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# 1 Experiments, Events and Sample Spaces

**Definition 1.1.** Experiment, Sample space and event

- Experiment: Any process, real or hypothetical, in which the possible outcomes can be identified ahead of time;
- Sample space: The collection of all possible outcomes, denoted by  $S$ ;
- Event: A well-defined subset of sample space

**Definition 1.2** (countably infinity). A set is **countably infinite** if its elements can be put in one-to-one correspondence with the set of natural numbers.

**Definition 1.3** (At most countable sets). A set that is either finite or countably infinite is called an **at most countable set**.

**Theorem 1.1.** Suppose  $E, E_1, E_2, \dots$  are events. The following are also events

1.  $E^c$
2.  $E_1 \cup E_2 \cup \dots E_n$
3.  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i$

## 2 Definition and Properties of Probability

**Definition 2.1** ( $\sigma$ -field). Let  $\chi$  be a space. A collection  $\mathcal{F}$  of subsets of  $\chi$  is called a  **$\sigma$ -field** if

1.  $\chi \in \mathcal{F}$
2. (closure under complement) if  $E \in \mathcal{F}$ , then  $E^c \in \mathcal{F}$
3. (closure under countable union) if  $E_1, E_2, \dots \in \mathcal{F}$ , then  $\cup_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n \in \mathcal{F}$

**Remark 2.1.** A  $\sigma$ -field refers to the collection of subsets of a sample space that we should use in order to establish a mathematically formal definition of probability. The sets in the  $\sigma$ -field constitute the events from our sample space.

**Axiom 2.1** (Axioms of Probability). Let  $S$  be a sample space, and let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a  $\sigma$ -field of  $S$ .

- Axiom 1 (non-negativity)  $P(E) \geq 0$  for any event  $E \in \mathcal{F}$ .
- Axiom 2  $P(S) = 1$
- Axiom 3 (countable additivity) For every sequence of disjoint events  $E_1, E_2, \dots \in \mathcal{F}$

$$P(\cup_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(E_i)$$

**Definition 2.2** (probability). Any function  $P$  on a sample space  $S$  satisfying Axioms 1-3 is called a **probability**.

**Definition 2.3** (disjoint sets). Sets  $A$  and  $B$  are **disjoint** if  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** Properties of Probability

1.  $P(\emptyset) = 0$

2. (finite additivity) For any disjoint events  $E_1, \dots, E_n$ ,

$$P(\cup_{i=1}^n E_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n P(E_i)$$

3.  $P(A^c) = 1 - P(A)$

4. For  $A \subset B$ ,  $P(A) \leq P(B)$

5.  $0 \leq P(A) \leq 1$

6.  $P(A - B) = P(A) - P(A \cap B)$

7.  $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$

8. (subadditivity, Boole's inequality) For any events  $E_1, \dots, E_n$ ,

$$P(\cup_{i=1}^n E_i) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n P(E_i)$$

**Theorem 2.2** (Continuity from below and above). Let  $P$  be a probability.

(continuity from below) If  $A_n \nearrow A$  (i.e.  $A_1 \subset A_2 \subset \dots$  and  $\cup_n A_n = A$ ), then  $P(A_n) \nearrow P(A)$

(continuity from above) If  $A_n \searrow A$  (i.e.  $A_1 \supset A_2 \supset \dots$  and  $\cap_n A_n = A$ ), then  $P(A_n) \searrow P(A)$

## 2.1 Finite Sample Spaces

Suppose  $|S| = n$ , that is,  $S = \{s_1, \dots, s_n\}$ . Then each member has probability, that is,  $p_i = P(\{s_i\})$  such that

$$p_i \geq 0 \text{ and } \sum_{i=1}^n p_i = 1$$

## 3 Classical Equal Probability and Combinatorics

**Definition 3.1** (permutation). When there are  $n$  elements, the number of events pulling  $k$  elements out of  $n$  elements is called a **permutation** of  $n$  elements taken  $k$  at a time and denoted by  $P_{n,k}$ .

**Theorem 3.1.**

$$P_{n,k} = n(n-1) \dots (n-k+1) = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!}$$

**Definition 3.2** (combination). The number of combinations of  $n$  elements taken  $k$  at a time is denoted by  $C_{n,k}$  or  $\binom{n}{k}$ .

**Theorem 3.2.**

$$C_{n,k} = \binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} = P_{n,k}/k!$$

**Theorem 3.3** (Binomial coefficients).

$$(x+y)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} x^k y^{n-k}$$

**Theorem 3.4** (Newton Expansion). For  $|z| < 1$ , the term  $(1+z)^r$  can be expanded as

$$(1+z)^r = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{r}{k} z^k$$

**Theorem 3.5.**

$$\binom{n}{k} = \frac{r(r-1)\dots(r-k+1)}{k!} = \frac{\Gamma(r+1)}{\Gamma(r-k+1)\Gamma(k+1)}$$

with  $\Gamma(\alpha) = \int_0^\infty x^{\alpha-1} e^{-x} dx$

**Theorem 3.6.** For any numbers  $x_1, \dots, x_k$  and non-negative integer  $n$ ,

$$(x_1 + \dots + x_k)^n = \sum \binom{n}{n_1, \dots, n_k} x_1^{n_1} \dots x_k^{n_k}$$

It is easy to see that

$$\begin{aligned} \binom{n}{n_1, \dots, n_k} &= \binom{n}{n_1} \binom{n_2 + \dots + n_k}{n_2} \binom{n_3 + \dots + n_k}{n_3} \dots \binom{n_k}{n_k} \\ &= \frac{n!}{n_1! \dots n_k!} \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

**Theorem 3.7** (Stirling's formula).

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \log(n!) - \left[ \frac{1}{2} \log(2\pi) + \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right) \log(n) - n \right] \right| = 0$$

## 4 Inclusion-Exclusion Formula

For any  $n$  events  $A_1, \dots, A_n$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} P(\cup_{i=1}^n A_i) &= \sum_{i=1}^n P(A_i) - \sum_{i < j} P(A_i \cap A_j) + \sum_{i < j < k} P(A_i \cap A_j \cap A_k) + \dots \\ &\quad + (-1)^{n-1} P(A_1 \cap \dots \cap A_n) \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

## 5 Conditional Probability

**Definition 5.1** (conditional probability). When  $P(B) > 0$ , the **conditional probability** of an event  $A$  given  $B$  is defined by

$$P(A|B) = P(A \cap B)/P(B)$$

**Theorem 5.1.** If  $P(B) > 0$ , then  $P(A \cap B) = P(A|B)P(B)$ .

**Theorem 5.2.** Let  $A_1, \dots, A_n$  be events with  $P(A_1 \cap \dots \cap A_n) > 0$ . Then

$$P(A_1 \cap \dots \cap A_n) = P(A_1) P(A_2|A_1) P(A_3|A_1, A_2) \dots P(A_n|A_1, \dots, A_{n-1}) \tag{3}$$

## 6 Independence

**Definition 6.1** (independence). Two events  $A$  and  $B$  are **independent** if and only if

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

. A collection of events  $\{A_i\}_{i \in I}$  are said to be **(mutually) independent** if

$$P(\cap_{i \in J} A_i) = \prod_{i \in J} P(A_i)$$

for any  $\emptyset \neq J \subset I$ .

A collection of events  $\{A_i\}_{i \in I}$  are said to be **pair-wise independent** if

$$P(A_i \cap A_j) = P(A_i)P(A_j)$$

for  $i \neq j \in I$ .

