

Last time
 prob. of intersection of events
 multiplication rule
 SRS - w/o. repl. symmetry
 conditional prob. and Bayes' rule
 forward conditioning = likelihood
 backward - - - posterior / inference
 tree diagram

This time

Independence (of events)

Example : Roll a fair, 6-sided die twice

$$P(\text{at least one six}) = \frac{6}{6} + \frac{6}{6} - \frac{1}{6}$$

$$P(\text{both are sixes}) = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$= P(\text{first is } 6) P(\text{second is } 6 | \text{first is } 6)$$

$= \frac{1}{6} \times \frac{1}{6}$ is due to the fact that the first roll has nothing to do with the second.

Definition. we say two events are indep. independent.

if the information that one occurs does not change the prob. that the other occurs.

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

the first one the other

mult. rule For events A, B, $P(AB) = P(A)P(B|A)$

for events A, B indep. $P(AB) = P(A)P(B)$, simplified mult. rule.

Example (of not indep.) A indep. of B \Leftrightarrow B indep. of A

deal two cards from a standard deck of 52 cards w/o. repl.

$$P(H_1, H_2) = P(H_1)P(H_2|H_1)$$

$$= \frac{13}{52} \times \frac{12}{51}$$

$$P(H_2) = \frac{12}{52} \neq P(H_2|H_1)$$

H_1 is not indep. of H_2 .

or H_1 is dependent of H_2 .

Reading : stories in textbook about misuse of independence

Chapter 3. Integer-valued Random Variable

"Random counts"

of buses pass a bus stop during a day

of bananas consumed per week in a canteen

of sixes in 5 rolls of a fair 6-sided die

many more.

* formal definition of R.V.

a function maps an outcome to a number

$$X: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\omega \mapsto X(\omega)$$

informal definition.

Example (we discussed).

(1) coin tossing $\begin{cases} H \\ T \end{cases}$ $p = \frac{1}{2}$ or not.

(2) dice rolling multiple outcomes from a single roll.

(3) cards dealing (usually) w/o. repl.
SRS

Coin-tossing model

H - success

T - failure

each toss - a trial

Reading : Chapter 3.1

Toss once.

outcome space $\Omega = \{H, T\}$.

$$P(H) = p, P(T) = 1-p.$$

Bernoulli distribution (Bern(p))

say : a R.V. has some distribution.

toss a fair coin twice. $X_1 = 1^{\text{st}}$ toss

$$X_2 = 2^{\text{nd}}$$
 toss

Can we say $X_1 > X_2$? No.

$$\text{Correct: } X_1 \stackrel{d}{=} X_2 \quad X_1 \text{ is equal in distr. to } X_2.$$

Uniform distribution

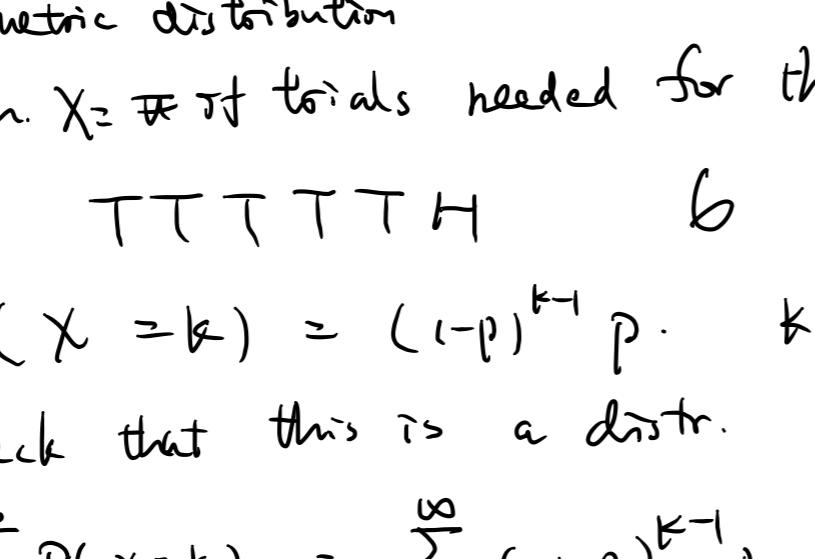
comes from dice rolling.

$X = \# \text{ shown from a single roll of a fair, 6-sided die}$

outcome space $\Omega = \{1, 2, \dots, 6\}$.

$$P(X=1) = P(X=2) = \dots = P(X=6) = \frac{1}{6}$$

"Histogram"



Example: # of H's in 3 tosses.

outcome space $\Omega = \{HHH, HHT, HTT, TTT, THH, THT, TTH, HTT\}$

Assumption of equally likely outcomes.

$$P(HHH) = \dots = \frac{1}{8}.$$

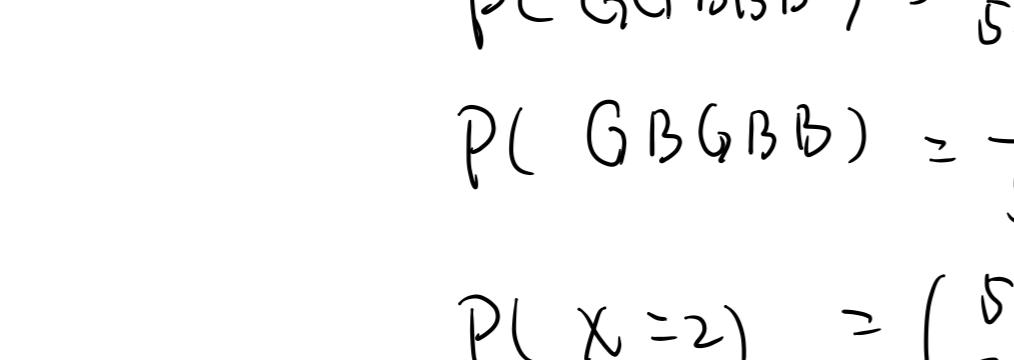
Distr. table

# of H's	0	1	2	3
first outcome	1	3	3	1
prob.	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{1}{8}$

prob. mass function (p.m.f. / pmf)

$$P(X=0) = \frac{1}{8}, P(X=1) = \frac{3}{8}, \dots$$

histogram



Some important (non-random) counts.

(1) full permutation of n items

$$\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$$

$$n!$$

(2) permutation of k items from a total of n items

i.e. select k items w/o. in order.

$$n \cdot (n-1) \cdot (n-2) \cdots (n-k+1) = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!}$$

(3) # of ways to select k items from n items without order at the same time.

Similar to (2), but a lot of duplication.

Suppose there are $\binom{n}{k}$ ways to do so. needs to recover the order. we need a full permutation of these k items

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

Also known as binomial coefficient.

because of binomial expansion of $(a+b)^n$

$$n=0 \quad 1 \quad a+b \quad b \quad 1$$

$$n=1 \quad a^2+2ab+b^2 \quad 1 \quad 2 \quad 1$$

$$n=2 \quad a^3+3a^2b+3ab^2+b^3 \quad 1 \quad 3 \quad 3 \quad 1$$

'Pascal's triangle'

Binomial distn.

• repeated trials (identically distributed trials)

• independent trials

• total # of trials = n , a fixed number.

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