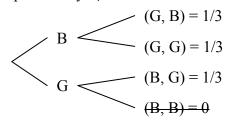
### Sample Space

Problem of the Day: A family has two kids, one of them is a girl. What is the probability that both kids are girls?

- To solve the problem, we need to have a statistical model.
- **Statistical model** is a set of assumptions
  - $\triangleright$  A1: For each kid, Pr(B) = Pr(G) = 0.5
  - > A2: The gender of the two kids are independent
- **Sample Space** is the list of elementary events with their probability of occurrence.
- ❖ Interpretation of the Problem
  - 1) Suppose I have no additional information about the family. Then we have 4 elementary events, each with the same probability 1/4.



Since my information is that at least one kid is a girl, this rules out the event (B, B). Thus, the sample space becomes {(G,G), (G,B), (B,G)}, in which each element has the same probability 1/3.

Therefore, the answer under Interpretation 1 is 1/3.

2) Suppose, in addition to the information given, I have also met a girl from this family. Now the experiment is simply about the other kid whom I have never met. In this case, the sample space is  $\{B, G\}$ , and each element has the same probability 1/2.

Therefore, the answer under Interpretation 2 is 1/2. The fact that I have met a girl in this family increases the probability of the family having two girls from 1/3 to 1/2.

- Conclusion: Always make explicit the following:
  - The statistical experiment
  - The sample space  $\Omega = \{\omega_1, ..., \omega_N\}$  where  $\omega_n$ 's are elementary events and their probabilities
  - The statistical model
- ❖ If possible, we should define the elementary events so that the statistical model leads to think that all elementary events have the same probability.
  - ➤ If the sample space is FINITE,

$$P(A) = \frac{\text{number of elementary events in } A}{\text{number of elements in } \Omega} = \frac{\#A}{\#\Omega}$$
where A is an event not necessarily elementary, i.e. A is a list of elementary events.

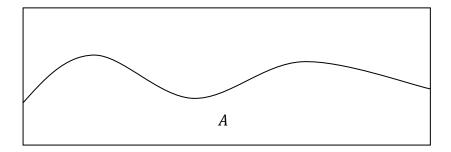
• In this case, P(A) is the uniform probability on  $\Omega$ ,

$$P: \mathcal{P}(\Omega) \to [0,1]$$

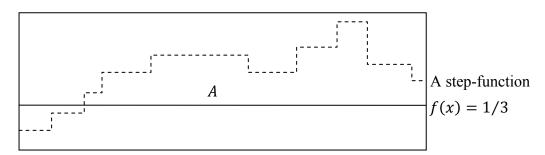
$$A \mapsto \frac{\#A}{\#\Omega}$$

# Algebras and $\sigma$ -Algebras of Events

<u>Problem</u>: I throw a piece of chalk on the blackboard. What is the probability for the chalk to hit below the given curve?



- Sample space:  $\Omega = \{all \ the \ points \ on \ the \ blackboard\}$
- > Statistical model
  - Assume that all the points on the blackboard have the same probability of being hit. Then,  $\forall \omega \in \Omega : P(\{\omega\}) = \epsilon \Rightarrow \epsilon = 0$ . That is, if we ask about the probability of a single point being hit, the answer is going to be zero. Therefore, we need to resort to a different measure of probability—expressed as the area under a curve.



In the cases of constant and step-functions, the probability of the chalk hitting inside A is  $P(A) = \frac{area\ of\ A}{area\ of\ \Omega}$ . We can extend this idea to any function f(x).

- To find the probability of an event in general, given a function f(x).
  - Define the event A as

$$A := \{ \omega = (x, y) \in \Omega : y \le f(x) \}$$

• Define the events  $A_n$  as

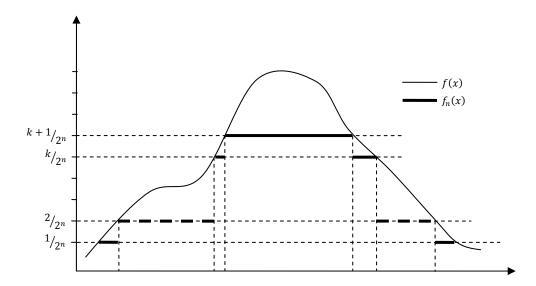
$$A_n := \{ \omega = (x, y) \in \Omega : y \le f_n(x) \}$$

where

$$f_n(x) := \sum_{k=0}^{n2^{n}-1} \frac{k}{2^n} \mathbf{1}_{\left\{\frac{k}{2^n} \le f(x) < \frac{k+1}{2^n}\right\}}, \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$\mathbf{1}_{\left\{\frac{k}{2^n} \le f(x) < \frac{k+1}{2^n}\right\}} = \begin{cases} 1 & \frac{k}{2^n} \le f(x) < \frac{k+1}{2^n} \\ 0 & otherwise \end{cases}$$

- $f_n(x) \le f_{n+1}(x)$  for all x and all n
- $\bullet \quad \lim_{n \to \infty} f_n(x) = f(x)$



# Algebras and $\sigma$ -Algebras (Cont'd)

\* Recap.

Let 
$$A = \{\omega = (x, y) \in \Omega : y \le f(x)\}$$
  
Let  $A_n = \{\omega = (x, y) \in \Omega : y \le f_n(x)\}$  and  $f_n(x) = f_n(x) := \sum_{k=0}^{n2^n - 1} \frac{k}{2^n} \mathbf{1}_{\left\{\frac{k}{2^n} \le f(x) < \frac{k+1}{2^n}\right\}}$ 

We can show

- 1)  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \forall x \in \mathbb{R} : f_n(x) \le f_{n+1}(x)$
- 2)  $f_n$  is increasing implies that  $f_n$  has a limit. Thus,  $\lim_{n\to\infty} f_n \to f$  for all x.

As a result of (1) and (2),  $A_n = \{(x, y) : y \le f_n(x)\}$  is such that  $A_n \subset A_{n+1}$ , i.e.  $A_n$  is increasing. Therefore,  $\bigcup_n A_n = A$ , and we can say

$$P(A) = \lim P(A_n)$$

We can define P(A) for any set  $A = \{(x, y) : y \le f(x)\}$  such that

$$\lim P(A_n) = \lim \int_a^b f_n(x) \, dx \equiv \int_a^b f(x) \, dx$$

More generally, whenever, f is Riemann integrable, we can get P(A) by using the step-wise approximation.

- $\triangleright$  Conclusion: For any sample  $\Omega$ , the events A for which I can define P(A) are the subsets of  $\Omega$  including at least
  - $\Omega$  itself (by definition,  $P(\Omega) = 1$ )
  - If P(A) exists, then  $P(\bar{A}) = 1 P(\bar{A})$
  - If A and B are included, then  $A \cap B$  is included, and also  $A \cup B$
  - If  $A_n$  is included in  $A_{n+1}$ , and all the  $A_n$ 's are such that  $P(A_n)$  exist, then  $\bigcup_n A_n$  has to be included.
- ❖ *Definition*. Let Ω be the sample space. An *algebra*  $\mathcal{A}$  of events of events of Ω is a family of subsets of Ω (i.e.  $\mathcal{A} \subset \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$ ) such that
  - 1)  $\Omega \in \mathcal{A}$
  - 2)  $A \in \mathcal{A} \Rightarrow A^c \in \mathcal{A}$
  - 3)  $A, B \in \mathcal{A} \Rightarrow (A \cap B) \in \mathcal{A}$

 $\mathcal{A}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra (or  $\sigma$ -field) if in addition, we have

- 4)  $A_n \in \mathcal{A}, \forall n \in \mathbb{N} : A_n \subset A_{n+1} \Rightarrow \bigcup_n A_n \in \mathcal{A}$
- $ightharpoonup \underline{\text{Remark}}$ . If  $\mathcal{A}$  is an algebra,  $\forall A_1, ..., A_N$  finite collection of sets such that  $A_i \in \mathcal{A}$ , i = 1, ..., N, then  $\bigcup_{i=1}^N A_i \in \mathcal{A}$ , and  $\bigcap_{i=1}^N A_i \in \mathcal{A}$ 
  - Note. By the De Morgan's Law,  $A \cup B = \overline{(\bar{A} \cap \bar{B})}$ .
- $\triangleright$  Remark. If Ω is finite and  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$ , then  $\mathcal{A}$  algebra  $\Leftrightarrow \sigma$ -algebra
  - Note. If  $\Omega$  is infinite, then  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\Rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  algebra (but not reverse, see e.g. on P.11)
- **Theorem**. If  $\Omega$  is countable and  $\mathcal{A}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra of  $\Omega$  such that  $\forall \omega \in \mathcal{A} : \{\omega\} \in \mathcal{A}$ , then  $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$ 
  - $\triangleright$  *Proof.* We will demonstrate the equality by showing  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$  and  $\mathcal{P}(\Omega) \subseteq \mathcal{A}$ . First, by the definition of a *σ*-algebra,  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$ .

Next, to show that  $\mathcal{P}(\Omega) \subseteq \mathcal{A}$ , we need to show that  $\forall B : B \in \mathcal{P}(\Omega) \Rightarrow B \in \mathcal{A}$ . Since  $\Omega$  is countable, we can describe its elements as

$$\Omega = \{\omega_1, \dots, \omega_n, \dots\}$$

Consider the following sets  $A_n$  defined for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  as  $A_n = \{\omega_1, ..., \omega_n\}$ . It is easy to show that  $A_n \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $A_n \subseteq A_{n+1}$  (e.g. by recurrence:  $A_{n+1} = A_n \cup \{\omega_{n+1}\}$ ). Now consider any set  $B \in \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$ , we can always rewrite B as

$$B = B \cap \Omega$$

$$= B \cap \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n$$

$$= B \cap \lim_{n \to \infty} \bigcup_{k=1}^{n} A_k$$

$$= B \cap \lim_{n \to \infty} A_n$$

$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} (B \cap A_n)$$

$$\in \mathcal{A}$$

# **Probability Measure**

**\*** Definition. Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A})$  be a measurable space, where  $\Omega$  is the sample space and  $\mathcal{A}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra.

 $\triangleright \mu$  is a measure on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A})$  if and only if

$$\mu: \mathcal{A} \to \overline{\mathbb{R}}_+$$
$$A \mapsto \mu(A)$$

is such that

- 1)  $\mu(\emptyset) = 0$
- 2)  $\mu(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu(A_i)$

where  $(A_i)$  are pair-wise disjoint sets with  $A_i \in \mathcal{A}$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ .

- > P is a probability measure if and only if
  - $\blacksquare$  *P* is a measure
  - $P(\Omega) = 1$

Therefore,

$$P: \mathcal{A} \to [0,1]$$
  
 $A \mapsto P(A)$ 

- $\triangleright$  Remark. If  $A, B \in \mathcal{A} : A \cap B = \emptyset$ , then  $\mu(A \cup B) = \mu(A) + \mu(B)$ .
  - Consider countable collection  $A, B, \emptyset, ..., \emptyset$ , use (2) and (1)
- $\triangleright$  Remark. If  $A, B \in \mathcal{A} : A \subseteq B$ , then  $\mu(A) \le \mu(B)$
- $\triangleright$  Remark. Consider the measure space (Ω, A, μ), and B ∈ A : 0 < μ(B) < ∞. The associated probability measure on  $(B, A \cap B)$  is defined as

$$\forall S \in \mathcal{A} \cap B : P(S) = \frac{\mu(S)}{\mu(B)}$$

• Note.  $(A \cap B) = \{S = (A \cap B) : \forall A \in A\}$   $(\subseteq \mathcal{P}(B)?)$ 

#### **Uniform Probability Measure**

 $\triangleright$   $\Omega$  is finite:

$$P(\{\omega\}) = \frac{1}{\#\Omega}, \quad \forall \omega \in \Omega$$

 $\triangleright$   $\Omega$  is infinite (and not countable), e.g.  $\Omega = \mathbb{R}^2$ . I can define the *Lebesgue Measure* on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , which is

$$\mu(A) = Area \ of \ A, \qquad \forall A \in \mathcal{A} = \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^2)$$

Consider  $B \subset \Omega = \mathbb{R}^2$  (think of B as the blackboard), with  $0 < \mu(B) < \infty$ . From the Lebesgue measure (area of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ) on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , I can define uniform probability measure P on  $B \cap \mathcal{A} = \{B \cap \mathcal{A} : A \in \mathcal{A}\}$  as

$$P(S) = \frac{\mu(S)}{\mu(B)}, \quad \forall S \in (B \cap \mathcal{A})$$

### **\*** Empirical Probability Measure

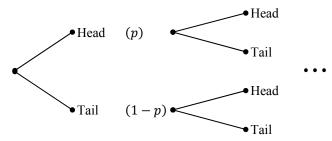
- Assume we have a statistical experiment with draws  $\omega \in \Omega$ .
- After *n* repetitions of the experiment, we have  $(\omega_1, ..., \omega_n)$ . The *sampling frequency* of *A* is given by

$$\forall A \in \mathcal{A} : f_n(A) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{1}_{\{\omega_i \in A\}}(\omega_i)$$

- E.g. A could be "rolling a dice and get 3" or "rolling a dice and get 3, 4, 5"
- We can show that  $f_n$  is a probability measure.

