

MAT2377A - Probability and Statistic for Engineers

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Chapter 1 & 2: Introduction to Probability

Sets

Set A set is a collection of items.

$$A = \{2, 3, 4\}$$

$A = B$ implies that any $x \in A \rightarrow x \in B$

Operations on Sets

Let A and B be two sets.

$$A \cap B = A \text{ intersects } B = A \text{ and } B = \{x : x \in A \text{ and } x \in B\}$$

$$A \cup B = A \text{ union } B = A \text{ or } B = \{x : x \in A \text{ or } x \in B\}$$

(1) Example:

$$A = \{2, 3, 4\} \text{ and } B = \{3, 4, 5\} \rightarrow A \cap B = \{3, 4\}, A \cup B = \{2, 3, 4, 5\}$$

Sample Space

Sample Space All the possible outcomes in a random experiment.

S = the set of outcomes in a random experiment.

(2) Example: Flip a coin

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

(3) Example: Roll a die

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

(4) Example: Flip a coin until a heads appears.

$$S = \{H, TH, TTH, \dots\}$$

(5) Example: For a circle of radius 1, any point within the circle is what set?

$$S = \{(x, y) : x^2 + y^2 \leq 1\}$$

Countable Set A set in which you can list the entries, and an uncountable set is one which will not let you list the entries.

Event

Event Any subset of S (sample space) is called an event.

(6) Example:

$$\text{Coin is heads: } E = \{H\} \subset \{H, T\}$$

So E is an event.

(7) Example:

$$\text{Die is on even number: } E = \{2, 4, 6\}$$

(8) Another example:

$$E = \{(x, y) : x^2 + y^2 \leq \frac{1}{4}\}$$

Enumeration (Counting)

1. Multiplication Rule.

If task 1 can be completed in n_1 different ways and task 2 can be completed in n_2 different ways, then both tasks can be completed by $n_1 \times n_2$ ways.

(9) Example: How many 5 digit numbers are there?

Task 1: 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9. $n_1 = 9$.

Task 2: 0-9. $n_2 = 10$.

...

Task 5: 0-9. $n_5 = 10$.

$$9 \times 10^4 = 90,000$$

(10) Example: How many 5 digit numbers with no repeats do we have?

$$n_1 = 9, n_2 = 9, n_3 = 8, n_4 = 7, n_5 = 6$$

$$= 9 * 9 * 8 * 7$$

(11) Example: In how many different ways can we write 1,2,3,4,5 in unique order?

$$5 * 4 * 3 * 2 * 1 = 5!$$

(12) Example: How many different orders of these letters is possible, where repeat letters are to be treated as non-unique: INDEPENDENT?

$$11!/(3! * 2! * 3!)$$

2. Permutation

(13) Example: With letters a, b, c, d , write all possible permutations with 2 letters.

ab, ac, ad,

ba, bc, bd,

ca, cb, cd,

da, db, dc.

$$P_2^4 = 4 \times 3 = 12$$

$$P_r^n = ?$$

n letters, $\{a_r \cdots a_n\}$, $n \leq r$

r letters.

n = number of ways for completing task 1.

$n-1$ = number of ways for completing task 2.

... until task r :

$n - (r - 1)$ = number of ways for completing task r .

Rule of Permutations $P_r^n = n(n-1) \times \dots \times (n-r+1)$

Permutations of r letters from n letters. ($r \leq n$)

$$P_r^n = n(n-1) \dots (n-r+1)$$

(14) Example

$$P_2^4 = 4 \times 3 = 12 \rightarrow \{a, b, c, d\}$$

In general for Square Permutations

$$P_n^n = n(n-1) \dots (3)(2)(1) = n!$$

In general for Any Permutations

$$P_r^n = \frac{n(n-1)\dots(n-r+1)(n-r)(n-r-1)\dots 1}{(n-r)(n-r-1)\dots 1} = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!}$$

Combinations

$$C_r^n = \binom{n}{r}$$

Combination # of combination of r letters from n letters.

(15) Example: Let $n = 4, r = 2$

$$a, b, c, d \rightarrow ab, ac, ad, bc, bd, cd$$

$$\binom{4}{2} = 6$$

$$P_2^4 = 2 \binom{4}{2}$$

(16) Example

$$\binom{4}{3} = ?$$

$$S = \{a, b, c, d\}$$

$$abc, abd, acd, bcd \rightarrow \binom{4}{3} = 4$$

$$P_3^4 = 3! \binom{4}{3}$$

General Combination Formula

$$\therefore P_r^n = r! \binom{n}{r} \rightarrow \binom{n}{r} = \frac{P_r^n}{r!} = \frac{\frac{n!}{(n-r)!}}{r!} = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$$

$$\binom{n}{r} = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$$

$$P_r^n = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!}$$

(17) Example: How many hands of 5 cards do we have?

$$\binom{52}{5} = \frac{52!}{5!47!} = \frac{52 \times 51 \times 50 \times 49 \times 48}{120}$$

(18) Example: How many diagonals do we have in a polygon with n sides?

$$\binom{5}{2} - 5 = 5$$

In general, the solution is:

$$\begin{aligned} \binom{n}{2} - n &= \frac{n(n-1)}{2} - n \\ &= \frac{n(n-1)-2n}{2} = \frac{n(n-1-2)}{2} = \frac{n(n-3)}{2} \end{aligned}$$

(19) Example: A city has m by n streets in a grid. How many ways can someone traverse from one corner of the city to the other?

$$\frac{(m+n)!}{m!n!} = \binom{m+n}{m} = \binom{m+n}{n}$$

(20) Example: How many ways can we write out $(a+b)^5$ expanded?

$$(a+b)^5 = a^5 + \frac{5!}{4!1!}a^4b + \frac{5!}{3!2!}a^3b^2 + \frac{5!}{2!3!}a^2b^3 + \frac{5!}{1!4!}ab^4 + b^5$$

A General Polynomial Combinational Formula

$$(a+b)^n = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} a^i b^{n-i}$$

$$(a+b+c)^n = \sum \sum \binom{n}{i,j} a^i b^j c^{n-i-j}$$

Properties of Combinations

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(i)} \quad \binom{n}{r} &= \binom{n}{n-r} \\ \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!} &= \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!(n-(n-r))!} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(ii)} \quad \binom{n}{r-1} + \binom{n}{r} &= \binom{n+1}{r} \\ \frac{n!}{(r-1)!(n-r+1)!} + \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!} & \\ &= \frac{rn! + n!(n-r+1)}{r!(n-r+1)!} \\ &= \frac{(n+1)!}{r!(n-r+1)!} \\ &= \binom{n+1}{r} \end{aligned}$$

(21) Example: How many subsets do we have if the set has n elements?

$$S = \{a, b, c\}$$

$$\{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}$$

You are effectively doing, in this example, n choose 0, n choose 1, n choose etc until n .

$$\binom{n}{0} + \binom{n}{1} + \dots + \binom{n}{n} = 2^n$$

To explain this, we can use the multiplication rule and say, "For task i , choose the i^{th} letter or do not choose it."

