

## Stat 544. HW #2.

Q1. "Design an Experiment" and define its probability space.

(a) Use this probability space to define your own random variable  $X$ .

(b) Compute the pmf (or the pdf), cdf,  $E(X)$ , and  $\text{Var}(X)$ .

Sol-n.

Let me bring the experiment from HW #1, Q6:

(1) "Sending a packaged item to Arizona by USPS."

The experiment has the following outcomes:

(2)  $\begin{cases} A_1 = \text{"The item is delivered on time"} \\ A_2 = \text{"The item is delivered later than scheduled"} \\ A_3 = \text{"The item is stolen"} \end{cases}$

(3)  $\mathcal{A} = \{A_1, A_2, A_3\}$ .

(4)  $\mathcal{F} = \{\emptyset, \mathcal{A}, A_3, \{A_1, A_2\}\} = \sigma\text{-algebra}$

(5)  $\begin{cases} P: \mathcal{F} \rightarrow [0, 1]: \\ P(\emptyset) = 0 \\ P(\mathcal{A}) = 1 \\ P(A_3) = 0.1 \\ P(\{A_1, A_2\}) = 0.9 \\ P(A_1) = 0.7, \quad P(A_2) = 0.2 \end{cases}$  Prob. measure of  $\mathcal{F}$ .

Then

(6)  $\{\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P}\}$  is the probability space.

Now let random variable (r.v.)  $X$  to be possible outcomes of sending 2 packages separately to Arizona by post in two different times of the day. ("Outcome of one package is completely independent of that of another").

$X$  is a random variable with  $X: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  where

(7)  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A_1 = \text{"delivery on time"} = +1 \\ A_2 = \text{"late delivery"} = 0 \\ A_3 = \text{"item stolen"} = -1 \end{array} \right.$

then we have the following sample space:

	1st package	2nd package	$X(w_i)$
$w_1$	$A_1$	$A_1$	$1+1=2$
$w_2$	$A_1$	$A_2$	$1+0=1$
$w_3$	$A_1$	$A_3$	$1+(-1)=0$
$w_4$	$A_2$	$A_1$	$0+1=1$
$w_5$	$A_2$	$A_2$	$0+0=0$
$w_6$	$A_2$	$A_3$	$0+(-1)=-1$
$w_7$	$A_3$	$A_1$	$(-1)+1=0$
$w_8$	$A_3$	$A_2$	$(-1)+0=-1$
$w_9$	$A_3$	$A_3$	$(-1)+(-1)=-2$

(8)  $\Omega = \{w_i\}_{i=1}^9$

(9)  $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$

(10) Then  $\{\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P}\}$  is the probability space s.t.

Then we have, by (5),

$$\mathbb{P}(A_1) = 0.7$$

$$\mathbb{P}(A_2) = 0.2$$

$$\mathbb{P}(A_3) = 0.1$$

, then probabilities for 2 packages:

$$(11) \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathbb{P}(A_1 A_1) = \mathbb{P}(X(\omega_1)) = 0.7 \cdot 0.7 = 0.49 \\ \mathbb{P}(A_1 A_2) = \mathbb{P}(X(\omega_2)) = 0.7 \cdot 0.2 = 0.14 \\ \mathbb{P}(A_1 A_3) = \mathbb{P}(X(\omega_3)) = 0.7 \cdot 0.1 = 0.07 \\ \mathbb{P}(A_2 A_1) = \mathbb{P}(X(\omega_4)) = 0.2 \cdot 0.7 = 0.14 \\ \mathbb{P}(A_2 A_2) = \mathbb{P}(X(\omega_5)) = 0.2 \cdot 0.2 = 0.04 \\ \mathbb{P}(A_2 A_3) = \mathbb{P}(X(\omega_6)) = 0.2 \cdot 0.1 = 0.02 \\ \mathbb{P}(A_3 A_1) = \mathbb{P}(X(\omega_7)) = 0.1 \cdot 0.7 = 0.07 \\ \mathbb{P}(A_3 A_2) = \mathbb{P}(X(\omega_8)) = 0.1 \cdot 0.2 = 0.02 \\ \mathbb{P}(A_3 A_3) = \mathbb{P}(X(\omega_9)) = 0.1 \cdot 0.1 = 0.01 \end{array} \right.$$

and

random variable:

$$(12) X(\omega) = x \in \{-2, -1, 0, 1, 2\}$$



(18) Probability mass function (pmf, pdf) :

$$(13) P(X(\omega)=x) = \begin{cases} 0.49 & \text{if } X(\omega) = 2 \\ 0.14 + 0.14 = 0.28 & \text{if } X(\omega) = 1 \\ 0.07 + 0.04 + 0.07 = 0.18 & \text{if } X(\omega) = 0 \\ 0.02 + 0.02 = 0.04 & \text{if } X(\omega) = -1 \\ 0.01 & \text{if } X(\omega) = -2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Cumulative distribution function (CDF) :

$$(14) F(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x < -2 \\ 0.01, & -2 \leq x < -1 \\ 0.01 + 0.04 = 0.05, & -1 \leq x < 0 \\ 0.05 + 0.18 = 0.23, & 0 \leq x < 1 \\ 0.23 + 0.28 = 0.51, & 1 \leq x < 2 \\ 0.51 + 0.49 = 1, & 2 \leq x \end{cases}$$

$$(15) E(X) = \sum_{n=1} x_n P(X=x_n) = 0.49 \cdot 2 + 0.28 \cdot 1 + 0.18 \cdot 0 + 0.04 \cdot (-1) + 0.01 \cdot (-2) = 1.2 ;$$

$$(16) E(X^2) = \sum_{n=1} x_n^2 \cdot P(X=x_n) = 0.49 \cdot (2)^2 + 0.28 \cdot (1)^2 + 0.18 \cdot (0)^2 + 0.04 \cdot (-1)^2 + 0.01 \cdot (-2)^2 = 2.32 ;$$

$$(17) \text{Var}(X) = E(X^2) - (E(X))^2 = 2.32 - (1.2)^2 = 0.88 ;$$

