

# Probability.

frequency

classical - equally likely outcomes.

subjective

## Experiments and Events.

set  $S$  - set of all outcomes of an experiment.

event is a subset of  $S$

union / intersection / complement

$A \cup B$

$A \cap B$

$A^c$

counting.

$$P(A) = \frac{\# \text{ favourable outcomes}}{\# \text{ outcomes.}}$$

$$= \frac{\# \text{ elements of } S \text{ that are in the event } A}{\# \text{ elements of } S.}$$



$\rightarrow n_1 \times n_2 \times n_3$  possibilities.

$$\binom{n}{k}$$

# ways of choosing  $k$  items out of  $n$   
where order does not matter.

Sample

matter

doesn't matter,

with replacement

$n^k$

$$\binom{n+k-1}{k}$$

without replacement

$n(n-1)\dots(n-k+1)$

$$\binom{n}{k}$$

### Non-niave Definition

$S$  - sample space

$P$  - function that takes an event  $A \subseteq S$   
and returns  $P(A) \in [0, 1]$

$$P(\emptyset) = 0$$

$$P(S) = 1$$

$$P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A_i) \quad \text{if } A_i \text{ are disjoint}$$

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

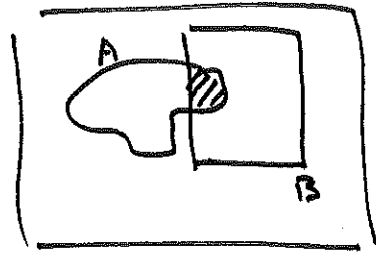
inclusion - exclusion

### Independence

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B) \quad \text{if } A, B \text{ independent.}$$

## conditional Probability

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A, B)}{P(B)}$$



$$P(A, B) = P(A|B)P(B) \\ P(B|A)P(A)$$

Independence: if  $P(A|B)$  doesn't depend on B, then A, B are independent

$$\sum_b P(A, B) = P(A) \quad \text{Marginalization}$$

$$\sum_b P(A|B)P(B) = P(A) \quad \text{LOTP}$$

## Bayes Theorem.

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

The denominator is often found using LOTP.

## Random Variables.

Function from Sample Space  $\rightarrow$  Real Line.

RV  $X$

realization  $x$

$$X \sim \text{Binomial}(n, p) \quad \underbrace{P(X=k | n, p) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}}_{\text{PMF.}}$$

CDF event  $X \leq x$

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

$$P(X \leq x, Y \leq y) = P(X \leq x)P(Y \leq y) \quad \text{-independence.}$$

## Expectation.

$$E[X] = \sum_x x P(X=x)$$

$$\int x f_X(x) dx$$

$$E[X+Y] = E[X] + E[Y]$$

## indicator RV.

$$X = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if event } A \text{ occurs} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$E[X] = P(A)$$

## Some useful distributions

Bernoulli ( $p$ )

Binomial ( $n, p$ )

Hypergeometric

Geometric

Negative Binomial

Poisson

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## Continuous Distributions

$$\text{PDF } f_X(x) \quad \Rightarrow \quad P(a \leq X \leq b) = \int_a^b f_X(x) dx.$$

$$f_X(x) \geq 0$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x) dx = 1$$

$$\text{CDF} = P(X \leq x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f_X(t) dt$$

$$\text{PDF } f_X(x) = \frac{d}{dx} F(x)$$

## Variance

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(X) &= E\left((X - E(X))^2\right) \\ &= E[X^2] - (E[X])^2 \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$U \sim \text{Unif}(0, 1)$$

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$E[g(x)] = \int g(x) f_x(x) dx$$

or transform  $Y = g(X)$   
find PDF of  $Y$

## Normal Distribution.

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

$N(0, 1)$  standard normal.

transformation  $z = \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma}$

$$f_x(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi} \sigma} \exp\left(-\frac{(x - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

## Bivariate Normal.

covariance matrix  $\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & \rho\sigma_1\sigma_2 \\ \rho\sigma_1\sigma_2 & \sigma_2^2 \end{bmatrix}$

$$f_X(\underline{x}) = \frac{1}{(\sqrt{2\pi})^n |\Sigma|^{1/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} (\underline{x}-\mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (\underline{x}-\mu)\right)$$

Normal CDF  $\Phi(z)$  of  $N(0,1)$

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$$\text{Var}(X+c) = \text{Var}(X)$$

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

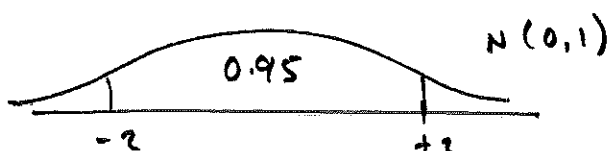
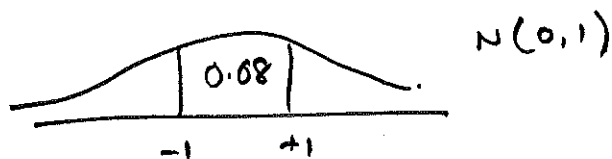
$$\text{Var}(X+Y) = \text{Var}(X) + \text{Var}(Y) + \underbrace{2 \text{Cov}(X,Y)}_{=0 \text{ if } X,Y \text{ independent}}$$