Defining Probability

(22) Example: Flip 2 coins.

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

Define E = having at least 1 head.

$$E = \{TH, HT, HH\}$$

$$P(E) = \frac{3}{4}$$

Define F = exactly one head = $\{TH, HT\}$

$$P(F) = \frac{2}{4}$$

(23) Example: Flip a coin until you see the first head.

$$S = \{H, TH, TTH, \dots\}$$

Event E ; Stop before or at 4th trial = $\{H, TH, TTH, TTTH\}$

$$P(E) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{16}$$

(24) Example: A point is picked at random from a circle with radius r

$$S = \{(x, y) : x^2 + y^2 \leq R^2\}$$

Let $E = \{(x, y) : x^2 + y^2 \leq \frac{R^2}{4}\}$

$$\frac{R^2}{4} = \left(\frac{R}{2}\right)^2$$

$$P(E) = \frac{\text{Area}(E)}{\text{Area}(S)} = \frac{\pi \times \left(\frac{R}{2}\right)^2}{\pi \times R^2} = \frac{1}{4}$$

Probability

Let S be the sample space of a random experiment. Let P be a set function with the following probabilities:

Assumptions:

i) $P(E) \geq 0$

- ii) If E_1, E_2, \dots are disjoint ($E_i \cap E_j = \emptyset; i \neq j$) then $P(E_1 \cup E_2 \dots) = \sum_i P(E_i)$
- iii) $P(S) = 1$

Properties of P

1. $P(\emptyset) = 0$
 2. $P(A - B) = P(A) - P(A \cap B)$
 Note: $A - B = \{x | x \in A, x \notin B\}$
 $P((A - B) \cup (A \cap B)) = P(A)$
 $P(A - B) + P(A \cap B) = P(A)$
 $P(A - B) = P(A) - P(A \cap B)$
 3. If $A \subset B \rightarrow P(A) \leq P(B)$
 $B = A \cup (B - A)$
 $P(B) = P(A) + P(B - A) \geq P(A)$
 $\therefore P(A) \leq P(B)$
 4. $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$
 Proof:
 $A \cup B = A \cup (B - A)$
 $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B - A) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$
 5. $0 \leq P(E) \leq 1$
 If $\emptyset \subset E \subset S$
 $0 = P(\emptyset) \leq P(E) \leq P(S) = 1$
 $P(E') = 1 - P(E)$
- (25) Example: Union of 3 sets
 Let $B \cup C = D$
 $P(A \cup B \cup C) = P(A \cup D) = P(A) + P(D) - P(A \cap D)$
 $A \cap D = A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$
 $P(A \cap D) = P(A \cap B) + P(A \cap C) - P(A \cap B \cap C)$
 $\therefore P(A \cup B \cup C) = P(A) + P(B) + P(C) - P(B \cap C) - P(A \cap B) - P(A \cap C) + P(A \cap B \cap C)$

(26) Example: Union of 4 sets

$$\begin{aligned}
 &P(A \cup B \cup C \cup D) \\
 &= P(A) + P(B) + P(C) + P(D) - P(A \cap B) - P(A \cap C) - P(B \cap C) - \\
 &P(C \cap D) - P(A \cap D) - P(B \cap D) + P(A \cap B \cap C) + P(A \cap B \cap D) + P(A \cap \\
 &C \cap D) + P(B \cap C \cap D) - P(A \cap B \cap C \cap D)
 \end{aligned}$$

(27) Example: 100 different letters are sent to 100 different addresses at random. What is the probability that *at least* 1 letter reaches its designate address?

Hint: In questions, you can look for key phrases: *at least* suggests union, and *all* suggests intersection.

$E_i = i^{th}$ letter goes to the right address.

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(E_1 \cup E_2 \cup E_3 \cup \dots \cup E_{100}) &= P(E_1) + P(E_2) + \dots + P(E_{100}) - P(E_1 \cap E_2) - \\
 &P(E_1 \cap E_3) - \dots - P(E_99 \cap E_{100}) + P(E_1 \cap E_2 \cap E_3) + \dots - P(E_1 \cap \dots \cap E_{100})
 \end{aligned}$$

$$P(E_i) = \frac{1}{100}$$

$$i \neq j, P(E_i \cap E_j) = \frac{1}{100} \times \frac{1}{99}$$

$$P(E_i \cap E_j \cap E_k) = \frac{1}{100} \times \frac{1}{99} \times \frac{1}{98}$$

$$\rightarrow 100 * \left(\frac{1}{100}\right) - \binom{100}{2} * \frac{1}{100*99} + \binom{100}{3} * \frac{1}{100*99*98} - \dots$$

$$= 1 - \frac{1}{2!} + \frac{1}{3!} - \frac{1}{4!} + \dots - \frac{1}{100!}$$

$$= 1 - e^{-1} \text{ is the probability that 1 letter will reach the correct address.}$$

Conditional Probability

Let S be the sample space for a random experiment.

Let $B \subset S$ (B is an event)

Such that $P(B) > 0$

For any event A we define $P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$

(28) Example: A die is rolled. Let A = result is more than 4, let B = outcome is even.

Find $P(A|B)$

Solution:

- $A = \{5, 6\}$
- $B = \{2, 4, 6\}$

Given that you have a result in B , what are the chances that it is a result in A ? Since B has 2, 4, and 6, one third of the time, A will be met as well.

$$A \cap B = \{6\}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
P(A \cap B) &= \frac{1}{6} \\
P(B) &= \frac{3}{6} \\
P(A|B) &= \frac{\frac{1}{6}}{\frac{3}{6}} \\
&= \frac{1}{3}
\end{aligned}$$

Total Probability Rule

Total Probability Rule Let S be a sample space in a random experiment.

