

EE901 PROBABILITY AND RANDOM PROCESSES

MODULE -1
INTRODUCTION TO
PROBABILITY THEORY

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Random Experiments



Choose a
number



Finite number
of possibilities

Countable number of
possibilities

Uncountable number
of possibilities

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Sample Space





- Set of all possible outcomes



$$\Omega = \{H, T\}$$

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Examples

- Coin toss  $\Omega = \{ H, T \}$
- Dice roll  $\Omega = \{ 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 \}$
- Picking a number  $\Omega = \{ 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots \} = \mathbb{N}$
- Pick a real number between 0 & 1  $\Omega = \{ x: 0 < x < 1 \} = (0, 1)$

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Sample Space

- A sample space is the set of all possible outcomes
- Elements must be
 - Mutually exclusive
 - Collectively exhaustive
 - Finest grain (How to choose granularity?)

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Sample Space of a Coin Toss



Set of all possible outcomes $\Omega = \{ H, T \}$

- Are there other outcomes possible?
 - No, but we can reorganize the outcomes!
- If we are interested in the number of turns the coin takes before hitting the ground,
 - Possible outcomes are "coin takes 0 turn", "coin takes 1 turn" and so on.
 - Sample space is $\Omega = \{ 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots \}$

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Sample Space of a Coin Toss



$$\Omega = \{ H, T \}$$

$$\Omega = \{ 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots \}$$

- If we are interested in both results,

- An outcomes is in the form
 - The coin takes n turns and show side p
 - Denoted by (n, p)
 - Sample space is

$$\Omega = \{ (0, H), (0, T), (1, H), (1, T), \dots \}$$

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Sample Space of Two Coin Tosses



$$\Omega = \{ HH, HT, TH, TT \}$$

- Other possible sample spaces:

Number of coins showing Head $\Omega = \{ 0, 1, 2 \}$

If the two coins show the same side $\Omega = \{ \text{YES}, \text{NO} \}$

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Dice as a Coin

- Suppose we need to decide between two options, but we have a dice instead of a coin.



$$\Omega = \{ 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 \}$$

- So we roll the dice, and
 - If an even number appears -> Option A
 - If an odd number appears -> Option B

$$\Omega = \{ E, O \}$$

E denotes even number outcome
O denotes odd number outcome

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Events

- An event E is a set of outcomes.

Dice Roll. $\Omega = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

$A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ = A number less than 4 appears.

$B = \{2, 4, 6\}$ = An even number appears.

$C = \{6\}$ = Number 6 appears.

$\{6\}$ vs 6

- $E \subset \Omega$ (a subset of the sample space).
- We say that event E occurs if any outcome in event E ($\omega \in E$) has occurred.

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Operations on Events

- Events are sets, so we can define union, intersection and complements on them

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$B = \{3\}$ = Number 3 appears.

$C = \{2, 4, 6\}$ = An even number appears.

$A \cup B = \{1, 2, 3\}$ = A number less than 4 appears.

$A \cup B$ will occur if A or B or both occur.

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$A \cap C = \{2\}$ = Number 2 occurs

$A \cap C$ will occur if A and C both occur.

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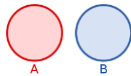
$C^c = \{1, 3, 5\}$ = An odd number appears

C^c will occur if C does not occur.

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Mutually Exclusive Events

- A and B are mutually exclusive (also called disjoint) events, if there is no element common to both



$$A \cap B = \{\} = \phi$$

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Probability

- Each event E is assigned a probability: $\mathbb{P}(E)$
 - Denotes the collective chance of occurrence of any of the outcomes in it.
- It is a function from set of events \mathcal{F} to set of real numbers \mathbb{R} .
- What properties should this function have?

Dice Roll. $\Omega = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

$A = \{1\}$,

$B = \{2\}$,

$A \cup B = \{1, 2\}$

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Properties of Probability

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- What properties do we want in this function?

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What is $\mathbb{P}(\Omega)$?

Ω will always occur. Its probability should be 1. $\mathbb{P}(\Omega) = 1$

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Lower limit on $\mathbb{P}(E)$?

