

W1 1-4,5 Discrete Probability

1、一些概念

U : finite set (e.g. $U = \{0,1\}^n$)

Def: Probability distribution P over U is a function $P: U \rightarrow [0,1]$ such that $\sum P(x) = 1$

Uniform distribution: for all $x \in U: P(x) = 1/|U|$

Point distribution at $x_0: P(x_0) = 1, \forall x \neq x_0: P(x) = 0$

Distribution vector: $(P(000), P(001), P(010), \dots, P(111))$

2、Events

For a set $A \subseteq U: \Pr[A] = \sum P(x) \in [0,1]$ ($\Pr[U]=1$)

The set A is called an event

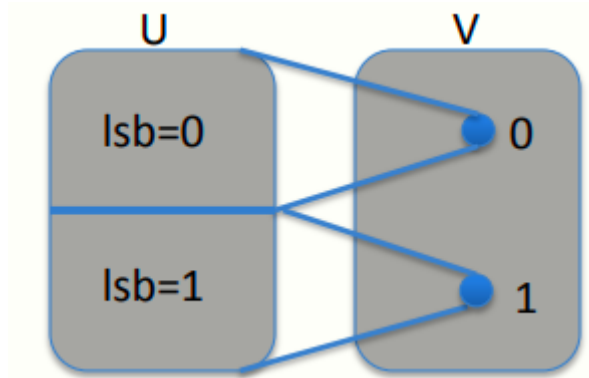
3、The union bound

For events A_1 and A_2 , $\Pr[A_1 \cup A_2] \leq \Pr[A_1] + \Pr[A_2]$

不等式恒成立，当事件 A_1 和 A_2 相互独立时取等号

4、Random Variables

Def: a random variable X is a function $X: U \rightarrow V$ Example: $X: \{0,1\}^n \rightarrow \{0,1\}; X(y) = \text{lsb}(y) \in \{0,1\}$



More generally: rand. var. X induces a distribution on $V: \Pr[X=v] := \Pr[X^{-1}(v)]$

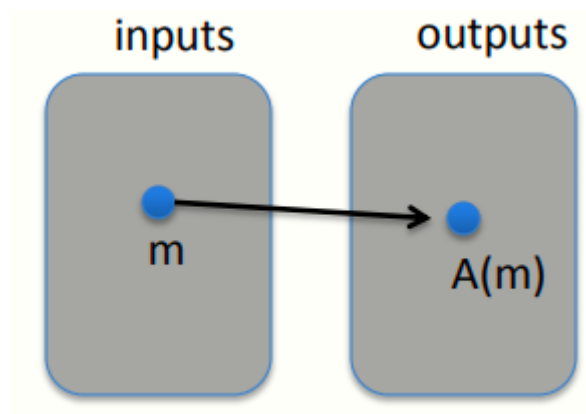
5、The uniform random variable

Let U be some set, e.g. $U = \{0,1\}^n$

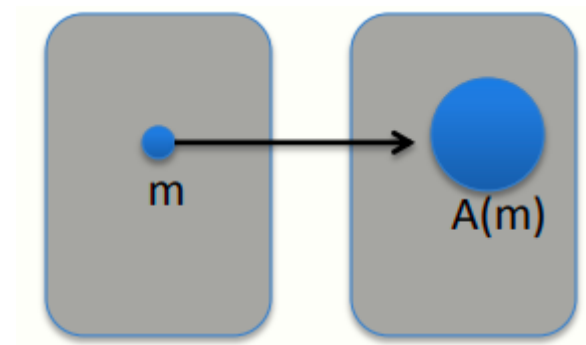
We write $r \leftarrow U$ to denote a uniform random variable over U for all $a \in U: \Pr[r = a] = 1/|U|$

6、Randomized algorithms

Deterministic algorithm: $y \leftarrow A(m)$, 对于每次相同的输入，确定性算法总能得到相同的输出



Randomized algorithm $y \leftarrow A(m; r)$ where $r \leftarrow \{0,1\}^n$, output is a random variable, 随机化算法每一次输入往往得到不同的输出



7、Independence

Def: events A and B are independent if $\Pr[A \text{ and } B] = \Pr[A] \cdot \Pr[B]$

random variables X,Y taking values in V are independent if $\forall a,b \in V: \Pr[X=a \text{ and } Y=b] = \Pr[X=a] \cdot \Pr[Y=b]$

8、XOR

XOR of two strings in $\{0,1\}^n$ is their bit-wise addition mod 2

Thm: Y a rand. var. over $\{0,1\}^n$, X an indep. uniform var. on $\{0,1\}^n$ Then $Z := Y \oplus X$ is uniform var. on $\{0,1\}^n$

9、The birthday paradox

Let $r_1, \dots, r_n \in U$ be indep. identically distributed random vars. Thm: when $n = 1.2 \times |U|^{(1/2)}$ then $\Pr[\exists i \neq j: r_i = r_j] \geq 1/2$

$$|U|=10^6$$