# ➤ Law of Large Numbers (LLN)

- <u>Remark.</u> We want to understand the connection between  $f_n(A)$  and P(A), where the latter is the population ("genuine") probability of event A.
- E.g. Toss a coin



If I repeat my experiment n times

$$f_n(Head) = \frac{\# of \ Head \ observations}{n}$$

Sample space:

$$\Omega = \left\{ (\omega_i)_{1 \leq i \leq n} : \omega_i \in \{H, T\} \right\}$$

under the assumption that

- 1) Tosses are independent
- 2) P(H) = 1/2

$$P(\{(\omega_i)_{1 \le i \le n}\}) = \frac{1}{2^n}, \qquad \forall (\omega_i)_{1 \le i \le n} \in \Omega^{(n)}$$

Strictly speaking, it is possible to only get heads with probability  $1/2^n$ . In this case,  $f_n(H) = 1$ , which does not converge to P(H) = 1/2. However,  $P(\{f_n(H) = 1\}) = \frac{1}{2^n} \to 0$ 

$$P(\{f_n(H)=1\}) = \frac{1}{2^n} \to 0$$

Here, we need to understand the meaning of  $f_n(H)$  converges to P(H) with probability approaching 1.

# ❖ Definition. Monotone sequence

A sequence  $A_1 \subseteq A_2 \subseteq \cdots \subseteq A_n \subseteq \cdots$  is called an *increasing sequence* with limit:

$$\lim_{n} A_n = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n = \lim_{n} \uparrow A_n$$

A sequence  $A_1 \supseteq \cdots \supseteq A_n \supseteq \cdots$  is **decreasing** with limit:

$$\lim_{n} A_n = \bigcap_{n=1} A_n = \lim_{n} \downarrow A_n$$

- A monotone class is a class that contains the limits of all its increasing and decreasing sequences.
  - A  $\sigma$ -algebra is a monotone class (this is true by the last theorem in homework 1).

• A *class* is a collection of sets.

# \* Theorem. Monotone Continuity of Probability Measure

- $\triangleright$  Consider a probability measure P on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A})$  where  $\mathcal{A}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra
- Suppose  $(A_n)_n \subseteq \mathcal{A}$  is an increasing (and countable) sequence in  $\mathcal{A}$ , and  $(B_n)_n \subseteq \mathcal{A}$  a decreasing (countable) sequence in  $\mathcal{A}$ . Then,
  - 1)  $P(\lim \uparrow A_n) = \lim_{n \to \infty} P(A_n)$
  - 2)  $P(\lim \downarrow B_n) = \lim_{n \to \infty} P(B_n)$

# **Monotone Continuity Theorem (cont'd)**

- \* *Theorem.* Monotone Continuity of Probability Measure.
  - $\triangleright$  Consider a probability measure P on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A})$  where  $\mathcal{A}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra
  - Suppose  $(A_n)_n \in \mathcal{A}$  is an increasing (and countable) sequence in  $\mathcal{A}$ , and  $(B_n)_n \in \mathcal{A}$  a decreasing (countable) sequence in A. Then,
    - 1)  $P(\lim \uparrow A_n) = \lim_{n \to \infty} P(A_n)$
    - 2)  $P(\lim \downarrow B_n) = \lim_{n \to \infty} P(B_n)$

*Proof.* We can define a sequence of disjoint sets  $(C_n)$  such that

$$C_{n+1} = A_{n+1} \backslash A_n, \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$
  
 $C_1 = A_1$ 

 $C_{n+1} = A_{n+1} \backslash A_n, \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$   $C_1 = A_1$ • Note.  $\bigcup_{k=1}^n C_k = \bigcup_{k=1}^n A_k = A_n$ . (We can justify this claim by induction.)

$$P(\lim \uparrow A_n) = P\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n\right)$$

$$= P\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} (A_{n+1} \backslash A_n)\right)$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(A_{n+1} \backslash A_n)$$

$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{k=1}^{n} P(A_{k+1} \backslash A_k)$$

$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} P\left(\bigcup_{k=1}^{n} (A_{k-1} \backslash A_k)\right)$$

$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} P(A_n)$$

**Definition. Limit Superior** and **Limit Inferior**:

$$\limsup_{n \to \infty} A_n = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{m \ge n} A_m$$

 $A_n$  occurs infinitely many times.

$$\liminf_{n \to \infty} A_n = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \bigcap_{m > n} A_m$$

- $A_n$  occurs eventually.
- $(\Omega, \mathcal{A})$  a  $\sigma$ -algebra,  $(A_n) \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $\omega \in \Omega$ . What does it mean to say  $\omega \in (\limsup A_n)$ ??

$$\omega \in \left(\limsup_{n \to \infty} A_n\right) \iff \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \exists m \ge n : \omega \in A_m$$

Similarly,

$$\omega \in \left( \liminf_{n \to \infty} A_n \right) \iff \exists n \in \mathbb{N}, \forall m \ge n : \omega \in A_m$$

Reference: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Limit superior and limit inferior#Special case: discrete metric

•  $\{f_n(A) \to P(A)\}\$  is an event because it is in the sample space  $\Omega^{(\infty)}$  with

$$\Omega^{(\infty)} = \{(\omega_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}} : \omega_i \in \{H, T\} \ \forall i \in \mathbb{N}\}$$

$$\begin{cases} f_n(A) \to P(A) \} \text{ is the set containing all the } f_n \text{ 's that converge to } P(A), \text{ i.e. } 1/2. \\ \overline{\omega} \in \{f_n(A) \to P(A)\} \iff f_n(A)_{(\overline{\omega})} \xrightarrow{n \to \infty} P(A) \\ \Leftrightarrow \forall \epsilon > 0, \exists q \in \mathbb{N}, \forall n \geq q : \left| f_n(A)_{(\overline{\omega})} - P(A) \right| \leq \epsilon \\ \Rightarrow \forall k \in \mathbb{N}, \exists q \in \mathbb{N}, \forall n \geq q : \left| f_n(A)_{(\overline{\omega})} - P(A) \right| \leq \frac{1}{k} \\ \Leftrightarrow \overline{\omega} \in \bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\{ \left| f_n(A)_{(\overline{\omega})} - P(A) \right| \leq \frac{1}{k} \right\} \end{cases}$$

Note. Union corresponds to existential quantifier, and intersection to universal quantifier: U↔ ∃, and,  $\cap \leftrightarrow \forall$ .

$$P(f_n(A) \to P(A)) = \lim_{k \to \infty} \downarrow \lim_{q \to \infty} \uparrow P\left(\bigcap_{n \ge q} \left\{ |f_n(A) - P(A)| \le \frac{1}{k} \right\} \right)$$
$$= \lim_{k \to \infty} \downarrow \lim_{q \to \infty} \uparrow P\left(\sup_{n \ge q} |f_n(A) - P(A)| \le \frac{1}{k} \right)$$

Recall:

$$f_n(A)_{(\omega)} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \mathbf{1}_{\{\omega_k \in A\}}$$

with 
$$\omega_i \in \{H, T\}$$
,  $A = \text{getting H}$ 

$$\Omega^{(n)} = \{ (\omega_i)_{1 \le i \le n} : \omega_i \in \{ H < T \} \}$$

❖ Definition. Almost Surely Convergence and Probability Convergence

$$f_n(A) \xrightarrow{a.s.} P(A) \iff \forall \epsilon > 0 : P\left(\sup_{q \ge n} \left| f_q(A) - P(A) \right| > \epsilon \right) \xrightarrow[n \to \infty]{} 0$$

$$f_n(A) \xrightarrow{p} P(A) \iff \forall \epsilon > 0 : P(\left| f_n(A) - P(A) \right| > \epsilon) \xrightarrow[n \to \infty]{} 0$$

# **Convergence**

- \* Recall the two definitions
  - > Convergence in probability

$$\begin{array}{ll} f_n(A) \overset{p}{\to} P(A) & \Leftrightarrow & \forall \epsilon > 0 : P(\{|f_n(A) - P(A)| > \epsilon\}) \underset{n \to \infty}{\longrightarrow} 0 \\ & \Leftrightarrow & \forall \epsilon > 0 : P(\{|f_n(A) - P(A)| \le \epsilon\}) \underset{n \to \infty}{\longrightarrow} 1 \end{array}$$

> Convergence almost sure

$$\begin{split} f_n(A) & \xrightarrow{a.s.} P(A) & \Leftrightarrow \forall \epsilon > 0 : P\left(\left\{\sup_{q \geq n} \left| f_q(A) - P(A) \right| > \epsilon\right\}\right) \underset{n \to \infty}{\longrightarrow} 0 \\ & \Leftrightarrow \forall \epsilon > 0 : P\left(\left\{\sup_{q \geq n} \left| f_q(A) - P(A) \right| \leq \epsilon\right\}\right) \underset{n \to \infty}{\longrightarrow} 1 \end{split}$$

- $ightharpoonup \operatorname{Note.} f_n(A) \xrightarrow{a.s.} P(A) \Rightarrow f_n(A) \xrightarrow{p} P(A)$ 
  - In general, however, the reverse does not hold. Consider

$$P\left(\left\{\sup_{q\geq n}(\left|f_{q}(A)-P(A)\right|>\epsilon\right\}\right) = P\left(\bigcup_{q\geq n}\left\{\left|f_{q}(A)-P(A)\right|>\epsilon\right\}\right)$$

$$\leq \sum_{q\geq n}P\left(\left\{\left|f_{q}(A)-P(A)\right|>\epsilon\right\}\right)$$

- Convergence almost sure is the Strong LLN
  - This is the stochastic analog of "pointwise convergence".
- Convergence in probability is the <u>Weak</u> LLN
  - Continuous Mapping Theorem. For every continuous function g, if  $x_n \stackrel{p}{\to} x$ , then  $g(x_n) \stackrel{p}{\to} g(x)$ .

# **Quality Control and Sampling with / without Replacement**

- ❖ Sampling with / without Replacement
  - > Population of *N* individuals
  - $\triangleright$  Draw *n* individuals among *N*
- ❖ 1<sup>st</sup> experiment (with replacement):
  - > Draw 1 individual from the population (this is #1). Put it back
  - > Draw 1 individual from the population (this is #2). Put it back
  - **>** ...
  - > Sample space

$$\Omega = \{\omega = (\omega_1, ..., \omega_n) : \omega_i \in population\}$$

where  $\#\Omega = N^n$ 

Assuming independent draws, then

$$P(\{\omega\}) = \frac{1}{N^n}$$

- ❖ 2<sup>nd</sup> experiment (without replacement):
  - > Draw 1 individual from the population
    - This is #1
  - > Draw 1 individual from the remaining population
    - This is #2

  - > Sample space:

$$\Omega^* = \left\{ \omega = (\omega_1, \dots, \omega_n) : \omega_i \in population \land \omega_i \neq \omega_j \ for \ i \neq j \right\}$$
 where  $\Omega^* \subset \Omega$  with

$$\#\Omega^* = N(N-1)(N-2)\cdots$$

❖ The two experiments / models are compatible.

$$P \text{ defined on } \Omega \rightarrow P \text{ defined on } (\Omega^*, \sigma(\Omega^*))$$

We can move from the 1st experiment to the 2nd experiment by precluding repetition

> Probability of having no repetition

= probability of 
$$\Omega^*$$
 within  $(\Omega, \sigma(\Omega), P)$   
=  $\frac{\#\Omega^*}{\#\Omega} = \frac{(N)_n}{N^n}$ 

- ➤ In both experiments, order matters.
- $\triangleright$  Intuition 1. When n is sufficiently smaller than N.
  - Then the probability of no repetition is really large ~ almost 1

$$(N)_n = N(N-1) \dots \underbrace{(N-n+1)}_{\sim N} \sim N^n$$

• Application: for survey polls, *N* is usually quite large compared to *n*; so we can do calculations with repetitions.

$\triangleright$ I	ntuition 2.	When <i>n</i>	is sufficiently	y close to N (	(extreme case: $n = N$ )
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$\overline{N}$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Probability of no repetition $((N)_N/N^N)$	1	0.5	0.222	0.094	0.038	0.015	0.006 (99.4% chance of having a repetition!)

- Note.  $(N)_N = N!$ 
  - The number of ways to choose an <u>ordered sequence</u> (without repetition) of all individuals.
    - = number of permutations of the set of individuals
  - More generally

$$(N)_n = \frac{N!}{(N-n)!}$$

- $(N)_n$  is the number of <u>ordered</u> (or <u>arranged</u>) samples of size n <u>without repetitions</u> in a population of size N.
- Of course, several of these ordered samples share the exact same individuals but ordered in a different way (there are n! ways of permuting n individuals)
- ◆ The number of <u>subsets</u> of *n* individual in a population of size *N* <u>without repetition</u> is given by the *Binomial coefficient*:

$$\frac{(N)_n}{n!} = \frac{N!}{(N-n)! \, n!}$$

Permutation (order matters)

$$(N)_n = \frac{N!}{(N-n)!}$$

◆ Combination (order does not matter)

$$\binom{N}{n} = \frac{N!}{(N-n)! \, n!}$$

- Quality Control without Replacement in Sampling
  - $\triangleright$  N light bulbs with R deficient ones
    - Note. *R* is not random.
  - Minimum quality standard: No more than K among N are allowed to be deficient.
    - But it's too expensive to check the N light bulbs. So select randomly n light bulbs among N, observe k deficient ones.
  - $\triangleright$  Question: Given N, K, n, k, what values are likely for R? (want R to be smaller than K)
    - We want to assess: P(observed k) and realize it depends on R (if R is large, then the probability of observing a large k is high, and vice versa).
    - Conversely: we have observed k. It makes more likely the value of R for which P(observed k) = large
      - Given  $R, f: k \to P_R(observed k)$ 
        - lacktriangle Note. **Probability function** indexed by R.