**Theorem 6.1.** Two events  $A$  and  $B$  are independent if and only if  $A$  and  $B^c$  are independent.

**Definition 6.2** (conditionally independence). Two events  $A$  and  $B$  are **conditionally independent** given  $C$  if

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

**Remark 6.1.** Conditional independence does not imply independence.

## 7 Bayes Theorem

**Definition 7.1.** A collection of sets  $B_1, \dots, B_k$  is called a **partition** of  $A$  if and only if  $B_1, \dots, B_k$  are disjoint and  $A = \cup_{i=1}^k B_i$ .

**Theorem 7.1** (Law of total probability). Let events  $B_1, \dots, B_k$  be a partition of  $S$  with  $P(B_j) > 0$  for all  $j = 1, \dots, k$ . For any event  $A$ ,

$$P(A) = \sum_{j=1}^k P(B_j)P(A|B_j)$$

**Theorem 7.2** (Bayes' Theorem). If  $0 < P(A), P(B) < 1$ , then

$$P(B|A) = \frac{P(A|B)P(B)}{P(A|B)P(B) + P(A|B^c)P(B^c)}$$

## 8 Random Variables

**Definition 8.1.** A real-valued function  $X$  on the sample space  $S$  is called a **random variable** if the probability of  $X$  is well-defined, that is,  $\{s \in S : X(s) \leq r\}$  is an event for each  $r \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**Definition 8.2** (Borel sets in  $\mathbb{R}$ ). The collection of all Borel sets  $\mathcal{B}$  in  $\mathbb{R}$  is the smallest collection satisfying the followings

1.  $(a, b] \in \mathcal{B}$  for any  $a < b \in \mathbb{R}$
2. (closure under complement) For any  $B \in \mathcal{B}, B^c \in \mathcal{B}$
3. (closure under countable union) For any  $B_1, B_2, \dots \in \mathcal{B}, \cup_{j=1}^{\infty} B_j \in \mathcal{B}$

We call the collection  $\mathcal{B}$  the **Borel  $\sigma$ -field**

**Definition 8.3** (Probability of a random variable). For any Borel set  $B$  in  $\mathbb{R}$ , an event  $X \in B$  is defined as  $\{s \in S : X(s) \in B\}$  and often denoted by  $\{X \in B\}$  or  $(X \in B)$ . The corresponding probability is

$$P(X \in B) = P(\{s \in S : X(s) \in B\})$$

**Lemma 8.1.** If  $|X(S)| < \infty$  and  $(X = r)$  is an event for any  $r \in X(S)$ , then  $X$  is a random variable.

**Definition 8.4** (distribution). The **distribution** of  $X$  is the collection of all probabilities of all events induced by  $X$ , that is,  $(B, P(X \in B))$ . Two random variables  $X$  and  $Y$  are said to be **identically distributed** if they have the same distribution.

**Remark 8.1.** To show  $X$  and  $Y$  having the same distribution, we need to check for any event  $B$  on  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $P(X \in B) = P(Y \in B)$ . Since all Borel sets on  $\mathbb{R}$  are induced by intervals, it is enough to prove

$$P(a < X \leq b) = P(a < Y \leq b)$$

for any  $a < b \in \mathbb{R}$ . Even  $P(X \leq a) = P(Y \leq a)$  for any  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  guarantees that  $X$  and  $Y$  are identically distributed.

**Definition 8.5** (discrete random variable). A random variable  $X$  is said to be **discrete** if  $P(X = x) = 0$  or  $P(X = x) > 0$  and  $P(X \in \chi_0) = 1$  where  $\chi_0 = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : P(X = x) > 0\}$

**Definition 8.6** (probability mass function). The **probability mass function** (pmf) of a discrete random variable  $X$  is

$$pmf_X(x) = P(X = x)$$

for any possible value of  $x \in X(S)$ .

**Theorem 8.1.** Let  $X$  be a discrete random variable. Then the set of  $x$  having  $P(X = x)$  is at most countable.

**Theorem 8.2.** Let  $f$  be the pmf of a discrete random variable  $X$ . The set of possible values of  $X$  is  $X(S) = \{x_1, x_2, \dots\}$ . For  $x \notin X(S) \geq 0$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} f(x_i) = 1$ .

**Theorem 8.3.** Let  $X(S) = \{x_1, x_2, \dots\}$  be the set of possible values of a discrete random variable  $X$ . Then for any subset  $A$  of  $\mathbb{R}$ ,

$$P(X \in A) = \sum_{x \in A} P(\{x\}) = \sum_{x \in A} pmf_X(x)$$

**Definition 8.7** (absolute continuity and probability density function). A random variable  $X$  is said to be **absolutely continuous** if the probability of each interval  $[a, b]$  is of the form

$$P(a < X \leq b) = \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

where  $a < b \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $f$  is a non-negative function on  $\mathbb{R}$ . Such function  $f$  is called a **probability density function** (pdf) of  $X$ .

**Theorem 8.4.** Let  $X$  be a continuous random variable. Then

$$pdf_X(x) = \frac{d}{dx} P(X \leq x)$$

## 8.1 Examples of Random Variables

**Definition 8.8** (Bernoulli). A random variable  $X$  taking value 0 or 1 with  $P(X = 1) = p$  and  $P(X = 0) = 1 - p$  for some  $p \in [0, 1]$  is called a **Bernoulli** random variable with success probability  $p$  and often denoted by  $X \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p)$ .

**Definition 8.9** (discrete uniform). Let  $\chi$  be a non-empty finite set. A random variable  $X$  taking values in  $\chi$  with equal probability is called a uniform random variable on  $\chi$  and denoted by  $X \sim \text{uniform}(\chi)$ .

The probability mass function of  $X \sim \text{uniform}(\chi)$  is

$$pmf_X(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{|\chi|} & \text{if } x \in \chi \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

**Definition 8.10** (binomial). A random variable  $X$  is called a **binomial** random variable if it has the same distribution as  $Z$  which is the number of success in  $n$  independent trials with success probability  $p$ , and denoted by  $X \sim \text{binomial}(n, p)$ .

The probability mass function of  $X \sim \text{binomial}(n, p)$  is

$$pmf_X(x) = \begin{cases} \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x} & \text{if } n = 0, 1, \dots \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

**Definition 8.11** (continuous uniform). A random variable  $X$  defined on  $(a, b)$  for finite real numbers  $a < b$  satisfying  $P(c < X \leq d) = \frac{d-c}{b-a}$  for any  $c, d$  such that  $a \leq c \leq d \leq b$  is called a **uniform** random variable on  $(a, b)$  which is denoted by  $X \sim \text{uniform}(a, b)$ . The probability mass function of  $X \sim \text{uniform}(a, b)$  is

$$pmf_X(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a} & \text{if } a < x < b \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

**Definition 8.12** (geometric). Consider an independent Bernoulli trial with success probability  $p$ . The number of trials until the first success is called a **geometric** distribution with parameter  $p$ , denoted by  $\text{geometric}(p)$ . The geometric random variable  $X \sim \text{geometric}(p)$  has probability mass function as

$$\text{pmf}_X(n) = (1 - p)^{n-1}p$$

for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Definition 8.13** (negative binomial). Consider an independent Bernoulli trial with success probability  $p$ . The number of trials until  $k$ -th success is called a **negative binomial** distribution with parameter  $k$  and  $p$ , denoted by  $\text{neg-bin}(k, p)$ .

