

# Final Review

Course Evaluations end Today

Exam 3 hours Friday May 11 2-5 pm  
in 6.122

2 sheets of notes permitted

~ 10 problems

Final is cumulative: test all parts of course

30% about chapters 7&8

## Summary

Prelude Combinatorics ch 1

permutations (some indistinguishable objects)

combinations & binomials coeffs  $\binom{n}{k}$

binomial theorem and combinatorial proofs

prove by counting same thing two different ways.

# Discrete Probability Ch 2, 3, 4

2] Sample spaces and events. Axioms of probability

$S$  sample space  $E$  event = subset of  $S$

$$P(E) \quad 0 \leq P(E) \leq 1$$

$$P(S) = 1$$

$$P(E \cup F) = P(E) + P(F)$$

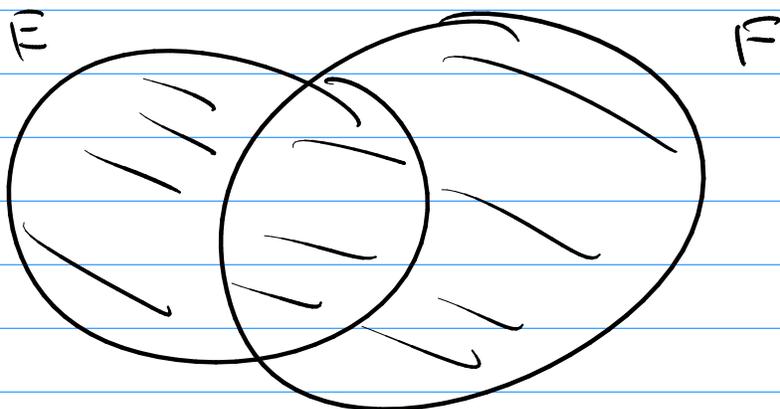
provided that  $E \cap F = \emptyset$

Set operations  $\cap, \cup$  de Morgan's laws, complement

Venn diagrams

Inclusion-exclusion formula.

$$P(E \cup F) = P(E) + P(F) - P(E \cap F)$$



- Examples of discrete probability coming from situations where all outcomes are equally likely.  
→ reduces to combinatorics

3) Conditional probability

$$P(E|F) = \frac{P(E \cap F)}{P(F)}$$

independent events:  $P(EF) = P(E)P(F)$

$$P(E|F) = P(E)$$

Two key lemmas:

Conditioning on a complete set of mutually exclusive events

$$H_1, H_2, H_3, \dots, H_n$$

(i)  $H_i \cap H_j = \emptyset$  unless  $i=j$ .

(ii)  $H_1 \cup H_2 \cup \dots \cup H_n = S'$

$$P(E) = P(E|H_1)P(H_1) + \dots + P(E|H_n)P(H_n)$$

Trick: "reversing the order of conditioning"

$$P(F|E) = \frac{P(EF)}{P(E)} = \frac{P(E|F)P(F)}{P(E)}$$

Bayes law:

$$P(H_1|E) = \frac{P(E|H_1)P(H_1)}{\sum_{i=1}^n P(E|H_i)P(H_i)}$$

$H_1 = \text{guilty}$     $H_2 = \text{not guilty}$     $\downarrow$  prior probability

$$P(\text{guilty}|E) = \frac{P(E|\text{guilty})P(\text{guilty})}{P(E|\text{guilty})P(\text{guilty}) + P(E|\text{not guilty})P(\text{not guilty})}$$

conditional independence

$$P(E_1, E_2|F) = P(E_1|F)P(E_2|F)$$

we say  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  are conditionally independent given  $F$ .

4] random variables, mass function, expectation & variance

Gambling examples: Expected winnings determine whether it's a good idea to play.

Binomial,  $(n, p)$    Poisson,  $\lambda$    geometric, negative binomial, hypergeometric

Poisson approximation to binomial    $p$  small    $n$  large,  $\lambda = np$

## Continuous RVs ch 5

density function, Cumulative distribution function.

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

$$F_X(a) = \int_{-\infty}^a f_X(x) dx$$

expectation and variance

memoryless property

Uniform, normal, exponential random variables

$X$  normal with mean  $\mu$ , variance  $\sigma^2$

$\frac{X-\mu}{\sigma}$  normal with mean 0 and variance 1

## Theory of RVs 6, 7, 8

6] joint mass/density functions

$$f_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dy$$

independent RV's.

$X, Y$  independent if  $f(x, y) = f_X(x) f_Y(y)$

$$P(x, y) = P_X(x) P_Y(y)$$

Sum of independent random variables

$$f_{X+Y}(a) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x) f_Y(a-x) dx$$

7] Expectations of functions of random variables

$$E[g(X, Y)] = \iint g(x, y) f(x, y) dx dy$$

→ sums products  $E[X+Y] = E[X] + E[Y]$

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = E[XY] - E[X]E[Y]$$

$X, Y$  independent  $\Rightarrow \text{Cov}(X, Y) = 0$ .

$\text{Var}(X) = \text{Cov}(X, X) \Rightarrow$  variances of sums

$$\text{Cov}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i, \sum_{j=1}^m Y_j\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m \text{Cov}(X_i, Y_j)$$

if  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are independent

$$\text{Ans } \text{Var}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n \text{Var}(X_i)$$

8]: Markov's, Chebyshev's inequality and Weak law of large numbers.

$$P\{|X - \mu| \geq k\} \leq \frac{\sigma^2}{k^2}$$

## Central limit theorem

$X_1, \dots, X_n$  independent identically distributed

$$\frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n - n\mu}{\sigma\sqrt{n}} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \text{standard normal distribution with } \mu=0, \sigma=1$$

Weak law

$$P \left\{ \left| \frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n - n\mu}{n} \right| \geq \varepsilon \right\} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$$

Strong law of large numbers:

$$P \left\{ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n}{n} = \mu \right\} = 1$$

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