- Given  $k, g: R \to P_R(observed k)$ 
  - ♦ Note. This is the *likelihood function*.
- > Sample Space
  - $1^{\text{st}}$  choice:  $\Omega = \{0, 1, 2, ..., n\}$ 
    - However, this sample space is not convenient! Because the probabilities of the elementary events are not equal, i.e. probability distribution is not uniform.
  - <sup>1</sup>  $2^{\text{nd}}$  choice:  $\Omega = \text{the } (N)_n$  ordered samples that can be drawn without replacement.
    - For this sample space, we can define a uniform probability distribution.

$$P_{R}\left(\underbrace{k \text{ deficient bulbs}}_{\text{elementary event }A}\right) = \frac{\#A}{\#\Omega}$$

$$= \underbrace{\frac{(R)_{k}(N-R)_{n-k}}{(N)_{n}}}_{\text{probability of getting }k \text{ deficient bulbs}}_{\text{from a sample of size }n \text{ in an ordered way}} \times \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} n \\ k \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{number of ways to order the }k \text{ defective bulbs}}_{\text{the }k \text{ defective bulbs}}$$

$$= \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} R \\ k \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} N-R \\ n-k \end{pmatrix}}_{\begin{pmatrix} N \end{pmatrix}}$$

- $3^{\text{rd}}$  choice:  $\Omega = \text{the } \binom{N}{n}$  subsets
  - Uniform probability is induced from uniform probability with ordered samples.

$$P(k \text{ deficient bulbs}) = \frac{\#A}{\#\Omega} = c$$

- This is the most appropriate sample space for the question.
- $\triangleright$  Remark. We end up with a probability that is not uniform on  $\{1,2,...,n\}$

$$P(\{k\}) = \frac{\binom{R}{k} \binom{N-R}{n-k}}{\binom{N}{n}}, \quad if \begin{cases} n-(N-R) \le k \\ k \le R \end{cases}$$

- This characterizes any event  $A \subset \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$
- This is the *hypergeometric distribution*, H(N,R,n)

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# **Quality Control (cont'd)**

\* Recap

➤ Population: *N* 

➤ Defective light bulbs: *R* 

 $\triangleright$  Quality control:  $R \le K$ 

• Sample n with defect k

➤ <u>Case 1</u>. Draw without replacement

 $\overline{\Omega} = (N)_n$  arranged samples

$$P(\{k\}) = \frac{\binom{R}{k} \binom{N-R}{n-k}}{\binom{N}{n}} \to \Omega^* = \binom{N}{n}$$

Each sample in  $\Omega^*$  corresponds to exactly n! arranged sample in  $\Omega$ .

- $P(\{k\})$  means the probability of getting k defective bulbs in a set of n bulbs.
- > Case 2. Draw with replacement
  - $\Omega = N^n$  samples that are arranged.

$$P(\lbrace k \rbrace) = \frac{R^k (N - R)^{n - k} \binom{n}{k}}{N^n}$$

$$= \frac{R^k (N - R)^{n - k}}{N^k N^{n - k}} \binom{n}{k}$$

$$= \left(\frac{R}{N}\right)^k \left(1 - \frac{R}{N}\right)^{n - k} \binom{n}{k}$$

$$= p^k (1 - p)^{n - k} \binom{n}{k}$$

- p = R/N is the population probability of picking a defective light bulb.
- I have defined the *Binomial probability distribution* B(n, p).
- Remark. If I consider  $\Omega^*$  sample where the arrangement does not matter (with replacement).

There is no way we can define a uniform probability from  $\Omega$  to  $\Omega^*$ .

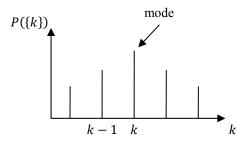
• E.g. n = 2, and  $\{\omega_1, \omega_2, ..., \omega_N\}$ 

$$\begin{array}{cccc}
\Omega & \Omega^* \\
(\omega_1, \omega_1) & \leftrightarrow & (\omega_1, \omega_1) \\
(\omega_1, \omega_2) & \to & (\omega_1, \omega_2) \\
(\omega_2, \omega_1) & \nearrow & (\omega_2, \omega_2) \\
\vdots & & \vdots
\end{array}$$

- $P(\{k\}) = p^k (1-p)^{n-k} \binom{n}{k}$  gives the probability of success (picking a defective bulb) in one draw.
  - $p^k(1-p)^{n-k}$  is the probability of picking a sequence with k successes, exactly.
  - There are  $\binom{n}{k}$  such sequences

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• Suppose we know p and n. What is the most probable value for k? In other words, what is the mode?



• For  $k \ge 1$ 

$$\frac{P(\{k\})}{P(\{k-1\})} = \frac{\binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}}{\binom{n}{k-1} p^{k-1} (1-p)^{n-k+1}} = \frac{n-k+1}{k} \cdot \frac{p}{1-p}$$

$$\frac{P(\{k\})}{P(\{k-1\})} > 1 \iff \frac{n-k+1}{k} \cdot \frac{p}{1-p} > 1 \iff (n+1)p > k$$

- 2 Cases:
  - If (n+1)p is integer, then I have 2 modes: (n+1)p and (n+1)p-1•  $(n+1)p \in \mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow \exists k : k = (n+1)p$
  - If (n+1)p is not an integer, then I have 1 mode: largest integer below (n+1)p
- ❖ Back to quality control problem (without replacement)
  - > If I know k (but not R), then the *Maximum Likelihood Estimator* of R is  $MLE(R) = \arg\max_{R} P_{R}(\{k\})$
  - ➤ One way is

$$\frac{P_{R+1}(\{k\})}{P_{R}(\{k\})} \ge 1 \iff \frac{R+1}{R+1-k} \ge \frac{N-R}{N-R-(n-k)}$$

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# **Quality Control (cont'd)**

 $\diamond$  We are not interested in estimating R, but testing whether  $\underbrace{R}_{\text{\# deficient ones}} \leq \underbrace{K}_{\text{quality standard}}$ 

Defining a test is equivalent to defining a critical region that tells me when I should reject

$$H_0: R \le K \longrightarrow MLE(R) \sim \frac{kN}{n}$$

This is true because we assume that

$$\frac{R}{N} \sim \frac{k}{n} \implies R \sim \frac{kN}{n}$$

> Critical region:

$$W = \{k \in \mathbb{N} : k \ge r\}$$

- W is the "rejection zone," because we want  $\frac{kN}{n} \le K$ . r is the critical value.
- Have to pick r "much larger" than  $\frac{Kn}{N}$ ; that is,

$$MLE \gg K \iff \frac{kN}{n} \gg K \iff k \gg \frac{Kn}{N}$$

\* 2 situations and 2 errors associated with the decision I take after running the experiment:

Result Truth	Reject $H_0$	Not Reject H <sub>0</sub>
$H_0$ true $R \le K$	Type I Error	
$H_1$ true $R > K$		Type II Error

• Neyman's approach:

$$\min[Type\ II\ Error]$$
, subject to  $Type\ I\ Error \leq \underbrace{\alpha}_{confidence\ level}$ 

- $\triangleright$  Pick  $\alpha$  (e.g. 1% or 5%)
  - $\alpha$  is the probability of making Type I Error.
- $\triangleright$  For each  $\alpha$ , find  $r_{\alpha}$
- ➤ Define W
- $\triangleright$  Given k (result of your experiment), decide whether or not to reject  $H_0$
- Quality Control when Sampling with Replacement
  - $ho H_0: p \leq \frac{K}{N}$ , where p = R/N is the true probability of having deficient bulbs
  - $\triangleright$  *MLE* of *p*:

$$\arg\max_{p} \underbrace{\left[\binom{n}{k} p^{k} (1-p)^{n-k}\right]}_{\text{likelihood function of } p}$$

likelihood function of p It is often useful to take the log-transformation of the likelihood function:

$$\arg\max_{p} \left( L(p) \right) = \arg\max_{p} \left( \ln \left\{ \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k} \right\} \right)$$
 Then, we can differentiate w.r.t.  $p$ , set FOC equal zero, and solve for  $p$ .

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$$\hat{p} = \frac{k}{n}$$

Define critical region:

$$W = \left\{ k : \hat{p} \ge \underbrace{p(\alpha)}_{\text{critical value associated with } \alpha} \right\}$$

- Extension: Multinomial distribution
  - $\triangleright$  We have K different colors, call them  $a_1, ..., a_K$ , each with  $p_k$  probability of being picked.
  - $\triangleright$  Draw a sample of n with replacement and independence
    - $\Omega = \{(\omega_1, \dots, \omega_n) : \forall i, \omega_i \in \{a_1, \dots, a_K\}\}$ 
      - Here we care about the order of  $\omega_i$ 's
    - $P(\{\omega_1, ..., \omega_n\}) = p_1^{n_1} p_2^{n_2} \cdots p_K^{n_K}$  with

$$n_k = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{1}_{\{\omega_i \in a_k\}}$$

The probability of observing (un-ordered)

$$P\begin{pmatrix} n_1 a_1 \\ n_2 a_2 \\ \vdots \\ n_K a_K \end{pmatrix} = (p_1^{n_1} p_2^{n_2} \cdots p_K^{n_K}) T$$

with  $\sum_{k=1}^{n} n_k = n$ .

- T is the number of configurations:
  - Choose  $\binom{n}{n_1}$  pick  $n_1$  spots among the n available
  - Choose  $\binom{n-n_1}{n_2}$  pick  $n_2$  spots among the  $(n-n_1)$  left
  - Then,

$$T = \binom{n}{n_1} \binom{n - n_1}{n_2} \binom{n - n_1 - n_2}{n_3} \cdots \binom{n - \sum_{k=1}^{K-1} n_k}{n_k} = \frac{n!}{\prod_{k=1}^{K} n_k!}$$

For  $p_1, ..., p_K$  such that  $p_k \in [0,1]$  and  $\sum_{k=1}^K p_k = 1$ ,

The multinomial distribution 
$$M(n; p_1, ..., p_K)$$
:
$$P\begin{pmatrix} n_1 a_1 \\ n_1 a_2 \\ \vdots \\ n_K a_K \end{pmatrix} = \begin{cases} \frac{n!}{\prod_{k=1}^K n_k!} \cdot \prod_{k=1}^K p_k^{n_k} & \text{if } \sum_{k=1}^K n_k = n \quad \text{with } n_k \in [0, n] \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- This is a probability distribution on {0,1, ...
- Multinomial when K = 2,  $M(n; p_1, p_2)$  and  $p_2 = 1 p_1$ . The distribution is about  $(n_1, n_2) \in \{0, 1, \dots, n\}^2 = \Omega$
- The binomial  $B(n, p_1)$  is a distribution about

$$n_1 \in \{0,1,\dots,n\} = \Omega$$

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#### **Counting Process**

- \* Events that occur over time (e.g. event could be a customer entering a store)
  - A counting process is a stochastic process  $\{N(t): t \ge 0\}$  such that
    - It is non-negative, i.e.  $N(t) \ge 0$
    - N(t) is an integer
    - Non-decreasing, i.e.  $s \le t \Rightarrow N(s) \le N(t)$
- ❖ Independence of 2 events occurring in 2 different (disjoint) time intervals
- Poisson Process. For an interval of size  $\epsilon > 0$ ,

$$\frac{P(1 \text{ event})}{\epsilon} \xrightarrow{\epsilon \to 0} \lambda$$

Here  $\lambda$  is the *intensity of arrival*.

$$\frac{P(\text{more than 1 event})}{\epsilon} \stackrel{\epsilon \to 0}{\longrightarrow} ($$

 $\frac{P(\text{more than 1 event})}{\epsilon} \overset{\epsilon \to 0}{\longrightarrow} 0$  In the same sense, we are interested in events that do not happen too often.

- Question: What is the probability of observing k events in the time interval [0, t]?
  - We divide [0, t] into n sub-intervals of length  $\Delta t = t/n$ .
    - Consider intervals  $[0, \Delta t)$ ,  $[\Delta t, 2\Delta t)$ , ..., and treat them as n consecutive experiments
    - For each interval,

$$\begin{array}{c} p_n \to \text{observe exactly 1 event} \\ p'_n \to \text{observe more than 1 event} \\ 1-p_n-p'_n \to \text{observe 0 event} \\ \text{I have} \\ \frac{p_n}{t/n} \stackrel{n\to\infty}{\longrightarrow} \lambda \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad np_n \stackrel{n\to\infty}{\longrightarrow} \lambda t \\ \text{and} \\ \frac{p'_n}{t/n} \stackrel{n\to\infty}{\longrightarrow} 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad np'_n \stackrel{n\to\infty}{\longrightarrow} 0 \end{array}$$

Recall the multinomial formula:

The multinomial formula:
$$P\begin{pmatrix} k \text{ interval with exactly 1 event} \\ k' \text{ interval with more than 1 event} \\ n-k-k' \text{ interval with 0 event} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{n!}{k! \, k'! \, (n-k-k')!} p_n^k (p_n')^{k'} (1-p_n-p_n')^{n-k-k'}$$

What happens when  $n \to \infty$  while k, k' remains fixed / finite?

$$\frac{n!}{(n-k-k')!} = \underbrace{n(n-1)(n-2)\cdots(n-k-k'+1)}_{k+k' \text{ terms}} \sim n^{k+k'}$$

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$$\frac{n!}{k! \, k'! \, (n-k-k')!} p_n^k (p_n')^{k'} (1-p_n-p_n')^{n-k-k'}$$

$$\sim \frac{1}{k! \, k'!} \underbrace{(np_n)^k}_{\sim (\lambda t)^k} \underbrace{(np_n')^{k'}}_{\text{very small unless } k'=0} (1-p_n-p_n')^{n-k-k'}$$
this is of order  $o(1)$ 

$$(1 - p_n - p'_n)^{n-k-k'} = \exp\left\{ (n - k - k') \log \left( 1 - \underbrace{p_n}_{\frac{\lambda t}{n}} - \underbrace{p'_n}_{o(\frac{1}{n})} \right) \right\}$$

For small x,  $\log(1+x) \sim x$ . So the probability is constant as  $n \to \infty$ . Then,

$$P\begin{pmatrix} k \text{ interval with 1 event exactly} \\ n-k \text{ interval with 0 event} \end{pmatrix} \sim \frac{1}{k!} (\lambda t)^k \underbrace{(1-p_n)^{n-k}}_{\sim \exp(-\lambda t)}$$
$$\sim \frac{1}{k!} (\lambda t)^k e^{-\lambda t}$$

This approximately works for *k* finite and *n* large enough.