The negative binomial random variable  $X \sim \text{neg-bin}(k, p)$  has probability mass function as

$$\text{pmf}_X(n) = \binom{n-1}{k-1} (1-p)^{n-k} p^k$$

for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.  $n \geq k$ .

**Definition 8.14** (hypergeometric). Consider a jar containing  $n$  balls of which  $r$  are black and the remainder  $n-r$  are white. The random variable  $X$  is the number of black balls when  $m$  balls are drawn without replacement. The probability of  $k$  black balls are drawn is

$$\text{pmf}_X(k) = \begin{cases} \frac{\binom{n-r}{m-k} \binom{r}{k}}{\binom{n}{m}} & \text{if } k = 0, \dots, \min(r, m) \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Such distribution is called a **hypergeometric** distribution.

**Definition 8.15** (zeta/zipf). A positive integer valued random variable  $X$  follows a **Zeta** or **Zipf** distribution if

$$\text{pmf}_X(n) = \frac{n^{-s}}{\zeta(s)}$$

for  $n = 1, 2, \dots$  and  $s > 1$  where  $\zeta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{-s}$

**Definition 8.16** (Poisson). A **Poisson** distribution with parameter  $\mu > 0$  has the probability mass function

$$\text{pmf}_X(n) = e^{-\mu} \frac{\mu^n}{n!}$$

for non-negative integer  $n$ .

**Theorem 8.5.** If  $X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$  and the distribution of  $Y$ , conditional on  $X = k$ , is a binomial distribution,  $Y|(X = k) \sim \text{Binom}(k, p)$ , then the distribution of  $Y$  follows a Poisson distribution  $Y \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda \cdot p)$

**Theorem 8.6** (Sums of Poisson-distributed random variables). If  $X_i \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda_i)$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$  are independent, and  $\lambda = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i$ , then  $Y = (\sum_{i=1}^n X_i) \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$ .

**Definition 8.17** (Exponential). A continuous random variable  $W$  having the probability density

$$\text{pdf}_W(w) = \lambda e^{-\lambda w} 1(w > 0)$$

is distributed from an exponential distribution with parameter  $\lambda > 0$ , which is denoted by  $W \sim \text{exponential}(\lambda)$ .



## 8.2 Cumulative Distribution Function

The **(cumulative) distribution function** of a random variable  $X$  is the function

$$\text{cdf}_X(x) = F_X(x) = P(X \leq x)$$

for  $-\infty < x < \infty$ .

**Theorem 8.7** (properties of distribution functions). Let  $F$  be a distribution function. Then

- (a)  $F$  is nondecreasing,
- (b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} F(x) = 1$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} F(x) = 0$ ,
- (c)  $F$  is right continuous, that is,  $\lim_{y \searrow x} F(y) = F(x)$ ,
- (d)  $F(x-) := \lim_{y \nearrow x} F(y) = P(X < x)$
- (e)  $P(X = x) = F(x) - F(x-)$

**Theorem 8.8.** If a real function  $F$  satisfies (a)-(c) in the above properties, then it is a distribution function of a random variable.

**Definition 8.18** ( $p$ -quantile). The  $p$ -quantile of a random variable  $X$  is  $x$  such that  $P(X \leq x) \geq p$  and  $P(X \geq x) \geq 1 - p$ .

**Definition 8.19.** The median, lower quartile, upper quartile are 0.5-, 0.25-, 0.75-quantile. The inter quartile range (IQR) is the difference between upper and lower quartile.

## 8.3 Multivariate Distributions

### 8.3.1 Bivariate Distributions

**Definition 8.20.** The **joint/bivariate distribution** of two random variables  $X$  and  $Y$  is the collection of all possible probabilities, that is,  $P((X, Y) \in B)$  where  $B$  is a Borel set in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

**Definition 8.21.** Two random variables  $X$  and  $Y$  are jointly continuously distributed if and only if there exists a non-negative function  $f$  such that for any Borel set  $B$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$

$$P((X, Y) \in B) = \iint_B f(x, y) dx dy$$

Such function  $f$  is called a **joint density function** of  $(X, Y)$ .

**Theorem 8.9** (Properties of joint density functions). Joint density functions satisfies

1.

$$\text{pdf}_{X,Y}(x, y) \geq 0$$

2.

$$\iint \text{pdf}_{X,Y}(x, y) dx dy = 1$$

**Definition 8.22.** The **joint (cumulative) distribution function** of  $X$  and  $Y$  is

$$\text{cdf}_{X,Y}(x, y) = P(X \leq x, Y \leq y)$$

**Definition 8.23.** When  $X$  and  $Y$  are discrete, then the **joint probability mass function** of  $X$  and  $Y$  is defined by

$$\text{pmf}_{X,Y}(x, y) = P(X = x, Y = y)$$

**Theorem 8.10** (Properties of joint probability mass functions). Satisfies

1.

$$pmf_{X,Y}(x, y) \geq 0$$

2.

$$\sum_{x,y} pmf_{X,Y}(x, y) = 1$$

**Theorem 8.11.** Consider two random variables  $X$  and  $Y$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{y \rightarrow -\infty} cdf_{X,Y}(x, y) &= 0 \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} cdf_{X,Y}(x, y) &= 0 \\ \lim_{y \rightarrow \infty} cdf_{X,Y}(x, y) &= cdf_X(x) \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} cdf_{X,Y}(x, y) &= cdf_Y(y)\end{aligned}$$

### 8.3.2 Marginal Distributions

Suppose  $X$  and  $Y$  are random variables. The cdf or pmf or pdf of  $X$  (or  $Y$ ) derived from the joint cdf or pmf or pdf is called the **marginal** cdf or pmf or pdf of  $X$  (or  $Y$ ).

**Theorem 8.12.** 1.

$$pmf_X(x) = \sum_y pmf_{X,Y}(x, y)$$

2.

$$pdf_X(x) = \int pdf_{X,Y}(x, y) dy$$

**Definition 8.24.** Two random variables  $X$  and  $Y$  are **independent** if and only if

$$P(X \in A, Y \in B) = P(X \in A)P(Y \in B)$$

**Theorem 8.13.** If two random variables  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent, then the following hold if the functions exist.

1.  $cdf_{X,Y}(x, y) = cdf_X(x) \times cdf_Y(y)$  for all  $x, y$
2.  $pmf_{X,Y}(x, y) = pmf_X(x) \times pmf_Y(y)$  for all  $x, y$
3.  $pdf_{X,Y}(x, y) = pdf_X(x) \times pdf_Y(y)$  for all  $x, y$

**Theorem 8.14.** If one of the following hold, then two random variables  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent.