Let A be any event ($A \subset S$)

Also we assume $S = E_1 \cup E_2 \cup \dots \cup E_k$, such that E_i 's are disjoint.

$$\text{Then } P(A) = \sum_{i=1}^k P(A|E_i)P(E_i)$$

Proof $A \subset S$

$$A \cap S = A$$

$$A = A \cap (E_1 \cup E_2 \cup \dots \cup E_k)$$

$$= (A \cap E_1) \cup (A \cap E_2) \cup \dots \cup (A \cap E_k)$$

$$\therefore P(A) = P(A \cap E_1) + P(A \cap E_2) + \dots + P(A \cap E_k)$$

$$= \frac{P(A \cap E_1)}{P(E_1)}P(E_1) + \dots + \frac{P(A \cap E_k)}{P(E_k)}P(E_k)$$

$$= P(A|E_1)P(E_1) + \dots + P(A|E_k)P(E_k)$$

(29) Example (Polya): There are m white chips and n black chips in the box. You remove one chip from the box without looking at it, and it is put inside. A second chip is then drawn. What is the probability that the second chip is white?

Let $P(A)$ represent the probability that the 2nd chip is white.

Solution:

- $E_1 = 1^{\text{st}}$ chip is white
- $E_2 = 1^{\text{st}}$ chip is black.

$$P(A) = P(A|E_1)P(E_1) + P(A|E_2)P(E_2)$$

$$= \frac{m-1}{m+n-1} \times \frac{m}{m+n} + \frac{m}{m+n-1} \times \frac{n}{m+n}$$

$$= \frac{m}{m+n}$$

Slightly more explanation: Probability doesn't measure the physical characteristics of the box, it measures based on information that you have. Not knowing the first chip, the second chip, or the k chip, will not change the chance of the $k+1$'s chip.

- (30) Example: You have two boxes, both with m white chips and n black chips, and you take one random chip from the first box and place it in the second box. Now you take a random chip from the second box. What is the probability that this chip is white?

$E_1 = 1^{\text{st}}$ chip is white

$E_2 = 2^{\text{nd}}$ chip is black

$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{2nd chip is white}) &= P(A|E_1)P(E_1) + P(A|E_2)P(E_2) \\ &= \frac{m+1}{m+n+1} \times \frac{m}{m+n} + \frac{m}{m+n+1} \times \frac{n}{m+n} \\ &= \frac{m}{m+n} \end{aligned}$$

The total probability rule is useful for tangled experiments, it can help untangle them and find a simple solution.

- (31) Example: You roll a die. You now flip a coin the number of times given by the die. What is the probability that no heads were flipped?

$P(\text{no heads}) = ?$

- $E_1 = \text{Die is 1}$
- $E_2 = \text{Die is 2}$
- $E_3 = \text{Die is 3}$
- $E_4 = \text{Die is 4}$
- $E_5 = \text{Die is 5}$
- $E_6 = \text{Die is 6}$

$A = \text{no heads}$

$$P(A) = P(A|E_1)P(E_1) + \dots + P(A|E_6)P(E_6)$$

$$P(A|E_1) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$P(A|E_2) = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$P(A|E_3) = \frac{1}{8}$$

$$P(A|E_4) = \frac{1}{16}$$

$$P(A|E_5) = \frac{1}{32}$$

$$P(A|E_6) = \frac{1}{64}$$

$$P(E_i) = \frac{1}{6} \text{ where } 1 \leq i \leq 6$$

$$P(A) = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{6} + \dots + \frac{1}{64} \times \frac{1}{6}$$

Baye's Rule

Baye's Rule Let S be the sample space and $S = E_1 \cup \dots \cup E_k$; E_i 's disjoint and $A \subset C$

$$P(E_1|A) = \frac{P(A|E_1)P(E_1)}{\sum_k P(A|E_k)P(E_k)}$$

Proof:

$$P(E_1|A) = \frac{(P(A \cap E_1)/P(E_1))P(E_1)}{P(A)}$$

$$P(E_1|A) = \frac{P(A|E_1)P(E_1)}{\sum_k P(A|E_k)P(E_k)}$$

(32) In a transmission system, you send either 0 or 1. Let $P(\{0\}) = P(\{1\}) = 0.5$

Trans	Receive
0	0
1	1

$$P[Rec0|Send0] = 0.99$$

$$P[Rec1|Send1] = 0.95$$

$$P[1 \text{ was sent} | Rec1]$$

$$E_1 = \text{send 1}$$

$$E_2 = \text{send 0}$$

$$A = \text{Receive 1}$$

Applying the base rule:

$$P(E_1|A) = \frac{P(A|E_1)P(E_1)}{P(A|E_1)P(E_1) + P(A|E_2)P(E_2)}$$

$$= \frac{.95 \times .5}{.95 \times .5 + .01 \times .5}$$

$$\therefore = \frac{95}{96}$$

(33) Example: 0.01 of people in a population have a certain disease.

$$P(+|sick) = 0.98$$

$$P(-|healthy) = 0.99$$

$$P(sick|+) = ?$$

$$E_1 = sick$$

$$E_2 = healthy$$

$$A = \text{test is +}$$

$$P(E_1|A) = \frac{P(A|E_1)P(E_1)}{P(A|E_1)P(E_1)+P(A|E_2)P(E_2)}$$

$$\frac{.98 \times .01}{.98 \times .01 + .01 \times .99} = \frac{.98}{.98 + .99}$$

Practice Midterm Questions

- (34) There are 5 components connected on a circuit. To get from component 1 to 5, you may take paths through components 2-3 or just component 4.

The components have a certain percentage of chance that they will work:

- 1: 0.5
- 2: 0.8
- 3: 0.7
- 4: 0.5
- 5: 0.5

What is the chance that the entire system functions?

$A_i = i^{\text{th}}$ component works, $i=1,2,3,4,5$

Independence Two events A and B are independent if

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

$$\begin{aligned} &P(A_1 \cap ((A_2 \cap A_3) \cup A_4) \cap A_5) \\ &= P(A_1)P(A_5)P((A_2 \cap A_3) \cup A_4) \\ &= .5 \times .5(P(A_2 \cap A_3) + P(A_4) - P(A_2 \cap A_3 \cap A_4)) \\ &= .5 \times .5((.8)(.7) + 0.5 - .8 \times .7 \times .5) \\ &= 0.195 \end{aligned}$$

To get the probability of none of them working, you'd take the complement of P(none of them work).

- (35) Here is a table showing the income of 1000 families.

