# Rules of **Probability**

## Independent

$$\begin{split} P(X \cap Y) &= P(Y \cap X) = P(X) \cdot P(Y \mid X) \\ &= P(Y) \cdot P(X \mid Y) \end{split} \qquad P(X \cap Y) = P(Y \cap X) = P(X) \cdot P(Y) \\ &= P(Y) \cdot P(X) \end{split}$$
 
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 $P(X \cup Y) = P(X) + P(Y) - P(X \cap Y)$ 

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$$P(X \cap Y \cap Z) = P(X) \cdot P(Y \mid X) \cdot P(Z \mid X \cap Y)$$
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$$P(X \cup Y \cup Z) = P(X) + P(Y) + P(Z) - P(X \cap Y) - P(X \cap Z) - P(Y \cap Z) + P(X \cap Y \cap Z)$$

$$P(A) + P(B) + P(C) = 1$$
 if mutually exhausive

#### discrete

# 1. probability mass function (PMF)

list all possible probabilities of x  $p_X(x) = P(X = x)$ 

- (a) probability of x must be in [0, 1]
- (b) sum of all probabilities must equal to 1
- (c) R: hist(x) with x in x-axis and  $p_X(x)$  in y-axis

## 2. cumulative distribution function (CDF)

probability that a random variable is less than or equal to  $\mathbf x$ 

$$F_X(x) = P(X \le x)$$

- (a)  $\lim_{x\to-\infty} F_X(x) = 0$
- (b)  $\lim_{x\to\infty} F_X(x) = 1$
- (c) non-decreasing

### 3. $E_X(x)$ = theoretical mean

For random variable x,

$$E_X(x) = \sum_{all \ x} x \cdot p_X(x)$$

For function g(x),

$$E_X(g(x)) = \sum_{all \ x} g(x) \cdot p_X(x)$$

#### continuous

## 1. probability density function (PDF)

list all possible probabilities of x

$$f_X(x) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} F_X(x)$$

- (a)  $f_X(x) \ge 0$  for all x
- (b) area under the curve is equal to 1
- (c) R: plot(density(x)) with x in x-axis and  $f_X(x)$  in y-axis

#### 2. cumulative distribution function (CDF)

probability that a random variable is less than or equal to  $\mathbf x$ 

$$F_X(x) = P(X \le x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f_X(x) \ dx$$
  
 $P(a \le X \le b) = F_X(b) - F_X(a) = \int_a^b f_X(x) \ dx$ 

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## 1. Rules of Expectation

- (a)  $E(aX + b) = a \cdot E(X) + b$
- (b)  $E(Y \mid X) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y \cdot f_{Y \mid X}(y \mid x) dy$
- (c)  $E(XY) = E(E(XY \mid X)) = E(X \cdot E(Y \mid X))$
- (d)  $E(XY) == E(X) \cdot E(Y)$  if X, Y independent
- (e)  $E(XY \mid X) = X \cdot E(Y \mid X)$
- (f)  $E(Y) = E(E(Y \mid X))$
- (g)  $E_X(x^2) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 \cdot f_X(x)$

## 2. Rules of Variance

- (a)  $var(X) = \sigma^2 = E(X^2) E(X)^2$
- (b) var(X+c) = var(X)
- (c)  $var(cX) = c^2 \cdot var(X)$
- (d) var(X Y) = var(X) + var(Y)
- (e)  $var(X + Y) = var(X) + var(Y) + 2 \cdot cov(X, Y)$
- (f) var(X + Y) = var(X) + var(Y) if X, Y independent

#### 3. Rules of Standard Deviation

(a) 
$$\sigma = \sqrt{var(X)}$$

# 4. Rules of Normal Distribution

- (a) E(X) = 0
- (b)  $E(X^2) = 1$
- (c)  $E(X)^2 = 0$
- (d)  $\sigma = 1$
- (e) var(X) = 1

## 5. Rules of Joint Distribution

Remember the rules of probability above (for discrete) applies here.

## (a) Marginal

$$f_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(x,y) \, dy$$
$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x) \cdot f_{Y|X}(y \mid x) \, dy$$
$$f_Y(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(x,y) \, dx$$
$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_Y(y) \cdot f_{X|Y}(x \mid y) \, dx$$

- (b)  $f_{X|Y} = \frac{f_{X,Y}(X,Y)}{f_{Y}(y)}$
- (c)  $f_{X,Y} == f_X(x) \cdot f_Y(y)$  if X, Y independent

### 6. Rules of Covariance

Measure the strength of linear relationship b/w 2 variables

(a) 
$$cov(X, Y) = E((X - E(X)) \cdot (Y - E(Y)))$$
  
=  $E(XY) - E(X) \cdot E(Y)$ 

- (b) cov(X, Y) = 0 if X, Y independent but cov == 0 does not mean X,Y independent
- (c) cov(X, X) = var(X)
- (d)  $cov(aX, bY) = ab \cdot cov(XY)$
- (e) cov(X, Y + Z) = cov(X, Y) + cov(X, Z)

# 7. Rules of Correlation

Normalize Covariance by scaling it b/w -1 and 1

(a) 
$$corr(X, Y) = \frac{cov(X, Y)}{\sigma_X \cdot \sigma_Y}$$

### 9. Rules of Complement

- (a)  $P(X > 3) = 1 P(X \le 3)$
- (b)  $P(2 \le X \le 5) = P(X \le 5) P(X \le 1)$
- (c) P(2 < X < 5)=  $P(3 \le X \le 4) = P(X \le 4) - P(X \le 2)$
- (d)  $P(A \mid B') = 1 P(A \mid B)$
- (e)  $P(A' \mid B') = 1 P(A \mid B')$

