

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( $n,p$ )	$\{0,1,\dots,n\}$	${}^n C_k \cdot p^k \cdot (1-p)^{n-k}$ for $k = 0$ to $n$
$m/p$ and $(m.(1-p))/p^2$	Pascal( $m,p$ )	$\{m,m+1, \dots, m+2, \dots\}$	${}^{(k-1)} C_{(m-1)} \cdot p^m \cdot (1-p)^{(k-m)}$ for $k = m, m+1, m+2, m+3, \dots$
$np$ and $n(1-p)$	Hypergeometric( $b,r,n$ )	$\{\max(0,k-r), \max(0,k-r)+1, \dots, \min(k,b)\}$	${}^b C_X \cdot {}^r C_{(k-r)} / {}^{(b+r)} C_k$ for any $x \in R_X$
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 $x$ ) $\geq 0 \forall x \in R$ .			
$P(a < X \leq b) = \text{integral from } a \text{ to } b (f_X(u) \cdot du)$ 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 $E[g(X)] = \text{integral from } -\infty \text{ to } +\infty (g(x) \cdot f_X(x) \cdot dx)$			
$Var(X) = \text{integral from } -\infty \text{ to } +\infty (x^2 \cdot f_X(x) \cdot dx - \mu^2_X)$			
If $g: R \rightarrow R$ is strictly monotonic and differentiable, then PDF of $Y=g(X)$ is $f_Y(y) = f_X(x) \cdot  dx/dy $ where $g(x_1)=y$ and $0$ if $g(x) = y$ has no solution			
Joint Distributions: RVs $\geq 2$			
$\text{Joint PMF of } X \text{ and } Y = P_{XY}(x,y) = P(X=x, Y=y) = P((X=x) \text{ and } (Y=y))$ 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 $X = P_X(x) = \text{sum over all } y \in R_Y (P_{XY}(x, y))$ for any $x \in R_X$ . Similarly, Marginal PMF of $Y = P_Y(y) = \text{sum over all } x \in R_X (P_{XY}(x, y))$ 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: $E[X Y=y] = \text{sum over all } x_i \in R_X (x_i \cdot P_{XY}(x_i y))$			
NOTE: $F_{XY}(\infty, \infty) = 1$ , $F_{XY}(-\infty, y) = 0$ for any $y$ and $F_{XY}(x, -\infty) = 0$ for any $x$			
$P(x_1 < X \leq x_2, y_1 < Y \leq y_2) = F_{XY}(x_1, y_1) + F_{XY}(x_2, y_2) - F_{XY}(x_2, y_1) - F_{XY}(x_1, y_2)$			
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			
<b>* CARD PROBLEMS:</b> Number of ways to pick $k$ suits = ${}^4 C_k$ with $k=1,2,3,4$			
<b>* n BALLS, r BINS:</b> - Distinguishable balls: each ball can go into any 1 of $r$ bins. The # of distinct perms would be $r^p = r^n$			
- Indistinguishable balls: there will be 2 cases: * No empty bins. Occupancy vector is $x_1+...+x_r=n$ where every $x_i$ is $\geq 1$ . 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 $y_1+...+y_r=n+r$ and the # of arrangements will be ${}^{(n+r-1)} C_{(r-1)}$			
<b>* COMMITTEE SELECTION:</b> Solve using product rule/hypergeometric approach.			
<b>* HAT MATCHING PROBLEM:</b> ➤ Probability of $k$ men drawing their own hats (over all $k$ -tuples) = ${}^n C_k (n-k)!/n! = 1/k!$ # of derangements = $n! [1/1! - 1/2! + 1/3! - ... + (-1)^n/n!]$			
➤ $P(k \text{ matches}) = [1/2! - 1/3! + 1/4! - ... + (-1)^{(n-k)}/(n-k)!]/k!$			



### 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  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P_X(k) = (e^{-\lambda} \lambda^k) / k!$

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

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

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

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. =  $(n!)/(n_1! \dots n_r!)$

${}^nPr = n^r$  and  ${}^nCr = {}^{(n+r-1)}C_r$  : 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<sup>C</sup>

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

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

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

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

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

### Expectation, Variance, RV Functions

Expected value of X, ie:  $E[X] = \sum \text{over all } x_k \in R_X (x_k \cdot P(X = x_k))$ . 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  $P_Y(y) = \text{sum over all } x: g(x)=y (P_X(x))$

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

$P_X(x_k)$  (LOTUS)

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

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

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

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

$\text{Var}(\text{total up to } X_n) = \text{sum of all } \text{Var}(X_i) \text{ if } X_i \text{ is mutually independent for } i = 1 \dots n$ . 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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