Income table	Husband ($\leq 30,000$)	Husband ($> 30,000$)	Wife total
Wife ($\leq \$30,000$)	425	400	825
Wife ($> \$30,000$)	65	110	175
Husband Total:	490	510	1000 families

What is the probability that a husband makes $>30,000$ if his wife makes $>30,000$?

$$\begin{aligned}
& P(\text{husband} > 30,000 | \text{wife} > 30,000) \\
&= \frac{P(\text{husband} > 30k \cap \text{wife} > 30k)}{P(\text{wife} > 30k)} \\
&= \frac{\frac{110}{1000}}{\frac{175}{1000}} \\
&= \frac{110}{175}
\end{aligned}$$

What is the probability that a husband makes more than 30k?

$$P(\text{husband} > 30k) = \frac{510}{1000}$$

- (36) The probability of pipe welds being defective is 0.02. The probability of them being good is 0.98. A device for checking the weld defects has a probability of working on defective welds of 0.90. The device also sends a bad signal on a good weld 5% of the time.

- $P(\text{Defective}) = 0.02$
- $P(\text{Good}) = 0.98$
- $P(\text{signal is sent} | \text{Defective}) = 0.90$
- $P(\text{signal is sent} | \text{Good}) = 0.05$
- $P(\text{Defective} | \text{Signal is received}) = ?$

This is using Baye's Rule.

- $E_1 = \text{Defective}$
- $E_2 = \text{Good}$
- $A = \text{signal is received}$
- $P(E_1 | A) = ?$

Solution

$$\begin{aligned}
P(E_1 | A) &= \frac{P(A | E_1)P(E_1)}{P(A | E_1)P(E_1) + P(A | E_2)P(E_2)} \\
&= \frac{.9 \times .02}{0.9 \times 0.02 + 0.05 \times 0.98} \\
&= 0.27
\end{aligned}$$

- (37) Let A and B two events.

- $P(A) = 0.3$
- $P(B) = 0.5$
- $P(A \cup B) = 0.65$

Is A independent from B?

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

$$0.65 = 0.3 + 0.5 - P(A \cap B)$$

$$P(A \cap B) = 0.15$$

$$P(A)P(B) = 0.15$$

Since $P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B)$, **A and B are independent**

Find $P(A' \cup B') = P(A') + P(B') - P(A' \cap B')$

$$= 0.7 + 0.5 - (0.7)(0.5)$$

$$= 0.85$$

DeMorgan's Law

$$(A \cup B)' = A' \cap B'$$

$$(A \cap B)' = A' \cup B'$$

$$P(A' \cup B') = P[(A \cap B)'] = 1 - P(A \cap B) = 1 - 0.15 = 0.85$$

Chapter 3 - Discrete Random Variables

Discrete Random Variables

Discrete Random Variables In a random experiment with a sample space S , we map members of S to real numbers.

$$S \rightarrow R$$

w = outcome in S

(38) Roll two dice. What is the probability of their added outcomes?

$$S = \{(x, y) : x = 1, 2, \dots, 6, y = 1, 2, \dots, 6\}$$

$$\#(S) = 36$$

$$X(x, y) = x + y$$

$$X \in \{2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12\}$$

x	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
$\frac{P(X=x)}{36}$	1	2	3	4	5	6	5	4	3	2	1

(39) In a box containing 10 items there are two defective items.

#	Condition
8	Good
2	Defective

Draw two items at random from this box without replacement.

Let $x = \#$ of defective items in the sample of two items.

Therefore, $X \in \{0, 1, 2\}$

Find $P(x = 0)$, $P(x = 1)$, $P(x = 2)$

Solution:

$$P(x = 0) = \frac{\binom{8}{2}}{\binom{10}{2}} = \frac{28}{45}$$

$$P(x = 1) = \frac{\binom{8}{1} \times \binom{2}{1}}{\binom{10}{2}} = \frac{16}{45}$$

$$P(x = 2) = \frac{\binom{2}{2}}{\binom{10}{2}} = \frac{1}{45}$$

x	0	1	2
$f(x) = P(X = x)$	$\frac{28}{45}$	$\frac{16}{45}$	$\frac{1}{45}$

Note that all the probabilities add up to 1. $f(x)$ is called the probability mass function for the random variable X.

Expected Value (mean)

Expected Value (mean): $E(X) = \sum_i x_i f(x_i) = \mu$

$$\mu = 0 * \frac{28}{45} + 1 * \frac{16}{45} + 2 * \frac{1}{45} = \frac{18}{45} = \frac{6}{15} = \frac{2}{5} = 0.4$$

Variance and Standard Deviation

$$E(X - \mu)^2 = \sigma^2$$

$$\sqrt{E(X - \mu)^2} = \sigma = S.D$$

So using the numbers from example (39):

$$\sigma^2 = E(X - \mu)^2 = \sum_x (x - \mu)^2 f(x)$$

$$= (0 - 0.4)^2 \left(\frac{28}{45}\right) + (1 - 0.4)^2 \left(\frac{16}{45}\right) + (2 - 0.4)^2 \left(\frac{1}{45}\right)$$

(40) Example: Mean and Variance

x	$f(x)$
0	0.18
1	0.34
2	0.33
4	0.15

$$\begin{aligned}
E(X) &= \mu = 0(0.18) + 1(0.34) + 2(0.33) + 4(0.15) \\
&= 0.34 + 0.66 + 0.6 = 1.6 \\
\sigma^2 &= (0 - 1.6)^2(0.18) + (1 - 1.6)^2(0.34) + (2 - 1.6)^2(0.33) + (4 - 1.6)^2(0.15)
\end{aligned}$$

Properties of Probability Mass Function

- i) $f(x) \geq 0$
- ii) $\sum_x f(x) = 1$

(41) Let X be a discrete random variable with the probability mass function $f(x)$ given below.

x	0	1	2
$f(x)$	C	$2C$	$3C$

Find $E(X)$, σ^2 , $P(X \geq \mu + \sigma)$

Solution:

$$C + 2C + 3C = 1$$

$$C = \frac{1}{6}$$

x	0	1	2
$f(x)$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{2}{6}$	$\frac{3}{6}$

$$\begin{aligned}
E(X) &= 0\left(\frac{1}{6}\right) + 1\left(\frac{2}{6}\right) + 2\left(\frac{3}{6}\right) = \frac{2}{6} + \frac{6}{6} = \frac{8}{6} = \frac{4}{3} \\
\sigma^2 &= \left(0 - \frac{4}{3}\right)^2 + \left(1 - \frac{4}{3}\right)^2 + \left(2 - \frac{4}{3}\right)^2 \left(\frac{3}{6}\right) \\
&= \frac{16}{9} \times \frac{1}{6} + \left(\frac{1}{9}\right)\left(\frac{2}{6}\right) + \left(\frac{4}{9}\right)\left(\frac{3}{6}\right) = \frac{16}{54} + \frac{2}{54} + \frac{12}{54} = \frac{30}{54} = \frac{5}{9} \\
\sigma &= \frac{\sqrt{5}}{3}
\end{aligned}$$

$$P(x \geq \mu + \sigma) = P(x \geq \frac{4}{3} + \frac{\sqrt{5}}{3}) = 0$$

Properties for mu (μ) and sigma squared (σ^2)

