

Σ = set of outcomes of an experiment

Event is a set of

outcomes, i.e. any
subset of Σ

$$P: \Sigma \rightarrow [0, 1]$$

$$0 \leq P(\Sigma) \leq 1$$

$$P(\Sigma) = 1$$

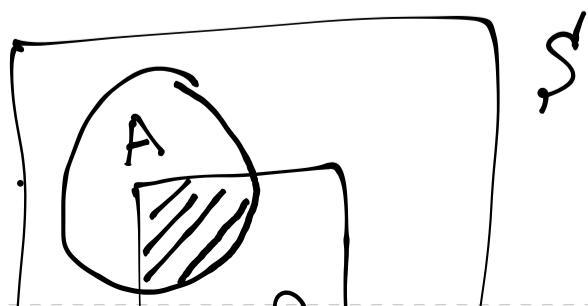
E_1, \dots, E_n mutually

$$\underbrace{P(\bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i)} = \sum P(E_i)$$

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

$$A, B, P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - \underline{\underline{P(A \cap B)}}$$

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



E_1, \dots, E_n

$$P(A) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{P(A|E_i)P(E_i)}{\text{.}}$$

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

$$P(\text{disease} | \text{positive}) = \frac{P(\text{positive} | \text{disease})P(\text{disease})}{P(\text{positive} | \text{disease}) \cdot P(\text{disease}) + P(\text{positive} | \text{disease}^c) \cdot P(\text{disease}^c)}$$

→ if relative prevalence is very low
relative to even the false positive rate,
many of the positive results will actually

Def Two events A and B are independent
if $P(A \cap B) = \underline{P(A) \cdot P(B)}$.

$$\hookrightarrow P(B|A) = P(B)$$

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

not hard to see

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

\rightarrow if we have information about A or B occurring, we don't gain any information about the other occurring.

Ex \hookrightarrow I roll two dice \rightarrow should these outcomes be independent?

\rightarrow should be independent

Ex Generic event A. Is A independent of A^c ?

\Rightarrow A and A^c are mutually exclusive events

$$\Rightarrow P(A \cap A^c) = 0$$

unless $A = \emptyset$ or ↗

A & A^c are not independent.

E_x Let $\underline{X}_1 = \{ \text{event that dice 1 is } 1 \}$
 $\underline{E}_7 = \{ \text{event that the sum is } 7 \}$

$$P(\underline{E}_7 \cap \underline{X}_1) = P(\{(1,6)\}) \\ = \frac{1}{36}$$

$$P(E_7) = P(\{(1,6), (2,5), (3,4), (4,3), \\ (5,2), (6,1)\})$$

$$= \frac{6}{36} = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$P(X_1) = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$P(E_7 \cap X_1) = P(E_7) \cdot P(X_1)$$

$$E_7 \perp\!\!\!\perp X_1$$

$\underline{X}_2 = \{ \text{dice } \therefore 1 \div, < 2 \}$
 $\underline{E}_5 = \{ \text{sum of the dice } \geq 5 \}$

$$P(X_2 \cap E_5) = P(\{(2,3)\}) = \frac{1}{36}$$

$$P(X_2) = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$P(E_5) = P(\{(1,4), (2,3), (3,2), (4,1)\}) \\ = \frac{4}{36} = \frac{1}{9}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{36} \neq \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{9} \quad x_2 \nmid E_7 \text{ are not independent}$$

$\underline{x} \in E_7$ as above

x_1 1st dice is 4

y_3 2nd dice is 3

$x_1 \perp\!\!\!\perp y_3$ are clearly independent.

$x_4 \perp\!\!\!\perp E_7$

$y_3 \perp\!\!\!\perp E_7$

$(x_4 \cap y_3) \rightarrow$ it independent of E_7 ?

$$P(x_4 \cap y_3) = \frac{1}{36} = P(\{(4,3)\})$$

$$P(x_4 \cap y_3 \cap E_7) = \frac{1}{36}$$

$$P(x_4 \cap y_3 \cap E_7) \neq P(x_4 \cap y_3) \cdot P(E_7)$$

$$\frac{1}{36} \quad \frac{1}{36} \quad \frac{1}{6}$$

Three events here that are pairwise independent but their intersection is not independent.

