

### Special Distributions (Discrete RVs)

E and Var	NAME	$R_X$	PMF
$p$ & $p(1-p)$	Bernoulli( $p$ )	$\{0, 1\}$	$p$ for $x=1$ , $1-p$ for $x=0$
$1/p$ and $(1-p)/p^2$	Geometric( $p$ )	$Z^+$	$p(1-p)^{(k-1)}$ for $k \in Z^+$
$np$ and $np(1-p)$	Binomial( $n, p$ )	$\{0, 1, \dots, n\}$	${}^nC_k \cdot p^k \cdot (1-p)^{(n-k)}$ for $k = 0$ to $n$
$m/p$ and $(m \cdot (1-p)) / p^2$	Pascal ( $m, p$ )	$\{m, m+1, m+2, \dots\}$	${}^{(k-1)}C_{(m-1)} \cdot p^m \cdot (1-p)^{(k-m)}$ for $k = m, m+1, m+2, m+3, \dots$
$np$ and $((b+r-n)/(b+r-1)) \cdot n \cdot p(1-p)$	Hypergeometric( $b, r, k$ )	$\{\max(0, k-r), \dots, \min(k, b)\}$	$({}^bC_x \cdot {}^rC_{(k-x)}) / ({}^{(b+r)}C_k)$ $\forall x \in R_X$
Both equal to lambda	Poisson( $\lambda$ )	$Z^+$	$(e^{-\lambda} \cdot \lambda^k) / k!$ for $k \in R_X$

### Continuous RVs, PDFs and Mixed RVs

RV  $X$  with CDF  $F_X(x)$  is continuous if  $F_X(x)$  is a continuous function  $\forall x \in R$ . PMF doesn't work for CRVs, since  $\forall x \in R, P_X(x) = 0$ . Instead, PDFs are used.  
 $PDF = f_X(x) = dF_X(x)/dx$  (if  $F_X(x)$  is differentiable at  $x$ )  $\Rightarrow 0 \forall x \in R$ .  
 $P(a < X \leq b) = \text{integral from } a \text{ to } b (f_X(u) \cdot du)$  and  $\text{integral from } -\infty \text{ to } +\infty (f_X(u) \cdot du) = 1$

### Continuous RVs, PDFs and Mixed RVs (cont)

$EX = \text{integral from } -\infty \text{ to } +\infty (x \cdot f_X(x) \cdot dx)$  and  $E[g(X)] = \text{integral from } -\infty \text{ to } +\infty (g(x) \cdot f_X(x) \cdot dx)$   
 $Var(X) = \text{integral from } -\infty \text{ to } +\infty (x^2 \cdot f_X(x) \cdot dx) - \mu^2$   
 If  $g: R \rightarrow R$  is strictly monotonic and differentiable, then PDF of  $Y=g(X)$  is  $f_Y(y) = f_X(x_1) \cdot |dx_1/dy|$  where  $g(x_1)=y$  and 0 if  $g(x) = y$  has no solution

### Joint Distributions: RVs $\geq 2$

**Joint PMF of  $X$  and  $Y = P_{XY}(x, y) = P(X=x, Y=y) = P((X=x) \text{ and } (Y=y))$  and Joint range =  $R_{XY} = \{(x, y) | P_{XY}(x, y) > 0\}$  and summing up  $P_{XY}$  over all  $(x, y)$  pairs will result in 1**  
**Marginal PMF of  $X = P_X(x) = \text{sum over all } y_j \in R_Y (P_{XY}(x, y_j))$  for any  $x \in R_X$ . Similarly, Marginal PMF of  $Y = P_Y(y) = \text{sum over all } x_i \in R_X (P_{XY}(x_i, y))$  for any  $y \in R_Y$**   
 To show independence between  $X$  and  $Y$ , prove  $P(X = x, Y = y) = P(X=x) \cdot P(Y=y)$  for all  $x-y$  pairs. Similarly, for conditional independence, show that  $P(Y=y|X=x) = P(Y=y)$  for all  $x-y$  pairs  
**Joint CDF =  $F_{XY}(x, y) = P(X \leq x, Y \leq y)$  and Marginal CDF for  $X = F_X(x) = \text{limit } y \text{ to } \infty (F_{XY}(x, y))$  for any  $x$  and Marginal CDF for  $Y = F_Y(y) = \text{limit } x \text{ to } \infty (F_{XY}(x, y))$  for any  $y$**   
**Conditional expectation:  $E[X|Y=y] = \text{sum over all } x_i \in R_X (x_i \cdot P_{X|Y}(x_i|y))$**   
**NOTE:  $F_{XY}(\infty, \infty) = 1, F_{XY}(-\infty, y) = 0$  for any  $y$  and  $F_{XY}(x, -\infty) = 0$  for any  $x$**   
 $P(x_1 < X \leq x_2, y_1 < Y \leq y_2) = F_{XY}(x_2, y_2) - F_{XY}(x_2, y_1) - F_{XY}(x_1, y_2) + F_{XY}(x_1, y_1)$   
**Conditional PMF given event  $A = P_{X|A}(x_i) = P(X=x_i|A) = P(X=x_i \text{ and } A)/P(A)$  for any  $x_i \in R_X$  and Conditional CDF =  $F_{X|A}(x) = P(X \leq x | A)$**