Every event has a non-negative chance.

$\mathbb{P}(E) \geq 0$

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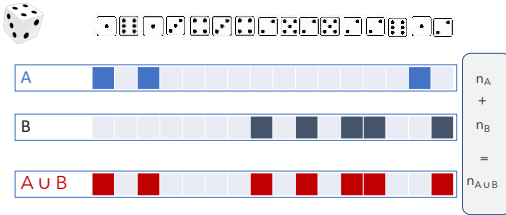
$B = \{2\}$,

$A \cup B = \{1, 2\}$

A and B are different singleton events.

If $\mathbb{P}(A)$ and $\mathbb{P}(B)$ are known, what will be $\mathbb{P}(A \cup B)$?

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$$n_A + n_B = n_{A \cup B}$$

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$$\frac{n_A}{n} + \frac{n_B}{n} = \frac{n_{A \cup B}}{n}$$

$$\mathbb{P}(A) + \mathbb{P}(B) = \mathbb{P}(A \cup B)$$

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Probability Axioms

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which satisfies

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for any disjoint events A and B

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for disjoint events A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots

- Probability measure is a function from \mathcal{F} (set of events) to $[0,1]$.
- Is the definition complete?

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- How to assign probabilities?
- How to choose \mathcal{F} ?

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Class of Events \mathcal{F}

- Set of events (subsets of Ω)
- Should include Ω .
- Should include all those "interesting events" for which we want to know probabilities
- Usually,

If we are interested in the probability of A , we are also interested in the probability of A not occurring. A^c

If we are interested in the probability of A and B , we are also interested in the probability of A and B both occurring simultaneously. $A \cap B$

If we are interested in the probability of A and B , we are also interested in the probability of at least A or B occurring. $A \cup B$

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Class of Events \mathcal{F}

- Set of events (subsets of Ω)

$$\Omega \in \mathcal{F}.$$

$$\text{If } A \in \mathcal{F}, \text{ then } A^c \in \mathcal{F}.$$

$$\text{If } A \in \mathcal{F}, \text{ and } B \in \mathcal{F}, \text{ then } A \cup B \in \mathcal{F}.$$

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Class of Events \mathcal{F}

- Set/Collection of events (subsets of sample space Ω)
 $\Omega \in \mathcal{F}$.
 If $A \in \mathcal{F}$, then $A^c \in \mathcal{F}$.
 If $A_i \in \mathcal{F} \forall i = 1, 2, 3, \dots$, then $A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3 \cup \dots \in \mathcal{F}$.
- Such a structure is known as σ – algebra.
- \mathcal{F} is a collection of subsets of Ω satisfying above properties.
- There can be many possibilities, we can choose as per our interest.

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Example of \mathcal{F}

Collection of subsets of sample space Ω
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Tetrahedral Dice Roll. $\Omega = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$.

We are interested in the exact outcome. What should be \mathcal{F} ?

$$\mathcal{F} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \{4\}, \{1, 2\}, \{1, 3\}, \{1, 4\}, \{2, 3\}, \{2, 4\}, \{3, 4\}, \\ \{1, 2, 3\}, \{1, 2, 4\}, \{1, 3, 4\}, \{2, 3, 4\}, \\ \{1, 2, 3, 4\}, \{\} \end{array} \right\}$$

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We are interested in the knowing whether outcome is even or odd.
 What should be \mathcal{F} ?

$$\mathcal{F} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \{1, 3\}, \{2, 4\}, \\ \{1, 2, 3, 4\}, \{\} \end{array} \right\}$$

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Tetrahedral Dice Roll. $\Omega = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$.
What is the smallest \mathcal{F} possible?

$$\mathcal{F} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \{1, 2, 3, 4\}, \\ \{\} \end{array} \right\} = \{\Omega, \phi\}$$

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Example of \mathcal{F}

 Pick a number between 0 and 1, $\Omega = (0, 1)$. We are interested in the exact outcome. What is \mathcal{F} ?

$$\mathcal{F} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (0, x) \text{ Ex. } (0, .3), (0, .4), \dots \\ [x, 1) \text{ Ex. } [.3, 1), [.4, 1), \dots \\ (0, x) \cup (y, z) \\ \dots \quad \{\}, \Omega \end{array} \right\}$$



Set of all possible open intervals, and their countable unions and intersections. It will contain closed intervals also.
Termed Borel sigma algebra.

