

Chap 3 Random Variables,

A prob space consists of an outcome space  $\Omega$  and a prob function  $P$  satisfying 3 axioms ( $P(A) \geq 0$ ,  $P(\Omega) = 1$ , add<sup>n</sup> rule).

Random variable  $X$  is a function from  $\Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .  
 $\omega \rightarrow X(\omega)$

ex flip a fair coin 2 times

$X = \#$  heads you get  $\rightarrow 0, 1, 2$

$$\Omega = \{HH, HT, TH, TT\}$$

$$X: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$HH \rightarrow 2$$

$$\{X=1\} = \{\omega: X(\omega)=1\} = \{HT, TH\}$$

$$P(X=1) = \sum_{\omega \in \{X=1\}} P(\omega) = P(HT) + P(TH) = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$P(X > 0) = \sum_{x=1}^2 P(X=x) = P(X=1) + P(X=2)$$

We don't write  $P(X)$

Distribution of  $X$

$x$	0	1	2
$P(X)$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{4}$
$ x-1 $	1	0	1

$X \sim \text{Bin}(2, \frac{1}{2})$



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Marginal prob  $P(X=x) = \sum_{\text{all } y} P(X=x, Y=y)$

$\uparrow$  fixed       $\uparrow$  fixed,       $\uparrow$  varies

Conditional Dist of X given Y  $X|Y$

By mult rule

$$P(X=x, Y=y) = P(X=x | Y=y) \cdot P(Y=y)$$

Hence

$$P(X=x | Y=y) = \frac{P(X=x, Y=y)}{P(Y=y)}$$

Bayes' Rule.

Table of  $P(X=x | Y=y)$  :

	1	2	3
$P(X=x   Y=3)$	0	0	$\frac{0.1}{0.031} = 1$
$P(X=x   Y=2)$	0	.572	.428
$P(X=x   Y=1)$	.267	.533	.200
$P(X=x   Y=0)$	.444	.444	.111

Do values of this table change from row to row? — Yes

$\Rightarrow X, Y$  are dependent random variables,

Two RV are independent if

$$P(X=x | Y=y) = P(X=x)$$

By rule

If  $X, Y$  indep.

$$P(X=x, Y=y) = P(X=x | Y=y) P(Y=y)$$

$$= P(X=x) P(Y=y)$$

"iid" - ~~the~~ independent and identically distributed  
 $X, Y$  are iid if they are independent and

$X, Y$  have the same range and  
for every value  $v$  in the range  
 $P(X=v) = P(Y=v)$ .

identically distributed.

ex

1 2 3

draw 2 times w/o replacement

$X = 1^{st}$  draw

$Y = 2^{nd}$  draw.

pos values for  $X, Y$  - both 1, 2, 3

$$P(X=1) \stackrel{?}{=} P(Y=1)$$

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$\frac{1}{3}$

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$\frac{1}{3}$

but  $X, Y$  not independent.

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## Sum of Two RV

ex  $X \sim \text{Pois}(\mu) \text{ --- } 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$

$Y \sim \text{Pois}(\lambda) \text{ --- } 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$

$S = X + Y$  Find dist of  $S$  — pos values  
 $0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$

For  $S \geq 0$

Find  $P(S=s)$ .

pick up next time.