1) $\sigma^2 = E(x^2) - (E(x))^2$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} E(X - \mu)^2 &= E[x^2 + \mu^2 - 2\mu x] \\ &= \sum_x (x^2 + \mu^2 - 2\mu x)f(x) \\ &= \sum_x x^2 f(x) + \sum_x \mu^2 f(x) - \sum_x 2\mu x f(x) \\ &= E(x^2) + \mu^2 \sum_x f(x) - 2\mu \sum_x x f(x) \\ &= E(x^2) + \mu^2 - 2\mu * \mu \\ &= E(x^2) - \mu^2 \end{aligned}$$

(42) Flip a coin 3 times

Let x=# of heads

Find $E(x)$, σ^2 , σ

Solution:

$\{HHH, HHT, HTH, THH, TTH, THT, HTT, TTT\}$

x	0	1	2	3
$P(x = x)$	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{1}{8}$

$$\begin{aligned} E(X) &= \mu \\ &= 0\frac{1}{8} + 1\frac{3}{8} + 2\frac{3}{8} + 3\frac{1}{8} \\ &= 1.5 \\ E(x^2) &= 0^2\frac{1}{8} + 1^2\frac{3}{8} + 2^2\frac{3}{8} + 3^2\frac{1}{8} = \frac{3}{8} + \frac{12}{8} + \frac{9}{8} = \frac{24}{8} = 3 \\ \sigma^2 &= E(x^2) - \mu^2 = 3 - 1.5^2 = 3 - 2.25 = 0.75 \\ \sigma &= \sqrt{0.75} \end{aligned}$$

Cumulative Distribution Function

Cumulative Distribution Function Let x be a random variable with probability mass function f(x),

$$F(x) = P(X \leq x) = \sum_{t \leq x} f(t)$$

Note, given F you can find f . There is a one-to-one relationship. $F \leftrightarrow f$

(43) In example (42), find the cumulative distribution function.

Solution:

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

$P(X \leq x)$	x
0	$x < 0$
$\frac{1}{8}$	$0 \leq x < 1$
$\frac{4}{8}$	$1 \leq x < 2$
$\frac{7}{8}$	$2 \leq x < 3$
$\frac{8}{8}$	$3 \leq x$

(44) Find the relevant probabilities.

$$F_x(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x < 0 \\ 0.17 & \text{if } 0 \leq x < 1 \\ 0.4 & \text{if } 1 \leq x < 2 \\ 0.59 & \text{if } 2 \leq x < 3 \\ 0.72 & \text{if } 3 \leq x < 4 \\ 0.8 & \text{if } 4 \leq x < 5 \\ 1 & \text{if } x \geq 5 \end{cases}$$

$$F(3) = P(x \leq 3) = 0.72$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(2 < x \leq 3) &= F(3) - F(2) \\ &= 0.72 - 0.59 \\ &= 0.13 \end{aligned}$$

$$P(0 < x < 0.75) = \text{total amount of jumps in } F = 0$$

Solution: Write PMF:

$$f(x) = P(X = x)$$

x	0	1	2	3	4	5
$f(x)$	0.17	0.23	0.19	0.13	0.08	0.2

$$E(x) = \sum_x x f(x) = 0 \times 0.17 + 1 \times 0.23 + 2 \times 0.19 + 3 \times 0.13 + 4 \times 0.08 + 5 \times 0.2$$

$$= 2.23$$

Okay, what about σ^2 ?

$$\begin{aligned}
E(x^2) &= \sum x^2 f(x) \\
&= 0^2 \times 0.17 + 1^2 \times 0.23 + 2^2 \times 0.19 + 3^2 \times 0.13 + 4^2 \times 0.08 + 5^2 \times 0.2 \\
&= 8.44
\end{aligned}$$

Uniform Distance on Finite Sets

Uniform Distance on Finite Sets If x is a discrete random variable uniformly distributed on $\{1, 2, \dots, k\}$, a die with k sides is rolled.

$$P(X = x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{k} & x = 1, 2, \dots, k \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

What is the average of x ?

$$E(x) = \frac{k+1}{2} \text{ which is equivalent to } E(x) = \sum_x x f(x)$$

What is the variance of x ?

$$\begin{aligned}
\sigma^2 &= E(x^2) - (E(x))^2 \\
&= E(x^2) - \left(\frac{k+1}{2}\right)^2
\end{aligned}$$

$$E(x^2) = \frac{1^2 + 2^2 + \dots + k^2}{k}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n [(i+1)^3 - i^3] = (2^3 - 1^3) + (3^3 - 2^3) + \dots + ((n+1)^3 - n^3)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n [(i+1)^3 - i^3] = (n+1)^3 - 1$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n [i^3 + 3i^2 + 3i + 1 - i^3] = 3 \sum_{i=1}^n i^2 + 3 \sum_{i=1}^n i$$

$$3 \sum_{i=1}^n i^2 + 3 \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + n$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n = \frac{(n+1)^3 - 1 - \frac{3n(n+1)}{2} - n}{3} = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$$

$$E(x^2) = \frac{1^2 + \dots + k^2}{k} = \frac{\frac{k(k+1)(2k+1)}{6}}{k} = \frac{(k+1)(2k+1)}{6}$$

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{(k+1)(2k+1)}{6} - \frac{(k+1)^2}{4} = \frac{k^2-1}{12} = \sigma^2$$

Bernoulli's Trials

Bernoulli's Trials Let $S = \{0, 1\}$, where 0 is failure, and 1 is success.

$$P(x = 1) = p, P(x = 0) = 1 - p = q$$

Probability mass function for Bernoulli's random variable.

x	0	1
$f(x)$	1-p	p

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} p^x(1-p)^{1-x} & x = 0, 1 \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

We have $E(x) = 0(1-p) + 1 \times p = p$

$$E(x^2) = 0^2 \times (1-p) + 1^2 \times p = p$$

$$\sigma^2 = p - p^2 = p(1-p)$$

Binomial Distribution

Binomial Distribution Repeat Bernoulli's experiment independently n times.