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Probability Space

For any random experiment, we have

Ω Sample space: set of all possible outcomes

\mathcal{F} Sigma algebra: set of all events we like to consider

\mathbb{P} Probability measure: a function to assign probability to each event

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$$\mathcal{P} = \{\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P}\}$$

Probability Space

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Probability Measure

- Probability measure is a function from \mathcal{F} (set of events) to $[0, 1]$ that satisfies

$$\mathbb{P}(\Omega) = 1$$

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Probability Measure

Assignment of the probability function depends on whether there are finite, countable or uncountable number of outcomes.

Let us take finite case first i.e. Ω has finite elements.



Coin toss. $\Omega = \{H, T\}$.

$\mathcal{F} = \{\emptyset, \{H\}, \{T\}, \{H, T\}\}$.

Goal: Assign probability to each element in \mathcal{F} so that it satisfies probability axioms.

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Probability Measure for a Coin Toss

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$$\mathbb{P}(\emptyset)$$

$$\mathbb{P}(\{H\})$$

$$\mathbb{P}(\{T\})$$

$$\mathbb{P}(\{H, T\}) = 1$$

Probability Axioms

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$$\mathbb{P}(\emptyset) = 0$$

$$\mathbb{P}(A_1) + \mathbb{P}(A_2) = \mathbb{P}(A_1 \cup A_2)$$

$$\mathbb{P}(\{H\})$$

$$A_1 = \Omega$$

$$A_2 = \emptyset$$

$$A_1 \cup A_2 = \Omega$$

$$\mathbb{P}(\{T\})$$

$$\mathbb{P}(\Omega) + \mathbb{P}(\emptyset) = \mathbb{P}(\Omega)$$

$$\mathbb{P}(\{H, T\}) = 1$$

$$1 + \mathbb{P}(\emptyset) = 1$$

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Probability Measure for a Coin Toss

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$$\mathbb{P}(\emptyset) = 0$$

$$\mathbb{P}(\{H\}) = a \geq 0$$

$$\mathbb{P}(\{T\})$$

$$\mathbb{P}(\{H, T\}) = 1$$

Probability Axioms

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$$\mathbb{P}(\{H\}) = a$$

$$A_1 = \{H\}$$

$$A_2 = \{T\}$$

$$\mathbb{P}(\{T\}) = 1 - a$$

$$A_1 \cup A_2 = \Omega$$

$$\mathbb{P}(\{H\}) + \mathbb{P}(\{T\}) = \mathbb{P}(\Omega)$$

$$\mathbb{P}(\{H, T\}) = 1$$

$$a + \mathbb{P}(\{T\}) = 1$$

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Probability Measure for a Coin Toss

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$$\mathbb{P}(\emptyset) = 0$$

What should be the value of a ?

$$\mathbb{P}(\{H\}) = a$$

$$\mathbb{P}(\{T\}) = 1 - a$$

$$\mathbb{P}(\{H, T\}) = 1$$

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Probability Measure for a Dice Roll



Tetrahedral dice roll. $\Omega = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$.

$\mathcal{F} = \{\emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \{4\}, \{1, 2\}, \{1, 3\}, \{1, 4\}, \{2, 3\}, \{2, 4\}, \{3, 4\}, \{1, 2, 3\}, \{1, 2, 4\}, \{1, 3, 4\}, \{2, 3, 4\}, \{1, 2, 3, 4\}\}$

$$\mathbb{P}(\emptyset) = 0$$

$$\mathbb{P}(\{1, 2, 3, 4\}) = 1$$

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$$\mathbb{P}(\{1\}) = a_1$$

$$\mathbb{P}(\{2\}) = a_2$$

$$\mathbb{P}(\{3\}) = a_3$$

$$\mathbb{P}(\{4\}) = 1 - a_1 - a_2 - a_3$$

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$$\mathbb{P}(\{1, 2\})$$

$$= \mathbb{P}(\{1\}) + \mathbb{P}(\{2\})$$

$$= a_1 + a_2$$

$$\mathbb{P}(A_1) + \mathbb{P}(A_2) = \mathbb{P}(A_1 \cup A_2)$$

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Probability Assignment for Finite Sample Space

