

Ex: $A = \{ \text{all multiples of } 4 \}$. $A \text{ implies } B$.
4, 8, 12

$B = \{ \text{all multiples of } 2 \}$. $\forall X$ is a multiple of 4 then X must be a multiple of 2.
2, 4, 6, 8, ...

⑤ Commutativity

$A \cup B = B \cup A$ OR : In at least one

$A \cap B = B \cap A$ AND : In ALL.

⑦ Associativity

$A \cup (B \cup C) = (A \cup B) \cup C$

$A \cap (B \cap C) = (A \cap B) \cap C$

⑧ Distributivity

$A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$

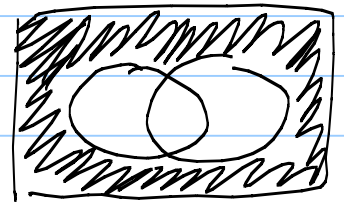
$A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$

⑨ Demorgan's Rule

$(A \cap B)^c = A^c \cup B^c$



$(A \cup B)^c = A^c \cap B^c$



Once we know how to include/exclude events/sets, we need to assign weights

A valid W.A satisfies the following 3 axioms

Axiom 1:

Each weight must be non-negative
 $P(A) \geq 0$

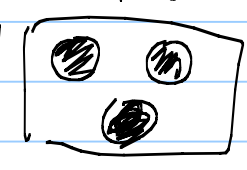
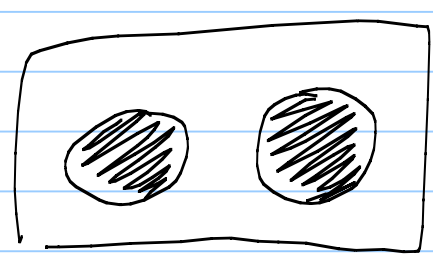
Axiom 2: The total weight must be 1.
 $P(S) = 1$

Axiom 3: If two events are disjoint, i.e., they can not happen simultaneously,

$$\parallel A \cap B = \emptyset$$

then the weights of either A or B happens must be the sum of individual weights

$$P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B)$$



Similarly: if $A \cap B = B \cap C = C \cap A = \emptyset$

Then $P(A \cup B \cup C) = P(A) + P(B) + P(C)$

Axiom 3.1: If any two A_i, A_j are disjoint, then

$$P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A_i)$$

The above "axioms" are very intuitive and can be taken as granted and used to show some non-intuitive results.

Corollary 1

$$P(A^c) = 1 - P(A)$$

Corollary 2

$$P(A) \leq 1$$

Corollary 3

$$P(\emptyset) = 0$$

Corollary 5


Corollary 4

If A_1, \dots, A_n are disjoint, then

$$P(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_n) = \sum_{k=1}^n P(A_k)$$

$$P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$$

Ex: X is the outcome of a fair 6-faced die.

$$\begin{aligned}
& P(X \text{ is a prime or } X \geq 5) \\
&= P(X=2, 3, 5, 6) = \frac{4}{6} \\
&= P(X=2, 3, 5) + P(X=5, 6) - P(X=5) \\
&= \frac{3}{6} + \frac{2}{6} - \frac{1}{6} \quad \parallel \text{The weight of } X=5 \text{ is double counted.}
\end{aligned}$$


Corollary 7

If $A \subseteq B$, then $P(A) \leq P(B)$

A is a subset of B

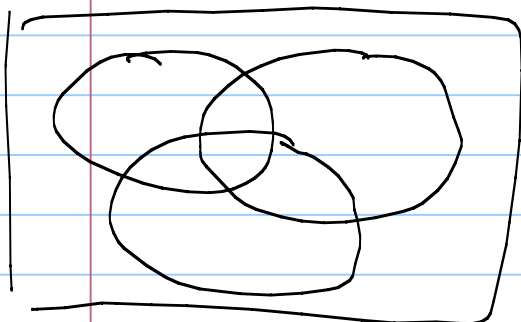
A implies B



Corollary 6

Question for the team: Explain the following "inclusion/exclusion" principle by the Venn Diagram

$$P(A \cup B \cup C) = P(A) + P(B) + P(C)$$



$$- P(A \cap B) - P(B \cap C) - P(C \cap A) + P(A \cap B \cap C)$$

Q: $P(A \cup B \cup C \cup D) = ?$

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We start by "set operations": how to include/exclude the events.

② Then discuss properties of a valid W.A.

③ The next question is how to construct a valid W.A. by ourselves.

Case 1: The sample space is discrete. (ex: A card game, a coin)

Step 1: Specify the non-negative weight for each outcome. & ^{Step 2:} Make sure the total sum is 1.

Ex: A coin has two outcomes $\{H, T\}$

We can assign $P(H) = \frac{1}{3}$ $P(T) = \frac{2}{3}$.

In many cases, we are interested in random experiments that have output being integers, then the weight assignment is described by

$$P_k = P(X = k)$$

This special type of experiments is called "discrete random variable" & the associated weight assignment is called "discrete distribution".

