

# 01. COMBINATORIAL ANALYSIS

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## The Basic Principle of Counting

- combinatorial analysis** → the mathematical theory of counting
- basic principle of counting** → Suppose that two experiments are performed. If exp1 can result in any one of  $m$  possible outcomes and if, for each outcome of exp1, there are  $n$  possible outcomes of exp2, then together there are  $mn$  possible outcomes of the two experiments.
- generalized basic principle of counting** → If  $r$  experiments are performed such that the first one may result in any of  $n_1$  possible outcomes and if for each of these  $n_1$  possible outcomes, there are  $n_2$  possible outcomes of the 2nd exp, and if ..., then there is a total of  $n_1 \cdot n_2 \cdot \dots \cdot n_r$  possible outcomes of  $r$  experiments.

## Permutations

**factorials** -  $1! = 0! = 1$

**N1** - if we know how to count the number of different ways that an event can occur, we will know the probability of the event.

**N2** - there are  $n!$  different arrangements for  $n$  objects.

**N3** - there are  $\frac{n!}{n_1! n_2! \dots n_r!}$  different arrangements of  $n$  objects, of which  $n_1$  are alike,  $n_2$  are alike, ...,  $n_r$  are alike.

## Combinations

**N4** -  $\binom{n}{r} = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!r!}$  represents the number of different groups of size  $r$  that could be selected from a set of  $n$  objects when the order of selection is not considered relevant.

**N4b** -  $\binom{n}{r} = \binom{n-1}{r-1} + \binom{n-1}{r}$ ,  $1 \leq r \leq n$

*Proof.* If object 1 is chosen  $\Rightarrow \binom{n-1}{r-1}$  ways of choosing the remaining objects.

If object 1 is not chosen  $\Rightarrow \binom{n-1}{r}$  ways of choosing the remaining objects.

**N5 - The Binomial Theorem** -  $(x+y)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} x^k y^{n-k}$

*Proof.* by mathematical induction:  $n = 1$  is true; expand; sub dummy variable; combine using N4b; combine back to final term

## Multinomial Coefficients

**N6** -  $\binom{n}{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_r} = \frac{n!}{n_1! n_2! \dots n_r!}$  represents the number of possible divisions of  $n$  distinct objects into  $r$  distinct groups of respective sizes  $n_1, n_2, \dots, n_r$ , where  $n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_r = n$

*Proof.* using basic counting principle,

$$\begin{aligned} &= \binom{n}{n_1} \binom{n-n_1}{n_2} \binom{n-n_1-n_2}{n_3} \dots \binom{n-n_1-n_2-\dots-n_{r-1}}{n_r} \\ &= \frac{n!}{(n-n_1)! n_1!} \times \frac{(n-n_1)!}{(n-n_1-n_2)! n_2!} \times \dots \times \frac{(n-n_1-n_2-\dots-n_{r-1})}{0! n_r!} \\ &= \frac{n!}{n_1! n_2! \dots n_r!} \end{aligned}$$

**N7 - The Multinomial Theorem:**  $(x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_r)^n = \sum_{(n_1, \dots, n_r): n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_r = n} \frac{n!}{n_1! n_2! \dots n_r!} x_1^{n_1} x_2^{n_2} \dots x_r^{n_r}$

## Number of Integer Solutions of Equations

**N8** - there are  $\binom{n-1}{r-1}$  distinct *positive* integer-valued vectors  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_r)$  satisfying  $x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_r = n$ ,  $x_i > 0$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, r$

! cannot be directly applied to N8 as 0 value is not included

**N9** - there are  $\binom{n+r-1}{r-1}$  distinct *non-negative* integer-valued vectors  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_r)$  satisfying  $x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_r = n$

*Proof.* let  $y_k = x_k + 1 \Rightarrow y_1 + y_2 + \dots + y_r = n + r$

# 02. AXIOMS OF PROBABILITY

## Sample Space and Events

- sample space** → The *set* of all outcomes of an experiment (where outcomes are not predictable with certainty)
- event** → Any *subset* of the sample space
- union** of events  $E$  and  $F \rightarrow E \cup F$  is the event that contains all outcomes that are either in  $E$  or  $F$  (or both).
- intersection** of events  $E$  and  $F \rightarrow E \cap F$  or  $EF$  is the event that contains all outcomes that are both in  $E$  and in  $F$ .
- complement** of  $E \rightarrow E^c$  is the event that contains all outcomes that are *not* in  $E$ .
- subset** →  $E \subset F$  if all of the outcomes in  $E$  that are also in  $F$ .
  - $E \subset F \wedge F \subset E \Rightarrow E = F$

## DeMorgan's Laws

$$\left( \bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i \right)^c = \bigcap_{i=1}^n E_i^c$$

*Proof.* to show  $LHS \subset RHS$ : let  $x \in \left( \bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i \right)^c$   
 $\Rightarrow x \notin \bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i \Rightarrow x \notin E_1$  and  $x \notin E_2 \dots$  and  $x \notin E_n$   
 $\Rightarrow x \in E_1^c$  and  $x \in E_2^c \dots$  and  $x \in E_n^c$   
 $\Rightarrow x \in \bigcap_{i=1}^n E_i^c$   
 to show  $RHS \subset LHS$ : let  $x \in \bigcap_{i=1}^n E_i^c$

$$\left( \bigcap_{i=1}^n E_i \right)^c = \bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i^c$$

*Proof.* using the first law of DeMorgan, negate LHS to get RHS

## Axioms of Probability

### definition 1: relative frequency

$$P(E) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n(E)}{n}$$

problems with this definition:

- $\frac{n(E)}{n}$  may not converge when  $n \rightarrow \infty$
- $\frac{n(E)}{n}$  may not converge to the same value if the experiment is repeated

### definition 2: Axioms

Consider an experiment with sample space  $S$ . For each event  $E$  of the sample space  $S$ , we assume that a number  $P(E)$  is defined and satisfies the following 3 axioms:

- $0 \leq P(E) \leq 1$
- $P(S) = 1$
- For any sequence of mutually exclusive events  $E_1, E_2, \dots$  (i.e., events for which  $E_i E_j = \emptyset$  when  $i \neq j$ ),

$$P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(E_i)$$

$P(E)$  is the probability of event  $E$ .

## Simple Propositions

**N1** -  $P(\emptyset) = 0$

**N2** -  $P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n P(E_i)$  (aka axiom 3 for a finite  $n$ )

**N3 - strong law of large numbers** - if an experiment is repeated over and over again, then with probability 1, the proportion of time during which any specific event  $E$  occurs will be equal to  $P(E)$ .

**N6** - the definitions of probability are mathematical definitions. They tell us which set functions can be called **probability functions**. They do not tell us what value a probability function  $P(\cdot)$  assigns to a given event  $E$ .

probability function  $\iff$  it satisfies the 3 axioms.

**N7** -  $P(E^c) = 1 - P(E)$

**N8** - if  $E \subset F$ , then  $P(E) \leq P(F)$

**N9** -  $P(E \cup F) = P(E) + P(F) - P(E \cap F)$

**N10** - Inclusion-Exclusion identity where  $n = 3$

$$\begin{aligned} P(E \cup F \cup G) &= P(E) + P(F) + P(G) \\ &\quad - P(EF) - P(EG) - P(FG) \\ &\quad + P(EFG) \end{aligned}$$

**N11 - Inclusion-Exclusion identity** -

$$\begin{aligned} P(E_1 \cup E_2 \cup \dots \cup E_n) &= \sum_{i=1}^n P(E_i) - \sum_{i_1 < i_2} P(E_{i_1} E_{i_2}) + \dots \\ &\quad + (-1)^{r+1} \sum_{i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_r} P(E_{i_1} E_{i_2} \dots E_{i_r}) + \dots \\ &\quad + (-1)^{n+1} P(E_1 E_2 \dots E_n) \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Suppose an outcome with probability  $\omega$  is in exactly  $m$  of the events  $E_i$ , where  $m > 0$ . Then