 $\triangleright$  Therefore, we have defined the **Poisson distribution** with parameter over  $\mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ :

$$P(k \text{ events}) = \frac{1}{k!} (\lambda t)^k e^{-\lambda t}$$

- Check that  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} P(k \text{ events}) = 1$ . this is true from the fact that the summation is a Taylor expansion for  $e^{-\lambda t}$ .
- The only important parameter of the Poisson distribution is  $\mu = \lambda t$ .

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# Real Random Variable

# **\*** The Lebesgue Measure

- Example: I draw randomly a number x between 0 and 1. What is the probability that P(x < 0.47)?
  - Choice for the first decimal number:

$$\{0,1,2,3\} \rightarrow choice for the second decimal is  $\{0,...,9\}$   
 $\{4\} \rightarrow choice for the second decimal is  $\{0,...,6\}$$$$

Then, a total of 47 choices out of 100, namely

$$P(x < 0.47) = \frac{47}{100} = 0.47$$

In the book, they calculate  $P(x \le 0.47) \to \neq^+$  proof P(x = 0.47) = 0. Define an infinite sequence of decimal digits and element must coincide with the decimal digits of x

$$P(x = 0.47) = \lim \downarrow P(A_n) = \lim \downarrow \frac{1}{10^n} = 0$$

- **!** Definition. The **Borel** sets  $\mathcal{B}$  of  $\mathbb{R}$  are the smallest  $\sigma$ -algebra of  $\mathbb{R}$  containing all the open intervals in  $\mathbb{R}$ .
  - Any interval is a Borel set (but not every Borel set is an interval), and the set of all Borel sets is a  $\sigma$ -algebra.
  - $\triangleright$  (all possible) Borel sets = Borel ring = Borel field = Borel  $\sigma$ -algebra
  - > Theorem.

$$\mathcal{B} = \underbrace{\sigma((-\infty, x] : x \in \mathbb{R})}_{\text{the smallest } \sigma\text{-algebra containing}}$$
all the semi-open intervals  $(-\infty, x]$ 

 $\bullet$  Intervals  $\rightarrow$  algebra  $\mathcal{F}$  spanned by intervals

$$\forall A \in \mathcal{F} : A = \bigcup_{i=1}^{n} F_i, \quad \forall i \neq j : F_i \cap f_j = \emptyset$$

$$P(A) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} P(F_i)$$

- Definition. Outer Measure. Suppose
  - $\triangleright$   $\mathcal{F}$  is an algebra on  $\Omega$
  - $\triangleright$  P is σ-additive (i.e. countably additive) on  $\mathcal{F}$  with  $P(\Omega) = 1$

Then, the *outer measure* of any  $A \in \Omega$  is

$$P^*(A) = \inf_{(A_i)_i \in \mathcal{F} \text{ such that } A \subseteq (\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i)} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A_i)$$

- For any set  $A \in \mathcal{F}$ , we can show that  $P^*(A) = P(A)$ .
  - First, we show  $P^*(A) \le P(A)$ Since  $A \in \mathcal{F}$ , we can define  $A_1 = A$  and  $A_i = \emptyset$  for all  $i \ge 2$ . Then,

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$$(A_i)_{i\in\mathbb{N}}\in\mathcal{F} \Rightarrow A\subseteq\left(\bigcup_{i\in\mathbb{N}}A_i\right)=A \Rightarrow \sum_{i\in\mathbb{N}}P(A_i)=P(A)$$

Therefore,  $P^*(A)$  is actually the inf over all possible sequences.

$$P^*(A) = \inf \sum_{i=1}^{n} P(F_i) \le P(A)$$

Second, we show that  $P(A) \leq P^*(A)$ .

We know (by assumption) that  $A \subseteq (\bigcup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} B_j)$ . Define

$$C_n = \bigcup_{j=1}^n B_j$$

Clearly,  $C_n$  is increasing, and  $(A \cap C_n)$  is also increasing to A.

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### Recap

- $\clubsuit$   $\mathcal{F}$  is an algebra on  $\Omega$
- \* *P* is *σ*-additive on  $\mathcal{F}$  with  $P(\Omega) = 1$
- ❖ Outer measure of  $A \subset \Omega$

$$P^*(A) = \inf_{(A_i)_i \in \mathcal{F} \text{ such that } A \subseteq \left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i\right)} \left[ \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} P(A_j) \right]$$

- $\bullet$  We have shown that  $P^*(A) \leq P(A)$
- ❖ Continue to prove that  $P(A) \le P^*(A)$ For any  $A_i \in \mathcal{F}$  such that  $A \subseteq (\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i)$ , define

$$B_n = \bigcup_{j=1}^n A_j$$

Note that  $(B_n)_n$  is an increasing sequence, and  $(A \cap B_n)_n$  is increasing towards A. We then have

$$P(A) = \lim \uparrow \underbrace{P(A \cap B_n)}_{\leq P(B_n) \leq \sum_{j=1}^n P(A_j)}$$

At the limit,

$$P(A) \le \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} P(A_j)$$

This inequality is true for any sequence  $(A_j) \in \mathcal{F}$  with  $A \subseteq (\bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} A_j)$ . Therefore, we can conclude that the inequality remains over the infimum

$$P(A) \leq \inf_{(A_i)_i \in \mathcal{F} \text{ such that } A \subseteq \left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i\right)} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A_i) \iff P(A) \leq P^*(A)$$

- **Theorem** (admitted).  $P^*$  is the unique probability measure on  $(\Omega, \sigma(\mathcal{F}))$  such that  $\forall A \in \mathcal{F} : P(A) = P^*(A)$ 
  - **Remark.**  $P^*$  is defined for any  $A \subset \Omega$ , but we cannot say that  $P^*$  is a probability measure on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{P}(\Omega))$ .
    - This can be proved for the uniform probability measure on [a, b]
- **The** *Lebesgue measure*  $\lambda$  on  $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B})$  is defined such that

$$\forall A \in \mathcal{B} : \lambda(A) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \{2nP_n(A \cap [-n, n])\}\$$

where  $P_n$  is the uniform probability measure on [-n, n]

$$P_n(A \cap [-n, n]) = \frac{\text{length of } (A \cap [-n, n])}{\text{length of } [-n, n]} = \frac{\text{length of } (A \cap [-n, n])}{2n}$$

 $\triangleright \lambda$  is a positive measure on  $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B})$  with convention

$$x + \infty = \infty$$
,  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$ 

Warning:  $\lambda(A \setminus B) = \lambda(A) - \lambda(B)$  only if  $\lambda(B) < \infty$ 

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- ightharpoonup Similarly,  $\lambda(\lim \downarrow A_n) = \lim \downarrow \lambda(A_n)$  only if  $\exists n^* : \lambda(A_n) < \infty$  for any  $n \ge n^*$ .

Counter-example:  $A_k = [k, \infty)$  where  $(A_k)_k \downarrow \emptyset$   $\lambda(A_k) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \{2nP_n(A_k \cap [-n, n])\} = +\infty$  However,  $\lim_{k \to \infty} A_k = \emptyset$ . This is not equal to  $\lambda(\lim_{k \to \infty} A_k) = 0$ . The disagreement results from the fact that we cannot find an  $n^*$  such that  $\lambda(A_k) < \infty$  for  $n \ge n^*$ .

# **Multivariate extension**

$$\mathcal{B}^d = \sigma \left( \prod_{j=1}^d \left( -\infty, x_j \right] \right)$$

is the smallest  $\sigma$ -field containing all  $\prod_{i=1}^{d} (a_i, b_i)$ 

**\*** Lebesgue measure on 
$$(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathcal{B}^d)$$

$$\lambda_d(A) = \lim_{n \to \infty} (2n)^d P_n(A \cap [-n, n]^d), \quad \forall A \subset \mathbb{R}^d$$

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# Random Variable and Random Vectors (r.v.)

- ❖ (informally) A random variable is a function of the outcome of a statistical experiment.
  - **Example**.
    - $\Omega$  = sample space of sequences of Bernoulli trials  $(\omega_1, ..., \omega_n)$  with  $\omega_i \in \{0,1\}$ .
    - $\Omega$  is endowed with a probability measure:

$$\forall \omega \in \Omega : P(\{\omega\}) = p^{\sum_{i=1}^n \omega_i} (1-p)^{n-\sum_{i=1}^n \omega_i}$$

So the probability space is  $(\Omega, \mathcal{P}(\Omega), P)$ .

- We don't need the binomial coefficient here because we're only considering one observation.
- The random variable X is defined as

$$X: \Omega \to \{0,1,\dots,n\}$$
$$\omega \mapsto X(\omega) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \omega_i$$

The associated probability is

$$P(\{X = k\}) = P(X^{-1}(\{k\})) = P^X(k) = p^k(1 - p) \binom{n}{k}$$

where  $X^{-1}(A) = \{ \omega \in \Omega : X(\omega) = k \}$  with  $A \subset \Omega$  (i.e.  $A \in \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$ ).

• The probability measure P induces another probability measure  $P^X$  on  $\{0,1,...,n\}$  defined by

$$\underbrace{P^X(k)}_{\substack{induced\\probability\\defined\ on\ X(\Omega)}} = \underbrace{P\big(X^{-1}(\{k\})\big)}_{\substack{initial\ probability\\measure\ defined\\on\ \Omega}}$$

- Remark. We say that  $X \sim \mathcal{B}(n,p)$ .  $P^X$  is the probability distribution (or law) of r.y. X
- $\diamond$  More general case. Consider a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, P)$ .
  - Define

$$X:\Omega\to\mathbb{R}^d$$

with  $X(\Omega)$  is not only countable part of  $\mathbb{R}^d$ 

- $X(\Omega)$  is the range (i.e. the minimum codomain). If  $\Omega$  is countable, then the range of  $X(\cdot)$  should also be countable.
- $P({X = x})$  should not be sufficient to characterize  $P^X$ 
  - This is true because singletons have probability zero if *X* is in a continuum.
  - Example. Suppose  $X \sim U_{[a,b]}$ . Then,  $P^X(\{x\}) = 0$ . So we cannot characterize  $P^X$ .
- Hopefully, we can use intervals.

$$P^{X}((-\infty, x]) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x > b \\ \frac{x - a}{b - a} & \text{if } a \le x \le b , \qquad \forall x \in \mathbb{R} \\ 0 & \text{if } x < a \end{cases}$$

0 if x < a• We need to know that  $P\left(X^{-1}\left((-\infty, x]\right)\right)$  makes sense, because

$$P\left(X^{-1}\left((-\infty,x]\right)\right) = P^X\left((-\infty,x]\right)$$

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That is, I need to know that  $X^{-1}((-\infty, x]) \in \mathcal{A}$  for all x.

 $\bullet$  *Definition*.  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A})$  measurable space

 $Y: \Omega \to \mathbb{R}$  is *A-measurable* if

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R} : X^{-1}((-\infty, x]) \in \mathcal{A}$$

 $\succ X: \Omega \to \mathbb{R}^d$  is **A-measurable** if

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^d: X^{-1}\left(\prod_{j=1}^d \left(-\infty, x_j\right]\right) \in \mathcal{A}$$

- $\triangleright$  The pre-image of Borel sets should belong to the  $\sigma$ -algebra.
- Definition. If  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, P)$  is a probability space, any function  $X : \Omega \to \mathbb{R}$  which is  $\mathcal{A}$ measurable is called *random variable*.
- **Theorem.** Suppose

$$X: \Omega \to \mathbb{R}^d$$
, with  $\Omega \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathbb{R}^d \in \mathcal{B}^d$ 

X is  $\mathcal{A}$ -measurable if and only if  $\forall A \in \mathcal{B}^d : X^{-1}(A) \in \mathcal{A}$ .

 $\triangleright$  Proof. If  $\forall A \in \mathcal{B}^d : X^{-1}(A) \in \mathcal{A}$  is true. Then, it must be true, in particular, that

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^d : X^{-1} \left( \prod_{j=1}^d \left( -\infty, x_j \right] \right) \in \mathcal{A}.$$

Then, by definition X is  $\mathcal{A}$ -measurable.