1.  $cdf_{X,Y}(x, y) = cdf_X(x) \times cdf_Y(y)$  for all  $x, y$
2.  $pmf_{X,Y}(x, y) = pmf_X(x) \times pmf_Y(y)$  for all  $x, y$
3.  $pdf_{X,Y}(x, y) = pdf_X(x) \times pdf_Y(y)$  for all  $x, y$

### 8.3.3 Conditional Distributions

**Definition 8.25.** The conditional density of  $X$  given  $Y = y$  is

$$pdf_{X|Y}(x|y) = \frac{pdf_{X,Y}(x, y)}{pdf_Y(y)}$$

**Theorem 8.15.**

$$pdf_{X,Y}(x, y) = pdf_X(x)pdf_{X|Y}(x|y)$$

### 8.3.4 Multivariate Distributions

**Definition 8.26.** The joint cumulative distribution function of  $n$  variables  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  is defined by

$$cdf_{X_1, \dots, X_n}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = P(X_1 \leq x_1, \dots, X_n \leq x_n)$$

The joint probability mass/density function of  $n$  discrete/continuous random variables  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  is

$$pmf_{X_1, \dots, X_n}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = P(X_1 = x_1, \dots, X_n = x_n)$$

$$P((X_1, \dots, X_n) \in B) = \int_B \dots \int pdf_{X_1, \dots, X_n}(x_1, \dots, x_n) dx_n \dots dx_1$$

**Definition 8.27.** Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be random variables. Marginal cumulative distribution, probability mass, probability density functions of  $X_1, \dots, X_{i-1}, X_{i+1}, \dots, X_n$  are

$$cdf_{X_1, \dots, X_{i-1}, X_{i+1}, \dots, X_n}(x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n) = \lim_{x_i \rightarrow \infty} cdf_{X_1, \dots, X_{i-1}, X_i, X_{i+1}, \dots, X_n}(x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n) \quad (4)$$

$$pmf_{X_1, \dots, X_{i-1}, X_{i+1}, \dots, X_n}(x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n) = \sum_{x_i} pmf_{X_1, \dots, X_{i-1}, X_i, X_{i+1}, \dots, X_n}(x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n) \quad (5)$$

$$pdf_{X_1, \dots, X_{i-1}, X_{i+1}, \dots, X_n}(x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n) = \int pdf_{X_1, \dots, X_{i-1}, X_i, X_{i+1}, \dots, X_n}(x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n) dx_i \quad (6)$$

**Theorem 8.16.** Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be continuous random variables having cdf. Then

$$pdf_{X_1, \dots, X_n}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \frac{\partial^n}{\partial x_1 \dots \partial x_n} F(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

**Definition 8.28.** Random variables  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are **independent** if and only if for any Borel sets  $B_1, \dots, B_n$

$$P(X_1 \in B_1, \dots, X_n \in B_n) = P(X_1 \in B_1) \dots P(X_n \in B_n)$$

**Theorem 8.17.** Random variables  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are **independent** if and only if

$$cdf_{X_1, \dots, X_n}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = cdf_{X_1}(x_1) \dots cdf_{X_n}(x_n)$$

## 8.4 Functions of Random Variables

**Theorem 8.18.** Let  $X$  be a discrete random variable and  $Y = g(X)$  be a transformed random variable where  $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a function. The pmf of  $Y$  is

$$pmf_Y(y) = \sum_{x: g(x)=y} pmf_X(x)$$

**Theorem 8.19.** Let  $X$  be a continuous random variable and  $Y = g(X)$  be a transformed random variable where  $g$  is an appropriate transformation like continuous increasing. The cdf of  $Y$  is

$$cdf_Y(y) = \int_{\{x: g(x) \leq y\}} pdf_X(x) dx$$

The probability density function of  $Y$  is

$$pdf_Y(y) = \frac{d}{dy} cdf_Y(y)$$

**Theorem 8.20.** Let  $X$  be a continuous random variable and  $F(x) = cdf_X(x)$ . Then new random variable  $Y = F(X)$  is uniformly distributed on  $(0, 1)$ , that is,  $Y \sim \text{uniform}(0, 1)$ .

**Theorem 8.21** (change of variable). Let  $X$  be a continuous random variable and  $g$  be a one-to-one and differentiable function. Then the density of random variable  $Y = g(X)$  is

$$pdf_Y(y) = pdf_X(g^{-1}(y)) \left| \frac{d}{dy} g^{-1}(y) \right|$$

whenever  $y$  is in the range of  $Y(S)$ .

**Theorem 8.22.** Consider discrete random variables  $X_1, \dots, X_n$ . There exist  $m$  functions  $g_1, \dots, g_m$  so that  $Y_i = g_i(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ . The joint probability mass function of  $Y = (Y_1, \dots, Y_m)$  is

$$pmf_Y(y) = \sum_{x: g_i(x)=y_i, i=1, \dots, m} pmf_X(x)$$

**Definition 8.29.** Random variables  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are said to be **independent** and **identically distributed (i.i.d)** if all random variables have the same distribution and are independent.

**Theorem 8.23.** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be jointly continuous random variables. The density of  $Z = X + Y$  is

$$pdf_Z(z) = \int pdf_{X,Y}(x, z-x) dx$$

If  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent, then

$$pdf_Z(z) = \int pdf_X(x) pdf_Y(z-x) dx$$

**Theorem 8.24** (change of variable). Suppose  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  have a joint density function  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  and  $Y_i = g_i(X_1, \dots, X_n)$  for one-to-one correspondent and differentiable functions  $g_i$ 's, say  $y = g(x)$ . The joint density of  $Y_1, \dots, Y_n$  is

$$pdf_Y(y) = pdf_X(x) \left| \det \left( \frac{\partial(x_1, \dots, x_n)}{\partial(y_1, \dots, y_n)} \right) \right|$$

where  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) = g^{-1}(y)$

## 8.5 Expectation

**Definition 8.30.** expectation The **expectation** (or expected value or mean value) of a discrete random variable is

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \sum_x x \times P(X = x) = \sum_x x \times pmf_X(x)$$

when the sum is absolutely convergent.

**Definition 8.31.** The expectation of a continuous random variable  $X$  is defined by

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \int x \times pdf_X(x) dx$$

**Theorem 8.25.** Assume a discrete random variable  $X$  is non-negative. Then

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \int_0^\infty P(X > z) dz = \int_0^\infty x dF(x)$$

**Corollary 8.1.** Let  $X$  be a non-negative integer valued random variables. Then

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(X \geq n)$$

**Lemma 8.2.** Let  $F$  be the cumulative distribution function of a random variable  $X$ . For an interval,

$$P(a < X \leq b) = \mathbb{E}[1(a < X \leq b)]$$

In general, for each event  $A$  of  $X$ ,

$$P(X \in A) = \mathbb{E}[1(X \in A)]$$

**Theorem 8.26.** For any random variable  $X$  with finite expectation,

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \int_0^\infty P(X > z) dz - \int_{-\infty}^0 P(X < z) dz = \int_{-\infty}^\infty x dF(x)$$

**Theorem 8.27.** Let  $X$  be a random variable and  $g$  be a function on  $\mathbb{R}$ . If expectation of  $Y = g(X)$  is defined, then

$$\mathbb{E}[Y] = \int g(x) d\text{cdf}_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^\infty g(x) \cdot \text{pdf}_X(x) dx$$

or

$$\mathbb{E}[Y] = \int g(x) d\text{cdf}_X(x) = \sum_x g(x) \cdot \text{pdf}_X(x)$$

**Lemma 8.3.** Assume  $X, Y \geq 0$  with probability 1, that is,  $P(X \geq 0, Y \geq 0) = 1$ , then

$$\mathbb{E}[X + Y] = \mathbb{E}[X] + \mathbb{E}[Y]$$

and

$$\mathbb{E}[X - Y] = \mathbb{E}[X] - \mathbb{E}[Y]$$

**Theorem 8.28** (Properties of Expectation). Satisfies

1. (linearity) Let  $Y = aX + b$ , then

$$\mathbb{E}[Y] = a\mathbb{E}[X] + b$$

2. (monotonicity) If  $X \geq 0$ , that is,  $P(X \geq 0) = 1$ , then  $\mathbb{E}[X] \geq 0$

3. (additivity)  $\mathbb{E}[(X + Y)] = \mathbb{E}[X] + \mathbb{E}[Y]$

4. For constant random variable 1,  $\mathbb{E}[1] = 1$

**Theorem 8.29.** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two independent random variables and  $g$  and  $h$  be real functions satisfying  $g(X)$  and  $h(Y)$  are random variables with finite expectations. Then

$$\mathbb{E}[g(X)h(Y)] = \mathbb{E}[g(X)]\mathbb{E}[h(Y)]$$

## 8.6 Moments

**Definition 8.32.** For positive integer  $k$ , the  **$k$ -th moment** of  $X$  is  $\mathbb{E}[X^k]$  and the  **$k$ -th central moment** is  $\mathbb{E}[(X - \mathbb{E}[X])^k]$ .

