

Probabilty

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 occuring. 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

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

Probability Mass Function

$P\{X = k\} = \binom{n}{k} p^k q^{n-k}$ , 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 refered to as the center of mass.

Formula

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

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

And applies via a sum for the discrete case.

N<sup>th</sup> Moment

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

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

$corr(X, Y) = \rho_{XY}$

$\rho_{XY} = \frac{\sigma_{XY}}{\sigma_X \sigma_Y}$

Processes

Poisson Process

Independent Increments

I.I.D.

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 infinitely 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

$\int x^n dx = \frac{1}{n+1}x^{n+1}$ ,  $n \neq -1$

$\int \frac{1}{x} dx = \ln|x|$

$\int u dv = uv - \int v du$

$\int e^{ax} dx = \frac{1}{a}e^{ax}$

$\int xe^{ax} dx = (\frac{x}{a} - \frac{1}{a^2})e^{ax}$

Derivatives

Combinatorics

Permutations

Number of ways to order  $n$  distinct elements:  
 $n!$

$k$ -Permutations of  $n$

Ordered arrangements of a  $k$ -element subset of an  $n$ -set.  $P(n, k) = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!}$

Permutations With Repetition

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