$Y = \#$ of successes in n trials.

$$Y = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$$

$$E(Y) = E(x_1 + \dots + x_n) = E(x_1) + \dots + E(x_n) = np$$

Probability mass function for Y :

$$P(y=k) = ?$$

$$k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$$

What is the chance that you experience k successes?

That means that you have k successes, and $n-k$ successes.

$$\begin{aligned} P(Y = k) &= \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} p^k (1-p)^{n-k} \\ &= \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k} \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n \end{aligned}$$

- (45) In a multiple choice test, each question has 5 possible answers, but only one is correct. If the test has 10 questions, what is the probability that a student who answers questions at random scores:

For this example, you may use the table at pages 739-741 in the textbook.

i) %80 or more?

$$n=10 \text{ (10 questions)}$$

$$p=0.2 \text{ (chance of getting it right at random)}$$

$$q=0.8 \text{ (chance of getting it wrong at random)}$$

$$P(Y \geq 8) = P(Y = 8) + P(Y = 9) + P(Y = 10)$$

$$= \binom{10}{8} 0.2^8 0.8^2 + \binom{10}{9} 0.2^9 0.8^1 + \binom{10}{10} 0.2^{10}$$

$$= 1 - P(Y \leq 7)$$

$$1 - 0.999 = 0.001$$

ii) %50 or more?

$$P(Y \geq 5) = 1 - P(Y \leq 4) = 1 - 0.9672 = 0.0328$$

iii) Exactly %10?

$$= \binom{10}{1} 0.2^1 0.8^9$$

Result If X and Y are independent,

$$1) \text{Var}(x \pm y) = \text{Var}(x) + \text{Var}(y)$$

$$2) \text{Var}(cX) = c^2 \text{Var}(x)$$

$$E[(cX)^2] - (E(cX))^2 = c^2 E(x^2) - c^2 (E(x))^2 = c^2 \sigma^2$$

Geometric Distribution

Geometric Distribution In a sequence of Bernoulli's trials, let X = # of trials we need to have to see the first success.

$$P(\{S\}) = p, X \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots\} \quad P(\{F\}) = q = 1 - p, P(X = k) = P(FF \dots FS) = pq^{k-1}$$

k	1	2	3	4	...
$P(X = k)$	p	pq	pq^2	pq^3	...

Notice that if $S = 1 + q + q^2 + \dots$

$$qS = q + q^2 + q^3 + \dots$$

$$S - qS = 1$$

$$S(1 - q) = 1$$

$$S = \frac{1}{1-q} = \frac{1}{p}$$

(46) The probability of manufacturing a defective item is $p = 0.05$. Find:

i) The probability that the fifth manufactured item is the first defective item.

Solution:

- $p = 0.05$

- $q = 0.95 \therefore P(X = 5) = 0.95^4 \times 0.05$

ii) The probability that the first defective item appears at or after 10th manufactured item.

Solution:

$$P(X \geq 10) = 1 - P(X \leq 9) = pq^9 + pq^{10} + pq^{11} + \dots$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= pq^9(1 + q + q^2 + \dots) \\
&= \frac{pq^9}{p} = q^9 = 0.95^9
\end{aligned}$$

- iii) Given that the first ten produced items are not defective, what is the probability that the fifteenth manufactured item is defective?

Solution:

$$P(x = 15 | x \geq 11) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} = \frac{P(x=15)}{P(x \geq 11)} = \frac{pq^{14}}{q^{10}} = pq^4 = (0.05)(0.95)^4$$

$$\{15\} = \{15\} \cap \{11, 12, 13, \dots\}$$

\therefore It's the same as the solution to i), because the tests are independent.

Finding Expected Value and Variance for Geometric Distance

We know that $P(X = k) = pq^{k-1}$ $k = 1, 2, \dots$

$$E(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k pq^{k-1} = P[1 + 2q + 3q^2 + 4q^3 + \dots]$$

$$= p \frac{d}{dq} \left(\frac{1}{1-q} \right) = p \frac{1}{(1-q)^2} = \frac{1}{p}$$

$$E[x(x-1)] = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k(k-1) pq^{k-1} = \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k(k-1) pq^{k-1}$$

$$= pq \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k(k-1) q^{k-1} = pq[2 \times 1 + 3 \times 2q + 4 \times 3 \times q^2 + \dots]$$

$$= pq \frac{d}{dq} \frac{1}{(1-q)^2}$$

$$= pq \frac{2(1-q)}{(1-q)^4} = 2pq \frac{1}{(1-q)^3} = \frac{2pq}{p^3} = \frac{2q}{p^2}$$

$$E(x) = \frac{1}{p}$$

$$E(x^2) - E(x) = \frac{2q}{p^2}$$

$$E(x^2) = \frac{2q}{p^2} + \frac{1}{p}$$

$$E(x^2) - (E(x))^2 = \frac{2q}{p^2} + \frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{p^2} = \frac{2q+p-1}{p^2} = \frac{q+q+p-1}{p^2} = \frac{q}{p^2}$$

Bertrand Paradox

Is this even a paradox?

Take a game, where you flip a coin and you get the number of dollars back, doubling for each successful tails, according to this table:

H	TH	TTH	TTTH	TTTTH	...
1	2	4	8	16	...

What is the expected pay for the game?

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \times 1 + \frac{1}{4} \times 2 + \frac{1}{8} \times 4 + \frac{1}{16} \times 8 + \dots &= E(\text{prize}) \\ = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} + \dots &= \infty \end{aligned}$$

Idea: Let's say there's a millionaire who won't pay more than 2^{30} rolls.

H	TH	TTH	TTTH	TTTTH	...	$T^{30}H$	$T^{30}H$...
1	2	4	2^3	2^4	...	2^{30}	2^{30}	...

$$\begin{aligned} E(\text{prize}) &= 1 \times \frac{1}{2} + 2 \times \frac{1}{4} + 4 \times \frac{1}{8} + \dots + 2^{30} \times \frac{1}{2^{31}} + 2^{30} \left(\frac{1}{2^{32}} + \frac{1}{33} + \dots \right) \\ &= 15 + 2^{30} \times \frac{1}{2^{32}} \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \dots \right) \\ &= 15 + \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{1}{1-\frac{1}{2}} \right) \\ &= 15.5 \end{aligned}$$

Negative Binomial Distribution

In Bernoulli's trials, let $x = \#$ of trials to see the r^{th} success.