**Theorem 8.30.** If  $\mathbb{E}[|X|^t] < \infty$  for some  $t > 0$ , then  $\mathbb{E}[|X|^s] < \infty$  for any  $0 \leq s \leq t$ .

**Definition 8.33** (variance). The **variance** of a random variable  $X$  is

$$\text{Var } X = \mathbb{E}[(X - \mathbb{E}[X])^2]$$

The **covariance** and **correlation** between two random variables  $X$  and  $Y$  are

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = \mathbb{E}[(X - \mathbb{E}[X])(Y - \mathbb{E}[Y])]$$

and

$$\text{Cor}(X, Y) = \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\sqrt{\text{Var } X \text{Var } Y}}$$

**Theorem 8.31** (Properties of variance). satisfies

1.  $\text{Var } X \geq 0$
2.  $\text{Var } X = \mathbb{E}[X^2] - (\mathbb{E}[X])^2$
3.  $\text{Var } aX + b = a^2 \text{Var } X$
4.  $\text{Var } X + Y = \text{Var } X + \text{Var } Y + 2\text{Cov}(X, Y)$
5.  $\text{Var } X + Y = \text{Var } X + \text{Var } Y$  if and only if  $X$  and  $Y$  are uncorrelated.
6. If a random variable  $X$  is bounded, then it must has finite variance.
7.  $\text{Var } X = 0$  if and only if  $P(X = c) = 1$  for some  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**Theorem 8.32** (Properties of covariance).

$$\text{Cov}[X, Y] = \mathbb{E}[XY] - \mathbb{E}[X]\mathbb{E}[Y]$$

**Definition 8.34** (skewness and kurtosis). The standardized third and fourth moments are said to be **skewness** and **kurtosis**, that is,

$$\text{skewness} = \mathbb{E}[(X - \mu)^3]/\sigma^3, \quad \text{kurtosis} = \mathbb{E}[(X - \mu)^4]/\sigma^4$$

where  $\mu = \mathbb{E}[X]$  and  $\sigma^2 = \text{Var } X$ .

## 9 Inequalities

**Theorem 9.1** (Chebychev's inequality). Let  $X$  be a random variable with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$ . Then, for any  $\alpha > 0$ ,

$$P(|X - \mu| \geq \alpha\sigma) \leq \frac{1}{\alpha^2}$$

Equivalently, for  $\alpha > 0$ ,

$$P(|X - \mu| > \alpha) \leq \frac{\text{Var } X}{\alpha^2}$$

**Theorem 9.2** (Markov's inequality). If  $X \geq 0$  with  $\mu = \mathbb{E}[X] < \infty$ , then for any  $\alpha > 0$ ,

$$P(X \geq \alpha) \leq \mu/\alpha$$

**Remark 9.1.** The Chebychev's inequality is a special case of Markov's inequality by considering

$$Y = (X - \mu)^2$$

Note that  $A = \{s \in \Omega : |X(s) - E(X)| \geq r\} = \{s \in \Omega : (X(s) - E(X))^2 \geq r^2\}$

Now, consider the random variable,  $Y$ , where  $Y(s) = (X(s) - E(X))^2$ .

Note that  $Y$  is a non-negative random variable.

Thus, we can apply Markov's inequality to it, to get:

$$P(A) = P(Y \geq r^2) \leq \frac{E(Y)}{r^2} = \frac{E((X - E(X))^2)}{r^2} = \frac{V(X)}{r^2}.$$

**Theorem 9.3** (Cauchy-Schwartz' inequality). Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two random variables having finite second moment. Then

$$[\mathbb{E}[XY]]^2 \leq \mathbb{E}[X^2]\mathbb{E}[Y^2]$$

where the equality holds if and only if  $P(aX = bY) = 1$  for some  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**Theorem 9.4.** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two random variables with finite second moment. Then  $Y = aX + b$  for some  $a, b$  if and only if  $|\text{Corr}(X, Y)| = 1$ .

**Lemma 9.1** (Young's inequality). For  $p, q > 1$  with  $1/p + 1/q = 1$  and two nonnegative real numbers  $x, y \geq 0$ ,

$$xy \leq x^p/p + y^q/q$$

**Theorem 9.5** (Hölder's inequality). For  $p, q > 1$  with  $1/p + 1/q = 1$ ,

$$\mathbb{E}[|XY|] \leq \|X\|_p \|Y\|_q$$

when the expectations exist and are finite where  $\|X\|_r = \mathbb{E}[|X|^r]^{1/r}$  for  $r > 0$ .

**Remark 9.2.** The Cauchy-Schwartz' inequality is a special case of Hölder's inequality ( $p = q = 2$ )

**Theorem 9.6** (Jensen's inequality). For a convex function  $\varphi$ ,

$$\varphi(\mathbb{E}[X]) \leq \mathbb{E}[\varphi(X)]$$

**Theorem 9.7** (Minkowski's inequality). For  $p \geq 1$ ,

$$\|X + Y\|_p \leq \|X\|_p + \|Y\|_p$$

## 10 Conditional Expectation

**Definition 10.1.** conditional expectation The conditional expectation of  $Y$  given  $X = x$  is defined by

$$\mathbb{E}[Y|X = x] = \int y \, d\text{cdf}_{Y|X}(y|x)$$

**Remark 10.1.** The conditional expectation  $\mathbb{E}[Y|X = x]$  is always a function of  $x$ , say  $h(x)$ . Then denote  $h(X) = \mathbb{E}[Y|X]$  as a random variable.

**Theorem 10.1.** Assume  $\mathbb{E}[|Y|] < \infty$ . Then

$$\mathbb{E}[Y|X = x] = \int_0^\infty P(Y > z|X = x) \, dz - \int_{-\infty}^0 P(Y < z|X = x) \, dz$$

If  $Y$  is discrete, then

$$\mathbb{E}[Y|X = x] = \sum_y y \times pmf_{Y|X}(y|x)$$

If  $Y$  is continuous, then

$$\mathbb{E}[Y|X = x] = \int y \times pmf_{Y|X}(y|x) \, dy$$

**Theorem 10.2** (Properties of conditional expectation). Satisfies

1.  $\mathbb{E}[aY + b|X] = a\mathbb{E}[Y|X] + b$
2. If  $P(Y \geq 0|X) = 1$ , then  $\mathbb{E}[Y|X] \geq 0$
3.  $\mathbb{E}[Y + Z|X] = \mathbb{E}[Y|X] + \mathbb{E}[Z|X]$
4. for constant random variable 1,  $\mathbb{E}[1|X] = 1$
5. for convex function  $\phi$ ,  $\phi(\mathbb{E}[Y|X]) \leq \mathbb{E}[\phi(Y)|X]$

**Theorem 10.3** (Law of Total Expectation).

$$\mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[Y|X]] = \mathbb{E}[Y]$$

i.e. The expected value of the conditional expected value of  $Y$  given  $X$  is the same as the expected value of  $Y$ . One special case states that if  $\{A_i\}_i$  is a finite or countable partition of the sample space, then

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \sum_i \mathbb{E}[X|A_i]P(A_i)$$

**Definition 10.2.** conditional variance The conditional variance is given by

$$\text{Var } Y|X = x = \mathbb{E}[(Y - \mathbb{E}[Y|X = x])^2|X = x]$$

**Theorem 10.4.**

$$\text{Var } Y = \mathbb{E}[\text{Var } Y|X] + \text{Var } \mathbb{E}[Y|X]$$

## 11 Probability Related Functions

Let  $X$  be a random variable.