Suppose X is  $\mathcal{A}$ -measurable. That is,

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^d : X^{-1} \left( \prod_{j=1}^d \left( -\infty, x_j \right] \right) \in \mathcal{A}.$$

Need to show that

$$\forall A \in \mathcal{B}^d : X^{-1}(A) \in \mathcal{A}.$$

 $\forall A \in \mathcal{B}^d : X^{-1}(A) \in \mathcal{A}.$  Recall that  $\mathcal{B}^d = \sigma(\prod_{j=1}^d (-\infty, x_j] : x \in \mathbb{R}^d) = \sigma(\mathcal{C})$ . We have to show that

$$\forall A \in \mathcal{C}: X^{-1}(A) \in \mathcal{A} \ \Rightarrow \ \forall A \in \mathcal{B}^d = \sigma(\mathcal{C}): X^{-1}(A) \in \mathcal{A}$$

Or we need to show that

$$X^{-1}(\mathcal{C}) \subset \mathcal{A} \Rightarrow X^{-1}(\sigma(\mathcal{C})) \subset \mathcal{A}.$$

Comments. We know that

$$X^{-1}(\mathcal{C}) \subset \mathcal{A} \ \Rightarrow \ \sigma\big(X^{-1}(\mathcal{C})\big) \subset \mathcal{A}.$$

But what is not clear is that

$$X^{-1}\big(\sigma(\mathcal{C})\big)\subset\sigma\big(X^{-1}(\mathcal{C})\big).$$

Note that the converse is clear, since

$$\sigma\big(X^{-1}(\mathcal{C})\big) \subset X^{-1}\big(\sigma(\mathcal{C})\big)$$

because

$$X^{-1}(\mathcal{C}) \subset \underbrace{X^{-1}(\sigma(\mathcal{C}))}_{\text{a }\sigma\text{-field}}$$

Lemma 1. Suppose

$$f:\Omega\to\Omega'$$

with  $\mathcal{A}'$  being a  $\sigma$ -field on  $\Omega'$ . Then,  $f^{-1}(\mathcal{A}')$  is a  $\sigma$ -field on  $\Omega$ .

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# ■ Lemma 2.

$$\sigma(X^{-1}(\mathcal{C})) = X^{-1}(\sigma(\mathcal{C})).$$

From the above discussion and Lemma 1, we have

$$\sigma\big(X^{-1}(\mathcal{C})\big)\subset X^{-1}\big(\sigma(\mathcal{C})\big)$$

It remains to be proved that

$$X^{-1}(\sigma(\mathcal{C})) \subset \sigma(X^{-1}(\mathcal{C})).$$

Define

$$\mathcal{F} = \{ B \subset \mathbb{R}^d : X^{-1}(B) \in \sigma(X^{-1}(\mathcal{C})) \}.$$

It can be shown (verify!) that  $\mathcal{F}$  is a  $\sigma$ -field.

$$\mathcal{C} \subset \mathcal{F} \implies \sigma(\mathcal{C}) \subset \mathcal{F}$$

$$\Rightarrow X^{-1}(\sigma(\mathcal{C})) \subset X^{-1}(\mathcal{F}) \subset \sigma(X^{-1}(\mathcal{C}))$$

$$\Rightarrow X^{-1}(\sigma(\mathcal{C})) \subset \sigma(X^{-1}(\mathcal{C})).$$

**\Leftrightarrow** Conclusion. When we have a function  $X : \Omega \to \mathbb{R}^d$  with underlying probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, P)$ , then we say that X is  $\mathcal{A}$ -measurable if and only if

$$\sigma(X) = X^{-1}(\mathcal{B}^d) = \{X^{-1}(B) : B \in \mathcal{B}^d\} \subseteq \mathcal{A}.$$

The smallest  $\sigma$ -field that makes  $X(\cdot)$  measurable is equal to the pre-image of the Borel  $\sigma$ -field.

# Note.

- $\sigma(X)$  is the smallest  $\sigma$ -field that makes X measurable.
- Then, the probability distribution  $P^X$  of X is a probability measure on  $(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathcal{B}^d)$ :

$$\forall B \in \mathcal{B}^d : P^X(B) = P(X^{-1}(B)) = P(X \in B)$$

Hence,  $P^X$  is induced by P.

When we say that

$$X \sim U_{[a,b]}$$

we mean

$$P(X \in (c,d)) = \frac{d-c}{b-a}$$

for any  $(c, d) \subset [a, b]$ . But we don't really care about the original  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, P)$ .

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# **Distribution Function**

 $\triangleright$  Probability distribution of X is  $P^X$ , which is a probability measure on  $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B})$ , defined by  $P^X(A) = P(X^{-1}(A))$ 

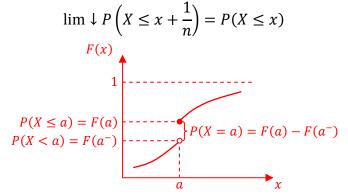
and characterized by

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R} : P^X \big( (-\infty, x] \big) = P \big( X^{-1} \big( (-\infty, x] \big) \big) = P(X \le x).$$

We can use a cumulative distribution function to characterize

$$F_X: \mathbb{R} \to [0,1]$$
$$x \mapsto F_X(x) = P(X \le x)$$

- Remark. Can we characterize  $F_X$ ?
  - 1)  $F_X$  must be non-decreasing
  - 2)  $F_X(x) \xrightarrow{x \to -\infty} 0$  and  $F_X(x) \xrightarrow{x \to +\infty} 1$ 3)  $F_X$  is right-continuous



Why  $F_X$  might not be left-continuous?

$$\lim \uparrow P\left(X \le x - \frac{1}{n}\right) = P(X < x) = F_X(x^-)$$

Thus,  $F_X$  is left-continuous at x if and only if P(X = x) = 0.

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# **Cumulative Distribution Function**

- $F_X: \mathbb{R} \to [0,1]$  such that  $F_X$  is

  - Non-decreasing  $F_X(x) \xrightarrow[x \to -\infty]{} 0 \text{ and } F(x) \xrightarrow[x \to +\infty]{} 1$
  - > Right-continuous
- Question: Is it sufficient to define  $F_X$  in order to characterize  $P^X$ ?
  - ➤ Yes!
  - From  $F_X$  I can define a  $\sigma$ -additive function Q on all the intervals

$$Q((a,b]) = F_X(b) - F_X(a)$$

$$Q([a,b]) = F_X(b) - F_X(a)$$

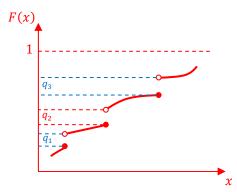
$$Q((a,+\infty)) = 1 - F_X(a)$$

$$\vdots$$

- $\triangleright$  Then, we can construct the outer measure  $Q^*$ 
  - Unique
  - Coincides with Q on the set of the intervals
- $\triangleright Q^*$  is a probability measure on  $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B})$

# **Density Function**

- $\diamond$  Any real r.v. X with probability distribution characterized by  $F_X$ 
  - $ightharpoonup F_X$  is continuous  $\Leftrightarrow P(X=x)=0, \ \forall x\in\mathbb{R}$
  - $F_X(x) > F_X(x^-)$  where both are real numbers
    - The interval  $(F_X(x^-), F_X(x))$  contains at least one rational number. We can therefore deduce that there are always at most a countable discontinuity points, i.e. points such that P(X = x) > 0.



- There are only at most countable number of  $q_i$ 's in the above diagram.
- ❖ 2 Extreme Cases
  - $\triangleright$   $F_X$  only has discontinuity points.

$$\sum_{x \in \mathbb{R}} P(X = x) = 1$$

This is a discrete distribution. For example, Poisson distribution.

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 $F_X$  is continuous. If  $F_X$  is differentiable on  $\mathbb{R}$  with continuous derivative  $f_X$ , then we need  $F_X' \geq 0$ . In addition,

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R} : F_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x F_X'(u) du.$$

When  $x \to +\infty$ ,

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F_X'(u) du = 1.$$

❖ (General Case) *Definition. X* is *absolutely continuous* if and only if

$$\begin{cases} \exists f_X \ge 0 \\ \forall x \in \mathbb{R} : F_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(u) du \end{cases}$$

- $\triangleright$  Remark.  $F_X$  may not be everywhere differentiable.
- $\triangleright$  Remark.  $f_X$  is not unique, (it is defined up to a set of measure zero).
- Absolutely continuous functions are those that can be differentiable almost everywhere.
- **Example**. Exponential Distribution.

$$F_X(x) = \mathbf{1}_{\{x \ge 0\}} (1 - e^{-x/\theta}) = \begin{cases} 1 - e^{-x/\theta} & \text{if } x \ge 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

- $\triangleright$   $F_X$  is continuous
- $F_X$  is not differentiable at x = 0

$$\lim_{h \to 0^+} \frac{F_X(x+h) - F_X(x)}{h} = \lim_{h \to 0^+} \frac{1 - e^{-h/\theta} - (1-1)}{h} = \lim_{h \to 0^+} -\frac{1 - e^{-h/\theta}}{h} = \frac{1}{\theta}$$

However, the derivative on the left is equal to zero.

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# **Absolute Continuity**

• Definition. X is absolutely continuous if and only if

$$\exists f_X \ge 0 : \forall x \in \mathbb{R} : F_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x F_X(u) du.$$

- $\diamond$  Interpretation: When X is absolutely continuous, its probability distribution can be characterized in 2 ways:
  - ightharpoonup The CDF  $F_X$  (with its 3 properties)
  - $\triangleright$  The PDF  $f_X$  with

    - $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f_X(x) dx = 1$ , where  $f_X$  is almost unique (cf Lebesgue measure zero)
- $\diamond$  Connection between  $F_X$  and  $f_X$ :

$$F_X(x + \Delta x) - F_X(x) = P(X \in (x, x + \Delta x]) = \int_x^{x + \Delta x} f_X(u) du$$
$$f_X(x) = \lim_{\Delta x \to 0} \frac{F_X(x + \Delta x) - F_X(x)}{\Delta x}$$

Also, for  $\Delta x$  small enough, we can use the following approximation:

$$P(x < X \le x + \Delta x) \approx \Delta x \cdot f_X(x)$$

**\$** Gamma Distribution,  $\Gamma(p, \theta)$ ,  $p, \theta > 0$ .

$$f_X(x) = I_{\{x \ge 0\}} \frac{1}{\theta^p \Gamma(p)} e^{-x/\theta} x^{p-1}$$

 $\triangleright$  Question: Is  $f_X$  a PDF?

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f_X(x) dx = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{\theta^p \Gamma(p)} e^{-x/\theta} x^{p-1} dx = \frac{1}{\theta^p \Gamma(p)} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-x/\theta} x^{p-1} dx$$

I want  $\Gamma(p)$  to be such that

$$\Gamma(p) = \frac{1}{\theta^p} \int_0^\infty e^{-x/\theta} x^{p-1} dx$$

Change of variable:  $y := x/\theta$ , so that  $dy = (1/\theta)dx$   $\Gamma(p) = \int_0^\infty e^{-y} y^{p-1} dy$ 

$$\Gamma(p) = \int_0^\infty e^{-y} y^{p-1} dy$$

This is the *Gamma function*. There is no closed (or explicit) form for  $\Gamma(\cdot)$ . It is only defined through the integral.

- The Gamma function is a continuous analog of factorials.
- Properties of the Gamma Function
  - ightharpoonup If p > 1, then  $\Gamma(p) = (p-1)\Gamma(p-1)$
  - ightharpoonup If  $p \in \mathbb{Z}$ , then  $\Gamma(p) = (p-1)!$ 
    - *Proof.* Use integration by parts:

$$\Gamma(p) = \int_0^\infty \underbrace{e^{-y}}_{u'} \underbrace{y^{p-1}}_{v} dy$$

Define

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$$u'(y) = e^{-y} \Rightarrow u(y) = -e^{-y}$$
  
 $v(y) = y^{p-1} \Rightarrow v'(y) = (p-1)y^{p-2}$ 

Apply integration by parts:

$$\Gamma(p) = \underbrace{[-e^{-y}y^{p-1}]_0^{\infty}}_{=0} + \underbrace{\int_0^{\infty} e^{-y}(p-1)y^{p-2}dy}_{(p-1)\Gamma(p-1)}$$

 $\succ X \sim \Gamma(p, \theta)$ , then

$$y = \frac{x}{\theta} \sim \Gamma(p, 1) = \Gamma(p)$$

Proof.
$$P(Y \le y) = P\left(\frac{X}{\theta} \le y\right) = P(X \le \theta y) = \int_0^{y\theta} \frac{e^{-x/\theta}}{\theta^p \Gamma(p)} x^{p-1} dx = \int_0^y \underbrace{\frac{e^{-u}}{\Gamma(p)} u^{p-1}}_{PDF \text{ of } \Gamma(p,1)} du$$

where  $u = x/\theta$ .

Multivariate Extension:

$$F_{X,Y}(x,y) = \int_{-\infty}^{x} \int_{-\infty}^{y} f_{x,y}(u,v) dv du$$

where

$$f_{x,y}(x,y) = \frac{\partial^2 F_{X,Y}(x,y)}{\partial x \partial y} \approx \frac{1}{k} \left[ \frac{\partial F}{\partial x}(x,y+k) - \frac{\partial F}{\partial x}(x,y) \right]$$
$$\approx \frac{1}{hk} \left[ F(x+h,y+k) - F(x,y+k) - F(x+h,y) + F(x,y) \right]$$
$$\approx \frac{1}{hk} P(x < X \le x+h \land y < Y \le y+k)$$

For small enough h and k:

$$P(x < X \le x + h \land y < Y \le y + k) \approx hk \cdot f_{X,Y}(x,y)$$

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# Lebesgue Integral and Mathematical Expectation

- $\bullet$  **1**<sup>st</sup> **case**: *X* is discrete r.v.
  - $\nearrow$  X is finite or countable, and  $P(x \in X) = 1$ .
    - $\mathcal{X}$  is like the  $\Omega$  in previous lectures.
  - Assume we repeat n times the statistical experiment and we get:  $X_1, X_2, ..., X_n \sim p^x$ 
    - $X_n$ 's represent the nth experiment and they all follow the same distribution (iid)

For all 
$$x \in \mathcal{X}$$
, the sampling distribution is
$$\frac{n_x}{n} = \frac{\text{# of times that value } x \text{ occurs}}{\text{# of experiments}} = \text{relative frequency of } x$$

where  $n_x$  is the number of times I observe the value x.