### Joint Distributions: RVs $\geq 2$ (cont)

Given RVs  $X$  and  $Y, P_{X|Y}(x_i, y_j) = P_{XY}(x_i, y_j)/P_Y(y_j)$ . Similarly for  $Y|X$   
 $E[X + Y] = E[X] + E[Y]$  - independence not required  
 $E[X \cdot Y] = E[X] \cdot E[Y]$  - independence IS required

### Problem Solving Techniques

#### \* CARD PROBLEMS:

Number of ways to pick  $k$  suits =  ${}^4C_k$  with  $k=1, 2, 3, 4$

#### \* n BALLS, r BINS:

- Distinguishable balls: each ball can go into any 1 of  $r$  bins. The # of distinct perms would be  $r^n$
- Indistinguishable balls: there will be 2 cases:
  - \* No empty bins. Occupancy vector is  $x_1 + \dots + x_r = n$  where every  $x_i \geq 1$ . There can be  $n-1$  possible locations for bin dividers from which we can choose  $r-1$  to keep  $\geq 1$  ball in each bin. # of possible arrangements =  ${}^{(n-1)}C_{(r-1)}$ .
  - \* Bin may have 0 balls. Then the occupancy vector would be  $y_1 + \dots + y_r = n+r$  and the # of arrangements will be  ${}^{(n+r-1)}C_{(r-1)}$

\* COMMITTEE SELECTION: Solve using product rule/hypergeometric approach.

#### \* HAT MATCHING PROBLEM:

- Probability of  $k$  men drawing their own hats (over all  $k$ -tuples) =  $({}^nC_k (n-k)!)/n! = 1/k!$
- # of derangements =  $n![1 - 1/1! + 1/2! - 1/3! + \dots + (-1)^n/n!]$
- $P(k \text{ matches}) = [1/2! - 1/3! + 1/4! - \dots + (-1)^{(n-k)}/(n-k)!]/k!$



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### Problem Solving Techniques (cont)

#### \* DRAWING THE ONLY SPECIAL BALL FROM n BALLS IN k TRIALS:

Total # of outcomes =  ${}^nC_k = [1 + (n-1)]C_k = {}^1C_0(n-1)C_k + {}^1C_1(n-1)C_{(k-1)}$ , with term #1 denoting no special ball, and term #2 denoting the special ball

\*Total # of roundtable arrangements with k people =  $k!/k = (k-1)!$

#### \* SYSTEM RELIABILITY ANALYSIS:

- $P(\text{fail})=p$ ,  $P(\text{success})=1-p$
- For parallel config,  $2^n-1$  successes and 1 failure,  $P(\text{fail})=p^n$
- For series config,  $2^n-1$  failures and 1 success,  $P(\text{success}) = (1-p)^n$
- For series connections, take intersection, and for parallel connections take union

#### \* PMF FOR SUM, DIFF, MAX, MIN OF 4-SIDED DICE:

- Uniform PMF =  $P_{XY}(x,y) = 1/16$
- For each (x,y) point in the Cartesian coordinate diagram, calculate the diff/sum label or min/max label.
- Write down tables for Joint, Marginal and Conditional PMFs
- Headers are:  $x \ y \ P_{XY}(x,y) \ P_X(x) \ P_Y(y) \ x \ y \ P_{Y|X}(y,x)$ . First 3 for joint, next 4 for marginal, the remaining for conditional
- For marginal, plot PMF on y-axis and RV value on x-axis.
- For joint, plot y on y-axis and x on x-axis

### Facts for PMFs and RV Distributions

$0 \leq P_X(x) \leq 1 \ \forall x$  and Sum over all  $x \in R_X$   $(P_X(x)) = 1$

For any set  $A \subset R_X$ ,  $P(X \in A) = \sum_{x \in A} P_X(x)$

RVs X and Y are independent if  $P(X=x, Y=y) = P(X=x) * P(Y=y)$ ,  $\forall x,y$  The first formula can be extended to n times.