Def events
 $A, B, C \Rightarrow$ mutually independent

if $P(A \cap B \cap C) = P(A) \cdot P(B) \cdot P(C)$

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A) \cdot P(B)$$

$$P(B \cap C) = P(B) \cdot P(C)$$

$$P(A \cap C) = P(A) \cdot P(C)$$

\Rightarrow more than 3 we basically need
all possible intersections

Def Given a sample space \mathcal{S} , a random

variable X is a function that
maps outcome in $\mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$X: \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}.$$

Ex Let $\mathcal{S} = \{ \text{outcomes from rolling a pair of dice} \}$
 $= \{ (i, j) : i=1, \dots, 6, j=1, \dots, 6 \}$

$X = \text{the sum of the two dice}$

$$= \{ x_i \}$$

Ex Let \underline{X} = # of times T get tails before tossing a heads

$$S = \{ \{TH\}, \{TTH\}, \{TTTH\}, \{TTTTH\}, \dots \}$$

$$X(H) = 0$$

$$X(TH) = 1$$

$$X(TTH) = 2$$

Ex 3 Randomly select a person in the class. \underline{X} : the person's height

Ex 4 $X = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{voted in the 2016 election} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$.

Ex 5 I pick a lightbulb out of the store, \underline{X} = # of hours of being on until it breaks

Since the value of a random variable is determined by the corresponding outcome of the underlying experiment, we can talk about probabilities.

If $X = \text{sum of two dice}$

$$P(X=2) = \frac{1}{36}$$

$$P(X=3) = \frac{2}{36}$$

$$P(X=4) = \frac{3}{36}, \text{ etc.}$$

$$P(X=12) = \frac{1}{36}$$

In general there are two kinds of random variables:

{ Discrete $\rightarrow X$ takes a finite # of values or a countable # of values

Continuous $\rightarrow X$ can take all f the values in some interval $[c, b]$ (or a union of such intervals)

Countable \rightarrow mapping between the \mathbb{Z}^+ and the items in the set

Def For a discrete random, there is a f_x .
called probability mass f_x (p.m.f.)

$$p(x) = P(\underline{X} = x)$$

$$x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$$

$$p(x_i) > 0$$

$$x_1, x_2, \dots,$$

$$p(x) = 0, x \notin \{x_1, x_2, \dots\}$$

$$\sum_{x_i} p(x_i) = 1$$

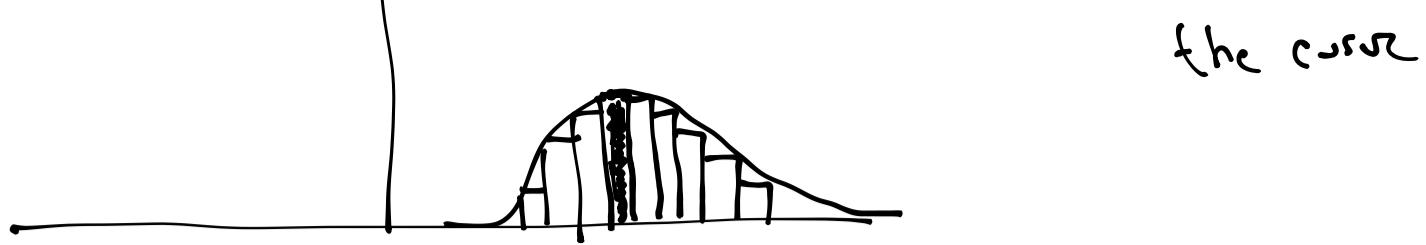
Def For a continuous random variable,
there exists some function f
called the probability density function
(pdf or density)
s/t for any set $A \in \mathbb{R}$

$$P(\underline{X} \in A) = \int_A f(x) dx$$

\Rightarrow any function s/t $f(x) \geq 0$

$\int_R f(x) dx = 1$ is the density of
some random variable.