**LHS:** the outcome is in  $E_1 \cup E_2 \cup \dots \cup E_n$  and  $\omega$  will be counted once in  $P(E_1 \cup E_2 \cup \dots \cup E_n)$

**RHS:**

- the outcome is in exactly  $m$  of the events  $E_i$  and  $\omega$  will be counted exactly  $\binom{m}{1}$  times in  $\sum_{i=1}^n P(E_i)$

- the outcome is contained in  $\binom{m}{2}$  subsets of the type  $E_{i_1} E_{i_2}$  and  $\omega$  will be counted  $\binom{m}{2}$  times in  $\sum_{i_1 < i_2} P(E_{i_1} E_{i_2})$

- ... and so on

hence  $RHS = \binom{m}{1}\omega - \binom{m}{2}\omega + \binom{m}{3}\omega - \dots \pm \binom{m}{m}\omega$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \omega \sum_{i=0}^m \binom{m}{i} (-1)^i = \text{binomial theorem where } x = -1, y = 1 \\ &= 0 = LHS \end{aligned}$$

e.g. For an outcome with probability  $\omega$  and  $n = 3$

- Case 1.**  $\omega = P(E_1 E_2)$   
 LHS =  $\omega$   
 RHS =  $(\omega + \omega + 0) - (\omega + 0 + 0) + 0 = \omega$
- Case 2.**  $\omega = P(E_1 \cap E_2 \cap E_3)$   
 LHS =  $\omega$   
 RHS =  $(\omega + \omega + \omega) - (\omega + \omega + \omega) + \omega = \omega$

**N12** -

- $P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i\right) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n P(E_i)$
- $P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i\right) \geq \sum_{i=1}^n P(E_i) - \sum_{j < i} P(E_i E_j)$
- $P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i\right) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n P(E_i) - \sum_{j < i} P(E_i E_j) + \sum_{k < j < i} P(E_i E_j E_k)$
- and so on.

*Proof.*  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i = E_1 \cup E_1^c E_2 \cup E_1^c E_2^c E_3 \cup \dots \cup E_1^c E_2^c \dots E_{n-1}^c E_n$

$$P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i\right) = P(E_1) + P(E_1^c E_2) + P(E_1^c E_2^c E_3) + \dots + P(E_1^c E_2^c \dots E_{n-1}^c E_n)$$

## Sample Space having Equally Likely Outcomes

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Consider an experiment with sample space  $S = \{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n\}$ . Then  $P(\{e_1\}) = P(\{e_2\}) = \dots = P(\{e_n\}) = \frac{1}{n}$  or  $P(\{e_i\}) = \frac{1}{n}$ .

**N1** - for any event  $E$ ,  $P(E) = \frac{\# \text{ of outcomes in } E}{\# \text{ of outcomes in } S} = \frac{\# \text{ of outcomes in } E}{n}$

**increasing sequence** of events  $\{E_n, n \geq 1\} \rightarrow$

$$E_1 \subset E_2 \subset \dots \subset E_n \subset E_{n+1} \subset \dots$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E_n = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i$$

**decreasing sequence** of events  $\{E_n, n \geq 1\} \rightarrow E_1 \supset E_2 \supset \dots \supset E_n \supset E_{n+1} \supset \dots$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E_n = \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i$$

## 03. CONDITIONAL PROBABILITY AND INDEPENDENCE

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### Conditional Probability

**N1** - if  $P(F) > 0$ . then  $P(E|F) = \frac{P(E \cap F)}{P(F)}$

**N2** - **multiplication rule** -  $P(E_1 E_2 \dots E_n) =$

$P(E_1)P(E_2|E_1)P(E_3|E_1 E_2) \dots P(E_n|E_1 E_2 \dots E_{n-1})$

**N3** - **axioms of probability** apply to conditional probability

- $0 \leq P(E|F) \leq 1$
- $P(S|F) = 1$  where  $S$  is the sample space
- If  $E_i$  ( $i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$ ) are mutually exclusive events, then

$$P(\bigcup_1^{\infty} E_i | F) = \sum_1^{\infty} P(E_i | F)$$

**N4** - If we define  $Q(E) = P(E|F)$ , then  $Q(E)$  can be regarded as a probability function on the events of  $S$ , hence all results previously proved for probabilities apply.

- $Q(E_1 \cup E_2) = Q(E_1) + Q(E_2) - Q(E_1 E_2)$
- $P(E_1 \cup E_2 | F) = P(E_1 | F) + P(E_2 | F) - P(E_1 E_2 | F)$

### Total Probability & Bayes’ Theorem

**conditioning formula** -  $P(E) = P(E|F)P(F) + P(E|F^c)P(F^c)$

**tree diagram** -

$$\begin{array}{c} \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ P(F) \rightarrow F \begin{array}{l} \nearrow P(E|F) \rightarrow E \\ \searrow P(E|F^c) \rightarrow E^c \end{array} \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ P(F^c) \rightarrow F^c \begin{array}{l} \nearrow P(E|F^c) \rightarrow E \\ \searrow P(E|F^c) \rightarrow E^c \end{array} \end{array} \quad P(F|E) = \frac{P(EF)}{P(E)} = \frac{P(F) \cdot P(E|F)}{P(E)} \quad P(F^c|E) = \frac{P(EF^c)}{P(E)} = \frac{P(F^c) \cdot P(E|F^c)}{P(E)}$$

#### Total Probability

**theorem of total probability** - Suppose  $F_1, F_2, \dots, F_n$  are mutually exclusive events such that  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n F_i = S$ , then  $P(E) = \sum_{i=1}^n P(EF_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n P(F_i)P(E|F_i)$

#### Bayes Theorem

$$P(F_j|E) = \frac{P(EF_j)}{P(E)} = \frac{P(F_j)P(E|F_j)}{\sum_{i=1}^n P(F_i)P(E|F_i)}$$

**application of bayes’ theorem**

$$P(B_1 \mid A) = \frac{P(A|B_1) \cdot P(B_1)}{P(A|B_1) \cdot P(B_1) + P(A|B_2) \cdot P(B_2)}$$

Let  $A$  be the event that the person test positive for a disease.

$B_1$ : the person has the disease.  $B_2$ : the person does not have the disease.

true positives: $P(B_1 \mid A)$	false negatives: $P(\bar{A} \mid B_1)$
false positives: $P(A \mid B_2)$	true negatives: $P(\bar{A} \mid B_2)$

### Independent Events

**N1** -  $E$  and  $F$  are independent  $\iff P(EF) = P(E) \cdot P(F)$

**N2** -  $E$  and  $F$  are independent  $\iff P(E|F) = P(E)$

**N3** - if  $E$  and  $F$  are independent, then  $E$  and  $F^c$  are independent.

**N4** - if  $E, F, G$  are independent, then  $E$  will be independent of any event formed from  $F$  and  $G$ . (e.g.  $F \cup G$ )

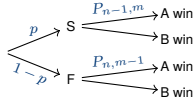
**N5** - if  $E, F, G$  are independent, then  $P(EFG) = P(E)P(F)P(G)$

**N6** - if  $E$  and  $F$  are independent and  $E$  and  $G$  are independent,

$\nRightarrow E$  and  $FG$  are independent

**N7** - For independent trials with probability  $p$  of success, probability of  $m$  successes before  $n$  failures, for  $m, n \geq 1$ ,

*method 1*



*method 2*

$$P_{n,m} = \sum_{k=n}^{m+n-1} \binom{m+n-1}{k} p^k (1-p)^{m+n-1-k} = P(\text{exactly } k \text{ successes in } m+n-1 \text{ trials})$$

recursive approach to solving probabilities: see page 85 alternative approach

## 04. RANDOM VARIABLES

• **random variable**  $\rightarrow$  a real-valued function defined on the sample space

### Types of Random Variables

•  $X$  is a **Bernoulli r.v.** with parameter  $p$  if  $\rightarrow$

$$p(x) = \begin{cases} p, & x = 1, \text{ ('success')} \\ 1-p, & x = 0 \text{ ('failure')} \end{cases}$$

