

Remark: The notation of ~~independent~~ independent events depends on the choice of P .

Remark: A, B ~~are~~ disjoint \neq A, B independent

eg: As above examples in (18).

- A, B are P -indep but A, B are not disjoint.
- $\{0, 0\}$ and $\{0, 1\}$ are disjoint but not P_0 -indep.

Prop: Let A, B are independent events \square then

①: A, B^c are indep

②: A^c, B^c are indep

③: $P(A|B) = P(A)$.

pf ①: $\vdash: P(AB^c) = P(A)P(B^c)$

Note: $A = AB \cup AB^c$ and $(AB) \cap (AB^c) = \emptyset$

Then $P(A) = P(AB) + P(AB^c)$

$\Rightarrow P(AB^c) = P(A)(1 - P(B)) = P(A)P(B^c)$ \square

Def: A seq of events $(E_n)_{n=1}^N$ is said to be independent if it satisfies the eq:

$$P(E_{i_1} \dots E_{i_l}) = P(E_{i_1}) \dots P(E_{i_l})$$

for any finitely many subsequence E_{i_1}, \dots, E_{i_l} , where $1 \leq N \leq \infty$, and $1 \leq l < \infty$

~~eg:~~

eg: E_1, E_2, E_3 are independent events if

we have:

$$P(E_1 E_2) = P(E_1) P(E_2)$$

$$P(E_1 E_3) = P(E_1) P(E_3)$$

$$P(E_2 E_3) = P(E_2) P(E_3)$$

and $P(E_1 E_2 E_3) = P(E_1) P(E_2) P(E_3)$

e.g: Let E_1, E_2, \dots be a sequence of independent trials. Assume that the prob of each trial successful

is p .

Find all trials are in successes.

the prob of

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sol: Let $F_1 \equiv E_1$
 $F_2 \equiv E_1 \cap E_2$
 \vdots
 $F_n \equiv E_1 \cap \dots \cap E_n$
 \vdots

Then (F_n) is ~~decreasing~~ decreasing.

Note: $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} F_n$

Hence we have

$$P(\bigcap E_n) = P(\bigcap F_n) = \lim_n P(F_n) = \lim_n (P(E_1) - P(E_n))$$
$$= \lim_n p^n = \begin{cases} 0 & 0 < p < 1 \\ 1 & p = 1 \end{cases}$$

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HW 2: p105, 1, 5

p119, 4

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Ch 4. Random variables.

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Throughout this chapter, (Ω, \mathcal{E}, P) always denotes a prob space

Def = A function $X: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is said to be a random variable if

$$\{\omega \mid X(\omega) \leq a\} \in \mathcal{E} \text{ for all } a \in \mathbb{R}$$

In this case, if the image of X ,

$$\text{im } X = \{x_1, \dots, x_N\} \quad (1 \leq N < \infty),$$

then X is said to be a discrete random variable.

eg: Remark:

• If $\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$ then all functions on X is discrete.

• The definition of random variables depends on the choice of \mathcal{E} .

e.g: Let $\Omega = \{a, b, c\}$, $\mathcal{E} = \{\Omega, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c\}\}$ p23

Define $X: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by
 $X(a)=1, X(b)=2, X(c)=3$

Then X is not a r.v. with respect to \mathcal{E}
since $\{X \leq 2\} = \{a, b\} \notin \mathcal{E}$

Prop: Let $X: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function. Then
the followings are equivalent:

- (i) X is a r.v.
- (ii) $\{X < a\} \in \mathcal{E}$
- (iii) $\{X > a\} \in \mathcal{E}$
- (iv) $\{X \geq a\} \in \mathcal{E}$

pf: (i) \Leftrightarrow (iii) obvious since $\{X \leq a\}^c = \{X > a\}$
(iii) \Leftrightarrow (ii)

(i) \Rightarrow (ii): Note: $\{X < a\} = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \{X \leq a - \frac{1}{n}\}$

(ii) \Rightarrow (i): $\{X \leq a\} = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \{X < a + \frac{1}{n}\}$

(ii) \Leftrightarrow (iv) obvious since $\{X < a\}^c = \{X \geq a\}$
 \square

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Con: If X is a r.v. then $\{X = a\} \in \mathcal{E}, \forall a \in \mathbb{R}$

If the image of $X = \{x_1, \dots, x_N\}$ ($1 \leq N \leq \infty$) and

$\{X = a\} \in \mathcal{E}, \forall a \in \mathbb{R}$, then X is a r.v.

pf: Note for any $a \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$\begin{aligned} \{X \leq a\} &= \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\{a - \frac{1}{n} \leq X \leq a\right\} \\ &= \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[\left\{a - \frac{1}{n} \leq X\right\} \cap \{X \leq a\} \right] \in \mathcal{F} \end{aligned}$$

Conversely, if $\lim X = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N\}$ ($1 \leq N < \infty$)

and $\{X = a\} \in \mathcal{F}$, $\forall a \in \mathbb{R}$, then for any $b \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\{X \leq b\} = \bigcup_{i: x_i \leq b} \{X = x_i\} \in \mathcal{F}.$$

□

Prop: Let X and Y be r.v.s. Then

(i) $X \pm Y$ ~~are~~ ^{are} r.v.s

(ii) $X \cdot Y$ is a r.v.s, $\alpha \cdot X$ is a r.v. for all $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$

(iii) if $(X_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$ is a sequence of r.v.s and

$X(\omega) = \lim_n X_n(\omega)$ exists for all ω , then

X is a r.v.

