

Review for the first midterm

1. Venn diagram

- $A \cup B, AB, \bar{A}$
- $A(B \cup C) = (AB) \cup (AC)$
 $A \cup (BC) = (A \cup B)(A \cup C)$
- $\overline{A \cup B} = \bar{A}\bar{B}$
 $\overline{AB} = \bar{A} \cup \bar{B}$

2. Sample space, events

3. Probability

- $P(A) \geq 0$ for any event A
- $P(S) = 1$
- If A_1, A_2, \dots are mutually exclusive, then

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

4. Counting rules

- If the first task has n_1 outcomes, the second task has n_2 outcomes, then the experiment of two tasks has $n_1 n_2$ outcomes
- The # of permutations of r objects selected from n distinct objects is

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

- The # of combinations of r objects selected from n distinct objects is

$$\binom{n}{r} = \frac{n(n-1) \cdots (n-r+1)}{r!} = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$$

- The # of ways of partitioning n objects into k groups containing n_1, \dots, n_k objects respectively is

$$\frac{n!}{n_1! \cdots n_k!}$$

5. Conditional probability $P(A|B) = \frac{P(AB)}{P(B)}$

6. Rules of probability

(a) $P(\bar{A}) = 1 - P(A)$

(b)

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

$$P(A \cup B \cup C) = P(A) + P(B) + P(C) - P(AB) - P(BC) - P(CA) + P(ABC)$$

(c)

$$P(AB) = P(A)P(B|A)$$

(d) Bayes' rule: If B_1, \dots, B_k is a partition of S , then

$$P(B_1|A) = \frac{P(B_1)P(A|B_1)}{P(B_1)P(A|B_1) + \dots + P(B_k)P(A|B_k)}$$

7. A random variable is a function on S . There are two types: discrete and continuous

- p.f. of X is $p(x) = P(X = x)$. Properties

- $p(x) \geq 0$

- $\sum_x p(x) = 1$.

- cdf of X is $F(x) = P(X \leq x)$. Note

$$F(x) = \sum_{a \leq x} p(a)$$

- mean

$$\mu = \sum_x xp(x)$$

variance

$$\sigma^2 = \sum_x (x - \mu)^2 p(x)$$

8. Properties

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$$\mathbb{E}(g(X)) = \sum_x g(x)p(x)$$

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$$\mathbb{E}(aX + b) = a\mathbb{E}(X) + b$$

$$\text{Var}(aX + b) = a^2\text{var}(X)$$

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

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

9. Distributions

(a) Bernoulli

$$p(x) = p^x(1-p)^{1-x}, \quad x = 0, 1.$$

$$\mu = p, \quad \sigma^2 = p(1-p).$$

(b) Binomial: # of successes in n independent trials, each has two outcomes “success and failure”

$$p(y) = \binom{n}{y} p^y (1-p)^{n-y}, \quad y = 0, 1, \dots, n.$$

$$\mu = np, \quad \sigma^2 = np(1-p).$$

(c) Geometric: # of trials until one success

$$p(x) = (1-p)^{x-1} p, \quad x = 1, 2, \dots$$

$$\mu = \frac{1}{p}, \quad \sigma^2 = \frac{1-p}{p^2}$$

(d) Poisson: # of objects in a region divisible continuously.

$$p(x) = \frac{\lambda^x}{x!} e^{-\lambda}, \quad x = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$\mu = \sigma^2 = \lambda$$

(e) hypergeometric

$$p(x) = \frac{\binom{k}{x} \binom{N-k}{n-x}}{\binom{N}{n}}, \quad x = 0, 1, \dots, k$$

$$\mu = n \frac{k}{N}, \quad \sigma^2 = n \cdot \frac{k}{N} \left(1 - \frac{k}{N}\right) \frac{N-n}{N-1}$$