

Probability Theory 8/25/22

Events \leftrightarrow Subsets

Ω sample space
set of all possible outcomes

\mathcal{F} space of events

$$A \in \mathcal{F} \Rightarrow A \subset \Omega$$

A B

$$\Omega = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$$

$$A = \{1, 3, 5\} = \text{outcome is odd}$$

$$B = \{1, 2, 3\} = \text{outcome} \leq 3$$

A^c = all elements of Ω not in A

$$A^c = \{2, 4, 6\} \quad \text{not}$$

$$A \cap B = \{1, 3\} \quad \text{and}$$

$$A \cup B = \{1, 2, 3, 5\} \quad \text{or}$$

$$A \setminus B = \{5\} = A \cap B^c$$

$\{5\}$ event

5 not an event

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

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

$$A^c = \Omega \setminus A = \neg A = \overline{A}$$

\mathcal{F} : not empty

$$A \in \mathcal{F} \Rightarrow A^c \in \mathcal{F}$$

$$A_i \in \mathcal{F} \quad i = 1 \dots \infty \Rightarrow \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i \in \mathcal{F}$$

Properties:

$$A \in \mathcal{F} \Rightarrow A^c \in \mathcal{F} \Rightarrow A \cup A^c \in \mathcal{F} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Omega \in \mathcal{F}$$

$$A_i \in \mathcal{F} \quad i = 1 \dots n$$

$$A_i = A_n \quad i > n$$

$$\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i$$

$$\Omega \in \mathcal{F} \Rightarrow \Omega^c \in \mathcal{F} \Rightarrow \emptyset \in \mathcal{F}$$

$$A_i \in \mathcal{F} \quad \bigcap_i A_i = \left(\bigcup A_i^c \right)^c$$

$$A_i^c \in \mathcal{F} \Rightarrow \bigcup A_i^c \in \mathcal{F} \Rightarrow \left(\bigcup A_i^c \right)^c \in \mathcal{F}$$

\mathcal{F} contains \emptyset and Ω

\mathcal{F} is closed for the complement

\mathcal{F} is closed for countable

unions and intersections

\mathcal{I} is called countable

There exists a bijective function

from \mathbb{N} to \mathcal{I} .

Examples:

$$\mathcal{F} = \{ \Omega, \emptyset \}$$

$$\mathcal{F} = 2^{\Omega} \quad \text{power set}$$

Ω is finite

$$A \subset \Omega$$

$$F = \{ \Omega, A, A^c, \emptyset \}$$

$$\mathcal{Y} = \{ (a, b) \in \mathbb{R} \}$$

F be the smallest space of event that contains \mathcal{Y} .

Ω is finite or countable

ω elements of Ω

$\{ \omega \}$ atomic event

$$A = \bigcup_{\omega \in A} \{ \omega \}$$

Probability

P is a function from $\mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$P(A) \geq 0$$

not necessary

$$P(\emptyset) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad P(\Omega) = 1$$

$$A_i \in \mathcal{F} \quad i=1 \dots \infty$$

$A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset \quad i \neq j$ disjoint
mutually exclusive

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

$A_i \quad i=1 \dots n$ are disjoint

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

$A \quad A^c$

$$A \cap A^c = \emptyset$$

$$A \cup A^c = \Omega$$

$$P(A) + P(A^c) = P(\Omega)$$

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

$$A = \Omega \Rightarrow P(\emptyset) = 0$$

Definition

$(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$

Ω = sample space

\mathcal{F} = space of events

\mathbb{P} = probability

Probability Space

Ω

$\mathcal{F} = \{ \Omega, A, A^c, \emptyset \}$

$\mathbb{P}(A) = p$

$\mathbb{P}(A^c) = 1 - p$

Bernoulli situation

Ω is finite

$\mathcal{F} = 2^{\Omega}$

$\mathbb{P}(\{\omega\}) = p(\omega)$

$$P(A) = \sum_{\omega \in A} p(\omega)$$

Probability of atomic events defines P .

$$p(\omega) \geq 0 \quad \sum_{\omega \in \Omega} p(\omega) = 1$$

Same thing works for countable sets.

Ω is finite:

all ω are equiprobable

$$p(\omega) = p(\omega') \quad \forall \omega, \omega'$$

$$p(\omega) = \frac{1}{|\Omega|}$$

$$\Omega = \mathbb{N} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$$

$$p(\omega) = 0 \quad \text{if } \omega > 10$$

$$p(n) = p^n (1-p)$$

coin That gives H prob p .

How long will I wait before the first Tail?

IT happen at The first flip : $(1-p)$

2nd flip : $p(1-p)$

$$p(n) = p^n (1-p)$$

Geometric dist.

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p^n (1-p) = 1$$

$$\sum_{x=0}^{\infty} x^n = \frac{1}{1-x} \quad (x < 1)$$

$$P(A) = \sum_{n \in A} p(n)$$

$$P(\text{even}) = \sum_{n \text{ even}} p^n (1-p) = \sum_m p^{2m} (1-p) = \frac{(1-p)}{(1-p^2)}$$

A is a subset of \mathbb{N}

$$A \cap \{0, 1, \dots, n\} = A_n$$

$$P_n(A) = \frac{|A_n|}{n}$$

if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P_n(A) = P(A)$ exists

I can call $P(A)$ The prob of A .

\mathcal{F} all subset of \mathbb{N} for which

The limit exists, $\Rightarrow \mathcal{F}$ space of events

$$[0, 1] = \Omega$$

$$(a, b) \quad P((a, b)) = b - a$$

$$A = \bigcup_n (a_n, b_n) \quad b_n \leq a_{n+1}$$

$$P(A) = \sum_n |b_n - a_n|$$

$$(a, b)^c = [0, a] \cup [b, 1]$$

$$(a, b)^c \cap \left(\frac{a+b}{2}, 1\right) = [b, 1]$$