- $Y$  is a **Binomial r.v.** with parameters  $n$  and  $p \rightarrow Y = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n$  where  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are independent Bernoulli r.v.'s with parameter  $p$ .
  - $P(X = k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$
  - $P(k \text{ successes from } n \text{ independent trials each with probability } p \text{ of success})$
  - e.g. number of red balls out of  $n$  balls drawn with replacement
  - $E(Y) = np, \quad Var(Y) = np(1-p)$
- Negative Binomial**  $\rightarrow X$  = number of trials until  $k$  successes are obtained
  - e.g. number of balls drawn (with replacement) until  $k$  red balls are obtained
- Geometric**  $\rightarrow X$  = number of trials until a success is obtained
  - $P(X = k) = (1-p)^{k-1} \cdot p$  where  $k$  is the number of trials needed
  - e.g. number of balls drawn (with replacement) until 1 red ball is obtained
- Hypergeometric**  $\rightarrow X$  = number of trials until success, *without replacement*
  - e.g. number of red balls out of  $n$  balls drawn without replacement

#### Summary

binomial	$X$ = # of successes in $n$ trials w/ replacement	$np$
negative binomial	$X$ = # of trials until $k$ successes	$k/p$
geometric	$X$ = # of trials until a success	$1/p$
hypergeometric	$X$ = # of successes in $n$ trials, no replacement	$rn/N$

### Properties

**N1** - if  $X \sim \text{Binomial}(n, p)$ , and  $Y \sim \text{Binomial}(n-1, p)$ ,

then  $E(X^k) = np \cdot E[(Y+1)^{k-1}]$

**N2** - if  $X \sim \text{Binomial}(n, p)$ , then for  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,

$$P(X = k) = \frac{(n-k+1)p}{k(1-p)} \cdot P(X = k-1)$$

#### Coupon Collector Problem

$Q$ . Suppose there are  $N$  distinct types of coupons. If  $T$  denotes the number of coupons needed to be collected for a complete set, what is  $P(T = n)$ ?

$A$ .  $P(T > n-1) = P(T \geq n) = P(T = n) + P(T > n)$   
 $\Rightarrow P(T = n) = P(T > n-1) - P(T > n)$  Let  
 $A_j = \{\text{no type } j \text{ coupon is contained among the first } n\}$   
 $P(T > n) = P(\bigcup_{j=1}^N A_j)$

Using the inclusion-exclusion identity,

$$\begin{aligned} P(T > n) &= \sum P(A_j) \quad - \text{coupon } j \text{ is not among the first } n \text{ collected} \\ &\quad - \sum_{j_1, j_2} \sum P(A_{j_1} A_{j_2}) \quad - \text{coupon } j_1 \text{ and } j_2 \text{ are not the first } n \\ &\quad + \dots + (-1)^{k+1} \sum \sum \dots \sum P(A_{j_1} A_{j_2} \dots A_{j_n}) + \dots \\ &\quad + (-1)^{N+1} P(A_1 A_2 \dots A_N) \end{aligned}$$

$$P(A_{j_1} A_{j_2} \dots A_{j_n}) = \left(\frac{N-k}{N}\right)^n$$

$$\text{Hence } P(T > n) = \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \binom{N}{i} \binom{N-1}{N}^n (-1)^{i+1}$$

### Probability Mass Function

- for a *discrete* r.v., we define the **probability mass function** (pmf) of  $X$  by  $p(a) = P(X = a)$ 
  - cdf,  $F(a) = \sum p(x)$  for all  $x \leq a$
- if  $X$  assumes one of the values  $x_1, x_2, \dots$ , then  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} p(x_i) = 1$
- the pmf  $p(a)$  is positive for at most a countable number of values of  $a$
- e.g.  $\frac{a}{p(a)} \Big| \frac{1}{2} \quad \frac{2}{\frac{1}{4}} \quad \frac{4}{\frac{1}{4}}$
- discrete** variable  $\rightarrow$  a random variable that can take on at most a countable number of possible values

### Cumulative Distribution Function

- for a r.v.  $X$ , the function  $F$  defined by  $F(x) = P(X \leq x)$ ,  $-\infty < x < \infty$ , is called the **cumulative distribution function** (cdf) of  $X$ .
  - aka *distribution function*
  - $F(x)$  is defined on the entire real line

$$\text{e.g. } F(a) = \begin{cases} 0, & a < 1 \\ \frac{1}{2}, & 1 \leq a < 2 \\ \frac{3}{4}, & 2 \leq a < 4 \\ 1, & a \geq 4 \end{cases}$$

### Expected Value

- aka population mean/sample mean,  $\mu$
- if  $X$  is a discrete random variable having pmf  $p(x)$ , the **expectation** or the **expected value** of  $X$  is defined as  $E(X) = \sum_x x \cdot p(x)$

**N1** - if  $a$  and  $b$  are constants, then  $E(aX + b) = aE(X) + b$

**N2** - the  $n^{th}$  moment of of  $X$  is given as  $E(X^n) = \sum_x x^n \cdot p(x)$

- $I$  is an indicator variable for event  $A$  if  $I = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } A \text{ occurs} \\ 0, & \text{if } A^c \text{ occurs} \end{cases}$ . then  $E(I) = P(A)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Proof of N1. } E(aX + b) &= \sum_x (aX + b)p(x) \\ &= a \cdot \sum_x xp(x) + b \cdot \sum_x p(x) = a \cdot E(X) + b \end{aligned}$$

#### finding expectation of f(x)

- method 1, using pmf of  $Y$ : let  $Y = f(X)$ . Find corresponding  $X$  for each  $Y$ .
- method 2, using pmf of  $X$ :  $E[g(x)] = \sum_i g(x_i)p(x_i)$ 
  - where  $X$  is a discrete r.v. that takes on one of the values of  $x_i$  with the respective probabilities of  $p(x_i)$ , and  $g$  is any real-valued function  $g$

### Variance

- If  $X$  is a r.v. with mean  $\mu = E[X]$ , then the variance of  $X$  is defined by
- $$\begin{aligned} Var(X) &= E[(X - \mu)^2] \\ &= \sum x_i (x_i - \mu)^2 \cdot p(x_i) \quad (\text{deviation} \cdot \text{weight}) \\ &= E(x^2) - [E(x)]^2 \end{aligned}$$
- $Var(aX + b) = a^2 Var(x)$

Poisson Random Variable

a r.v.  $X$  is said to be a **Poisson r.v.** with parameter  $\lambda$  if for some  $\lambda > 0$ ,

$$P(X = i) = e^{-\lambda} \cdot \frac{\lambda^i}{i!}$$

- notation:  $X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$
- $\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} P(X = i) = 1$
- Poisson Approximation of Binomial** - if  $X \sim \text{Binomial}(n, p)$ ,  $n$  is large and  $p$  is small, then  $X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$  where  $\lambda = np$ .
  - For  $n$  independent trials with probability  $p$  of success, the number of successes is approximately a *Poisson r.v.* with parameter  $\lambda = np$  if  $n$  is large &  $p$  is small.
  - Poisson approximation remains even when the trials are not independent, provided that their *dependence is weak*.
- 2 ways** to look at the Poisson distribution
  - an approximation to the binomial distribution with large  $n$  and small  $p$
  - counting the number of events that occur at *random* at certain points in time

Mean and Variance

if  $X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$ , then  $E(X) = \lambda, \text{Var}(X) = \lambda$

Poisson distribution as random events

Let  $N(t)$  be the number of events that occur in time interval  $[0, t]$ .

**N1** - If the 3 assumptions are true, then  $N(t) \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda t)$ .

**N2** - If  $\lambda$  is the rate of occurrences of events per unit time, then the number of occurrences in an interval of length  $t$  has a Poisson distribution with mean  $\lambda t$ .

$$P(N(t) = k) = \frac{e^{-\lambda t} (\lambda t)^k}{k!}, \text{ for } k \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$$

o(h) notation

$o(h)$  stands for any function  $f(h)$  such that  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(h)}{h} = 0$

- a function of  $h$  that is *small* compared to  $h$  when  $h$  is small
- $o(h) + o(h) = o(h)$
- $\frac{\lambda t}{n} + o(\frac{t}{n}) \approx \frac{\lambda t}{n}$  for large  $n$

Expected Value of sum of r.v.