$k = r, r+1, r+2, \dots$

$$\begin{aligned} P(x = k) &= \binom{k-1}{r-1} p^{r-1} q^{k-1} p \\ &= \binom{k-1}{r-1} p^r q^{k-1}, \text{ where } k = r, r+1, \dots \end{aligned}$$

$Y_1 = \#$ of trials to see the first success.

$Y_2 = \#$ of trials to see the second success after you see the first success.

...

Y_r

$$x = Y_1 + Y_2 + \dots + Y_r$$

$$E(x) = \frac{r}{p}, \text{ var}(x) = \frac{r(q)}{p^2}$$

Poisson Distribution

In Bernoulli's trials with n experiments $P=P(\{S\})$, let $np = \lambda$ we can write:

$$P(X = k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} (\lambda/n)^k (1 - (\lambda/n))^{n-k}$$

There is a break here because I was late for class.

$$P(X = k) \rightarrow \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^k}{k!} = g(k)$$

$$k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

(47) Is $g(k) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^k}{k!}$ a proper probability mass function?

$$k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

(a) Notice that $e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} \geq 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(b) } 1 &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} = e^{-\lambda} \left(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} \right) \\ &= e^{-\lambda} e^{\lambda} = e^0 = 1 \end{aligned}$$

Mean and Variance for Poisson Distribution

$$\text{Mean: } E(x) = \mu = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} k \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^k}{k!} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^k}{(k-1)!}$$

$$\lambda \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^{k-1}}{(k-1)!} = \lambda \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^k}{k!} = \lambda$$

Variance for a Poisson Distribution

$$E[E(x-1)] = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} k(k-1) \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^k}{k!} = \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k(k-1) \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^k}{k!} = 1$$

$$E(x(x-1)) = \lambda^2 = E(x^2) - E(x) \rightarrow E(x^2) = \lambda^2 + \lambda$$

$$\sigma^2 = \text{Var}(x) = E(x^2) - (E(x))^2 = \lambda^2 + \lambda - \lambda^2 = \lambda$$

Traffic

Between time 0 and time t, you want to know how many customers will arrive.

$N(t)$ = #customers arrive in $[0, t]$.

$P[N(t) = k] = ?$

We are going to divide the time into sub-intervals that are very small, so that P becomes smaller.

Conversely, because there are so many sub intervals, n is very large.

$$P[N(t) = k] = \frac{e^{-\lambda t} (\lambda t)^k}{k!}$$

(48) A 911 agent receives 5 calls/hour.

- i) Calculate the probability that she receives 2 calls or more in 30 minutes.

In 30 minutes, $\lambda = 2.5$ (average # calls per 30 minutes)

$$P(x \geq 2) = 1 - P(x = 0) - P(x = 1) = 1 - \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^0}{0!} - \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^1}{1!}$$

- ii) Find the probability that the agent is occupied more than average in the next 3 hours.

$\lambda = 15$

$$P(x > 15) = 1 - P(x \leq 15) = 1 - \sum_{k=0}^{15} 5e^{-15} \frac{15^k}{k!}$$

Hypergeometric Distribution

(49) From a regular deck of cards (52 cards), 5 cards are drawn at random.

- i) Find the probability that you have 3 aces.

How many ways can you draw 5 cards from 52 cards?

$$\frac{\binom{4}{3} \binom{48}{2}}{\binom{52}{5}}$$

- ii) Find the probability that all of them are the same suit.

$$\frac{\binom{13}{5} \times 4}{\binom{52}{5}}$$

- iii) Find the probability that you have 4 Kings.

$$\frac{\binom{4}{4} \times \binom{48}{1}}{\binom{52}{5}}$$

- (50) You have a box with m white chips and n black chips. You pick out k . What is the probability that $X = x$?

$x = \#$ white chips

$$P(X = x) = \frac{\binom{M}{x} \binom{N}{k-x}}{\binom{m+n}{k}}$$

In the same model, if we replace each chip after noticing the color...

$$P(X = x) = \binom{k}{x} \frac{m}{m+n}$$

Continuous Random Variables

Continuous Random Variables If a random experiment takes many values in an interval then we need to define continuous random variable.

Examples are:

1. Height of a randomly selected student.
2. Age of a person who is diagnosed with skin cancer.
3. The temperature of a certain futures date.

- (51) A point is picked at random from a circle of radius R . Let $D =$ the distance of the selected point to the center.

$$S = (x, y) : x^2 + y^2 \leq R^2$$

$$D = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}, D \in [0, R]$$

$$P[D \leq x] = F(x)$$

F is the cumulative distribution function for random variable D .

$$P[D \leq x] = P[(x, y) : x^2 + y^2 \leq x^2] = \frac{\pi x^2}{\pi R^2} = F(x)$$

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x < 0 \\ \frac{x^2}{R^2} & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq R \\ 1 & \text{if } x \geq R \end{cases}$$

Continuous Type A random variable x is of continuous type if its cumulative distribution function, $F(x) = P[X \leq x]$, is continuous everywhere.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} F(x) = F(a)$$

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} F(x) = 2$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} F(x) = 2$$

$$F(0) = 0$$

Definition If x is a continuous random variable with a differentiable cumulative distribution function F , then $f(x) = F'(x)$ is called the probability density function for the random variable X .

Properties:

- i) $f(x) \geq 0$ because F is nondecreasing.
- ii) $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x)dx = 1$
 $F(x) = P(X \leq x)$
 $F(+\infty) = P(X \leq \infty) = 1$
 $F(-\infty) = P(x \leq -\infty) = 0$
 $P(a < X \leq b) = P(X \leq b) - P(X \leq a) = F(b) - F(a)$
 $P(-\infty < x < +\infty) = F(\infty) - F(-\infty) = 1$
 $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F'(x)dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(x)dx = 1$

(52) Let X be a random variable with the probability density function:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} kx^2 & \text{if } 0 < x < 1 \\ 0 & \text{if elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

i) Find k

$$\text{Since } 1 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x)dx = \int_0^1 kx^2 dx = 1$$

$$\$k \frac{x^3}{3} \Big|_0^1 = k(1/3 - 0) = k/3 = 1 \rightarrow k=3\$$$

ii) Find $P(1/2 < x < 2/3)$

$$= \int_{1/2}^{2/3} 3x^2 dx = x^3 \Big|_{1/2}^{2/3} = \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)$$

