Probability for Data Science - Formula Sheet 1

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Combinatorial Analysis

- $\begin{array}{l} \bullet \quad \text{Unordered} \\ nCr = \binom{n}{r} = \frac{n!}{r! \, (n-r)!} \\ \text{(with repeats):} \\ \binom{n+r-1}{r} = \frac{(n+r-1)!}{r! \, (n-1)!} \\ \end{array}$
- Ordered $nPr = P(n, r) = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!}$ (with repeats): n^r

Set Operations and Probability Rules

• $P(A \cap B) = P(B|A) \cdot P(A)$

If independent:

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

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

For three independent events.

- $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) P(A \cap B)$
- $\bullet \ P(A \cap B) = P(A) + P(B) P(A \cup B)$
- $\bullet \ P(A \cap B) = P(A \mid B)P(B) = P(B \mid A)P(A)$
- Complement Rules: $P(A^C) = 1 P(A)$ $P(A^C \cap B^C) = P(A \cup B)^C = 1 - P(A \cup B)$
- Bayes' TH: $P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} = \frac{P(B|A) \cdot P(A)}{P(B)}$ If multiple hypotheses: $P(A_k|B) = \frac{P(B|A_k)P(A_k)}{\sum_{i=1}^n P(B|A_i)P(A_i)} \text{ with } k = 1, 2, \dots, n$
- Law of Total Probability: $P(A) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} P(A|B_i)P(B_i)$ $P(A) = P(A \cap B) + P(A \cap B^c)$

Discrete Random Variables

- $P(X = x) = p_x(x)$
- $P(X < x) = \sum_{k < x} P(X = k)$
- $\mathbb{E}(X) = \sum_{i} x_i \cdot p_i$ (weighted average)
- $\operatorname{Var}(X) = \mathbb{E}(X^2) \mathbb{E}(X)^2 = \sum_i (x_i \mathbb{E}(X))^2 \cdot p_i$
- $\mathbb{E}(aX + b) = a\mathbb{E}(X) + b$ $\operatorname{Var}(aX + b) = a^2 \operatorname{Var}(X)$
- If $X_1...X_n$ are indipendent:

$$E(X_1 + ..X_n) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} E(X_i)$$
$$Var(X_1 + ..X_n) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} Var(X_i)$$

• $J = X + Y \rightarrow P(J = k) = \sum_{x} P(X = x)P(Y = k - x)$

Continuous Random Variables

- $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x)dx = 1$
- $F_X(x) = P(X \le x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(x_t) dx_t$ P(X < x) = P(X < x) for all Continuous RV
- $\mathbb{E}(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f(x) dx$
- $\operatorname{Var}(X) = \mathbb{E}(X^2) \mathbb{E}(X)^2 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 f(x) dx \mathbb{E}(X)^2$
- $P(X \in [a,b]) = \int_{a}^{b} f(x)dx$
- if J = X + Y $\rightarrow f_J(j) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x) f_Y(j-x) dx$
- $f_X(x) \ge 0$ and $P(X = x) = 0 \ \forall$ Continuous RVs
- \bullet Convolution where J = X + Y $f_J(j) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x) f_Y(j-x) dx$

Generic Joint Distributions

- $P(X = x, Y = y) = p_{X,Y}(x, y)$
- $[f \approx P]$ $f_{X|Y}(x|y) = \frac{f_{X,Y}(x,y)}{f_{Y}(y)}$
- $\mathbb{E}[X] = \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[X \mid Y]]$
- $Var(X) = \mathbb{E}[Var(X \mid Y)] + Var(\mathbb{E}[X \mid Y])$
- $Cov(X, Y) = \mathbb{E}[X \cdot Y] \mathbb{E}[X] \cdot \mathbb{E}[Y]$
- $Var(X + Y) = Var(X) + Var(Y) + 2 \cdot Cov(X, Y)$
- $Var[X, Y] = \mathbb{E}[X^2] \cdot \mathbb{E}[Y^2] \mathbb{E}[X] \cdot \mathbb{E}[Y]$
- ind: $f_{X,Y}(x,y) = f_X(x)f_Y(y) \forall x, y$
- correlation k: $\rho_{X,Y} = \frac{\text{Cov}(X,Y)}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(X) \cdot \text{Var}(Y)}}$