For a r.v.  $X$ , let  $X(s)$  denote the value of  $X$  when  $s \in S$

**N1** -  $E(x) = \sum_i x_i P(X = x_i) = \sum_{s \in S} X(s) p(s)$  where  $S_i = \{s : X(s) = x_i\}$

**N2** -  $E(\sum_{i=1}^n) = \sum_{i=1}^n E(X_i)$  for r.v.  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$

examples

Selecting hats problem

Let  $n$  be the number of men who select their own hats. Let  $I_E$  be an indicator r.v. for  $E$ .  $E_i$  is the event that the  $i$ -th man selects his own hat. Let  $X$  be the number of men that select their own hats.

- $X = I_{E_1} + I_{E_2} + \dots + I_{E_n}$
- $P(E_i) = \frac{1}{n}$
- $P(E_i | E_j) = \frac{1}{n-1} \neq P(E_j)$  for  $j < i$  (hence  $E_i$  and  $E_j$  are not independent)
  - but dependence is weak for large  $n$
- $X$  satisfies the other conditions for binomial r.v., besides independence ( $n$  trials with equal probability of success)
- Poisson approximation of  $X$ :  $X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$ 
  - $\lambda = n \cdot P(E_i) = n \cdot \frac{1}{n} = 1$
  - $P(X = i) = \frac{e^{-1} 1^i}{i!} = \frac{e^{-1}}{i!}$
  - $P(X = 0) = e^{-1} \approx 0.37$

No 2 people have the same birthday

For  $\binom{n}{2}$  pairs of individuals  $i$  and  $j, i \neq j$ , let  $E_{ij}$  be the event where they have the same birthday. Let  $X$  be the number of pairs with the same birthday.

- $X = I_{E_{12}} + I_{E_{13}} + \dots + I_{E_{nn}}$
- Each  $E_{ij}$  is only *pairwise independent*.  $P(E_{ij}) = \frac{1}{365}$

- i.e.  $E_{ij}$  and  $E_{mn}$  are independent
- but  $E_{12}$  and  $(E_{13} \cap E_{23})$  are not independent  $\Rightarrow P(E_{12} | E_{13} \cap E_{23}) = 1$
- $X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda), \lambda = \frac{\binom{n}{2}}{365} = \frac{n(n-1)}{730} \Rightarrow P(X = 0) = e^{-\frac{n(n-1)}{730}}$ 
  - for  $P(X = 0) \leq \frac{1}{2}, n \geq 23$

distribution of time to next event

Q. suppose an accident happens at a rate of 5 per day. Find the distribution of time, starting from now, until the next accident.

- A. Let  $X$  = time (in days) until the next accident.  
Let  $V$  = be the number of accidents during time period  $[0, t]$ .

$$V \sim \text{Poisson}(5t) \Rightarrow P(V = k) = \frac{e^{-5t} \cdot (5t)^k}{k!}$$

$$P(X > t) = P(\text{no accidents happen during } [0, t]) = P(V = 0) = e^{-5t}$$

$$P(X \leq t) = 1 - e^{-5t}$$

05. CONTINUOUS RANDOM VARIABLES

$X$  is a **continuous r.v.**  $\rightarrow$  if there exists a nonnegative function  $f$  defined for all real  $x \in (-\infty, \infty)$ , such that  $P(X \in B) = \int_B f(x) dx$

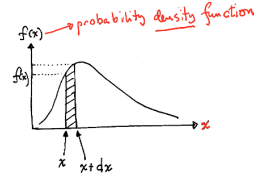
**N1** -  $P(X \in (-\infty, \infty)) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = 1$

**N2** -  $P(a \leq X \leq b) = \int_a^b f(x) dx$

**N3** -  $P(X = a) = \int_a^a f(x) dx = 0$

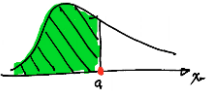
**N4** -  $P(X < a) = P(X \leq a) = \int_{-\infty}^a f(x) dx$

**N5** - interpretation of **probability density function**



$$P(x < X < x + dx) = \int_x^{x+dx} f(y) dy \approx f(x) \cdot dx$$

pdf at  $x, f(x) \approx \frac{P(x < X < x + dx)}{dx}$



**N6** - if  $X$  is a continuous r.v. with pdf  $f(x)$  and cdf  $F(x)$ , then  $f(x) = \frac{d}{dx} F(x)$ . (Fundamental Theorem of Calculus)

**N7** - median of  $X, x$  occurs where  $F(x) = \frac{1}{2}$

Generating a Uniform r.v.

if  $X$  is a continuous r.v. with cdf  $F(x)$ , then

• **N8** -  $F(X) = U \sim \text{uniform}(0, 1)$ .

*Proof.* let  $Y = F(X)$ . then cdf of  $Y, F_Y(y) = P(Y \leq y) = P(F(X) \leq y) = P(X \leq F^{-1}(y)) = F(F^{-1}(y)) = y$ .  
hence  $Y$  is a uniform r.v.

- N9** -  $X = F^{-1}(U) \sim \text{cdf } F(x)$ .
  - generating a r.v. from a uniform(0, 1) r.v. and a r.v. with cdf  $F(x)$ .

Expectation & Variance

expectation

**N1** - **expectation of  $X$** ,  $E(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \cdot f(x) dx$

**N2** - if  $X$  is a continuous r.v. with pdf  $f(x)$ , then for any real-valued function  $g$ ,  
$$E[g(x)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) f(x) dx$$

**N2a**  $E[aX + b] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (aX + b) \cdot f(x) dx = a \cdot E(X) + b$

**N3** - for a non-negative r.v.  $Y, E(Y) = \int_0^{\infty} P(Y > y) dy$

*Proof.*  $\int_0^{\infty} P(Y > y) dy = \int_0^{\infty} \int_y^{\infty} f_Y(x) dx dy$  (because  $f(x) = \frac{d}{dx} F(x)$ )  
 $= \int_0^{\infty} \int_0^x f_Y(x) dy dx$  (draw diagram to convert integration)  
 $= \int_0^{\infty} f_Y(x) \int_0^x dy dx$   
 $= \int_0^{\infty} x f_Y(x) dx$  (because  $\int_0^x dy = x$ )  
 $= E(Y)$

variance

**N1** - variance of  $X, \text{Var}(X) = E[(X - \mu)^2] = E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2$

example

Q - Find the pdf of  $(b - a)X + a$  where  $a, b$  are constants,  $b > a$ . The pdf of  $X$  is

given by 
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & 0 \leq X \leq 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

A. Let  $Y = (b - a)X + a$ .

cdf,  $F_Y(y) = P(Y \leq y) = P((b - a)X + a \leq y) = P(X \leq \frac{y-a}{b-a})$

$$F_Y(y) = \int_0^{\frac{y-a}{b-a}} 1 dx = \frac{y-a}{b-a}, \quad a < y < b$$

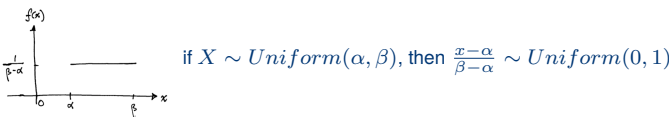
$$f_Y(y) = \frac{d}{dy} F_Y(y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a}, & a < y < b \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Uniform Random Variable

$X$  is a **uniform r.v.** on the interval  $(\alpha, \beta), X \sim \text{Uniform}(\alpha, \beta)$

if its pdf is given by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\beta-\alpha}, & \alpha < x < \beta \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
  
$$E(X) = \frac{\alpha+\beta}{2}, \quad \text{Var}(X) = \frac{(\beta-\alpha)^2}{12}$$

