dv$ , and  
 $f_Y(v) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{XY}(u, v)du$

Independent Random Variables

$f_{XY}(u, v) = f_X(u)f_Y(u)$   
 $F_{XY}(u, v) = F_X(u)F_Y(v)$

Conditional Densities

$f_{X|A}(u) = \frac{d}{du}P\{X \leq u|A\} = \frac{d}{du}P\{(X \leq u) \cap A\}/P\{A\}$

Two Cases

$A = a < X \leq b$ :  $f_{X|A}(u|A) = f_x(u)/P\{A\}$ ,  
for  $a < u \leq b$ , and 0 elsewhere  
 $A = \{Y = v\}$ :  $f_{X|Y}(u|v) = f_{XY}(u, v)/f_y(v)$

The second way can be represented in two ways  
 $f_{XY}(u, v) = f_{X|Y}(v|u)f_y(v) = f_{Y|X}(u|v)f_X(u)$

Total Probability and Bayes' for Random Vars

$f_x(u) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X|Y}(u|v)f_Y(v)dv$   
 $f_{Y|X}(v|u) = f_{X|Y}(u|v)f_Y(v)/f_X(v)$

In the discrete case the integrals can be replaced by sums,  
and the densities can be replaced by probabilities

Jointly Gaussian Random Variable

Placeholder

Conditional Densities

Placeholder

Functions of Two Random Variables

Expectations

$E\{g(X, Y)\} =$   
Discrete Case  
 $\sum_j \sum_i g(a_i, b_j)P\{X = a_i, Y = b_j\}$

Continuous Case  
 $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(u, v)f_{XY}(u, v)du dv$

Properties

- $E\{C\} = C$
- $E\{ag(X, Y)\} = aE\{g(X, Y)\}$
- $E\{g(X, Y) + h(X, Y)\} = E\{g(X, Y)\} + E\{h(X, Y)\}$
- If  $g(X, Y) \geq 0$ , then  $E\{g(X, Y)\} \geq 0$
- If  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent, then  
 $E\{g(X)h(Y)\} = E\{g(X)\}E\{h(Y)\}$

Correlation and Covariance

Correlation between  $X$  and  $Y$ :  $R_{XY} = E\{X, Y\}$   
Covariance of  $X$  and  $Y$ :  $Cov(X, Y) = C_{XY} =$   
 $E\{(X - m_x)(Y - m_y)\} = R_{XY} - m_xm_y$

Correlations Coefficient:  
 $\rho_{XY} = C_{XY}/(\sigma_x\sigma_y) - 1 \leq \rho_{XY} \leq 1$

If  $\rho_{XY} = \pm 1$ ,  
then  $X$  and  $Y$  are perfectly correlated  
If  $\rho_{XY} = \pm 0$ ,  
then  $X$  and  $Y$  are uncorrelated

Linear Approximation

Estimating  $X$  from the values of  $Y$ :  
 $\hat{X} = m_x + (\rho_{XY}\sigma_x/\sigma_y)(Y - m_y)$  Mean-Squared Error:  
 $E\{\hat{X} - X\}^2 = \sigma_x^2(1 - \rho_{XY}^2)$

Gaussian random variables:  
If  $X$  and  $Y$  are Gaussian and uncorrelated,  
then they are independent  
The linear transformation of Gaussian random variables is also Gaussian

Functions of Two RVs

$Z = g(X, Y)$   
 $F_Z(w) = P\{g(X, Y) \leq w\}$   
**Sums of Two RVs**  
 $Z = X + Y$ , then  $f_Z(w) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{XY}(u, w - u)du$

If  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent:

$f_Z(w) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_Y(w - u)f_x(u)du$   
**Mean and Variance of a Sum**  
 $E\{Z\} = E\{X\} + E\{Y\}$   
 $Var(Z) = Var(X) + Var(Y) + 2Cov(X, Y)$

For uncorrelated variables, variance of a sum is the sum of the variance.