Then, we can derive the *mathematical* (or *population*) expectation of X

$$\bar{x}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} x \cdot n_x = \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} x \cdot \frac{n_x}{n} \xrightarrow{\text{if } LLN \text{ applies}} \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} x P(X = x) = EX$$

- Here we use x instead of X because we're talking about the realizations, not the random variables. We could have used X instead, in which case we'll be referring to the random variable before the experiments.
- $\diamond$  Example 1. We draw (with replacement) N balls from a box that contains a proportion of p green balls.
  - $\succ x_i$ : number of green balls picked during experiment #i
  - $\triangleright$  Here  $x_i \sim \mathcal{B}(N, p)$ . Then,

$$EX = \sum_{x=0}^{N} x \underbrace{P(X = x)}_{B(N,p)} = \sum_{x=0}^{N} x \binom{N}{x} p^{x} (1-p)^{N-x}$$

$$= Np \sum_{x=0}^{N} x \frac{(N-1)!}{x! (N-x)!} p^{x-1} (1-p)^{N-x}$$

$$= Np \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} \frac{(N-1)!}{y! (N-y-1)!} p^{y} (1-p)^{N-(y+1)} = Np$$

$$(p+(1-p))^{N-1} = 1$$

- $\triangleright$  Here y = x 1
- $\Leftrightarrow$  Example 2.  $X \sim Poisson(\lambda)$

$$EX = \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} x P(X = x) = \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} x \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^x}{x!} = \lambda \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^{x-1}}{(x-1)!} = \lambda \sum_{y=0}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^y}{y!} = \lambda$$

CDF of Poisson distribution:

$$F_X(x; k, \lambda) = \sum_{k=0}^{x} \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^k}{k!}$$

 $\diamond$  2<sup>nd</sup> case : X absolutely continuous

$$P(X \in (x, x + \Delta x]) \approx f_X(x)\Delta x$$

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$$\sum_{XP(X \in (x, x + \Delta x])} x P(X \in (x, x + \Delta x]) \approx \sum_{X} x f_X(x) \Delta x$$

$$\Rightarrow EX = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x f_X(x) dx \approx \sum_{X} x \underbrace{f_X(x)(x_{i+1} - x_i)}_{\approx P(x_i < X \le x_{i+1})}$$
well-defined if  $E|X| < \infty$ 

Example.  $X \sim \Gamma(p, \theta)$   $EX = \int_0^\infty x \frac{1}{\theta^p \Gamma(p)} x^{p-1} e^{-x/\theta} dx = p\theta \int_0^\infty \underbrace{x \frac{1}{\theta^{p-1} \Gamma(p+1)} x^{p-1} e^{-x/\theta}}_{=\Gamma(p+1,\theta)} dx = p\theta$ 

 $\triangleright$  This leads to the linearity of the expectation operation E:

$$E\left(\frac{X}{\theta}\right) = p$$

• This property is not limited to the Gamma distribution.

## **Mathematical Expectation (cont'd)**

**❖** Want to define

$$EX = \int_{\mathbb{R}} x \underbrace{dP^{X}(x)}_{f_{X}(x)dx = P(x < X \le x + dx)}$$
or  $P(X = x)$ 

- We have shown for the cases  $f_X(x)dx = P(x < X \le x + dx)$  and P(X = x).
- > We will see that

$$\int_{\Omega} X(\omega) dP(\omega) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \underbrace{x}_{\text{Identity function}} dP^{X}(x)$$

for  $X : \Omega \to \mathbb{R}$ .

❖ 1<sup>st</sup> case: X takes a finite number of values that are non-negative

$$X = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \alpha_i \, \mathbf{1}_{A_i}$$

with  $A_i = \{\omega : X(\omega) = \alpha_i\}.$ 

 $\triangleright$   $A_i$  is the pre-image of  $\alpha_i$ .

Integrate on both sides:

$$\int_{\Omega} X dP = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \alpha_{i} \underbrace{\int_{\Omega} \mathbf{1}_{A_{i}} dP}_{P(A_{i})} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \alpha_{i} P(A_{i})$$

where

$$P(A_i) = E(\mathbf{1}_{A_i}) = \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{1}_{\{A_i\}} dP = \int_{A_i} 1 dP$$

- This extends to the case where X takes a countable number of non-negative values.
- $2^{\text{nd}}$  case: X is measurable non-negative r.v. such that

$$X = \lim \left\{ \underbrace{\sum_{k=0}^{n2^{n}-1} \frac{k}{2^{n}} \, \mathbf{1}_{\left\{\frac{k}{2^{n}} \le X < \frac{k+1}{2^{n}}\right\}}}_{X_{n}} \right\}$$

We can use the monotone convergence theorem to conclude:

$$\int XdP = \lim \uparrow \int X_n dP$$

In other words,

$$EX = E(\lim \uparrow X_n) = \lim \uparrow EX_n$$

❖ 3<sup>rd</sup> case: *X* is measurable (real) r.v.

$$X = X^+ - X^-$$

where

$$X^{+} = \max\{X, 0\}$$
 and  $X^{-} = \max\{-X, 0\}$ 

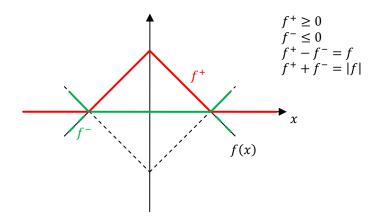
Note that both  $X^+$  and  $X^-$  are non-negative.

$$EX = EX^+ - EX^-$$

are well-defined and finite if and only if

$$\begin{array}{l} EX^+ < \infty \\ EX^- < \infty \end{array} \iff E|X| < \infty \iff X \text{ is integrable}$$

> Example.



Note 1. 
$$P = \alpha Q + (1 - \alpha)\tilde{Q} \rightarrow \text{measure}$$

$$\int XdP = \alpha \int XdQ + (1 - \alpha) \int Xd\tilde{Q}$$

- Note 2. **Transfer Theorem**: Suppose  $Y = \phi(X)$  where Y is integrable, i.e.  $E|Y| < \infty$   $EY = E[\phi(X)] = \int_{\Omega} \phi(X(\omega)) dP(\omega) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \phi(x) dP^X(x)$ 
  - $\nearrow$  X is a r.v., and Y is a r.v. generated by X. Then, to find expectation of Y, we can either evaluate it using the underlying probability space of X (i.e.  $\Omega$ ), or treating X as the probability that generates Y, and evaluate Y using the distribution of X.

## Conditional Probability, Bayes' Rule, and Independence

❖ *Definition*. A and B are *independent* if and only if

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B)$$
.

Note. If  $P(B) \neq 0$ , then A and B are independent if and only if

$$Q^{B}(A) := \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} = P(A)$$

- B is **probable** if  $P(B) \neq 0$
- We can call  $Q^B(A)$  a probability measure with all the probability 1 put on B.
  - The probability space associated with  $Q^B$  is  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, Q^B)$

$$Q^B: C \to Q^B(C) = \frac{P(B \cap C)}{P(B)}$$

This formula describes the statistical model when

- We draw from  $\Omega$
- But we are <u>sure</u> that  $\omega \in B$ , because we have some additional information
- Here  $Q^B(\cdot)$  is a well-defined probability measure as long as  $P(B) \neq 0$ 
  - $Q^{B}(\cdot)$  is called the *conditional probability distribution*.

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

- > A and B are independent if and only if
  - A has the same probability for  $P(\cdot)$  and  $P(\cdot | B)$
  - P(A) = P(A|B)
- **Example 1.** X represents duration (e.g. the Poisson process).
  - > No memory property

$$P(X \ge t + h | X \ge t) = P(X \ge h) \Leftrightarrow P(X \ge t + h) = P(X \ge t)P(X \ge h)$$

• For instance,  $P(X \ge t)$  is modeled using the exponential distribution

$$P(X > t) = e^{-\theta t}$$

Given the Poisson,

$$F_X(t) = P(X \le t) = \begin{cases} 1 - e^{-\theta t} & \text{if } t \ge 0\\ 0 & \text{if } t < 0 \end{cases}$$

Then, the *survival function* is

$$S_X(t) = P(X > t) = 1 - F_X(t) = \begin{cases} e^{-\theta t} & \text{if } t \ge 0\\ 1 & \text{if } t < 0 \end{cases}$$

- **\Leftrightarrow** Example 2. A *partition* of  $\Omega$  has the following properties:
  - $\rightarrow H_i \cap H_j = \emptyset$ , for any  $i \neq j$
  - $\triangleright \bigcup_{i=1}^n H_i = \Omega$

Decompose  $\Omega$  into a partition.

$$\Omega = \bigcup_{i=1}^{n} H_i$$

where  $P(H_i) \neq 0$  for all i. Then,

$$P(A) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} P(A|H_i)P(H_i)$$

Consider this:

$$P(A) = P(A \cap \Omega) = P(A \cap (H_1 \cup \dots \cup H_n)) = P((A \cap H_1) \cup \dots \cup (A \cap H_n))$$
  
=  $P(A \cap H_1) + \dots + P(A \cap H_n) = P(A|H_1)P(H_1) + \dots + P(A|H_n)P(H_n)$ 

- This is the key to define mixtures of distributions (cf. Wikipedia article)
- $\triangleright$  Example.  $\Gamma(p)$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(p)} e^{-x} x^{p-1}$$

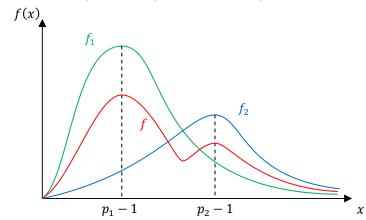
■ This is unimodal.

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(p)} \left( -e^{-x} x^{p-1} + (p-1) x^{p-2} e^{-x} \right)$$
$$f'(x) = 0 \implies x = p-1$$

Suppose  $X \sim [\alpha \Gamma(p_1) + (1 - \alpha) \Gamma(p_2)]$ .

$$F_X(x) = \alpha F_1(x) + (1 - \alpha)F_2(x)$$
  

$$f_X(x) = \alpha f_1(x) + (1 - \alpha)f_2(x)$$



- If  $F = \sum_i \alpha_i F_i$ , with  $\sum_i \alpha_i = 1$  and  $\alpha_i \ge 0$ , then  $f = F' = \sum_i \alpha_i f_i$ , where  $f_i = F'_i$ .
  - Here  $\alpha_i$ 's can be interpreted as PMF values (or probability of singletons).
  - This can extend to continuous cases, and the sum will be replaced by an integral.
  - This works for any distribution functions (CDF and PDF)
- Note 3. The statement A, B are independent  $\Leftrightarrow P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B)$  is always true.
  - If P(B) = 0, then any set A is independent of B
    - Both sure and improbable sets are independent of anything, including themselves.
  - *A*, *B* are independent
- $\Leftrightarrow A^c$  and B are independent
- $\Leftrightarrow$  A and  $B^c$  are independent
- $\Leftrightarrow A^c$  and  $B^c$  are independent
- This is the *Independence Complement Theorem*.
- For proof, use the following as initial step:

$$P(A) = P(A \cap (B \cup B^c)), \quad P(B) = P((A \cup A^c) \cap B),$$
  
$$P(A^c \cap B^c) = P(A \cup B)^c$$

Note 4. A, B, C are pairwise independent does NOT imply

$$P(A \cap B \cap C) = P(A) \underbrace{P(B)P(C)}_{=P(B \cap C)} = P(A)P(B \cap C)$$

where A is independent of  $(B \cap C)$ 

• Definition.  $(A_i)_{i \in I}$  are mutually independent if and only if for all  $J \subseteq I$  with J finite,

$$P\left(\bigcap_{i\in J}A_i\right) = \prod_{i\in J}P(A_i)$$

- **Theorem** (0-1 Law of Borel-Cantelli). Consider  $(A_n)_n$  sequence of events.
  - 1) If  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A_n) < \infty$ , then

$$P(\limsup A_n) = 0$$

2) If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(A_n) = \infty$ , and  $(A_n)_n$  are mutually independent, then,

$$P(\limsup A_n) = 1$$

➤ *Proof.* Begin by recalling that

$$\limsup A_n = \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \bigcup_{p \ge n} A_p$$

has the interpretation that  $A_n$  happens infinitely many times.

<u>Proof of (1)</u>. Note that  $\bigcup_{p\geq n} A_p$  is a decreasing sequence. Thus,

$$P(\limsup A_n) = \lim \downarrow P\left(\bigcup_{p \ge n} A_p\right) \le \lim \downarrow \left\{\sum_{p=n}^{\infty} P(A_p)\right\} = 0$$

The last equality is justified by the fact that each  $P(A_p)$  is finite, and the sequence of partial sums is decreasing.