## 10. Rules of **Sum**

- (a) Finite Arithmetic i.e. 3, 7, 11, ..., 51  $S_n = \frac{n}{2}(a_1 + a_n) = n[a_1 + \frac{n-1}{2}d]$
- (b) Finite Geometric,  $r = \frac{a_n}{a_n 1}$ i.e. 1, 2, 4, ..., 64  $S_n = a_1 \frac{1 - r^n}{1 - r} = \frac{a_1 - ra_n}{1 - r}$
- (c) Infinite Geometric,  $r = \frac{a_n}{a_n-1}$ , -1 < r < 1 i.e.  $3, 1, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{9}, \frac{1}{27}, \dots$  $S = \frac{a_1}{1-r}$
- (d) Infinite Arithmetic and Infinite Geometric w/  $r \le -1$  or  $1 \le r$  No formula

## 11. Rules of Log

$$log_2(2^k) = log_2(9801)$$
$$k = \frac{log_{10}(9801)}{log_{10}(2)}$$

## Discrete Joint Probability Table

	$y_1$	$y_2$	 $y_n$	
$x_1$	$f_{X,Y}(x_1,y_1)$	$f_{X,Y}(x_1,y_2)$	 $f_{X,Y}(x_1,y_n)$	$f_X(x_1)$
$x_2$	$f_{X,Y}(x_2,y_1)$	$f_{X,Y}(x_2,y_2)$	 $f_{X,Y}(x_2,y_n)$	$f_X(x_2)$
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$x_m$	$f_{X,Y}(x_m,y_1)$	$f_{X,Y}(x_m,y_2)$	 $f_{X,Y}(x_m,y_n)$	$f_X(x_m)$
	$f_Y(y_1)$	$f_Y(y_2)$	 $f_Y(y_n)$	1

## Variance-Covariance Matrix

$var(x_1)$	$cov(x_1, x_2)$		$cov(x_1,x_n)$	
$cov(x_2,x_1)$	$var(x_2)$		$cov(x_2,x_n)$	
$cov(x_n, x_1)$	$cov(x_n, x_2)$		$var(x_n)$	

Distribution Type		Description	PMF or PDF	$E_X(x)$	var(x)
Bernoulli Discrete		Binomial with $n = 1$	$p^x(1-p)^{1-x}$	p	1-p
Binomial	Discrete	n independent Bernoulli trials	$\binom{n}{x}p^x(1-p)^{n-x}$	np	np(1-p)
Geometric	Discrete	get first success in independent Bernoulli trials	$(1-p)^{x-1}p$	$\frac{1}{p}$	$\frac{1-p}{p^2}$
Negative Binomial	Discrete	get $r^{th}$ success in independent Bernoulli trials	$\binom{x-1}{n-1}p^r(1-p)^{x-r}$	$\frac{r}{p}$	$\frac{r(1-p)}{p^2}$
Hypergeometric	Discrete	sampling objects w/o replacement	$\frac{\binom{A}{a}\binom{B}{b}}{\binom{N}{n}} = \frac{\binom{a}{x}\binom{N-a}{n-x}}{\binom{N}{n}}$	$\frac{n \cdot a}{N}$	$\frac{n \cdot a \cdot (N-a) \cdot (N-n)}{N^2 \cdot (N-1)}$
Poisson	Discrete	# of occurences of an event	$\frac{\lambda^x \cdot e^{-\lambda}}{x!}$	λ	λ
Uniform	Continuous	constant probability	$\frac{1}{b-a}, a \le x \le b$	$\frac{a+b}{2}$	$\frac{(b-a)^2}{12}$

#### Maximum Likelihood Estimator

1. p.d.f Poisson p.d.f  $f(x \mid \lambda) = \frac{\lambda^x e^{-\lambda}}{x!}$ 

2. likelihood function

$$L(\lambda) = P(x_1 = x_1 \mid \lambda) \cdot \dots \cdot P(x_n = x_n \mid \lambda)$$
$$= \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\lambda^{x_i} e^{-\lambda}}{x_i!}$$

3. log of likelihood

$$l(\lambda) = \ln(L(\lambda))$$

$$= \ln(\prod_{i=1}^{n} \frac{\lambda^{x_i} e^{-\lambda}}{x_i!})$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i \cdot \ln(\lambda) - \lambda - \ln(x_i!)$$

4.  $\lambda_{MLE}$ 

$$0 = \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} l(\lambda)$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i \cdot ln(\lambda) - \lambda - \ln(x_i!)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{x_i}{\lambda} - 1$$

$$= (\sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{x_i}{\lambda}) - n$$

$$= \frac{1}{\lambda} (\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i) - n$$

$$n = \frac{1}{\lambda} (\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i)$$

$$\lambda_{MLE} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i}{n}$$

#### Z-test, T-test

Both tests measure the difference between an observed statistic and its hypothesized population parameter.

Z-value	T-value
measures in units of S.D.	measures in units of S.E.
knows population $\sigma$	only knows sample s

single value 
$$z = \frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{mean of n obs } z = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu}{\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}} & t = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu}{\frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}} \\ (\bar{x} - z_{\alpha/2} \cdot \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}, \bar{x} + z_{\alpha/2} \cdot \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}) & (\bar{x} - t_{\alpha/2} \cdot \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}, \bar{x} + t_{\alpha/2} \cdot \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}) \end{array}$$