integral is the
area under



the curve

$$P(\underline{X} \in (x - d_x, x + d_x))$$

$$\approx f(x) \cdot (2d_x)$$

For any random variable, there exists a function called the cumulative distribution function (cdf or distribution)

$$F(x) = P(\underline{X} \leq x)$$

discrete:

$$x_1, \dots, x_n$$

$$\text{or } x_1, x_2, \dots$$

$$F(x) = \sum_{x_i \leq x} p(x_i)$$

cont:

$$F(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(y) dy$$

$$\left(f(x) = \frac{d}{dx} F(x) \right)$$

$$\underline{\Sigma}_x \quad \underline{X}: \{ \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3\}$$

$$P(1) = 0.5$$

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

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

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x < 1 \\ 0.5, & 1 \leq x < 2 \\ \frac{1}{2}, & 2 \leq x < 3 \\ 1, & x > 3 \end{cases}$$

Properties of the cdf

$F(x)$ is an increasing f_x

$F(x) \geq F(y)$ if $x > y$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} F(x) = 0$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} F(x) = 1$

E_x Toss coin until H comes up

H, TH, TTH
1, 2

$$P(0) = \frac{1}{2} \quad P(1) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \quad P(2) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x < 0 \\ \sum_{j=0}^i \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^j, & i \leq x < i+1 \end{cases}$$

geometric series

Ex

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2^x, & 0 < x < 1 \\ 0, & \text{o/w} \end{cases}$$

$\underline{X} \rightarrow$ takes on values in the interval $(0, 1)$
and more likely to take
on values closer to 1

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x < 0 \\ x^2, & 0 \leq x < 1 \\ 1, & x \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

N.t.e $P(a < \underline{X} \leq b) = F(b) - F(a)$

$$P(\{\underline{X} \leq b\}) = P(\{\underline{X} \leq a\}) + P(\{a < \underline{X} \leq b\})$$

$F(n)$

$F(\cdot)$

pmf of a discrete random variable $p(\cdot)$
 tell us exactly the probability

$P(X=i)$

Continuous random variables have densities
 so if I want to know the probability

that X is $\in [a, b]$

$$P(X \in [a, b]) = \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

Ex Toss coin until H comes up
 H, TH, TTH, TTTH, TTTTTTH
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
 magic coin and it comes up heads $\overset{p}{\sim}$ with prob

$$P(X=0) = P(\text{heads on first toss})$$

$$= p$$

$$P(X=1) = P(\text{tails on my first toss, heads on my second toss})$$

$$= P(\text{tails on 1}) P(\text{heads on 2})$$

$$= (1-p) \cdot p$$

$$P(X=2) = P(\text{tails on 1 and heads on 2})$$

$$= P(\text{tails 1}) P(\text{tails 2}) P(\text{heads 3})$$

$$= (1-p) \cdot (1-p) \cdot p$$

$$= (1-p)^2 p$$

$$P(X=i) = (1-p)^i \cdot p$$

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$$p(x) = \begin{cases} (1-p)^x \cdot p & \text{for } x=0, 1, 2, \dots \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$F(x) = P(\bar{X} \leq x)$$

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$$= \sum_{0 \leq i \leq x} p(i) , i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$F(-1) = 0$$

$$F(0.5) = p(0)$$

$$F(2) = p(0) + p(1) + p(2)$$

$$F(2.1) = p(0) + p(1) + p(2)$$

$$F(1000) = \sum_{i=0}^{1000} p(i) = \sum_{i=0}^{1000} (1-p)^{i+1} p$$

$$p = \gamma_2 \quad p(i) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{i+1}$$

$$F(0) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$F(1) = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$F(2) = \frac{7}{8}$$

$F(x)$