* random: we do not know what the outcome will be.

Variable: The outcome is ^(usually) a number.

Discrete: values are integers

* The P_k used for describing a discrete distribution (W.A) is called the prob mass function (pmf)

Example: A fair die is a discrete random variable & its distribution is described by pmf

$$P_1 = P_2 = P_3 = \dots = P_6 = \frac{1}{6}, \text{ all other } P_k = 0$$

If we let 0 denote tail, 1 for head, then the previous coin experiment is a discrete R.V. & its distribution is described by the following pmf.

$$P_0 = \frac{2}{3} \quad P_1 = \frac{1}{3} \quad \text{all other } P_k = 0$$

Example: A discrete R.V has sample space $S = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, \infty\}$ and its pmf (W.A) is

$$P_k = \frac{1}{4} \left(1 - \frac{1}{4}\right)^k \quad \text{for } k = 0, \dots, \infty$$

Q: Is this a valid W.A

Ans: Check ① $P_k \geq 0$ for all k ✓
② $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} P_k = \frac{0.25}{1 - (1 - 0.25)} = 1$ ✓
Yes

* We define W.A first & then make 021
prob statements.

* Be careful when we try to design a W.A
to "retro-fit" some prob. statement.

Ex: $S = \{1, 2, 3\}$ ex: 1: sunny
2: rainy
3: snowy

If someone says that

The prob ($X \neq 2$) is $\frac{5}{8}$

prob ($X \neq 1$) = $\frac{1}{4}$

Q: Are these two statements consistent?
(Equivalently, can we find a valid
W.A satisfying the above two statements?)

A: Suppose we can, then we will have
the pmf P_1, P_2, P_3

Then we have

Not valid

$$\begin{cases} P_1 + P_3 = \frac{5}{8} \\ P_2 + P_3 = \frac{1}{4} \\ P_1 + P_2 + P_3 = 1 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} P_1 = \frac{3}{4}, P_2 = \frac{3}{8} \\ P_3 = -\frac{1}{8} \end{cases}$$

Case 2: Suppose the sample space is continuous, and the output of a random experiment is the real number. Ex: the temperature, the time that the instructor enters the classroom.

We say this type of random experiment is a continuous random variable, its W.A is a continuous distribution

The W.A is described by the area underneath a curve.

Namely



$$P(a \leq X \leq b) = \int_a^b f_X(x) dx$$

① To make sure the sum is 1, we need

$$\Rightarrow \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_x(x) = 1.$$

② Note that $f_x(x)$ stays above zero \therefore all weights must be non-negative.

The curve $f_x(x)$ is termed the prob density function (pdf)

$$\text{Ex: } f_x(x) = \begin{cases} 2 e^{-2x} & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Q: Is $f_x(x)$ a valid pdf (describing a valid W.A.?)

Ans: Check ① $f_x(x) \geq 0$ for all x ✓

$$\text{② } \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_x(x) dx \stackrel{?}{=} 1$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} 0.5 e^{-0.5x} dx = 1. \quad \text{Since ①, ②} \Rightarrow \text{Yes, } f_x(x) \text{ is valid.}$$

Q. Do we need to have $f_x(x) \leq 1$ for all x ?

Ans: No. in this example $f_x(0) = 2.$

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Example: Today's temperature is uniformly/
equally likely distributed between
(5 F, 40 F)

What is the prob that $P(T > 32)$?

Ans: Step 1: Find the sample space

$$S = (5, 40) \quad \Bigg| \quad S = \mathbb{R} \quad \text{any real number}$$

Step 2: Construct the W.A. Since it is a continuous random variable. We need to specify a curve $f_x(x)$.

*.° Uniformly/equally likely, the curve should be flat
 $f_x(x) = c$ | be flat over (5,40)
 $f_x(x) = \begin{cases} c & \text{if } 5 < x < 40 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

To be a valid W.A.

$$\int_5^{40} f_x(x) dx = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 35c = 1 \quad c = \frac{1}{35}$$

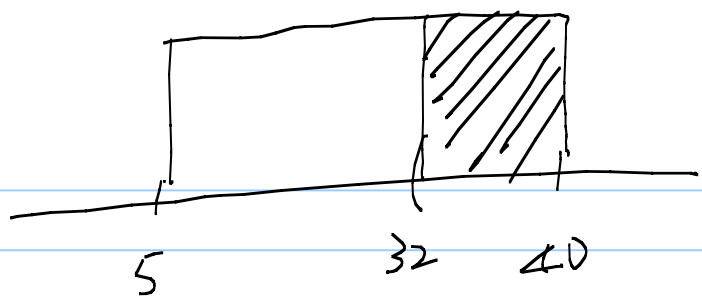
$$f_x(x) = \frac{1}{35}$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_x(x) dx = 1.$$

$$= \int_5^{40} c dx = 1$$

$$f_x(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{35} & \text{if } 5 < x < 40 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Step 3: Count the prob of the desired event.