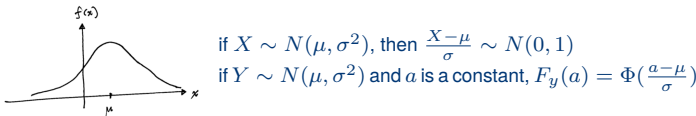


Normal Random Variable

$X$  is a **normal r.v.** with parameters  $\mu$  and  $\sigma^2, X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$

if the pdf of  $X$  is given by

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma})^2}, \quad -\infty < x < \infty$$
  
$$E(x) = \mu, \quad \text{Var}(X) = \sigma^2$$



**standard normal distribution**  $\rightarrow X \sim N(0, 1)$

•  $F(x) = P(X \leq x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^x e^{-\frac{1}{2}y^2} dy = \Phi(x)$

Normal Approximation to the Binomial Distribution

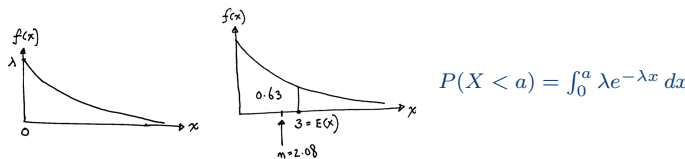
if  $S_n \sim \text{Binomial}(n, p)$ , then  $\frac{S_n - np}{\sqrt{np(1-p)}} \sim N(0, 1)$  for large  $n$ .  
$$\mu = np, \quad \sigma^2 = np(1 - p)$$

Exponential Random Variable

a *continuous* r.v.  $X$  is a **exponential r.v.**,  $X \sim \text{Exponential}(\lambda)$  or  $\text{Exp}(\lambda)$

if for some  $\lambda > 0$ , its pdf is given by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda x}, & x \geq 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
  
$$E(X) = \frac{1}{\lambda}, \quad \text{Var}(X) = \frac{1}{\lambda^2}$$



- an exponential r.v. is *memoryless*.
  - a non-negative r.v. is **memoryless**  $\rightarrow$  if  $P(X > s + t | X > t) = P(X > s)$  for all  $s, t > 0$ .

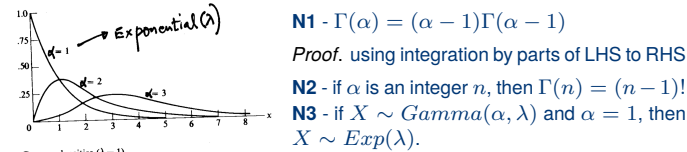
### Gamma Distribution

a r.v.  $X$  has a **gamma distribution**,  $X \sim \text{Gamma}(\alpha, \lambda)$  with parameters  $(\alpha, \lambda)$ ,  $\lambda > 0$  and  $\alpha > 0$  if its pdf is given by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\lambda e^{-\lambda x} (\lambda x)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)}, & x \geq 0 \\ 0, & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$E(X) = \frac{\alpha}{\lambda} \quad \text{Var}(X) = \frac{\alpha}{\lambda^2}$$

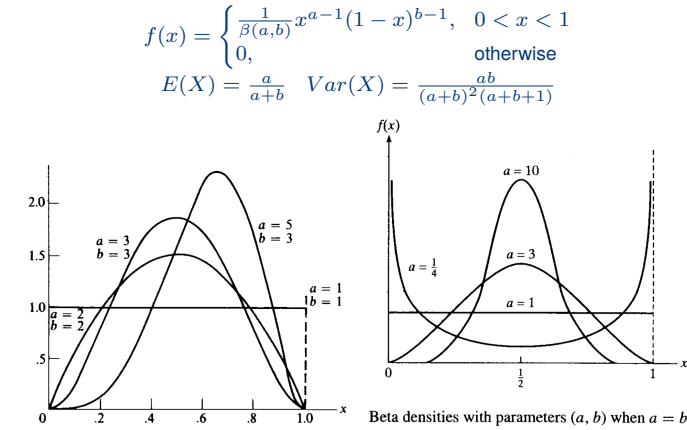
where the gamma function  $\Gamma(\alpha)$  is defined as  $\Gamma(\alpha) = \int_0^\infty e^{-y} y^{\alpha-1} dy$ .



- N1** -  $\Gamma(\alpha) = (\alpha - 1)\Gamma(\alpha - 1)$   
*Proof.* using integration by parts of LHS to RHS
- N2** - if  $\alpha$  is an integer  $n$ , then  $\Gamma(n) = (n - 1)!$
- N3** - if  $X \sim \text{Gamma}(\alpha, \lambda)$  and  $\alpha = 1$ , then  $X \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda)$ .
- N4** - for events occurring randomly in time following the 3 assumptions of poisson distribution, the amount of time elapsed until a total of  $n$  events has occurred is a gamma r.v. with parameters  $(n, \lambda)$ .
- time at which event  $n$  occurs,  $T_n \sim \text{Gamma}(n, \lambda)$
- number of events in time period  $[0, t]$ ,  $N(t) \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda t)$
- N5** -  $\text{Gamma}(\alpha = \frac{n}{2}, \lambda = \frac{1}{2}) = \chi_n^2$  (chi-square distribution to  $n$  degrees of freedom)

### Beta Distribution

a r.v.  $X$  is said to have a **beta distribution**,  $X \sim \text{Beta}(a, b)$  if its density is given by



- N1** -  $\beta(a, b) = \int_0^1 x^{a-1} (1-x)^{b-1} dx$
- N2** -  $\beta(a = 1, b = 1) = \text{Uniform}(0, 1)$
- N3** -  $\beta(a, b) = \frac{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)}{\Gamma(a+b)}$

### Cauchy Distribution

a r.v.  $X$  has a cauchy distribution,  $X \sim \text{Cauchy}(\theta)$  with parameter  $\theta$ ,  $-\infty < \theta < \infty$  if its density is given by

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \cdot \frac{1}{1+(x-\theta)^2}, \quad -\infty < x < \infty$$

*Proof.*  $E(X^n)$  does not exist for  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

$$E(X) = \int_{-\infty}^\infty x \cdot f(x) dx = \infty - \infty \text{ (undefined)}$$

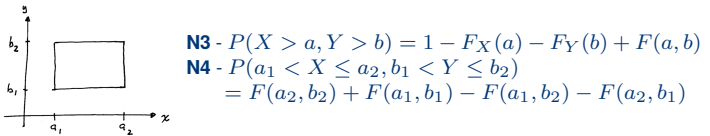
## 06. JOINTLY DISTRIBUTED RANDOM VARIABLES

### Joint Distribution Function

the **joint cumulative distribution function** of the pair of r.v.  $X$  and  $Y$  is  $\rightarrow$

$$F(x, y) = P(X \leq x, Y \leq y), \quad -\infty < x < \infty, \quad -\infty < y < \infty$$

- N1** - **marginal cdf of  $X$** ,  $F_X(x) = \lim_{y \rightarrow \infty} F(x, y)$ .
- N2** - **marginal cdf of  $Y$** ,  $F_Y(y) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} F(x, y)$ .



### Joint Probability Mass Function

if  $X$  and  $Y$  are both discrete r.v., then their **joint pmf** is defined by

$$p(i, j) = P(X = i, Y = j)$$

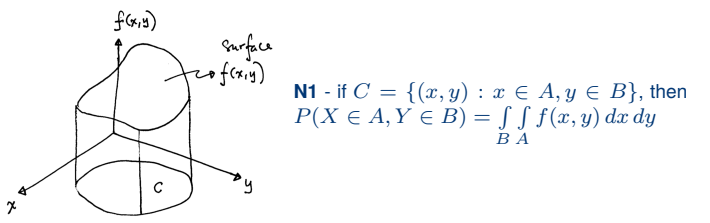
- N1** - **marginal pmf of  $X$** ,  $P(X = i) = \sum_j P(X = i, Y = j)$
- N2** - **marginal pmf of  $Y$** ,  $P(Y = i) = \sum_j P(X = i, Y = j)$

### Joint Probability Density Function

the r.v.  $X$  and  $Y$  are said to be *jointly continuous* if there is a function  $f(x, y)$  called the **joint pdf**, such that for any two-dimensional set  $C$ ,

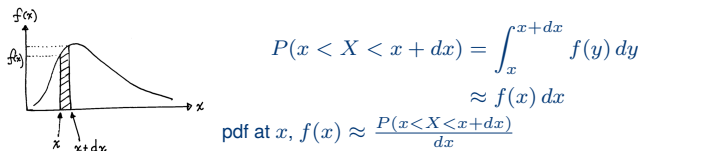
$$P[(X, Y) \in C] = \iint_C f(x, y) dx dy$$

= volume under the surface over the region  $C$ .