1. **moment generating function:**  $mgf_X(t) = \mathbb{E}[e^{tX}]$
2. **cumulant generating function:**  $cgf_X(t) = \log \mathbb{E}[e^{tX}]$
3. **probability generating function:**  $pgf_X(t) = \mathbb{E}[z^X]$
4. **characteristic generating function:**  $chf_X(t) = \mathbb{E}[e^{itX}]$

where  $t \in \mathbb{R}, z > 0$  and  $i = \sqrt{-1}$  is the unit imaginary number.

**Theorem 11.1** (properties of mgf). As follows

1.  $mgf_X(0) = 1$
2.  $\mathbb{E}[X^k] = \frac{d^k}{dt^k} mgf_X(0)$  if it exists
3. If  $\mathbb{E}[|X|^k] < \infty$ , then for  $\mu_j = \mathbb{E}[X^j]$  where  $j = 1, \dots, k$ ,

$$mgf_X(t) = 1 + \mu_1 t + \mu_2 \frac{t^2}{2!} + \dots + \mu_k \frac{t^k}{k!} + o(|t|^k)$$

4.  $mgf_{aX+b}(t) = e^{bt} mgf_X(at)$
5. If  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent, then

$$mgf_{X,Y}(s, t) = mgf_X(s) mgf_Y(t)$$

**Theorem 11.2** (properties of cgf). As follows

1.  $cgf_X(0) = 0$
2. If  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent, then

$$cgf_{X,Y}(s, t) = cgf_X(s) + cgf_Y(t)$$

**Theorem 11.3** (properties of pgf). As follows

1.  $pgf_X(1) = 1$
2.  $\mathbb{E}[X(X-1)\dots(X-k+1)] = \frac{d^k}{dz^k} pgf_X(1)$  if it exists.
3. If  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent, then

$$pgf_{X,Y}(s, t) = pgf_X(s) pgf_Y(t)$$

**Theorem 11.4** (properties of chf). As follows



1.  $chf_X(0) = 1$
2.  $\mathbb{E}[X^k] = (i)^{-k} \frac{d^k}{dt^k} chf_X(0)$  if it exists
3. If  $\mathbb{E}[|X|^k] < \infty$ , then for  $\mu_j = \mathbb{E}[X^j]$  where  $j = 1, \dots, k$ ,

$$chf_X(t) = 1 + i\mu_1 t - \mu_2 \frac{t^2}{2!} + \dots + i^k \mu_k \frac{t^k}{k!} + o(|t|^k)$$

4.  $chf_{aX+b} = e^{ibt} chf_X(at)$
5. If  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent, then

$$chf_{X,Y}(s, t) = chf_X(s) chf_Y(t)$$

6.  $|chf_X(t)| \leq 1$  for all  $t$
7.  $chf$  is uniformly continuous
8. for any  $t_1, \dots, t_n \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $z_1, \dots, z_n \in \mathbb{C}$ ,

$$\sum_{j,k} chf_X(t_j - t_k) z_j \bar{z}_k \geq 0$$

**Theorem 11.5.** If two random variables  $X$  and  $Y$  have the same moment generating functions in an open neighbourhood of 0, that is,  $(-a, b)$  for  $a, b > 0$ , then  $X$  and  $Y$  are identically distributed.

**Theorem 11.6.** If a function  $\varphi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  satisfies 5 - 8 in Theorem 11.4, then there exists a random variable having  $\varphi$  as its characteristic function.

**Definition 11.1.** The joint probability/moment/cumulant generating and characteristic functions of  $X$  and  $Y$  are

1.  $mgf_{X,Y}(s, t) = \mathbb{E}[e^{sX+tY}]$
2.  $cgf_{X,Y}(s, t) = \log mgf_{X,Y}(s, t)$
3.  $pgf_{X,Y}(s, t) = \mathbb{E}[s^X t^Y]$
4.  $chf_{X,Y}(s, t) = \mathbb{E}[e^{isX+itY}]$

**Theorem 11.7** (Inversion Formula). Let  $\varphi$  be a characteristic function of a random variable  $X$ . Then for any  $a, b$ ,

$$P(a < X < b) + \{P(X = a) + P(X = b)\}/2 = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-iat} - e^{-ibt}}{it} \varphi(t) dt$$

**Theorem 11.8** (Chernoff Bound). Let  $X$  be a random variable having moment generating function. For any constant  $x$ ,

$$P(X \geq x) \leq \inf_{t > 0} e^{-xt} mgf_X(t)$$

### 11.1 Survival Functions

Let  $X$  be a non-negative valued random variable.

The **survival** function of  $X$  is  $S_X(t) = P(X > t)$  or  $S_X(t) = 1 - F_X(t)$ .  
(the probability of surviving longer than time  $x$ ).

The **hazard** function is

$$h_X(t) = \frac{\text{pdf}_X(t)}{S_X(t)} = \frac{\text{pdf}_X(t)}{1 - F_X(t)}$$

(measures the risk of event (or death) at time  $x$ . The **cumulative hazard** function is

$$H_X(t) = \int_0^t h_X(z) dz$$

for  $t > 0$ .

The **residual** (or future) lifetime given  $X > t$  is defined by

$$R_X(t) = X - t$$

The **mean residual lifetime** is the conditional expectation of residual lifetime given  $X > t$ , that is,

$$\mathbb{E}[R_X(t)|X > t] = \int_0^\infty P(R_X(t) > z|X > t) dz = \int_t^\infty \frac{S_X(z)}{S_X(t)} dz \quad (7)$$

Particularly for  $t = 0$  and  $S_X(0) = 1$ ,

$$\mathbb{E}[R_X(0)|X > 0] = \int_0^\infty S_X(z) dz = \mathbb{E}[X]$$

## 12 Stochastic process

**Definition 12.1.** A **stochastic process** is a collection of time indexed random variables

$$\{X_t : t \in \mathcal{T}\}$$

A collection of  $\sigma$ -field  $\mathcal{F} = \{\mathcal{F}_t\}_{t \in \mathcal{T}}$  is called a **filtration** if  $\mathcal{F} \subset \mathcal{F}_t$  for any  $0 \leq s \leq t$ .

A stochastic process  $X = \{X_t\}_{t \in \mathcal{T}}$  is said to be **adapted to the filtration**  $\mathcal{F}$  if  $X_t$  is  $\mathcal{F}_t$ -measurable (or  $\{X_t \leq r\} \in \mathcal{F}_t$  for any real number  $r$ ).

**Definition 12.2** (Martingales). A stochastic process  $X_n$  is said to be a (discrete-time) **martingale** if

1.  $\mathbb{E}[|X_n|] < \infty$
2.  $\mathbb{E}[X_{n+1}|X_0, \dots, X_n] = X_n$  for all  $n$
3. A stochastic process  $X_n$  is said to be **supermartingale** if it satisfies above (1) and

$$\mathbb{E}[X_{n+1}|X_0, \dots, X_n] \leq X_n$$

for all  $n$ .