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Propn For each subset $E \subseteq \Omega$, ~~let~~ define

$$X_E: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad \text{by}$$

$$X_E(\omega) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \omega \in E \\ 0 & \text{if } \omega \notin E \end{cases}$$

X_E is called the indicator of E

Prop. (i) Let $E \subseteq \Omega$.

$E \in \mathcal{E}$ iff X_E is a rv.

~~with $\mathcal{E} \subseteq \mathcal{F}$ then X_E is a rv~~

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~~P136~~ P136 Ex. 4, 7

Def: Let $X: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a r.v. The distribution function (d.f) of X write F_X

$F_X: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is defined by

$$F_X(t) \equiv P\{X \leq t\}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

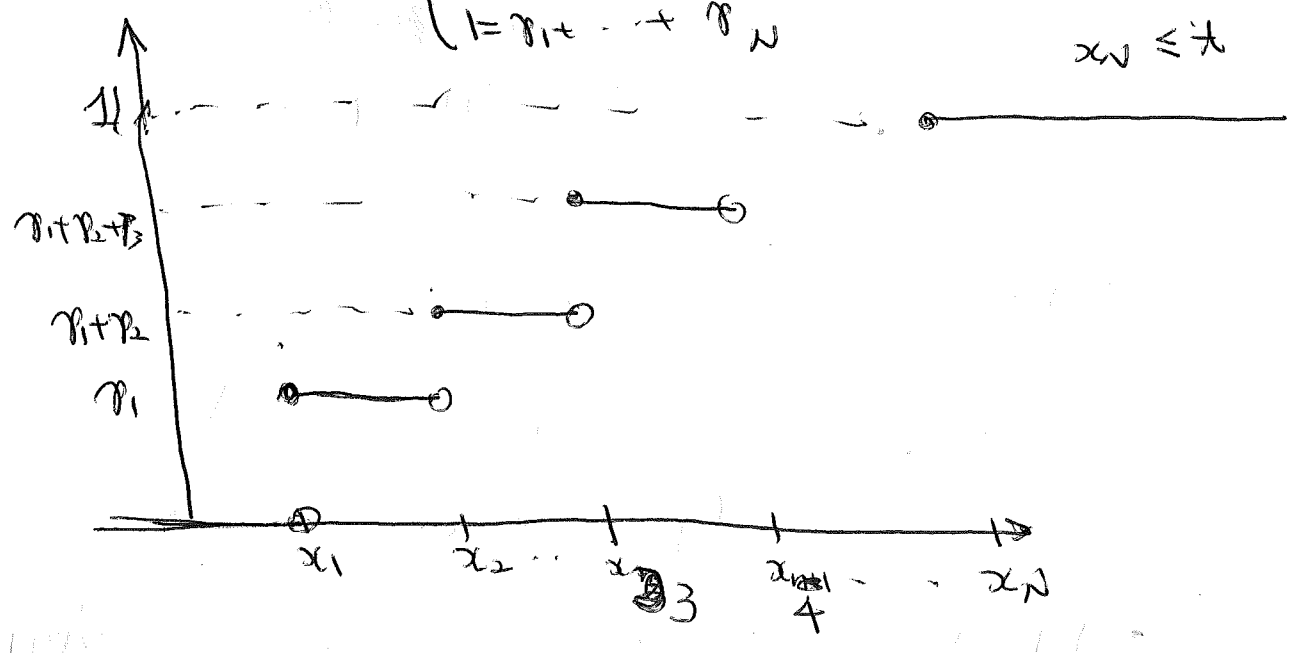
e.g: Suppose that X is a discrete r.v with

simultely many values $\{x_1, \dots, x_N\}$, ($x_1 < x_2 < \dots < x_N$)

Let $p_i \equiv P\{X = x_i\}$

Then

$$F_X(x) \equiv \begin{cases} 0 & x < x_1 \\ p_1 & x_1 \leq x < x_2 \\ p_1 + p_2 & x_2 \leq x < x_3 \\ \vdots \\ p_1 + p_2 + \dots + p_n & x_n \leq x < x_{n+1} \\ 1 = p_1 + \dots + p_N & x_N \leq x \end{cases}$$



Prop: With the notation as above, then we have

- (i) ~~$F_X(t)$~~ $0 \leq F_X(t) \leq 1$, for all $t \in \mathbb{R}$
- (ii) $F_X(t)$ is non-decreasing, i.e. if $t_1 \leq t_2$ then $F_X(t_1) \leq F_X(t_2)$
- (iii) $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} F_X(t) = 1$, $\lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} F_X(t) = 0$
- (iv) $F_X(t)$ is right continuous, i.e. $\forall t_0 \in \mathbb{R}$

\exists a seq $t_n < t_0$, with $t_n \downarrow t_0$, then

$$F_X(t_n) \xrightarrow{F_X(t_n)} F_X(t_0) \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

pf (iii) : $F_1: \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} F_X(t) = 1$

Need to show: If (t_n) is any seq with

$$t_n \uparrow \infty, \text{ then } F_X(t_n) \rightarrow 1$$

pf: Since $t_n \uparrow$, ~~$\{X \leq t_n\}$~~ $\{X \leq t_n\} \uparrow$

~~Ω~~ and $\Omega = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \{X \leq t_n\}$,

$$1 = P(\Omega) = \lim_n P\{X \leq t_n\} = \lim_n F_X(t_n)$$