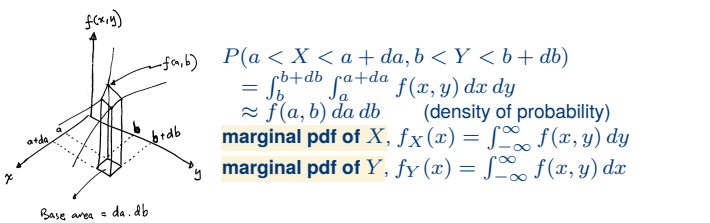
- N2** -  $F(a, b) = P(X \in (-\infty, a], Y \in (-\infty, b]) = \int_{-\infty}^b \int_{-\infty}^a f(x, y) dx dy$
- for double integral: when integrating  $dx$ , take  $y$  as a constant
- N3** -  $f(a, b) = \frac{\delta^2}{\delta a \delta b} F(a, b)$

### interpretation of pdf

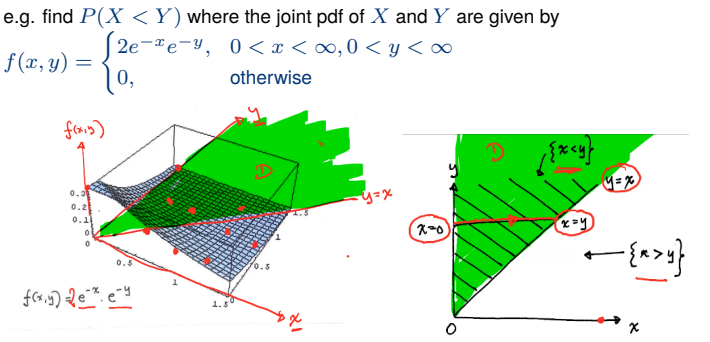


- N4** - pdf of  $X$ ,  $f_X(x) = \int_0^\infty f(x, y) dy$
- N5** - pdf of  $Y$ ,  $f_Y(y) = \int_0^\infty f(x, y) dx$

### interpretation of joint pdf



### how to do a double integral



- to get the bounds for  $dx$  and  $dy$ , plot  $X < Y$ 
  - draw horizontal lines to determine the bounds for  $x$ , from  $x = a$  to  $x = b$
  - draw vertical lines to determine the bounds for  $y$ , from  $y = c$  to  $y = d$
- integrate  $\int_c^d \int_a^b f(x) dx dy$

**example** - given the joint pdf of  $X$  and  $Y$ , find the pdf of r.v.  $X/Y$ .

*ans.* set dummy variable  $W = X/Y$ , then  $F_W(w) = P(W \leq w) = P(\frac{X}{Y} \leq w)$

$$P(\frac{X}{Y} \leq w) = \int_0^\infty \int_0^{wy} e^{-x-y} dx dy$$

### Independent Random Variables

- N1** -  $X$  and  $Y$  are **independent**  $\rightarrow P(X \in A, Y \in B) = P(X \in A) \cdot P(Y \in B)$
- N2** -  $X$  and  $Y$  are **independent**  $\rightarrow \forall a, b, P(X \leq a, Y \leq b) = P(X \leq a) \cdot P(Y \leq b)$  or  $F(a, b) = F_X(a) \cdot F_Y(b) \rightarrow$  joint cdf is the product of the marginal cdfs
- N3** - *discrete case*: discrete r.v.  $X$  and  $Y$  are **independent**  $\iff P(X = x, Y = y) = P(X = x) \cdot P(Y = y)$  for all  $x, y$ .
- N4** - *continuous case*: jointly continuous r.v.  $X$  and  $Y$  are **independent**  $\iff f(x, y) = f_X(x) \cdot f_Y(y)$  for all  $x, y$ .
- N5** - independence is a **symmetric** relation  $\rightarrow X$  is independent of  $Y \iff Y$  is independent of  $X$

### Sum of Independent Random Variables

- N1** - for independent, continuous r.v.  $X$  and  $Y$  having pdf  $f_X$  and  $f_Y$ ,  $f_{X+Y}(a) = \int_{-\infty}^\infty f_X(a-y) f_Y(y) dy$   $f_{X+Y}(a) = \int_{-\infty}^\infty f_X(a-y) f_Y(y) dy$
- impt example** - E52 (pdf of  $X + Y$ )

### Distribution of Sums of Independent r.v.

- for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ,
- $X_i \sim \text{Gamma}(t_i, \lambda) \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \sim \text{Gamma}(\sum_{i=1}^n t_i, \lambda)$
  - $X_i \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda) \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \sim \text{Gamma}(n, \lambda)$
  - $Z_i \sim N(0, 1) \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n z_i^2 \sim \chi_n^2 = \text{Gamma}(\frac{n}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$
  - $X_i \sim N(\mu_i, \sigma_i^2) \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \sim N(\sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i, \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^2)$
  - $X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda_1), Y \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda_2) \Rightarrow X + Y \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)$
  - $X \sim \text{Binom}(n, p), Y \sim \text{Binom}(m, p) \Rightarrow X + Y \sim \text{Binom}(n + m, p)$



Conditional Distribution (discrete)

for discrete r.v.  $X$  and  $Y$ , the **conditional pmf** of  $X$  given that  $Y = y$  is

$$P_{X|Y}(x|y) = P(X = x|Y = y) = \frac{P(X=x,Y=y)}{P(Y=y)} = \frac{p(x,y)}{p_Y(y)}$$

for discrete r.v.  $X$  and  $Y$ , the **conditional pdf** of  $X$  given that  $Y = y$  is

$$F_{X|Y}(x|y) = P(X \leq x|Y = y) = \sum_{a \leq x} \frac{P(X=a,Y=y)}{P(Y=y)} = \sum_{a \leq x} P_{X|Y}(a|y)$$

**N0** - equivalent notation:

- $P_{X|Y}(x|y) = P(X = x|Y = y)$
- $P_X(x) = P(X = x)$

**N1** - if  $X$  is independent of  $Y$ , then  $P_{X|Y}(x|y) = P_X(x)$

Conditional Distribution (continuous)

for  $X$  and  $Y$  with joint pdf  $f(x, y)$ , the **conditional pdf** of  $X$  given that  $Y = y$  is

$$f_{X|Y}(x|y) = \frac{f(x,y)}{f_Y(y)} \quad \text{for all } y \text{ s.t. } f_Y(y) > 0$$

$$f_{X|Y}(a|y) = P(X \leq a|Y = y) = \int_{-\infty}^a f_{X|Y}(x|y) \, dx$$

**N1** - for any set  $A$ ,  $P(X \in A|Y = y) = \int_A f_{X|Y}(x|y) \, dy$

**N2** - if  $X$  is independent of  $Y$ , then  $f_{X|Y}(x|y) = f_X(x)$ .

! "find the marginal/conditional pdf of  $Y$ "  $\Rightarrow$  must include the **range** too!!  
(see Ex. 69(b, c))

Joint Probability Distribution of Functions of r.v.

