

# Review of Prob. Theory

## Axioms of Prob:

$$1. P(\Omega) = 1$$

$\Omega$ : "sample space"

$$2. P(E_i) \geq 0$$

(collection of all possible "outcomes")

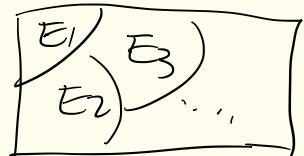
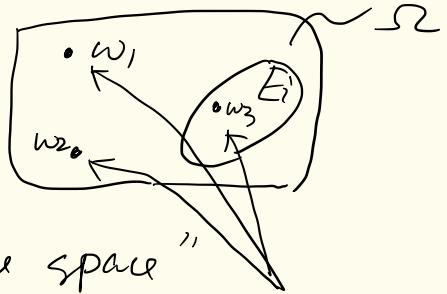
$$3. P(E_1 \cup E_2 \cup \dots)$$

$E_i$ : "event" (a subset of  $\Omega$ )

$$E_i \subset \Omega$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(E_i), \quad \omega: "outcome". \quad \omega \in \Omega$$

$E_i$ 's are mutually exclusive,  
i.e.,  $E_i \cap E_j = \emptyset$ ,  $\forall i \neq j$



Propositions:  $A' = \Omega \setminus A$

1.  $P(A) + P(A') = 1$

2.  $P(A) \leq 1$ , 3.  $P(A \cap B) + P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B)$



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

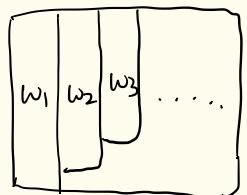
Ex: Consider games ("random experiments")

{ finite outcomes: (1), (2)  
  countably infinite outcomes

(1) Flip a coin:  $\Omega = \{H, T\}$   $\begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline & \Omega \\ \hline H & T \\ \hline \end{array}$   $P(\{H\}) = \frac{1}{2}$

(2) Roll a die:  $\Omega = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 6\}$   $\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & & & & & \\ \cdot & \dots & \ddots & & & & \end{array}$   $P(\{6\}) = \frac{1}{6}$

(3) Roll a die until "6" appears.



$$\Omega = \{w_1, \leftarrow 6 \text{ on } 1^{\text{st}} \text{ roll}\}$$

$$w_2, \leftarrow 6 \text{ on } 2^{\text{nd}} \text{ roll}$$

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$$w_n, \leftarrow 6 \text{ on } n^{\text{th}} \text{ roll}$$

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$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n P(\{w_i\}) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^{i-1} \cdot \frac{1}{6} = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{5}{6}} \cdot \frac{1}{6} = 1$$

$$\hookrightarrow = P \underbrace{\left( \{w_1\} \cup \{w_2\} \cup \dots \right)}_{\Omega} = 1$$

$$P(\{w_1\}) = \frac{1}{6}$$

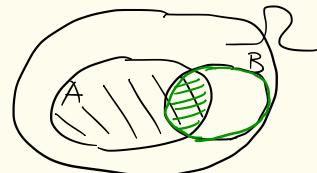
$$P(\{w_2\}) = \frac{5}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{6} = \frac{5}{36}$$

$$P(\{w_n\}) = \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^{n-1} \cdot \frac{1}{6}$$

Conditional Prob:

$$P(A|B) \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} = \frac{P(A, B)}{P(B)}, \quad P(B) \neq 0$$

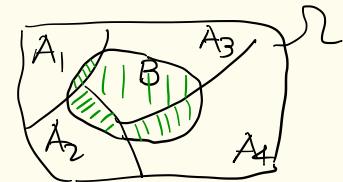
$$P(A) = P(A|\Omega)$$



Laws of total prob:

$$P(B) = \sum_{i=1}^n P(B|A_i), \quad \bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i = \Omega, \quad A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset, \quad \forall i \neq j$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n P(B|A_i) \cdot P(A_i)$$



Bayes' Theorem:

$$P(A_j|B) = \frac{P(A_j, B)}{P(B)} = \frac{P(B|A_j) \cdot P(A_j)}{\sum_{i=1}^n P(B|A_i) P(A_i)}, \quad j=1, \dots, n$$

Independence :