- Start with singleton events
- Assign positive numbers to each event ensuring the sum is equal to 1.
- For rest of the events
 - List all outcomes in each event.
 - List corresponding singleton events of each of these outcomes.
 - Add the probabilities of these singleton events.
- $E = \{\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3\}$

Outcomes: $\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \omega_1 & \omega_2 & \omega_3 \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ \{\omega_1\} = E_1 & \{\omega_2\} = E_2 & \{\omega_3\} = E_3 \end{array}$$

$$\mathbb{P}(E) = \mathbb{P}(E_1) + \mathbb{P}(E_2) + \mathbb{P}(E_3)$$

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Probability Measure for Countable Ω

- The same procedure works for a countable sample space



Choose a number. $\Omega = \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$.

$$\mathbb{P}(\{1\}) = a_1$$

$$\mathbb{P}(\{2\}) = a_2$$

...

$$\mathbb{P}(\{i\}) = a_i$$

...

$$\sum_i a_i = 1$$

Example
 $a_i = \frac{1}{2^i}$

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Probability Measure for Uncountable Ω

 Pick a number between 0 and 1, $\Omega = (0,1)$. \mathcal{F} is Borel sigma algebra.

Elements of sigma algebra are open intervals, their complements and their countable union/intersections

Let's start with the events of the following simple interval form

$$A = (0, x) \quad \text{with diagram: } \text{red bar from 0 to x on [0,1]}$$

Assign the length of this interval as the probability for this event $\mathbb{P}((0, x)) = x$.

For singleton events of form $\{x\}$, the length is zero. Hence $\mathbb{P}(\{x\}) = 0$.

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Probability Measure for Uncountable Ω

 Pick a number between 0 and 1, $\Omega = (0,1)$. \mathcal{F} is Borel sigma algebra.

$\mathbb{P}((0, x)) = x$. $\mathbb{P}(\{x\}) = 0$.

For events of the form (a, b) , the probability can be computed from the probability axiom

$$A_1 = (0, a) \quad A_2 = \{a\} \quad A_3 = (a, b) \quad A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3 = (0, b)$$

$$\mathbb{P}(A_1) + \mathbb{P}(A_2) + \mathbb{P}(A_3) = \mathbb{P}(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3)$$

$$a + 0 + \mathbb{P}(A_3) = b$$

$$\mathbb{P}(A_3) = b - a$$

which is length of the interval (a, b) and is consistent with the definition.

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Probability Measure for Uncountable Ω

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$\mathbb{P}((0, x)) = x$. $\mathbb{P}(\{x\}) = 0$. $\mathbb{P}((a, b)) = b - a$.

Now, any set in the sigma algebra can be written as countable union of above sets. The third axiom can be used to compute the probability.

$$\mathbb{P}(A_1) + \mathbb{P}(A_2) + \mathbb{P}(A_3) + \dots = \mathbb{P}(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3 \cup \dots)$$

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For singleton events of form $\{x\}$, the length is zero. Hence $\mathbb{P}(\{x\}) = 0$.

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Assign the any increasing function $F(x)$ of x as the probability for this event

$$\mathbb{P}((0,x)) = F(x)$$

such that $F(1)=1, F(0)=0$.

For singleton events of form $\{x\}$, take $\mathbb{P}(\{x\}) = 0$.

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For singleton events of form $\{x\}$, take $\mathbb{P}(\{x\}) = 0$.

For events (a, b) , the probability can be computed from the probability axiom as

$$\mathbb{P}((a, b)) = F(b) - F(a).$$

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