$$P(T > 32) = \int_{32}^{40} \frac{1}{35} dx \quad \Bigg| \quad P(T > 32) = \int_{32}^{40} f(x) dx$$

$$= \frac{8}{35} \quad \Bigg| \quad = \int_{32}^{40} \frac{1}{35} dx$$

$$= \frac{8}{35} \quad \Bigg| \quad = \frac{8}{35} \neq$$

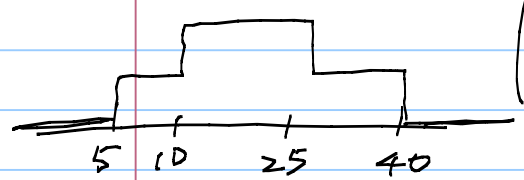
Example: Temperature is between 5 & 40.
 Suppose the prob that it is between (10, 25) is twice as likely as it is between (5, 10) or (25, 40)

Find $P(T > 32)$

Ans: Step 1: the sample space is the same. $S = \mathbb{R}$

Step 2: The curve must be

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} 2c & \text{if } 10 \leq x < 25 \\ c & \text{if } 5 \leq x < 10 \text{ or } 25 \leq x < 40 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



$$\because \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x) dx = 1 \quad \text{we must have}$$

$$\int_5^{10} c dx + \int_{10}^{25} 2c dx + \int_{25}^{40} c dx = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 50c = 1 \quad c = \frac{1}{50}$$

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{25} & \text{if } 10 \leq x < 25 \\ \frac{1}{50} & \text{if } 5 \leq x < 10, 25 \leq x < 40 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Step 3: Count the weight

$$P(T > 32) = \int_{32}^{\infty} f_X(x) dx$$

$$= \int_{32}^{40} \frac{1}{50} dx = \frac{8}{50} \quad \cancel{\times}$$

$$= 16\%$$

HW2 Q13:

Q For any valid W.A. show that

$$P(-\infty < X \leq r) \leq P(-\infty < X \leq s)$$

if $r \leq s$

Ans: Since $r \leq s$

$$P(-\infty < X \leq s) = P(-\infty < X \leq r) +$$

$$\text{Since } \underbrace{P(r < X \leq s)}_{\geq 0}$$

$$\Rightarrow P(-\infty < X \leq s) \geq P(-\infty < X \leq r)$$

Q: Suppose

$$P(-\infty < X \leq r) = P_r$$

$$P(-\infty < X \leq s) = P_s$$

What is $P(r < X \leq s)$?

$$\text{Ans: } \because P_s = P_r + P(r < X \leq s)$$

$$\therefore P(r < X \leq s) = P_s - P_r$$

Example: A continuous R.V.

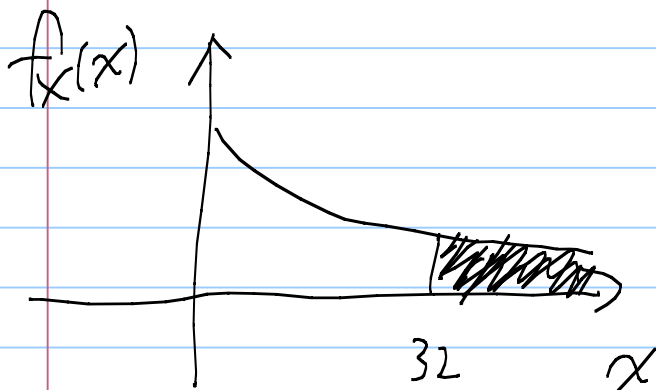
has sample space $\mathcal{S} = (0, \infty)$ (all positive real numbers)

and the prob density function is

$$f_x(x) = \begin{cases} 3e^{-3x} & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Q: What is the prob $X > 32$

Ans:



$$\int_{32}^{\infty} f_x(x) dx$$

$$= \int_{32}^{\infty} 3e^{-3x} dx$$

$$= e^{-96} \quad \#$$

* Conditional prob (Or the "Relative Frequency")

Example: Two teams play a game.

& the weather can be sunny/
rainy.

Q: Sample space?

A: $S = \{(A \text{ win, sunny}), (A \text{ win, rainy}), (B \text{ win, sunny}), (B \text{ win, rainy})\}$

Q: Construct a valid W.A.?

$\because S$ is discrete

Ans: \because By pmf. We use a table to

	S	R
A win	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$
B win	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{3}$

represent the sample space

Q: $P(A \text{ wins}) = ?$ Ans: $\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{2}$

Q: What is the prob that A wins conditioned on that it rains?

The conditional prob should be

$P(A \text{ win} \mid \text{Rainy})$ as the

$$\frac{\# \text{ of times } A \text{ win} \ \& \ \text{Rainy}}{\# \text{ of times } \text{Rainy}} = \frac{P(A \text{ wins} \ \& \ \text{rainy})}{P(\text{rains})}$$