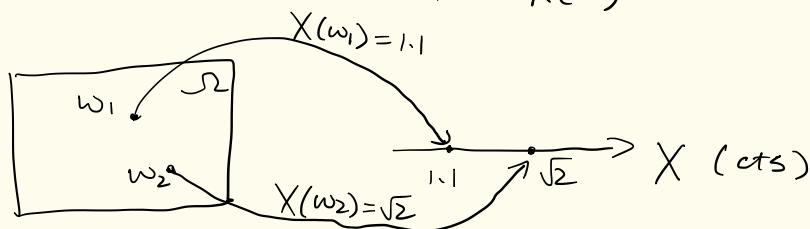
$$P(A \cap B) = P(A) \cdot P(B) \quad \text{or} \quad P(A|B) = P(A)$$

"condition-drop" test

Random Variables (r.v.s.) : A map from sample space to  $\mathbb{R}$

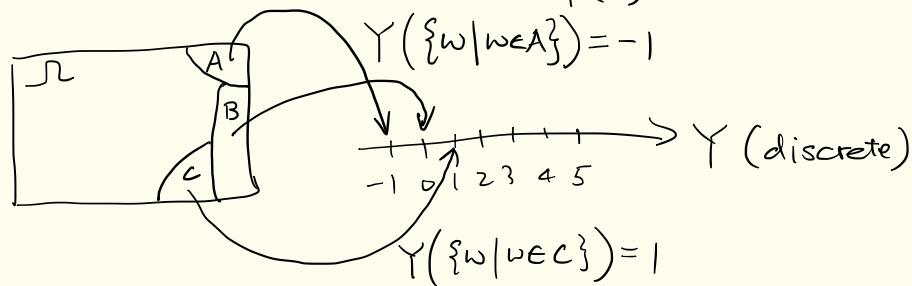
Ex: ① continuous r.v.  $X : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$\omega \mapsto X(\omega)$$



② discrete r.v.  $Y : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$

$$\omega \mapsto Y(\omega)$$



Ex: Let  $X$  be the parity of roll of a die

$$X = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{even outcomes,} \\ 1, & \text{odd} \end{cases} \dots$$

|     |     |     |
|-----|-----|-----|
| "1" | "2" | "3" |
| "4" | "5" | "6" |

$$\text{Event } \{X=0\} \triangleq \{\omega \mid X(\omega) = 0\} = \{"2", "4", "6"\}$$

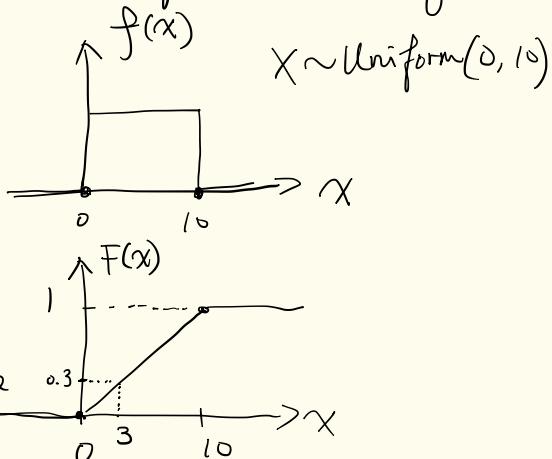
$$\begin{aligned} P[X=0] &= P[\{\omega \mid X(\omega) = 0\}] = P[\{"2", "4", "6"\}] \\ &= P[\{"2"\}] + P[\{"4"\}] + P[\{"6"\}] = \frac{1}{6} \times 3 = \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

# Cumulative Distribution/Density Function (CDF)

$$F(c) \triangleq P[X \leq c] = P[\{\omega \in \Omega \mid X(\omega) \leq c\}]$$

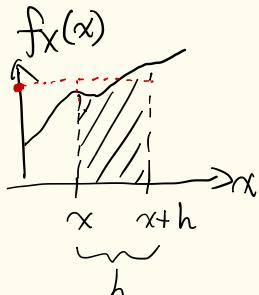
Percentile:  $p \in [0, 1]$ .  $(100p)$ th-percentile of the dist of r.v.  $X$  denoted by  $\eta(p)$  is

$$\eta(p) = F^{-1}(p),$$



Prob density function (pdf) | Prob mass func (pmf)

$$f_X(x) \triangleq \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{P[x \leq X \leq x+h]}{h}$$