$P(Y=y|X=x) = P(Y=y)$ ,  $\forall x,y$  if X & Y are independent

If  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are independent Bernoulli(p)

RVs, then  $X=X_1+X_2+\dots+X_n$  has Binomial(n,p) distribution, and Pascal (1,p) =

#### Geometric (p)

For distributions using parameter p,  $0 < p < 1$

If X is of Binomial (n, p = lambda/n), with fixed lambda > 0. Then, for any  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P_X(k) = (e^{-\text{lambda}} \cdot \text{lambda}^k) / k!$

#### \* SPECIAL DISTRIBUTIONS:

TYPE, PDF & E[X] AND VAR(X)

Uniform(a, b)  $\parallel 1/(b-a)$  if  $a < x < b$   $\parallel (a+b)/2$  and  $(b-a)^2/12$

Exponential(lambda)  $\parallel \text{lambda} \cdot e^{-(\text{lambda} \cdot x)}$   $\parallel 1/\text{lambda}$  and  $1/(\text{lambda})^2$

Normal/Gaussian, ie:  $N(0,1) \parallel (1/\sqrt{2 \cdot \pi}) \cdot \exp(-x^2/2)$ ,  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$   $\parallel 0$  and  $1$

Gamma (alpha, lambda)  $\parallel (\text{lambda}^\alpha \cdot x^{(\alpha-1)} \cdot e^{-(\text{lambda} \cdot x)}) / (\alpha-1)!$  for  $x > 0$   $\parallel \alpha/\text{lambda}$  and  $E[X]/\text{lambda}$

CDF:  $F_X(x) = P(X \leq x) \ \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $P(a < X \leq b) = F_X(b) - F_X(a)$

### Counting Principles, n-nomial Expansions

Permutations of n distinct objs. take n w/ r groups of indistinct objs. =  $(n!)/(n_1! \dots n_r!)$

${}^nP_r = n!$  and  ${}^nC_r = (n+r-1)C_r$  : for perms and

combs where k objs are taken at a time  $(a+b)^n = \text{Sum over } k ({}^nC_k a^k b^{(n-k)})$  where  $k=0, \dots, n$

Binomial coeff. identity:  ${}^nC_k = (n-1)C_{(k-1)} + (n-1)C_k$  where first term maps to A and

second to  $A^C$

${}^nC_m = {}^nC_{n-m}$

Sum over r  $({}^nC_r (-1)^r (1)^{(n+r)})$  is 0 where  $r=0, \dots, n$

Sum over r  $(({}^nC_r)^2) = {}^{2n}C_n$  where  $r=0, \dots, n$

Sum over s  $({}^sC_m) = {}^{(n+1)}C_{-(m+1)}$  where  $s=m, \dots, n$

Hypergeometric expansion:  $(n+m)C_r =$

${}^nC_0 {}^mC_r + {}^nC_1 {}^mC_{(r-1)} + \dots + {}^nC_r {}^mC_0$  a CE

and ME enumeration

$n! = (n/e)^n \times \text{root}(2n \times \pi)$  - Stirling's approx. for n!

Trinomial expansion:  $(a+b+c)^n = \text{sum over } i, j, k (C' a^i b^j c^k)$  where  $i, j, k=0, \dots, n$  and  $i+j+k=n$  and  $C'=n!/(i!j!k!)$

In n-nomial expansion  $(a_1 + \dots + a_r)^n$ , the # of terms in the sum is  ${}^rG_n = (r+n-1)C_n = (r+n-1)C_{(r-1)}$

### Expectation, Variance, RV Functions

Expected value of X, ie:  $EX/E[X]/\mu_X =$

sum over all  $x_k \in R_X (x_k \cdot P(X = x_k))$ . It is linear

$E[aX + b] = aE[X] + b, \forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}$

$E[X_1 + \dots + X_n] = E[X_1] + \dots + E[X_n]$

If X is an RV and  $Y=g(X)$ , then Y is also an RV.



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### Expectation, Variance, RV Functions (cont)

$R_Y = \{g(x) \mid x \in R_X\}$  and  $P_Y(y) = \sum \text{over all } x: g(x)=y (P_X(x))$

$E[g(X)] = \sum \text{over all } x_k \in R_X (g(x_k) \cdot P_X(x_k))$  (LOTUS)

$P_X(x_k)$

$\text{Var}(X) = E[(X - \mu_X)^2] = \sum \text{over all } x_k \in R_X ((x_k - \mu_X)^2 \cdot P_X(x_k))$

$\text{SD}(X)/\sigma_X = \sqrt{\text{Var}(X)}$

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

which will be 0 if X & Y are independent

$\text{Var}(X) = \text{Cov}(X, X) = E[X^2] - (E[X])^2$

$\text{Var}(aX + b) = a^2 \text{Var}(X)$ , and if  $X = X_1 + \dots +$

$X_n$ , then  $\text{Var}(X) = \text{Var}(X_1) + \dots + \text{Var}(X_n)$

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

$2ab \text{Cov}(X, Y)$

$\text{Var}(\text{total up to } X_n) = \sum \text{of all } \text{Var}(X_i) \text{ if } X_i$

is mutually independent for  $i = 1 \dots n$ .

Summing up over the same conditions for expected values holds true, regardless of independence or not

Correlation coefficient =  $\text{Cov}(X, Y) / (\text{SD}(X) \cdot \text{SD}(Y))$  - ranges between -1 and 1 (inclusive for both limits)

Z-standardized transformation:  $Z = (X - \mu_X) / \text{SD}(X)$  - zero mean and unit variance



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