4. A stochastic process  $X_n$  is said to be **submartingale** if it satisfies above (1) and

$$\mathbb{E}[X_{n+1}|X_0, \dots, X_n] \geq X_n$$

for all  $n$ .

Note: the condition  $X_0, \dots, X_n$  is often replaced by  $\mathcal{F}$ , that is,

$$\mathbb{E}[X_{n+1}|\mathcal{F}_n] = X_n$$

**Remark 12.1.** A martingale is both supermartingale and submartingale.

If  $X_n$  is a submartingale, then  $-X_n$  is a supermartingale.

**Definition 12.3** (stopping time). A time valued random variable  $T$  is said to be a **stopping time** if the event  $\{T \leq n\}$  can be expressed by  $X_0, \dots, X_n$

**Example 12.1.** The first time  $T$  that the stochastic process  $X_n$  is bigger than or equal to a constant  $K$  is a stopping time by considering

$$\{T = n\} = \{X_1 < K, \dots, X_{n-1} < K, X_n \geq K\}$$

**Theorem 12.1** (Optional Sampling Theorem). Let  $X_n$  be a submartingale and  $T$  is a stopping time with  $P(T \leq k) = 1$ . Then

$$\mathbb{E}[X_0] \leq \mathbb{E}[X_T] \leq \mathbb{E}[X_k]$$

## 12.1 Random Walk

Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  be a sequence of independent random variables having mean zero and variance 1. Define  $S_n = X_1 + \dots + X_n$

**Theorem 12.2.** For any  $\alpha > 0$ ,

$$P\left(\max_{k=1, \dots, n} |S_k| \geq \alpha\right) \leq \frac{\text{Var } S_n}{\alpha^2}$$

**Theorem 12.3.** If  $X_n$  is symmetric for each  $n$ , then

$$P\left(\max_{k=1, \dots, n} |S_k| \geq \alpha\right) \leq 2P(S_n \geq \alpha)$$

## 12.2 Poisson Process

A **Poisson process with intensity**  $\lambda$  is a stochastic process  $N = \{N_t : t \geq 0\}$  taking values in non-negative integers satisfying

(a)  $N_0 = 0$  and  $N_s \leq N_t$  if  $0 \leq s \leq t$

$$(b) P(N_{t+h} = n+m | N_t = n) = \begin{cases} 1 - \lambda h + o(h) & \text{if } m = 0 \\ \lambda h + o(h) & \text{if } m = 1 \\ o(h) & \text{if } m > 1 \end{cases}$$

(c) For  $0 \leq s < t$ , the arrivals  $N_t - N_s$  in the interval  $(s, t]$  is independent of the arrivals  $N_s$  in the interval  $(0, s]$ .

**Theorem 12.4.** For any fixed time  $t > 0$ ,  $N_t \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda t)$

**Theorem 12.5.** The interarrival times  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  are independent and identically distributed from exponential with  $\lambda$

## 12.3 Reflection principle (Wiener process)

**Definition 12.4** (Wiener Process). A continuous-time stochastic process  $W(t)$  for  $t \geq 0$  with  $W(0) = 0$  and such that the increment  $W(t) - W(s)$  is Gaussian with mean 0 and variance  $t - s$  for any  $0 \leq s < t$ , and increments for nonoverlapping time intervals are independent.

**Remark 12.2.** Brownian motion (i.e. random walk with random step sizes) is the most common example of a Wiener process.

**Theorem 12.6** (Reflection principle). If  $(W(t) : t \geq 0)$  is a Wiener process, and  $a > 0$  is a threshold, then

$$P\left(\sup_{0 \leq s \leq t} W(s) \geq a\right) = 2P(W(t) \geq a)$$

**Remark 12.3.** If the path of a Wiener process  $f(t)$  reaches a value  $f(s) = a$  at time  $t = s$ , then the subsequent path after time  $s$  has the same distribution as the reflection of the subsequent path about the value  $a$ .

## 13 Mode of Convergence

**Definition 13.1.** Modes of convergence

- A sequence of random variables  $X_n$  converges to  $X$  **in distribution** ( $X_n \xrightarrow{d} X$ ) if

$$P(X_n \leq x) \rightarrow P(X \leq x)$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  for any  $x$  with  $P(X = x) = 0$ .

- A sequence of random variables  $X_n$  converges to  $X$  **in probability** ( $X_n \xrightarrow{p} X$ ) if

$$P(|X_n - X| > \epsilon) \rightarrow 0$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

- A sequence of random variables  $X_n$  converges to  $X$  **almost surely** ( $X_n \xrightarrow{a.s.} X$ ) if

$$P(\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} |X_n - X| = 0) = 1$$

- A sequence of random variables  $X_n$  converges to  $X$  **in  $L^p$**  ( $X_n \xrightarrow{L^p} X$ ) for  $p > 0$  if

$$\mathbb{E}[|X_n - X|^p] \rightarrow 0$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

**Theorem 13.1.** Let  $X_n$  and  $X$  be discrete random variables with probability mass functions  $f_n(x)$  and  $f(x)$  satisfying  $f_n(x) \rightarrow f(x)$  for any  $x$  with  $f(x) > 0$ . Then

$$X_n \longrightarrow X$$

in distribution.

**Theorem 13.2** (Relations between modes of convergence). As follows:

- (a)  $X_n \xrightarrow{a.s.} X \implies X_n \xrightarrow{p} X$
- (b)  $X_n \xrightarrow{L^p} X \implies X_n \xrightarrow{p} X$
- (c)  $X_n \xrightarrow{p} X \implies X_n \xrightarrow{d} X$

### 13.1 $L^1$ Convergence

**Lemma 13.1** ( $L^1$  Convergence). If  $Y \geq 0$  and  $\mathbb{E}[Y] < \infty$ , then for any  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists  $M > 0$  such that

$$\mathbb{E}[Y \mathbb{1}\{Y > M\}] < \epsilon$$

**Lemma 13.2.** Suppose a random variable  $Y$  has a finite absolute expectation, that is,  $\mathbb{E}[|Y|] < \infty$ . For any  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that  $|\mathbb{E}[Y \mathbb{1}\{A\}]| < \epsilon$  for any event  $A$  with  $P(A) < \delta$  where  $\mathbb{1}\{A\}$  is an indicator function of the event  $A$ .

**Lemma 13.3.** Suppose a random variable  $Y$  has a finite absolute expectation, that is,  $\mathbb{E}[|Y|] < \infty$  and a sequence  $A_n$  of events satisfy  $P(A_n) \rightarrow 0$ . Then

$$\mathbb{E}[Y \mathbb{1}\{A_n\}] \rightarrow 0$$

**Theorem 13.3** (Dominated Convergence Theorem). Suppose that  $X_n \rightarrow X$  in probability,  $|X_n| \leq Y$  and  $\mathbb{E}[Y] < \infty$ . Then

$$\mathbb{E}[X_n] \rightarrow \mathbb{E}[X]$$

**Theorem 13.4** (Generalized Dominated Convergence Theorem). If all  $X, Y, X_n, Y_n$  have finite absolute expectation,  $|X_n| \leq Y_n$  for all  $n$ ,  $X_n \rightarrow X$  in probability,  $Y_n \rightarrow Y$ , and  $\mathbb{E}[Y_n] \rightarrow \mathbb{E}[Y]$ , then

$$\mathbb{E}[X_n] \rightarrow \mathbb{E}[X]$$

**Theorem 13.5** (Monotone Convergence Theorem). Let  $X_n$  be non-negative non-decreasing random variables. Suppose  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} X_n = X$  is finite a.s. Then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}[X_n] = \mathbb{E}[X]$$

**Theorem 13.6** (Fatou's lemma). Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  be a sequence of non-negative random variables. Then

$$\mathbb{E}[\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} X_n] \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}[X_n]$$

## 13.2 Almost Sure Convergence

**Theorem 13.7** (Borel-Cantelli lemma). Let  $A = \cap_{m=1}^{\infty} \cup_{n=m}^{\infty} A_n$  be the event that infinitely many  $A_n$ 's occur.