Proof of (2).

$$P(\limsup A_n) = \lim \downarrow P\left(\bigcup_{p \ge n} A_p\right) = 1 - \lim \uparrow P\left(\bigcap_{p \ge n} (A_p)^c\right)$$

Note that

$$P\left(\bigcup_{p\geq n} A_p\right) = \lim_{N} \uparrow \left\{ P\left(\bigcup_{N\geq p\geq n} A_p\right) \right\}$$

$$= 1 - \lim_{N} \downarrow P\left(\bigcap_{N\geq p\geq n} (A_p)^c\right)$$

$$= 1 - \lim_{N} \downarrow \prod_{N\geq p\geq n} P((A_p)^c)$$

$$= 1 - \lim_{N} \downarrow \prod_{N\geq p\geq n} \left(1 - P(A_p)\right)$$

$$= 0$$

To show that the second term is indeed equal to zero,

$$\prod_{N\geq p\geq n} \left(1-P(A_p)\right) \leq \prod_{N\geq p\geq n} \exp\left(-P(A_p)\right) = \exp\left\{-\sum_{N\geq p\geq n} P(A_p)\right\}$$

The inequality is justified by  $1 - x \le e^{-x} \approx 1 - x + \frac{x^2}{2} \cdots$ . Since

- ❖ Independence of r.v.
  - Suppose we have  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, P)$ , and we have random variables  $X_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{d_1}, X_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{d_2}, ...$  $X_1, X_2$  independent

$$\begin{array}{ll} \Leftrightarrow & \forall A_1,A_2: P(X_1 \in A_1,X_2 \in A_2) = P(X_1 \in A_1)P(X_2 \in A_2) \\ \Leftrightarrow & \forall A_1,A_2: X_1^{-1}(A_1) \text{ and } X_2^{-1}(A_2) \text{ are independent} \\ \Leftrightarrow & X_1^{-1}(\mathbb{R}^{d_1}) \text{ and } X_2^{-1}(\mathbb{R}^{d_2}) \text{ are independent} \end{array}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \forall A_1, A_2 : X_1^{-1}(A_1) \text{ and } X_2^{-1}(A_2) \text{ are independent}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow X_1^{-1}(\mathbb{R}^{d_1})$$
 and  $X_2^{-1}(\mathbb{R}^{d_2})$  are independent

- **\*** *Definition.*  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, P)$  with  $C_i \subset \mathcal{A}$ . Then,  $(C_i)_{i \in I}$  are independent if and only if  $\forall A_i \in \mathcal{C}_i : (A_i)_{i \in I}$  are independent
- **\*** Definition.  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, P)$  with  $X_i$  on  $(\mathbb{R}^{d_i}, \mathbb{R}^{d_i})$ .  $(X_i)_{i \in I}$  are independent if and only if  $(\sigma(X_i))_{i\in I}$  are independent
- **Theorem.**  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, P)$  with  $C_i \subset \mathcal{A}$  for all  $i \in I$ . If  $\forall i \in I : A, B \in \mathcal{C}_i \implies (A \cap B) \in \mathcal{C}_i$ Then,  $(\mathcal{C}_i)_{i \in I}$  are independent if and only if  $(\sigma(\mathcal{C}_i))_{i \in I}$  are independent.
  - $\triangleright$  One easy case is when  $C_i = \{A_i\}$  .  $(\{A_i\})_{i \in I}$  are independent if and only if  $(\{\emptyset, \Omega, A_i, (A_i)^c\})_{i \in I}$  are independent.
  - $\triangleright$  Case 1: discrete r.v.  $P(X_i \in \mathcal{X}_i) = 1$  with  $\mathcal{X}_i$  finite or countable.  $(X_i)_{i \in I}$  are independent if and only if

$$\left( \begin{matrix} X_i^{-1} \\ \sigma \text{ field defined by} \\ \text{the values } x_i \in \mathcal{X}_i \end{matrix} \right) \text{ independent}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \left( \begin{matrix} X_i^{-1} \\ X_i^{-1} \\ \mathcal{P}\{x_i : x_i \in \mathcal{X}_i\} \\ \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{X}_i) = \sigma(\{\{x_i : x_i \in \mathcal{X}_i\}\}\}) \\ \text{stable by intersection} \end{matrix} \right) \text{ independent}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \forall J \subseteq I : |J| < \infty, \forall x_i \in \mathcal{X}_i : P(X_i = x_i : i \in J) = \prod_{i \in J} P(X_i = x_i)$$

 $\mathcal{X}_i$  is the support of  $X_i$ .

#### Independence or r.v.

**Theorem.**  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, P)$  with  $\mathcal{C}_i \subset \mathcal{A}$  for all  $i \in I$ . If  $\forall i \in I : A, B \in \mathcal{C}_i \Rightarrow A \cap B \in \mathcal{C}_i$ , then  $(\mathcal{C}_i)_{i \in I}$  are independent if and only if  $(\sigma(\mathcal{C}_i))_{i \in I}$  are independent.

> 2 discrete r.v. X, Y are independent if and only if

$$P(X = x, Y = y) = P(X = x)P(Y = y), \quad \forall x, y$$
  
 $\Leftrightarrow P^{(X,Y)}(\{x,y\}) = P^X(\{x\})P^Y(\{y\})$ 

• Definition. Given  $(\Omega_i, \mathcal{A}_i, P_i)_{i \in I}$ 

$$P \equiv \bigotimes_{i \in I} P_i$$

is the probability measure on  $(\prod_{i \in I} \Omega_i, \bigotimes_{i \in I} A_i)$ , where

$$\bigotimes_{i \in I} \mathcal{A}_i = \sigma \left( \prod_{i \in I} A_i : A_i \in \mathcal{A}_i \middle| \forall i, \text{ and } \exists J_{\text{finite}} \subset I : \forall i \notin J : A_i = \Omega_i \right)$$

such that

$$P\left(\prod_{i\in I} A_i\right) = \prod_{i\in I} \underbrace{P_i(A_i)}_{\text{only a finite number of}}$$

➤ Note. ⊗ means the cross-product of collection of sets.

$$\begin{array}{ll} & \Omega_1 = \{a,b\},\,\Omega_2 = \{c,d\},\,\mathcal{A}_1 = \big\{\emptyset,\{a\},\{b\},\{a,b\}\big\},\,\,\mathcal{A}_2 = \big\{\emptyset,\{c\},\{d\},\{c,d\}\big\}.\,\,\text{Then},\\ & \Omega_1 \times \Omega_2 = \{(a,c),(a,d),(b,c),(b,d)\}\\ & \mathcal{A}_1 \otimes \mathcal{A}_2 = \{\emptyset,\{a\} \times \{c\},\ldots\} \end{array}$$

**Example**.

$$\begin{split} \mathbb{R}^2 &= \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \\ (x,y) &\in \mathbb{R}^2 \iff x \in \mathbb{R}, y \in \mathbb{R} \\ A_1 \times A_2 \text{ with } A_1 \in \mathcal{A}_1 \text{ and } A_2 \in \mathcal{A}_2. \end{split}$$

**Theorem.**  $(X_i)_{i \in I}$  are independent if and only if

$$\underbrace{P^{(X_i)_{i \in I}}}_{\text{Global CDF}} = \underbrace{\prod_{i \in I} P^{X_i}}_{\text{induced probability}}$$

- For us, the index set *I* is most of time finite, and sometimes countable (if we are dealing with sequences)
- ➤ When X's are independent, then the global CDF is equal to the product of individual CDF.
- **\stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet}** Case 2 (continuation from last class):  $X_i$  is a real-valued r.v. (extension to  $\mathbb{R}^d$  is "easy)

$$\sigma(X_i) = X_i^{-1}(\mathcal{B}) = X_i^{-1}\left(\sigma\left((-\infty, x] : x \in \mathbb{R}\right)\right) \underset{\text{by } Lemma \ 2}{=} \sigma\left(\underbrace{X_i^{-1}\left((-\infty, x] : x \in \mathbb{R}\right)}_{\text{stable by intersection}}\right)$$

 $(X_i)_{i \in I}$  are independent if and only if

$$(X_i^{-1}((-\infty,x]:x\in\mathbb{R}))_{i\in I}$$
 are independent

$$\Leftrightarrow \forall J_{\text{finite}} \subset I, \forall x_i \in \mathbb{R} : P(X_i \le x_i : i \in J) = \prod_{i \in J} P(X_i \le x_i)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow F_{(X_i)_{i \in J}} ((x_i)_{i \in J}) = \prod_{i \in J} F_{X_i} (x_i)$$

Therefore, if I is finite, I only have to check this last equality on I.

➤ Random variables are independent if and only if their joint CDF is a product of their respective CDF's.

#### **Expectation and Independence**

• Definition. For a real r.v. X that is integrable,

$$\underbrace{VarX}_{\text{variance of }X} = \underbrace{E\left[\left(X - \underbrace{EX}_{\text{not }r.v.}\right)^{2}\right]}_{\text{not }r.v.}$$

**Proposition.** Suppose

$$VarX < \infty \iff EX^2 < \infty \iff X$$
 square integrable.

Then,  $VarX = E(X^2) - (EX)^2$ .

- > Square integrable means  $\int X^2 dF_x$  exists.
- > *Proof.* By definition,

$$Var X = E[(X - EX)^{2}]$$

$$= E[X^{2} + (EX)^{2} - 2XEX]$$

$$= EX^{2} + (EX)^{2} - 2EX \cdot EX$$

$$= EX^{2} - (EX)^{2}$$

- Note.  $Var X \ge 0 \implies EX^2 \ge (EX)^2$ .
  - The inequality in this case is due to the convexity of the square function
  - Note that VarX is a number, not a random variable, so  $VarX \ge 0$ .
- Note. Since X is r.v., we have to say  $X \ge 0$  almost surely
- Jensen Inequality:
  - $\triangleright$  If  $\phi$  is a concave function, then  $E[\phi(X)] \le \phi[EX]$ .
  - $\triangleright$  If φ is a convex function, then E[φ(X)] ≥ φ[EX].
- **Proposition.** If X is square integrable, and a is a parameter, then

$$\underbrace{E[(X-a)^2]}_{\text{mean squared error}} = \underbrace{MSE}_{\text{measure of variability}} + \underbrace{(EX-a)^2}_{\text{bias squared}}$$

- $\triangleright$  Note. a does not have to be EX.
- $\triangleright$  Note. Var X = Var(X a).

$$Var(X - a) = E(X - a)^{2} - (E(X - a))^{2}$$

$$= E(X^{2} - 2aX + a^{2}) - (EX - a)^{2}$$

$$= EX^{2} - 2aEX + a^{2} - ((EX)^{2} - 2aEX + a^{2})$$

$$= EX^{2} - (EX)^{2} = Var(X)$$

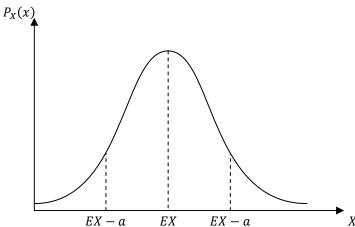
 $ightharpoonup Note. Var(aX + b) = a^2 Var X$ 

$$Var(aX + b) = Var(aX)$$
=  $E(aX)^2 - (E(aX))^2$   
=  $a^2EX^2 - a^2(EX)^2$   
=  $a^2(EX^2 - (EX)^2) = a^2Var(X)$ 

- Property of variance.
  - > Markov inequality

$$P(|X - EX| \ge a) \le \frac{1}{a}E|X - EX|, \quad \forall a > 0$$

$$P(|X - EX| \le a) \ge 1 - \frac{1}{a}E|X - EX|, \qquad \forall a > 0$$



Bienayme-Chebyshev

$$P(|X - EX| \ge a) \le \frac{1}{a^2} Var X$$

- > Proof.
  - Proof of Markov inequality.

$$a\mathbf{1}_{\{|X-EX|\geq a\}} \leq |X-EX|, \quad almost surely$$
  
$$\Leftrightarrow \mathbf{1}_{\{|X-EX|\geq a\}} \leq \frac{1}{a}|X-EX|, \quad almost surely$$

Take expectation of this inequality:

$$E\left[\mathbf{1}_{\{|X-EX|\geq a\}}\right] \leq \frac{1}{a}E|X-EX| \iff P(|X-EX|\geq a) \leq \frac{1}{a}E|X-EX|$$

- The key is to use the fact that the expectation of the indicator is the probability of the events.
- Proof of Bienayme-Chebyshev. Same as in the Markov case. Just to square everything.

$$a\mathbf{1}_{\{|X-EX|\geq a\}} \leq |X-EX| \implies \left(a\mathbf{1}_{\{|X-EX|\geq a\}}\right)^2 \leq (|X-EX|)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow E\left(a\mathbf{1}_{\{|X-EX|\geq a\}}\right)^2 \leq E(|X-EX|)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow P(|X-EX|\geq a) \leq \frac{1}{a^2} VarX$$

- Special cases of the above two inequalities.
  - $\triangleright$  Pick a = kE|X EX|. Then the Markov inequality is

$$P\left(\frac{|X - EX|}{E|X - EX|} \ge k\right) \le \frac{1}{k}$$

ightharpoonup Pick  $a = k\sqrt{Var X} = ks(X)$ , where s(X) is the standard deviation. The B-C inequality is

$$P\left(\frac{|X - EX|}{s(X)} \ge k\right) \le \frac{1}{k^2}$$

• Example. k = 2

$$P\left(\frac{|X-EX|}{s(X)} \ge 2\right) \le \frac{1}{4} \iff P(X \in [EX-2s(X), EX+2s(X)]) \ge \frac{3}{4}$$

- ❖ Averaging reduces variability?
  - ightharpoonup If  $X_1, ..., X_n$  are n r.v.'s that are identically and distributed and independent (iid)  $\sim X$ , then

$$Var\left(\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n}X_{i}\right) = \frac{1}{n^{2}}\left[E\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n}X_{i}\right)^{2} - \left(E\sum_{i=1}^{n}X_{i}\right)^{2}\right] = \frac{1}{n}VarX$$