Discrete Joint Distributions

- Marginal PMF: $P_X(x) = \sum_y p_{X,Y}(x,y)$
- Conditional PMF: $P_{X|Y}(x|y) = \frac{P_{X,Y}(x,y)}{P_{Y}(y)}$
- Expectation: $\mathbb{E}[g(X,Y)] = \sum_{x} \sum_{y} g(x,y) p_{X,Y}(x,y)$
- Mean: $\mathbb{E}[X] = \sum_{x} \sum_{y} x \cdot p_{X,Y}(x,y)$
- Conditional E: $\mathbb{E}[X \mid Y = y] = \sum_{x} x P_{X|Y}(x|y)$
- Iterated Expectations: $\mathbb{E}[X] = \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[X \mid Y]]$
- Joint Expectation: $\mathbb{E}[XY] = \sum_{x} \sum_{y} xyp_{X,Y}(x,y)$
- Covariance: $Cov(X,Y) = \mathbb{E}[XY] \mathbb{E}[X]\mathbb{E}[Y]$
- Independence: $P_{X,Y}(x,y) = P_X(x)P_Y(y) \quad \forall x,y$
- MGF: $M_{X,Y}(t_1, t_2) = \sum_x \sum_y e^{t_1 x + t_2 y} p_{X,Y}(x, y)$
- Variance Formula: $Var(X) = \mathbb{E}[X^2] (\mathbb{E}[X])^2$

Continuous Joint Distributions

- Marginal: $f_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(x,y)dy$
- Conditional: $f_{X|Y}(x|y) = \frac{f_{X,Y}(x,y)}{f_Y(y)}$
- $\mathbb{E}[g(X,Y)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x,y) f_{X,Y}(x,y) dx dy$
- $\mathbb{E}[X] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_{X,Y}(x,y) dx dy$
- Conditional E: $\mathbb{E}[X|Y] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_{X|Y}(x|y) dx$
- Iterated Expectations: $\mathbb{E}[X] = \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[X \mid Y]]$ Where: $\mathbb{E}[X \mid Y = y] = \int x f_{X|Y}(x|y) dx$
- Joint E: $\mathbb{E}[XY] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} xy f_{X,Y}(x,y) dx dy$
- Covariance: $Cov(X, Y) = \mathbb{E}[XY] \mathbb{E}[X]\mathbb{E}[Y]$
- If X and Y are independent, the PDF of J = X + Y is: $f_J(j) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x) f_Y(j-x) dx$

LLN and CLT - Practical Guide -

Assumptions: i.i.d. RVs: $X_1, X_2, ..., X_n$, with $\mathbb{E}[X_i] = \mu$, $Var(X_i) = \sigma^2$.

- **LLN**: Sample Mean = $(\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n}X_i) \to \mu$ as $n \to \infty$
- CLT:

$$Z_n = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i - n\mu}{\sigma_v / n} \xrightarrow{d} N(0, 1)$$

$$\begin{split} &\text{if } S_n = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n \to S_n \approx \mathcal{N}(n\mu, n\sigma^2) \\ &\text{If mean } \bar{X}_n \approx \mathcal{N}\left(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{n}\right) \end{split}$$

• $P(a \leq Sum \leq b)$:

$$P(a \le S_n \le b) \approx P\left(\frac{a - n\mu}{\sigma\sqrt{n}} \le Z \le \frac{b - n\mu}{\sigma\sqrt{n}}\right)$$

 $\begin{array}{l} \mathbb{E}[S_{n}] = \mathbb{E}[X_{1}] + \mathbb{E}[X_{2}] + \cdot \cdot \cdot + \mathbb{E}[X_{n}], \text{if equal } = n\mathbb{E}[X] \\ \sigma_{S_{n}} = \sqrt{Var(X_{1}) + Var(X_{2}) \dots}, \text{if equal } \sqrt{n \cdot \text{Var}(X)} \end{array}$

- Heuristics:
 - Bin: $np \ge 5$, $n(1-p) \ge 5$ ($\rightarrow \mathcal{N}(np, np(1-p))$).
 - Poisson: $\lambda > 10 \ (\rightarrow \mathcal{N}(\lambda, \lambda))$.
 - Sum of RVs: $n \ge 30$

- Remember!

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