Let  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  be jointly continuous r.v. with joint pdf  $f_{X_1,X_2}(x_1, x_2)$ . Suppose  $Y_1 = g_1(X_1, X_2)$  and  $Y_2 = g_2(X_1, X_2)$  satisfy

1. the equations  $y_1 = g_1(X_1, X_2)$  and  $y_2 = g_2(X_1, X_2)$  can be *uniquely* solved for  $x_1, x_2$  in terms of  $y_1$  and  $y_2$
2.  $g_1(x_1, x_2)$  and  $g_2(x_1, x_2)$  have continuous partial derivatives at all points

$$(x_1, x_2) \text{ such that } J(x_1, x_2) = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\delta g_1}{\delta x_1} & \frac{\delta g_1}{\delta x_2} \\ \frac{\delta g_2}{\delta x_1} & \frac{\delta g_2}{\delta x_2} \end{vmatrix} = \frac{\delta g_1}{\delta x_1} \cdot \frac{\delta g_2}{\delta x_2} - \frac{\delta g_2}{\delta x_1} \cdot \frac{\delta g_1}{\delta x_2} \neq 0$$

then

$$f_{Y_1,Y_2}(y_1, y_2) = f_{X_1,X_2}(x_1, x_2) \cdot \frac{1}{|J(x_1, x_2)|}$$

where  $x_1 = h_1(y_1, y_2)$ ,  $x_2 = h_2(y_1, y_2)$

07. PROPERTIES OF EXPECTATION

recap:

- for a **discrete** r.v.  $X$ ,  $E(X) = \sum_x x \cdot p(x) = \sum_x \cdot P(X = x)$
- for a **continuous** r.v.  $X$ ,  $E(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \cdot f(x) \, dx$
- for a **non-negative integer-valued** r.v.  $Y$ ,  $E(Y) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(Y \geq i)$
- for a **non-negative** r.v.  $Y$ ,  $E(Y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P(Y > y) \, dy$

Expectations of Sums of Random Variables

for  $X$  and  $Y$  with joint pmf  $p(x, y)$  and joint pdf  $f(x, y)$ ,

$$E[g(x, y)] = \sum_y \sum_x g(x, y)p(x, y)$$

$$E[g(x, y)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x, y)f(x, y) \, dx \, dy$$

- N2** - if  $P(a \leq X \leq b) = 1$ , then  $a \leq E(X) \leq b$
- N3** - if  $E(X)$  and  $E(Y)$  are finite,  $E(X + Y) = E(X) + E(Y)$

*Proof.* using N1, integrate  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x + y)f(x, y) \, dx \, dy$   
 $= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \cdot f_X(x) \, dx + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y f_Y(y) \, dy = E(X) + E(Y)$

- N4** - if, for r.v.s  $X$  and  $Y$ , if  $X \geq Y$ , then  $E(X) \geq E(Y)$
- N5** - let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be independent and identically distributed r.v.s having distribution  $P(X_i \leq x) = F(x)$  and expected value  $E(X_i) = \mu$ .

if  $\bar{X} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{X_i}{n}$ , then  $E(\bar{X}) = \mu$

*Proof.*  $E(\bar{X}) = E(\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{X_i}{n}) = \frac{1}{n} (\sum_{i=1}^n E(X_i)) = \frac{1}{n} \cdot n\mu = \mu$

$\Rightarrow$  sample mean = population mean

- N6** -  $\bar{X}$  is the **sample mean**.
- N7** - if  $X \sim Binom(n, p)$ , then  $E(X) = np$ .

*Proof.* express  $X$  as a sum of Bernoulli r.v.  $\Rightarrow$  sum of indicator r.v. =  $np$ .

examples

- ! trick: express a r.v. as a sum of r.v. with easier to find expectation
- negative binomial = sum of geometric =  $k/p$
- hypergeometric with  $r$  red balls out of  $N$  balls with  $n$  trials
  - indicator r.v. = 1 if the  $i$ th ball selected is red
  - $P(Y_i = 1) = \frac{r}{N} \Rightarrow E(Y_i) = \frac{r}{N} \Rightarrow E(X) = \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i = n \frac{r}{N}$
- hat throwing problem: expected number of people that select their own hat
  - P(select your own hat back) =  $\frac{1}{N} \Rightarrow E(X) = N \cdot \frac{1}{N} = 1$
- coupon collector problem:
  - let  $X$  = number of coupons collected for a complete set
  - let  $X_i$  = number of *additional* coupons that need to be collected to obtain another distinct type after  $i$  distinct types have been collected
    - $X_i \sim Geometric(p = \frac{N-i}{N})$
  - $E(X) = \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} E(X_i) = 1 + \frac{1}{\frac{N-1}{N}} + \frac{1}{\frac{N-2}{N}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\frac{1}{N}}$   
 $= N(\frac{1}{N} + \frac{1}{N-1} + \dots + 1)$

Covariance, Variance of Sums and Correlations

if  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent, then for any functions  $h$  and  $g$ ,

$$E[g(X)h(Y)] = E[g(X)] \cdot E[h(Y)]$$

**covariance**  $\rightarrow$  measure of *linear relationship*

$$Cov(X, Y) = E[(X - E[X])(Y - E[Y])]$$
$$Cov(X, Y) = E(XY) - E(X)E(Y)$$

- N1** -  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent  $\Rightarrow Cov(X, Y) = 0$
- N2** -  $Cov(X, Y) = 0 \nRightarrow X$  and  $Y$  are independent

*Proof.* let  $E(X) = 0, E(XY) = 0 \Rightarrow Cov(X, Y) = 0$ , but not independent  
e.g. non-linear relationship

Covariance properties

1.  $Cov(X, Y) = Cov(Y, X)$
2.  $Cov(X, X) = Var(X)$
3.  $Cov(aX, Y) = aCov(X, Y)$
4.  $Cov(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i, \sum_{j=1}^m Y_j) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m Cov(X_i, Y_j)$

for variance:

- N1** -  $Var(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n Var(X_i) + 2 \sum_{i < j} Cov(X_i, X_j)$
- N2** - if  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are *pairwise independent* ( $X_i, X_j$  are independent  $\forall i \neq j$ ), then  $Var(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n Var(X_i)$
- N3** - for  $n$  independent and identically distributed r.v. with expected value  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$ ,

$$\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \qquad S^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2$$
$$Var(\bar{X}) = \frac{\sigma^2}{n} \qquad E(S^2) = \sigma^2$$

$\Rightarrow S^2$  is an *unbiased estimator* for  $\sigma^2$ .

Correlation

**correlation** of two r.v.  $X$  and  $Y$ ,  $\rho(X, Y) = \frac{Cov(X, Y)}{\sqrt{Var(X) \cdot Var(Y)}}$

- N1** -  $-1 \leq \rho(X, Y) \leq 1$  where  $-1$  and  $1$  denote a perfect negative and positive linear relationship respectively.
- N2** -  $\rho(X, Y) = 0 \Rightarrow$  no *linear* relationship - uncorrelated
- N3** -  $\rho(X, Y) = 1 \Rightarrow Y = aX + b, a = \frac{\delta y}{\delta x} > 0$
- N4** for events  $A$  and  $B$  with indicator r.v.  $I_A$  and  $I_B$ , then  $Cov(I_A, I_B) = 0$  when they are independent events.
- N5** - deviation is not correlated with the sample mean. For independent & identically distributed r.v.  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  with variance  $\sigma^2$ , then  $Cov(X_i - \bar{X}, \bar{X}) = 0$ .