Professor was moving too fast here, and therefore ii) is incomplete

iii) Find $E(x)$ and σ^2

$$E(x - \mu)^2 = E(x^2) - \mu^2$$

$$E(x^2) = \int_0^1 x^2(3x^2)dx = \frac{3}{5}$$

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{3}{5} - \frac{9}{16} = \frac{48-45}{80} = \frac{3}{80}$$

iv) Find cumulative distribution function.

$$F(x) = P(X \leq x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x < 0 \\ \int_0^x 3t^2 dt & \text{if } 0 < x < 1 \\ 1 & \text{if } x \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x < 0 \\ x^3 & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 1 & \text{if } x \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\int_0^x 3t^2 dt = t^3 \Big|_0^x = x^3$$

*Few notes and remarks for continuous random variables.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{i) } P(X = a) &= \int_a^a f(x)dx = 0 \\ P(2 < X < 3) &= P(2 \leq X < 3) = P(2 \leq X \leq 3) \end{aligned}$$

In continuous, the chance of getting the EXACTLY same result twice is 0. Someone will not die at EXACTLY 71, because a millisecond before or after is also possible. Therefore you can drop or add “or equal to” on the ranges.

- ii) $P(a \leq X \leq b) = F(b) - F(a)$
- iii) $f(x)$ (probability density functions) can also take values larger than one, unlike continuous distribution functions.

(53) Uniform distribution example.

If x has a constant probability density functions on $[a,b]$, we denote:

$X \text{ Unif}[a, b]$ (x has a uniform distribution on a to b , meaning it is constant.)

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} c & \text{if } a \leq x \leq b \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

We can calculate c by noticing that:

$$1 = \int_a^b c dx = cx|_a^b = cb - ca = 1 \rightarrow C = \frac{1}{b-a}$$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a} & \text{if } a \leq x \leq b \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

$$E(x) = \int_a^b \frac{1}{b-a} x dx = \frac{x^2}{2(b-a)}|_a^b = \frac{a+b}{2}$$

$$E(x^2) = \int_a^b \frac{x^2}{b-a} dx = \frac{1}{b-a} (b^3/3 - a^3/3) = \frac{a^2+b^2+ab}{3}$$

$$\sigma^2 = E(x^2) - (\frac{a+b}{2})^2 = \frac{(b-a)^2}{12}$$

(54) Pick a point from $[a,b]$ at random. Call the point you picked X . With uniform density,

$$P(X \leq x) = \frac{x-a}{b-a} = F(x) \text{ where } a \leq x \leq b$$

$$F(x) = \int_a^x \frac{dt}{b-a} \rightarrow f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a} & a \leq x \leq b \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

$$E(x) = \int_a^b x f(x) dx = \int_a^b \frac{x}{b-a} dx = \frac{x^2}{2(b-a)}|_a^b = \frac{b^2-a^2}{2(b-a)} = \frac{b+a}{2}$$

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

$$E(X^2) = \int_a^b x^2 \frac{1}{b-a} dx = \frac{x^3}{3(b-a)}|_a^b = \frac{b^3-a^3}{3(b-a)} = \frac{a^2+b^2+ab}{3}$$

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{a^2+b^2+ab}{3} - (\frac{a+b}{2})^2 = \frac{4a^2+4b^2+4ab-3(a+b)^2}{12} = \frac{a^2+b^2-2ab}{12}$$

- (55) A student leaves home between 8 and 8:30am with uniform distribution. It takes between 30 and 40 minutes, uniformly, to arrive at school.

X = The departure time $\sim u[8,8.5]$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{0.5} & \text{if } 8 \leq x \leq 8.5 \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

Y = the amount of time it takes to arrive at school.

$$g(y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2/3-1/2} & \text{if } 1/2 < y < 2/3 \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

$$g(y) = \begin{cases} 6 & \text{if } 1/2 < y < 2/3 \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

- i) **Find the mean and variance of the arrival time. X and Y are independent.**

$$\begin{aligned} E(X + Y) &= E(X) + E(Y) = 8.25 + \frac{1/2+2/3}{2} \\ &= 8.25 + \frac{7}{12} \\ &= 8.25 + 0.583 \\ &= 8.833 \\ &\approx 8.50am \end{aligned}$$

$$Var(X + Y) = Var(X) + Var(Y)$$

$$Var(X) = \frac{(b-a)^2}{12} = \frac{0.5^2}{12} = \frac{1}{48}$$

$$Var(Y) = \frac{(2/3-1/2)^2}{12} = \frac{1}{12 \times 36}$$

$$Var(X + Y) = \frac{1}{48} + \frac{1}{12 \times 36}$$

- ii) **If a student leaves home between 8-8:30am in 5 days in a row, what is the probability that he leaves home after 8:15am at least 3 of those days?**

$P(\text{leaving home after 8:15am})$

$$q = 0.5$$

$$n = 5$$

$$\int_8^{8.25} .25^x .5 \frac{1}{0.5} dx = 0.5$$

T = # days he leaves after 8:15am in 5 different days.

$$\begin{aligned} P(T \geq 3) &= \binom{5}{3} \frac{1}{2}^3 \frac{1}{2}^2 + \binom{5}{4} \frac{1}{2}^4 \frac{1}{2} + \binom{5}{5} \frac{1}{2}^5 \\ &= \frac{10}{32} + \frac{5}{32} + \frac{1}{32} = \frac{16}{32} = \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Gaussian (Normal) Distribution

Flip 3 coins:

x	0	1	2	3
$P(X = x)$	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{1}{8}$

Flip 4 coins:

x	0	1	2	3	4
$P(X = x)$	$\frac{1}{16}$	$\frac{4}{16}$	$\frac{6}{16}$	$\frac{4}{16}$	$\frac{1}{16}$

Flip 5 coins:

x	0	1	2	3	4	5
$P(X = x)$	$\frac{1}{32}$	$\frac{5}{32}$	$\frac{10}{32}$	$\frac{10}{32}$	$\frac{5}{32}$	$\frac{1}{32}$

Notice the numbers from pascal's triangle.

Define: $f(z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-z^2/2}$ $z \in R$

- f is symmetrical around zero.
- $f(z) \rightarrow 0$ as $z \rightarrow \pm\infty$
- f(0) is the largest value of f.
- $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(z) dz = 1$

So, f is a probability density function. This is called the standard normal distribution.

See pages 742-743.

$$P(Z \leq 2)$$

$$P(-2 \leq Z \leq 1.4)$$

$$P(-1.645 \leq Z \leq 1.645)$$

Expected Value and Variance of Gaussian Distribution

$$E(Z) = 0$$

$$E(Z^2) = 1$$