1.  $P(A) = 0$  if  $\sum_n P(A_n) < \infty$
2.  $P(A) = 1$  if  $\sum_n P(A_n) = \infty$  and  $A_1, A_2, \dots$  are independent.

**Theorem 13.8.** If for any  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(|X_n - X| > \epsilon) < \infty$ , then  $X_n \rightarrow X$  almost surely.

**Theorem 13.9.** If a sequence of random variables  $X_n$  converges to  $X$  in probability, then there exists a subsequence  $n_k$  such that  $X_{n_k}$  converges to  $X$  almost surely.

**Theorem 13.10.** A sequence  $x_n$  of real numbers converges to  $x$  if and only if for any subsequence  $n_k$  there exists a further subsequence  $n_{k_l}$  such that  $x_{n_{k_l}}$

**Theorem 13.11.** A sequence of random variables  $X_n$  converges to  $X$  in probability if and only if for any subsequence  $n_k$  there exists a further subsequence  $n_{k_l}$  such that  $X_{n_{k_l}}$  converges to  $X$  a.s.

## 13.3 Convergence in distribution

**Theorem 13.12.** As follows

- (a) If  $X_n \xrightarrow{d} c$  where  $c$  is a constant, then  $X_n \xrightarrow{p} c$ .
- (b) If  $X_n \xrightarrow{p} c$  and  $P(|X_n| \leq M) = 1$  for some  $M > 0$ , then  $X_n \xrightarrow{L^p} c$  for any  $p > 0$

**Theorem 13.13.** Let  $X$  be a random variable with  $P(X = x) = 0$  for all  $x$  and  $F$  be the distribution function of  $X$ . Then  $F(X) \sim \text{uniform}(0, 1)$  and  $F^{-1}(U) \sim X$  for any  $U \sim \text{uniform}(0, 1)$

**Theorem 13.14** (Skorokhod's representation theorem). If  $X_n \xrightarrow{d} X$ , then there exist random variables  $Y, Y_1, Y_2, \dots$  in a probability space such that

- (a)  $X_n$  and  $Y_n$  have the same distribution as well as  $X$  and  $Y$  have the same distribution
- (b)  $Y_n \xrightarrow{a.s.} Y$

**Theorem 13.15** (Continuous mapping theorem). Let  $g$  be a continuous function.

1.  $X_n \xrightarrow{a.s.} X \implies g(X_n) \xrightarrow{a.s.} g(X)$
2.  $X_n \xrightarrow{p} X \implies g(X_n) \xrightarrow{p} g(X)$
3.  $X_n \xrightarrow{d} X \implies g(X_n) \xrightarrow{d} g(X)$

**Theorem 13.16.**  $X_n \xrightarrow{d} X$  if and only if  $\mathbb{E}[g(X_n)] \rightarrow \mathbb{E}[g(X)]$  for any bounded continuous function  $g$ .

**Theorem 13.17.**  $X_n \xrightarrow{d} X$  if and only if

$$chf_{X_n}(t) \rightarrow chf_X(t)$$

**Theorem 13.18.** If  $X_n \xrightarrow{d} X$ , then

$$aX_n + b \xrightarrow{d} aX + b$$

for any  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$

**Theorem 13.19** (Slutsky's lemma). Suppose  $X_n \xrightarrow{d} X$  and  $Y_n \xrightarrow{d} c$  for a constant  $c$ .

1.  $X_n + Y_n \xrightarrow{d} X + c$
2.  $X_n Y_n \xrightarrow{d} Xc$
3.  $X_n/Y_n \xrightarrow{d} X/c$  if  $c \neq 0$

## 14 Law of Large Numbers

**Theorem 14.1** (Weak Law of Large Numbers). Let  $X_n$  be i.i.d. with  $\mathbb{E}[|X_n|] < \infty$ . Then

$$\bar{X}_n \xrightarrow{p} \mathbb{E}[X_1]$$

**Theorem 14.2** (Strong Law of Large Numbers). Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be i.i.d. r.v.s with  $\mathbb{E}[|X_n|] < \infty$ . Then

$$\bar{X}_n \xrightarrow{a.s.} \mathbb{E}[X_1]$$

**Theorem 14.3.** Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be i.i.d. r.v.s with  $\mathbb{E}[X_n^2] < \infty$ .

$$\bar{X}_n = (X_1 + \dots + X_n)/n \longrightarrow \mathbb{E}[X_1]$$

almost surely and in  $L^2$ .

## 15 Central Limit Theorem

For  $k \approx np$ , the binomial probability is approximated by

$$\binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k} \approx \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi np(1-p)}} \exp\left(-\frac{(k-np)^2}{2np(1-p)}\right)$$

**Theorem 15.1** (Levy's Central Limit Theorem). Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be i.i.d. r.v.s with  $\mu = \mathbb{E}[X_i]$  and  $\sigma^2 = \text{Var } X_i$ . Then

$$\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \mu)/\sigma \xrightarrow{d} N(0, 1)$$

**Theorem 15.2** (Lindeberg-Feller Central Limit Theorem). Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be i.i.d. r.v.s with  $\mathbb{E}[X_i] = 0$  and  $\sigma_i^2 = \text{Var } X_i^2 < \infty$ . Let  $s_n^2 = \mathbb{E}[X_1^2] + \dots + \mathbb{E}[X_n^2]$ . The Lindeberg condition

$$\frac{1}{s_n^2 \sum_{k=1}^n \mathbb{E}[X_k^2 \mathbf{1}\{X_k^2 > \epsilon s_n^2\}]} \rightarrow 0$$

for any  $\epsilon > 0$  holds if and only if

$$(X_1 + \dots + X_n)/s_n \xrightarrow{d} N(0, 1)$$

and

$$\max(\sigma_1^2, \dots, \sigma_n^2)/s_n^2 \rightarrow 0$$

**Theorem 15.3** (Lyapounov's condition). Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be i.i.d. r.v.s with  $\mathbb{E}[X_i] = 0$  and  $\sigma_i^2 = \text{Var } X_i^2 < \infty$  satisfying Lyapounov's condition

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{s_n^{2+\delta}} \sum_{k=1}^n \mathbb{E}[|X_k|^{2+\delta}] = 0$$

Then Lindeberg's condition holds. Hence

$$(X_1 + \dots + X_n)/s_n \xrightarrow{d} N(0, 1)$$

**Theorem 15.4** ( $\delta$ -method). Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be i.i.d. r.v.s and  $a_n$  is a sequence of positive real numbers diverging to infinity. If  $a_n(X_n - \mu) \xrightarrow{d} Z$  for some r.v.  $Z$  and a constant  $\mu$ , then for any continuously differentiable function  $g$ ,

$$a_n(g(X_n) - g(\mu)) \xrightarrow{d} g'(\mu)Z$$