

Rules of **Probability**

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

$$\begin{aligned} P(X \cap Y) &= P(X) \cdot P(Y | X) \\ &= P(Y) \cdot P(X | Y) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(Y) &= P(Y \cap X) + P(Y \cap !X) \\ &= P(X) \cdot P(Y | X) + P(!X) \cdot P(Y | !X) \\ &= P(Y) \cdot P(X | Y) + P(Y) \cdot P(!X | Y) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(X | Y) &= \frac{P(X \cap Y)}{P(Y)} \\ &= \frac{P(X) \cdot P(Y | X)}{P(Y)} = \frac{P(Y) \cdot P(X | Y)}{P(Y)} \\ &= \frac{P(X) \cdot P(Y | X)}{P(Y | X) \cdot P(X) + P(Y | !X) \cdot P(!X)} \\ &= \frac{P(Y) \cdot P(X | Y)}{P(Y | X) \cdot P(X) + P(Y | !X) \cdot P(!X)} \end{aligned}$$

$$P(X \cap Y \cap Z) = P(Y) \cdot P(X | Y) \cdot P(Z | X \cap Y)$$

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

**Independent**

$$\begin{aligned} P(X \cap Y) &= P(X) \cdot P(Y) \\ &= P(Y) \cdot P(X) \end{aligned}$$

$$P(X | Y) = P(X)$$

**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  $x$

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

- (a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} F_X(x) = 0$
- (b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} F_X(x) = 1$
- (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)  $f_X(x) \geq 0$  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  $x$

$$F_X(x) = P(X \leq x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f_X(x) \, dx$$

$$P(a \leq X \leq b) = F_X(b) - F_X(a) = \int_a^b f_X(x) \, dx$$

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

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

For random variable  $x$ ,

$$E_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \cdot f_X(x) \, dx$$

For function  $g(x)$ ,

$$E_X(g(x)) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) \cdot f_X(x) \, dx$$

1. Rules of **Expectation**

- (a)  $E(aX + b) = a \cdot E(X) + b$
- (b)  $E(XY) = E(X) \cdot E(Y)$  if X and Y are independent
- (c)  $E_X(x^2) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 \cdot f_X(x)$

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)  $var(X + Y) = var(X) + var(Y) + 2 \cdot cov(X, Y)$
- (e)  $var(X + Y) = var(X) + var(Y)$  if X and Y are 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)  $var(X) = 17$

5. Rules of **Joint Distribution**

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

(a) **Marginal**

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

- (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 and Y are independent

6. Rules of **Covariance**

Measure the strength of linear relationship b/w 2 variables

- (a)  $cov(X, Y) = E((X - \mu_X)(Y - \mu_Y)) = E(XY) - E(X) \cdot E(Y)$
- (b)  $cov(X, X) = var(X)$
- (c)  $cov(aX, bY) = ab \cdot cov(XY)$
- (d)  $cov(X, Y + Z) = cov(X, Y) + cov(X, Z)$

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	$\binom{x-1}{r-1}p^r(1-p)^{x-r}$	$\frac{r}{p}$	$\frac{r(1-p)}{p^2}$