**Subjects not yet added**

Rayleigh Density  
Estimation  
Maximum a-posteriori probability (MAP) estimate of  $X$  given  $Y$   
Minimum mean-squared-error estimate  
Linear Estimate

Random Processes

General

1st and 2nd order Distributions of a RP

$F_{X(t)}(x; t) = P\{X(t) \leq x\}$   
 $F_{X(t)}(x_1, x_2; t_1, t_2) =$   
 $P\{X(t_1) \leq x_1 \text{ and } X(t_2) \leq x_2\}$   
**Mean, autocorrelation, and autocovariance functions**  
 $m_x(t) = E[x(t)]$   
 $R_X(t_1, t_2) = E[X(t_1)X(t_2)]$   
 $C_X(t_1, t_2) = E[[X(t_1) - m_x(t_1)][X(t_2) - m_x(t_2)]] =$   
 $R_x(t_1, t_2) - m_x(t_1)m_x(t_2)$   
**Wide-sense stationary process**

$m_x = E\{X(t)\}$   
 $R_X(\tau) = E\{X(t)X(t + \tau)\}$   
 $C_x(\tau) = E\{[X(t) - m_x][X(t + \tau) - m_x]\} = R_x(\tau) - [m_x]^2$

**Cross-correlation function**  
for the general case,  
 $R_{XY}(t_1, t_2) = E\{X(t_1)Y(t_2)\}$   
for jointly WSS processes,  
 $R_{XY}(\tau) = E\{X(t)Y(t + \tau)\}$

Specific Processes

**Poisson Process**  
Interpreted as a Counting Process  
For:  $N(0) = 0$ ; iid; Independend Increments.

$P(N(t) = n) = \frac{(\lambda t)^n}{n!} e^{-\lambda t}$   
 $E[N(t)] = \lambda t, \forall \tau = \Delta t$   
Interarrival Time Approximated Exponential  
With Expected Interarrivel of  $\frac{1}{\lambda}$

Basic Maths

Series and Sequences

**Geometric Sequence**  
A series with a constant ration between successive terms.  
Ex.  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{16} + \dots$   
Often defined as using  $ar$   
Ex.  $a + ar + ar^2 + ar^3 + \dots$   
For  $r \neq 1$ , the sum of the first  $n$  terms is:  
 $\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} ar^k = a(\frac{1-r^n}{1-r})$

And for infinite sequences:

$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} ar^k = \frac{a}{1-r}$ , for  $|r| < 1$

**Arithmetic Series**

A series with a constant difference between successive terms.  
Ex.  $2 + 5 + 8 + 11 + \dots$   
Sum of an arithmetic series with  $n$  terms starting with  $a_1$  and ending with  $a_2$ :

$\sum = \frac{n(a_1+a_2)}{2}$   
**Power Series**  
A series of the form:  
 $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(x - c)^n$   
Where often  $c = 0$   
 $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(x)^n$   
The power series allows generalization of multiplication, division, subtraction, and addition between like series. It is also possible to integrate or differentiate a power series.

**Taylor Series**  
The Taylor series of  $f(x)$  (a function that is infinetely differentiable at a number a) is the power series:

$f(a) + \frac{f'(a)}{1!}(x - a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2!}(x - a) + \dots$

$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!}(x - a)^n$

**Logarithms**

$\log_b c = k$   
 $b^k = c$   
 $\ln(xy) = \ln(x) + \ln(y)$   
 $\ln(x/y) = \ln(x) - \ln(y)$   
 $\ln(x^y) = y\ln(x)$   
 $\ln(e) = 1$   
 $\ln(1/x) = -\ln(x)$

**Integrals**

$\int x^n dx = \frac{1}{n+1} x^{n+1}, n \neq -1$   
 $\int \frac{1}{x} dx = \ln |x|$   
 $\int u dv = uv - \int v du$   
 $\int e^{ax} dx = \frac{1}{a} e^{ax} \int x e^{ax} dx = (\frac{x}{a} - \frac{1}{a^2})e^{ax}$

**Derivatives**

**Combinatorics**

**Permutations**

Number of ways to order  $n$  distinct elements:

$\frac{n!}{k}$   
**Permutations of  $n$**   
Ordered arrangements of a k-element subset of an n-set.

$P(n, k) = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!}$

**Permutations With Repitition**

For a set S of size k, the number of n-tuples over S is.  $k^n$

**Combination**

$\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$

**Binomial Theorem**