

ME 103 Discussion 2

Week of 1/26

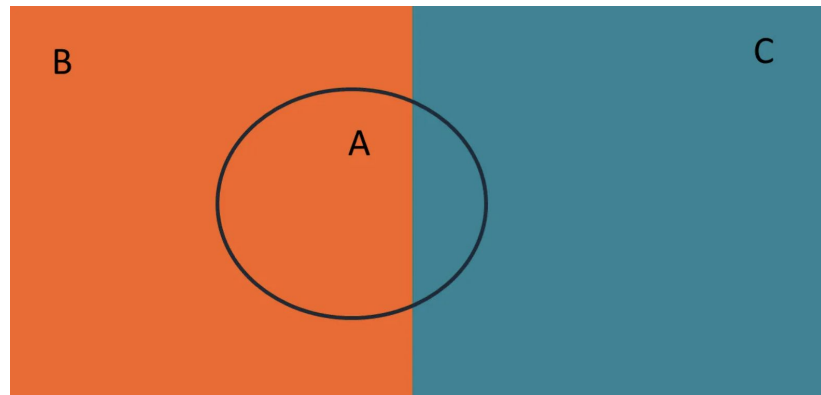
Basic Probability Rules!

1. Possible values for probabilities range from 0 to 1
 - a. 0 = impossible event, 1 = certain event
2. The sum of all the probabilities for all possible outcomes is equal to 1.
 - a. $P(\Omega) = 1$, where Ω is the probability space- set of all possible events.
3. Complement Rule (Not A):
 - a. $P(\bar{A}) = P(A^c) = 1 - P(A)$
4. Union Rule (A or B):
 - a. $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$
5. Product Rule (A and B):
 - a. $P(A \cap B) = P(A) * P(B)$ ***for independent events
6. Conditional Probability (A *given* B):
 - a. $P(A|B) = P(A \cap B) / P(B)$

Total Probability Rule

- By using conditional probabilities, we can find the probability of unknown event A.
- Ex. (right)
 - $P(A) = P(A \cap B) + P(A \cap C)$
- We also know: $P(A \cap B) = P(A|B) * P(B)$ (Conditional Rule)
- This can be summed through the nth conditional probability.

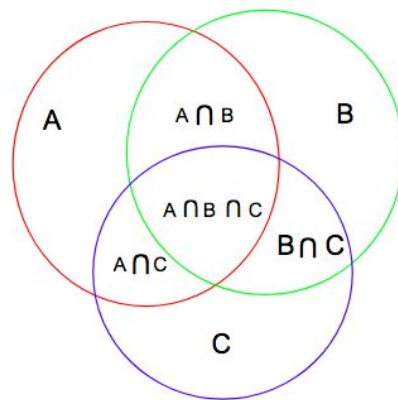
$$\Pr(B) = \Pr(A_1 \cap B) + \dots + \Pr(A_n \cap B) = \sum_{i=1}^n \Pr(A_i) \Pr(B|A_i)$$



Inclusion/ Exclusion Principle

- Extension of Union Law.
- Math version \rightarrow

$$\Pr\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i\right) = \sum \Pr(A_i) - \sum_{i<j} \Pr(A_i \cap A_j) + \sum_{i<j<k} \Pr(A_i \cap A_j \cap A_k) - \dots$$



$$|A \cup B \cup C| = |A| + |B| + |C| - |A \cap B| - |A \cap C| - |B \cap C| + |A \cap B \cap C|.$$

Bayes Theorem

- Rearrangement of previous rules

Conditional probability: Bayes' Theorem

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(B|A) P(A)}{P(B)}$$

Probability Potpourri Part a I

- Split into random vars:
 - $P(W)$: probability windy = 0.3
 - $P(H)$: probability hit
 - $P(H|W) = 0.4$: "archer hits her target given it is windy"
- Find probability it is windy and she hits the shot= $P(H \cap W)$
 - Solve using probability rules and knowns
- Find the probability she hits on her first shot.
 - You have two scenarios, that she hits and it is windy + probability she hits and its not windy.
 - Whenever you have the probability of an event over multiple scenarios, use total probability rule.

or equivalently,

$$P(A) = P(A|B_1)P(B_1) + P(A|B_2)P(B_2) + \dots + P(A|B_k)P(B_k).$$

^^ total probability rule

Probability Potpourri II

- Find the probability she hits **once** in **two shots**:
 - Number of trials: $n = 2$
 - Number of successes: $x = 1$
 - Probability of success (she hits once) = p calculated from previous question
- Use the binomial distribution formula