$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{P[\{w \in \Omega \mid X(w) \in [x, x+h]\}]}{h}$$

$\geq 0$

$$p_Y(y) \triangleq P[Y=y]$$

$$= P[\{w \in \Omega \mid Y(w)=y\}] \in [0, 1]$$

Trapezoidal rule

Expectation value  
(mean)

$$\bar{E}[X] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_X(x) dx$$

$$\bar{E}[X] = \mu_X = \sum_x x p_X(x)$$

$$\bar{E}[h(x)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(x) f_X(x) dx$$

$$\bar{E}[X] = \sum_x h(x) p_X(x)$$

$$\bar{E}[aX+b] = a \cdot \bar{E}[X] + b$$

$$\text{Variance } V(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - \mu_x)^2 f_X(x) dx \quad , \quad V(X) = \sum_x (x - \mu_x)^2 p_X(x)$$

or  $\text{Var}(X)$

$$= \underbrace{\mathbb{E}[(x - \mu_x)^2]}_{\sigma^2} = \mathbb{E}[x^2] - \underbrace{(\mathbb{E}x)^2}_{\mu^2} \Rightarrow \mathbb{E}[x^2] = \mu^2 + \sigma^2$$

$$V(ax+b) = a^2 V(x)$$

Moments:  $m_k = \mathbb{E}[x^k]$  :  $k^{\text{th}}$  moment

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^k f_X(x) dx \quad ; \quad = \sum_x x^k p_X(x)$$

Joint distribution:  $\iint f_{XY}(x,y) dx dy = 1 \quad \left| \quad \sum_y \sum_x P_{XY}(x,y) = 1 \right.$

|  |                          |            |      |
|--|--------------------------|------------|------|
|  | $X$                      | $Y$        |      |
|  | 1                        | ...        | $N$  |
|  | $P_{X(1)}$               | $P_{Y(1)}$ |      |
|  | 1                        | 0.1        | 0.02 |
|  | 2                        | 0.2        | 0.01 |
|  | Sum along the row/column |            |      |
|  | to marginalize           |            |      |

$$f_X(x) = \int_{y \in R} f_{XY}(x,y) dy \quad | \quad P_X(x) = \sum_y P_{XY}(x,y)$$

(Joint) Independent pdf/cdf/pmf factors under  $\mathbb{P}_{f,F,p}$ , e.g.,

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = f(x_1) \cdot \dots \cdot f(x_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i) \quad (\underbrace{\prod_i}_{i} \text{Independence})$$

Conditional dist:

|                                      |  |  |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| $f_{Y X}(y x) = \frac{f(x,y)}{f(x)}$ |  | $P_{Y X}(y x) = \frac{p(x,y)}{p(x)}$<br>$\widetilde{P}[Y=y   X=x]$ |
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Covariance  $C_{xy} / \text{Cov}(X,Y) \stackrel{\Delta}{=} E[(X - E[X])(Y - E[Y])]$   
 $= E[XY] - (E[X])(E[Y])$

Def: Uncorrelatedness:  $\text{Cov}(X,Y) = 0$  or  $E[XY] = E[X]E[Y]$

①  $X \perp\!\!\!\perp Y \Rightarrow \text{Cov}(X,Y) = 0$

②  $\text{Cov}(X,Y) = 0$   $\xrightarrow{?} X \perp\!\!\!\perp Y$   
 $X, Y$  are joint Gaussian/normal

Proof for " $X \perp\!\!\!\perp Y \Rightarrow \text{Cov}(X, Y) = 0$ ".

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

$$= \iint xy f(x,y) dx dy - \left( \int x f(x) dx \right) \cdot \left( \int y f(y) dy \right)$$

$$\stackrel{X \perp\!\!\!\perp Y}{=} \iint xy f(x) f(y) dx dy - (\quad) \cdot (\quad) = 0 \quad \square$$

Correlation :  $\rho_{xy} \triangleq \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(X)\text{Var}(Y)}}$

Def : Orthogonality (in prob/stat) :  $\mathbb{E}[XY] = 0$