$\text{Cov}(X,Y)$  can  $= 0$  for some dependent RV  $X, Y$

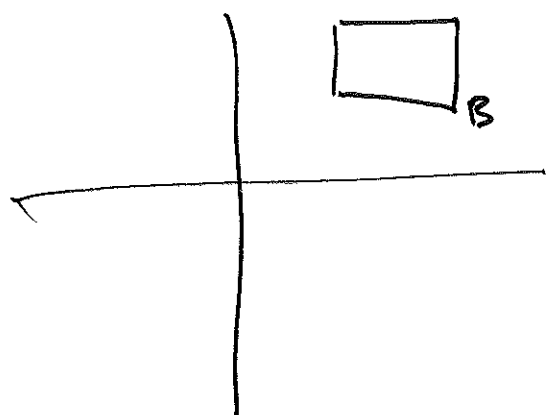
Sums of ~~normal~~ EVs.

$$Y = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \quad X_i \sim \text{iid}, \text{ mean } \mu, \text{ variance } \sigma^2$$

$$Y \sim N\left(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{n}\right)$$



$f_{x,y}(x,y)$



$P(x,y \in B)$

$$= \iint_B f_{x,y}(x,y) dx dy$$

Marginalization

$$f_x(x) = \int_y f_{x,y}(x,y) dy$$

$$f_{x,y}(x,y) = f_{x|y}(x|y) f_y(y)$$

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Covariance + Correlation.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cov}(x,y) &= E\left(\left(x - E(x)\right)\left(y - E(y)\right)\right) \\ &= E[xy] - E[x]E[y] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(x+y) &= \text{Cov}(x+y, x+y) \\ &= \text{Var}(x) + \text{Var}(y) + 2\text{Cov}(x,y) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Corr}(x,y) &\equiv \text{Cov of standardized versions of } x,y \\ &= \text{Cov}\left(\frac{x - \mu_x}{\sigma_x}, \frac{y - \mu_y}{\sigma_y}\right) \end{aligned}$$



$$-1 \leq \rho \leq 1$$

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## Transformations

$$Y = g(x)$$

$$f_Y(y) = f_X(x) \frac{dx}{dy}$$

## Inequalities

## Markov Chains

$$T = \begin{matrix} & \text{To} \\ \text{from} & \left[ \quad \right] \end{matrix}$$

multi-step transition probabilities  $T^n$

$$\underline{s}_n = \underline{s}_0 T^n$$

for irreducible, aperiodic Markov chain

$\underline{s}_n \rightarrow \underline{v}$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , irrespective of  $\underline{s}_0$   
↳ stationary distribution

$$\underline{v} = \underline{v} T$$

and sum of elements of  $\underline{v}$  is 1.

Have  $N$  items, labelled  $1 \dots n$

Sample  $k$  without replacement.

What's the probability that the sample maximum is  $m$ ?

$$P(M=m \mid K=k, N=n)$$

$S$  has  $\binom{n}{k}$  elements.

How many of these are of interest?

For the largest number to be  $m$ , the remaining items ( $k-1$  of them), must be chosen from those labelled  $1 \dots (m-1)$

$\Rightarrow$  there are  $\binom{m-1}{k-1}$  elements of interest in  $S$

$$\Rightarrow P(M=m \mid K=k, N=n) = \frac{\binom{m-1}{k-1}}{\binom{n}{k}}$$

What is  $P(N=n \mid K=k, M=m)$ ?

$$P(N=n | M=m, K=k)$$

$$= P(M=m | K=k, N=n)$$

$$= \frac{P(M=m | N=n, K=k) P(N=n | K=k)}{P(M=m | K=k)}$$

$P(N=n | K=k)$  - captured  $k$  deer, without looking at any of the tags, what do we think the PMF for  $N$  is?

$$= U(k, N_{\max})$$

$$P(M=m | K=k) = \sum_n P(M=m, N=n | K=k)$$

$$= \sum_n P(M=m, N=n | K=k)$$

$$= \sum_n P(M=m | N=n, K=k) P(N=n | K=k)$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{M-1}{k-1} \frac{1}{N_{\max} - k}$$

$$P(N=n | M=m, k=k)$$

$$= \frac{\binom{M-1}{k-1}}{\binom{n}{k}} \frac{1}{N_{\max} - k}$$

$$\frac{1}{N_{\max} - k} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\binom{M-1}{k-1}}{\binom{n}{k}}$$

$$= \begin{cases} \frac{\binom{M-1}{k-1} / \binom{n}{k}}{\sum_{n=k}^{N_{\max}-1} \binom{M-1}{k-1} / \binom{n}{k}} \\ 0 \end{cases}$$

$$M < n < N_{\max}$$

What is  $\sum_{n=k}^{N_{\max}-1} \binom{M-1}{k-1} / \binom{n}{k}$

$$= \binom{M-1}{k-1} \sum_{n=k}^{N_{\max}-1} \frac{1}{\binom{n}{k}}$$

$$\sum_{n=k}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\binom{n}{k}} = \frac{k}{k-1} \frac{1}{\binom{M-1}{k-1}}$$

Top.

$$P(N=n | M=m, k=k) = \frac{k-1}{k} \frac{\binom{m-1}{k-1}}{\binom{n}{k}}$$

$$E[N] = \sum n P(N=n | M=m, k=k)$$

$$= \frac{(k-1)(m-1)}{k-2}$$

collect  $k=10$  deer, highest tag is  $m=40$

$$E[N] = \frac{9 \times 39}{8} = 43.875$$

$$k=4$$

$$m=20$$

$$E[N] = \frac{3 \times 19}{2} = 28.5$$

Conditional PMF / distribution

Bayes thm. - reverse the conditioning.

LOTP / marginalization to obtain the denominator

Expected values.