*Proof.*  $Cov(X_i - \bar{X}, \bar{X}) = Cov(X_i, \bar{X}) - Cov(\bar{X}, \bar{X})$   
 $= Cov(X_i, \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n X_j) - Var(\bar{X})$   
 $= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n Cov(X_i, X_j) - Var(\bar{X})$   
 $= \frac{1}{n} Cov(X_i, X_i) - \frac{\sigma^2}{n}$  since  $\forall i \neq j, Cov(x_i, x_j) = 0$   
 $= \frac{1}{n} Var(x_i) - \frac{\sigma^2}{n} = 0$

Conditional Expectation

the **conditional expectation** of  $X$ ,  
given that  $Y = y$ , for all values of  $y$  such that  $P_Y(y) > 0$  is defined by  
$$E[X|Y = y] = \sum_x x \cdot P(X = x|Y = y) = \sum_x x \cdot p_{X|Y}(x|y)$$

$$E(X|Y = y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X|Y}(x|y) \, dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{f(x,y)}{f_Y(y)} \, dx$$

! note the range for  $f_{X|Y}(x|y)$

- N1** - If  $X, Y \sim Geometric(p)$ , then  $P(X = i|X + Y = n) = \frac{1}{n-1}$ , a uniform distribution.
- N2** -  $E(X|X + Y = n) = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} i \cdot P(X = i|X + Y = n) = \frac{n}{2}$

Conditional expectations also satisfy properties of ordinary expectations.  
 $\Rightarrow$  an ordinary expectation on a *reduced sample space* consisting only of outcomes for which  $Y = y$

discrete case:  $E[g(x)|Y = y] = \sum_x g(x)P_{X|Y}(x|y)$   
continuous case:  $E[g(x)|Y = y] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x)f_{X|Y}(x|y) \, dx$   
then  $E(X) = E_{w.r.t. \, y}(E_{w.r.t. \, X|Y=y}(X|Y))$

Deriving Expectation

$E(X) = E_Y(E_X(X|Y))$   
discrete case:  $E(X) = \sum_y E(X|Y = y)P(Y = y)$   
continuous case:  $E(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} E(X|Y = y)f_Y(y) \, dy$

- N3** - 3 methods for finding  $E(X)$  given  $f(x, y)$ 
  1. using  $E(g(x, y)) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x, y)f(x, y) \, dx \, dy \Rightarrow$  let  $g(x, y) = x$
  2. using  $E(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_X(x) \, dx$
  3. using  $E(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} E(X|Y = y)f_Y(y) \, dy$

**N4** -  $E(\sum_{i=1}^N X_i) = E_N(E(\sum_{i=1}^N X_i|N)) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E(\sum_{i=1}^N X_i|N = n) \cdot P(N = n)$

Computing Probabilities by Conditioning

$$P(E) = \sum_y P(E|Y = y)P(Y = y)$$
 if  $Y$  is *discrete*  
$$P(E) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P(E|Y = y)f_Y(y) \, dy$$
 if  $Y$  is *continuous*

*Proof.* let  $X$  be an indicator r.v. for  $E$ .  $\Rightarrow E(X) = P(E)$   
 $E(X|Y = y) = P(X = 1|Y = y) = P(E|Y = y)$

**N5** - find  $P((X, Y) \in C)$  given  $f(x, y)$ : see p.57  
also:  $P(X < Y) = \int P(X < Y|Y = y) \cdot f_Y(y)$

Conditional Variance

Var(X|Y) = E[(X - E(X|Y))^2 | Y]  
Var(X|Y) = E(X^2|Y) - [E(X|Y)]^2

N6 - Var(X) = E[Var(X|Y)] + Var[E(X|Y)]  
N7 - E(f(Y)) = E(f(Y)|Y = t) = E(f(y)|Y = t)  
= E(f(t)) if N(t) and Y are independent

Moment Generating Functions

moment generating function M(t) of the r.v. X ->  
M(t) = E(e^{tX}) for all real values of t

- if X is discrete with pmf p(x), M(t) = \sum\_x e^{tx} \cdot p(x)
- if X is continuous with pdf f(x), M(t) = \int\_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{tx} f(x) dx

M(t) is called the **mgf** because all moments of X can be obtained by successively differentiating M(t) and then evaluating the result at t = 0.  
(M'(0) = E(X), M''(0) = E(X^2), etc)

- in general,
- M'(t) = E(X^n e^{tX}), n \ge 1
  - M^n(0) = E(X^n), n \ge 1

N8 - binomial expansion: (a + b)^n = \sum\_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} a^i b^{n-i}

(see other series for useful expansions on other distributions)

N9 - integrating over a pdf from \infty to -\infty always gives 1

if X and Y are independent and have mgf's M\_X(t) and M\_Y(t) respectively,

N10 - the mgf of X + Y is M\_{X+Y}(t) = M\_X(t) \cdot M\_Y(t)

Proof. M\_{X+Y}(t) = E[e^{t(X+Y)}] = E[e^{tX} \cdot e^{tY}] = E(e^{tX})E(e^{tY})  
= M\_X(t) \cdot M\_Y(t)

N11 - if M\_X(t) exists and is finite in some region about t = 0, then the distribution of X is **uniquely** determined. M\_X(t) = M\_Y(t) \iff X = Y

Common mgf's

- X ~ Normal(0, 1), M(t) = e^{e^2/2}
- X ~ Binomial(n, p), M(t) = (pe^t + (1 - p))^n
- X ~ Poisson(\lambda), M(t) = \exp[\lambda(e^t - 1)]
- X ~ Exp(\lambda), M(t) = \frac{\lambda}{\lambda - t}

08. LIMIT THEOREMS

**Markov's Inequality** -> if X is a non-negative r.v., for any a > 0,  
P(X \ge a) \le \frac{E(x)}{a}.

Proof. let I be an indicator r.v. = 1 when X \ge a.  
Then I \le \frac{X}{a}, and E(I) \le \frac{E(X)}{a}, and P(X \ge a) \le \frac{E(X)}{a}.

**Chebyshev's inequality** -> if X is an r.v. with finite mean \mu and variance \sigma^2, then for any value of k > 0, P(|X - \mu| \ge k) \le \frac{\sigma^2}{k^2}.

Proof. P[(X - \mu)^2 \ge k^2] \le \frac{E[(X - \mu)^2]}{k^2} by Markov's inequality  
Since (X - \mu)^2 \ge k^2 \iff |X - \mu| \ge k, then P(|X - \mu| \ge k) \le \frac{\sigma^2}{k^2}

N1 - if Var(X) = 0, then P(X = E[X]) = 1

Proof. let \mu = E[X]. by Chebyshev's inequality, for any n \ge 1,  
P(|X - \mu| > \frac{1}{n}) \le \frac{Var(X)}{(\frac{1}{n})^2} = 0  
then P(X \neq \mu) = 0 \Rightarrow P(X = \mu) = 1

**weak law of large numbers** -> let X\_1, X\_2, ... be a sequence of independent and identically distributed r.v.s, each with finite mean E[X\_i] = \mu. Then, for any \epsilon > 0,  
P\{|\frac{X\_1 + \dots + X\_n}{n} - \mu| \ge \epsilon\} \to 0 as n \to \infty

**central limit theorem** -> let X\_1, X\_2, ... be a sequence of independent and identically distributed r.v.s each having mean \mu and variance \sigma^2. Then the distribution of \frac{X\_1 + \dots + X\_n - n\mu}{\sigma\sqrt{n}} tends to the standard normal as n \to \infty.

- aka: \frac{\bar{x} - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \to z \sim N(0, 1)
- for -\infty < a < \infty,  
P(\frac{X\_1 + \dots + X\_n - n\mu}{\sigma\sqrt{n}} \le a) \to \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int\_{-\infty}^a e^{-x^2/2} dx = F(a) (cdf of standard normal) as n \to \infty

N2 - Let Z\_1, Z\_2, ... be a sequence of r.v.s with distribution functions F\_{Z\_n} and moment generating functions M\_{Z\_n}, n \ge 1. Let Z be a r.v. with distribution function F\_Z and mgf M\_Z.

If M\_{Z\_n}(t) \to M\_Z(t) for all t, then F\_{Z\_n}(t) \to F\_Z(t) for all t at which F\_Z(t) is continuous.

**strong law of large numbers** -> let X\_1, X\_2, ... be a sequence of independent and identically distribution r.v.s, each having finite mean \mu = E[X\_i].

Then, with probability 1, \frac{X\_1 + \dots + X\_n}{n} \to \mu as n \to \infty

<b>commutative</b>	$E \cup F = F \cup E$	$E \cap F = F \cap E$
<b>associative</b>	$(E \cup F) \cup G = E \cup (F \cup G)$	$(E \cap F) \cap G = E \cap (F \cap G)$
<b>distributive</b>	$(E \cup F) \cap G = (E \cap G) \cup (F \cap G)$	$(E \cap F) \cup G = (E \cup G) \cap (F \cup G)$
<b>DeMorgan's</b>	$(\bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i)^c = \bigcap_{i=1}^n E_i^c$	$(\bigcap_{i=1}^n E_i)^c = \bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i^c$