Binomial Distribution Formula



$$P(x) = \binom{n}{x} p^x q^{n-x} = \frac{n!}{(n-x)!x!} p^x q^{n-x}$$

where

n = the number of trials (or the number being sampled)

x = the number of successes desired

p = probability of getting a success in one trial

$q = 1 - p$ = the probability of getting a failure in one trial

Probability Potpourri III

- “on an occasion when she missed, there was no gust of wind.”
 - No wind, **given** no hit
 - You have every probability now, can use Bayes

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(B|A) P(A)}{P(B)}$$

Expected Value

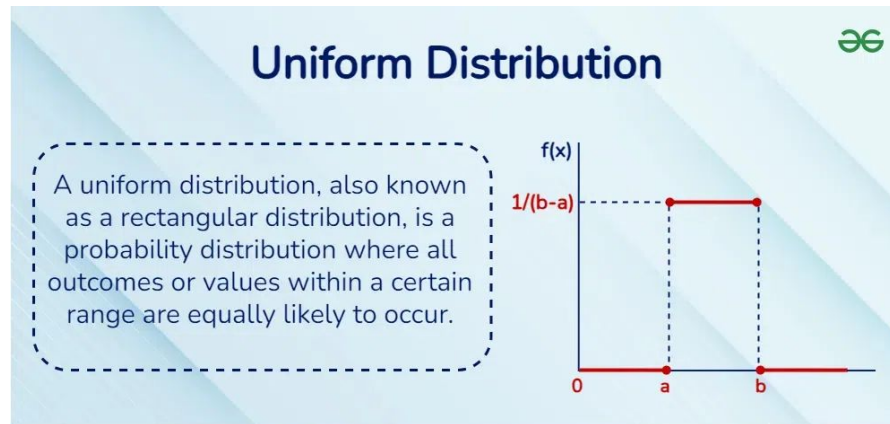
- $X =$ point values, 4, 3, 2
- Plug into matlab or solve by hand
- Separate into 3 limits $(0, 1/\sqrt{3})$, $(1/\sqrt{3}, \sqrt{3})$, $(\sqrt{3}, 1)$
- Helpful rule: $\int (1)/(1+x^2) = \arctan(x)$

$$E[X] = \sum_i x_i f(x_i)$$

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

Shock Dyno

- 2 random variables, X and Y.
- You're looking for $P(X < Y)$, or $P(X - Y) < 0$. Just like before, need to convert to z scores and find CDF
- Pick out "equal likelihood per stroke" gives you a hint that you are using uniform distribution for X.
- $\{1, \dots, 6\}$ hints that it is a **discrete uniform distribution**.
 - Find $E[X]$: $n = 6$,
 - Find var of X
- Since you have 100 independent samples, **The total variance = the variance of 1 trial x 100.**



Discrete Uniform: $X \sim \text{Uniform}(n)$

$$p_x = \frac{1}{n} \quad (x = 1, 2, \dots, n) \quad \mu = (n + 1)/2, \quad \sigma^2 = (n^2 - 1)/12$$

Shock Dyno

- For Y: “Each window independently records 1 (event) or 0 (no event) with probability 0.5 each.”
 - Whenever you have a chance of 1 or 0 only, success/fail, that’s a hint that you use Binomial distribution.
 - $n = 600$
 - $p = 0.5$
 - Find mean and variance, remember $\text{var} * 600 \text{ trials} = \text{total variance}$.
- Define random variable $Z = X - Y$
- We can assume normal distribution.
- Find $E[Z] = E[X - Y]$ and $\text{Var}[Z] = \text{Var}[X - Y]$.
 $\text{Cov} = 0$ for independent variables.
- Finally, convert 0 to z score and use CDF to find percent of distribution under $(0 - E[Z]) / \sqrt{\text{Var}[Z]}$

Binomial distribution equations

$$\text{Mean} = \mu = E(x) = np$$

$$\text{Variance} = \sigma^2 = np(1 - p)$$

$$\text{Standard Deviation} = \sigma = \sqrt{np(1 - p)}$$

where

n = number of trials

p = probability of success

$1 - p$ = probability of other outcome (failure)

$\mathbb{E}[\cdot]$ is a linear operator: $E[X + Y] = E[X] + E[Y]$

$\text{Var}(X - Y) = \text{Var}(X) + \text{Var}(Y) - 2 \text{Cov}(X, Y)$

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