## Variance (cont'd)

 $X_1, \dots, X_n$  is iid  $P^X$ 

$$Var\left(\underbrace{\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n}X_{i}}_{X_{n}}\right) = \frac{1}{n}Var(X), \qquad X \text{ is a representative } r. v. \text{ of } X_{i} \text{ due to } iid$$

Consequently,

$$\bar{X}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$$

is a consistent estimator of EX if

 $\triangleright E\bar{X}_n = EX$ 

$$E\left(\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n}X_{i}\right) = \frac{1}{n}\left(E(X_{1}) + \dots + E(X_{n})\right) = \frac{nE(X)}{n} = E(X)$$

- **\Limin** Example.  $X_i = \mathbf{1}_A(Y_i)$ ,  $\bar{X}_n = f_n(A)$  is a consistent estimator of P(A).
- Definition.  $X_n \xrightarrow{L^2} X \iff E(X X_n)^2 \xrightarrow{n} 0$ 

  - $\stackrel{MSE}{\longrightarrow} \iff \stackrel{L^2}{\longrightarrow} \implies \stackrel{Prob}{\longrightarrow} \implies \stackrel{Distribution}{\longrightarrow}$   $\stackrel{Note.}{\longrightarrow} \|X\| = \sqrt{EX^2} \text{ is the norm in the space of square-integrable r.v.}$ 
    - $L^2$  is a normed space (a Hilbert space with  $\langle X, Y \rangle = E(XY)$ )
- **Property 1:**

$$X_n \stackrel{L^2}{\to} X \iff \begin{cases} EX_n \to EX \\ Var(X_n - X) \to 0 \end{cases}$$

$$X_n \stackrel{L^2}{\to} a \iff \begin{cases} EX_n \to EX \\ VarX_n \to 0 \end{cases}$$

Proof.

$$\underbrace{E[(X-X_n)^2]}_{\to 0} = Var(X-X_n) + (EX-EX_n)^2.$$

Property 2:

$$X_n \stackrel{L^2}{\to} X \implies X_n \stackrel{P}{\to} X$$

*Proof.* For any  $\epsilon > 0$ 

$$P(|X_n - X| > \epsilon) \le \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} \underbrace{E(X_n - X)^2}_{\substack{\text{convergence} \\ \text{convergence}}}$$

- $\triangleright$  Note. Convergence in probability does not imply convergence in  $L^2$ 
  - Counter example:

Suppose  $X_n = X$  for all  $\omega \notin N_n$  with  $P(N_n) = 1/n$ . If  $\omega \in N_n$ , then  $X_n = X + n$ .

$$P(|X_n - X| > \epsilon) = P(N_n) = \frac{1}{n} \to 0$$

$$E(X - X_n)^2 = \frac{1}{n}n^2 = n \to \infty$$

$$X_n = X + n,$$

$$\omega \in N_n$$

$$1 - (1/n)$$

$$X_n = X,$$

$$\omega \in \overline{N_n}$$

- In this example,  $N_n$  is a sequence of sets in the sample space.
- $X_n$  is almost equal to X except when  $\omega \in N_n$ .
- Let  $D_n = X X_n$ .

$$ED_n^2 = P(N_n)E(D_n^2|N_n) + P(\overline{N_n})E\left(\overline{D_n}^2\Big|\overline{N_n}\right)$$

- ❖ *Definition*. Suppose *X*, *Y* are square integrable.
  - $\triangleright$   $Cov(X,Y) = E(XY) EX \cdot EY = E\{(X EX)(Y EY)\}$
  - $\triangleright$  X, Y are *uncorrelated* if and only if Cov(X,Y) = 0.

**Theorem (Law of Large Numbers for uncorrelated r.v.).** Consider 
$$X_n$$
 such that  $EX_n = m$ ,  $VarX_n = s^2 < \infty$ ,  $\forall i \neq j : Cov(X_i, X_j) = 0$ 

Then,  $\bar{X}_n \stackrel{L^2}{\to} m$ .

This a strong LLN because it implies the weak LLN.

#### **\*** Characteristic Function.

- Evaluation Covariance of X, Y does not characterize independence. The reason is that, knowing EX, EY, VarX, VarY only characterize the marginal distribution of X and Y, but not the joint distribution of X and Y. But we need the joint distribution to determine independence.
- $\triangleright$  We need to know E[g(X)] for any g, which is equivalent to knowing  $P^X$
- $\triangleright$  Similarly, E[g(X)h(Y)] for any g, h is equivalent to knowing  $P^{X,Y}$ .
- $\triangleright$  Definition. Given a r.v.  $X:\Omega\to\mathbb{R}^d$ , the characteristic equation is

$$\phi_X(u) = E[\exp(i u^T X)], \quad \forall u \in \mathbb{R}^d$$
  
= \cos(u^T X) + i \sin(u^T X)

This is bounded within the unit circle.

## **Characteristic Function (cont'd)**

• Definition. The **characteristic function** of a r.v.  $X : \Omega \to \mathbb{R}^d$  is

$$\phi_X(u) = E(e^{\mathrm{i}u^T X}), \quad \forall u \in \mathbb{R}^d$$

- ightharpoonup Note.  $u^T X \in \mathbb{R}$  is a scalar.
- ightharpoonup Note. Knowing  $\phi_X$  on  $\mathbb{R}^d$  is equivalent to
  - Knowing  $E[h_u(X)]$ , where  $h_u(X) = \exp(iu^T X)$  are a basis of function
  - Knowing E[h(X)]
  - Knowing  $P^X$
- $\Leftrightarrow$  **Theorem.** Consider 2 r.v. X, Y.

$$P^X = P^Y \iff \phi_X = \phi_Y$$

**Theorem.** Given a one-dimensional real random variable, if  $E|X|^n < \infty$ , then  $\phi_X$  is *n*-times differentiable and

$$\phi_X^{(k)}(0) = i^k E X^k, \qquad \forall k = 0, ..., n$$

When n is finite, we can switch the differentiation and expectation operation.

\* Example. Calculation of moments of a r.v. (one-dimensional)

$$\phi_X(u) = E(e^{iuX}) \Rightarrow \phi_X'(u) = iE(Xe^{iuX}) \Rightarrow \phi_X'(0) = iE(X)$$
$$\Rightarrow \phi_X^{(2)}(u) = i^2E(X^2e^{iuX}) \Rightarrow \phi_X^{(2)}(0) = -E(X^2)$$

- This is an "efficient" way to get higher order moments
- Another way is to use the *moment generating function (MGF)*:

$$L_X(u) = E(e^{u^T X})$$

This is the LaPlace transformation.

$$\frac{\partial L_X(u)}{\partial u} = E(Xe^{u^TX}) \Rightarrow \frac{\partial L_X(u)}{\partial u}\Big|_{u=0} = EX$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial u} \left( \underbrace{\frac{\partial L_X(u)}{\partial u^T}}_{\text{row vector}} \right) = E \left( X X^T e^{u^T X} \right) \Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 L_X(u)}{\partial u \partial u^T} \bigg|_{u=0} = E \left( X X^T \right)$$

- Note.  $\partial L_X/\partial u$  will give a column vector,  $\partial L_X/\partial u^T$  will give a row vector.
- Note. Since  $L_X(u)$  is a scalar, the order of differentiation does not matter, i.e. can differentiate w.r.t u and then  $u^T$ . However, if  $L_X(u)$  is a column vector, must differentiate w.r.t. a row vector  $u^T$ .
- For random vector *X* of dimension *d*

where 
$$\left[E(X_iX_j) - E(X_i)E(X_j)\right]_{1 \le i,j \le d}$$
 is a typical element of  $Var X$ .

- On the main diagonal (i = j), we have  $Var X_i$
- Off the main diagonal  $(i \neq j)$ , we have  $Cov(X_i, X_i)$

 $\diamond$  Covariance of random vectors: X of dimension  $d_X$  and Y of dimension  $d_Y$ 

$$Cov(X,Y) = \underbrace{E(XY')}_{d_X \times d_Y} - E(X)E(Y')$$

 $\triangleright$  With linear combination of X and Y, where A is  $(n \times d_X)$  and B is  $(m, d_Y)$ 

$$Cov(AX, BY) = \underbrace{A}_{n \times d_X} \cdot \underbrace{Cov(X, Y)}_{d_X \times d_Y} \cdot \underbrace{B'}_{d_Y \times m}$$

Example of using MGF on Poisson distribution. Let  $X \sim \mathcal{P}(\lambda)$ 

$$E(e^{uX}) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} e^{uk} P(X = k) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} e^{uk} \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^k}{k!} = e^{-\lambda} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(e^u \lambda)^k}{k!} = e^{-\lambda} e^{\lambda e^u}$$
$$= \exp[\lambda(e^u - 1)]$$

Let  $L_x(u) = \exp[\lambda(e^u - 1)]$ . Then,

$$L'_X(u) = \lambda e^u \cdot \exp[-\lambda(1 - e^u)] \Rightarrow L'_X(0) = \lambda \Rightarrow EX = \lambda$$

$$L_X'(u) = \lambda e^u \cdot \exp[-\lambda(1 - e^u)] \implies L_X'(0) = \lambda \implies EX = \lambda$$

$$L_X''(u) = [\lambda e^u + (\lambda e^u)^2] \exp[-\lambda(1 - e^u)] \implies L_X''(0) = \lambda + \lambda^2 \implies EX^2 = \lambda + \lambda^2$$

Therefore,  $Var X = EX^2 - E^2X = \lambda + \lambda^2 - \lambda^2 = \lambda$ .

**Theorem.** 2 r.v. X, Y are independent if and only if

$$\forall u, v : \phi_{X,Y}(u, v) = \phi_X(u)\phi_Y(v)$$

$$= E[\exp(iu^T X + iv^T Y)]$$

$$= \phi_{\binom{X}{Y}} \binom{u}{v}$$

$$= E\left[\exp\left(i\binom{u}{v}^T \binom{X}{Y}\right)\right]$$

**Theorem.** Let X, Y be independent random vectors of size d. Then

$$\forall u \in \mathbb{R}^d : \phi_{X+Y}(u) = \phi_X(u)\phi_Y(u)$$

Example (with Poisson distribution).  $X \sim \mathcal{P}(\lambda)$ ,  $Y \sim \mathcal{P}(\mu)$ , and X, Y are independent.

$$\phi_{X+Y}(u) = \phi_X(u)\phi_Y(u)$$

$$= E(e^{iuX})E(e^{iuY})$$

$$= \exp(-\lambda(1 - e^{iu}))\exp(-\mu(1 - e^{iu}))$$

$$= \exp(-(\lambda + \mu)(1 - e^{iu}))$$

Therefore,  $(X + Y) \sim \mathcal{P}(\lambda + \mu)$ .

 $\triangleright$  Other ways to show this result. Let  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

$$P(X + Y = k) = \sum_{i=0}^{k} P(X = i, Y = k - i)$$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^{k} P(X = i) P(Y = k - i)$$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^{k} \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^{i}}{i!} \cdot \frac{e^{-\mu} \mu^{k-i}}{(k-i)!}$$

$$= \frac{e^{-(\lambda+\mu)}}{k!} \sum_{i=0}^{k} \frac{k!}{\underbrace{i! (k-i)!}} \lambda^{i} \mu^{k-i}$$
$$= \frac{e^{-(\lambda+\mu)}}{k!} (\lambda+\mu)^{k}$$
$$= \mathcal{P}(\lambda+\mu)$$

Let  $X_1, ..., X_n$  be n iid r.v. with  $EX_j = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n X_j = m$  and  $Var X_j = \sum \phi_{\bar{X}_n}(u) = E[\exp(\mathrm{i}u^T \bar{X}_n)]$  $= E \left[ \exp \left( i u^T \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} X_j \right) \right]$  $= E \left[ \prod_{i=1}^{n} \exp \left( \frac{\mathrm{i} u^{T}}{n} X_{j} \right) \right]$  $= \prod_{j=1}^{n} \underbrace{E\left[\exp\left(\frac{\mathrm{i}u^{T}}{n}X_{j}\right)\right]}_{\phi_{X_{j}}(u/n)}, \quad \text{by independence}$   $= \left[\phi_{X_{j}}\left(\frac{u}{n}\right)\right]^{n}, \quad \text{by identically distributed}$ 

This result is useful to understand the asymptotic behavior of  $\bar{X}_n$ :

$$\phi_{\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - m)}(u) = E\left[\exp\left(iu^T\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - m)\right)\right]$$

$$= E\left[\exp\left(i\frac{u}{\sqrt{n}}\sum_{j=1}^n(X_j - m)\right)\right]$$

$$= \left[\phi_{X_j - m}\left(\frac{u}{\sqrt{n}}\right)\right]^n$$

# **Deriving the Normal Distribution (cont'd)**

• We have  $X_1, ..., X_n$  iid with  $EX_j = m$  and  $Var X_j = \Sigma$ 

$$\phi_{\bar{X}_n}(u) = \left[\phi_{X_j}\left(\frac{u}{n}\right)\right]^n$$

$$\overline{\psi}_{(\bar{X}_n, \dots)}(u) = E\left[\exp\left(iu^T\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - u)\right)\right]$$

$$\phi_{\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - m)}(u) = E\left[\exp\left(iu^T \sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - m)\right)\right]$$

$$= E\left[\exp\left(i\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\sum_{j=1}^n u^T(X_j - m)\right)\right]$$

$$= \left[\phi_{u^T(X_j - m)}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\right)\right]^n$$

where the second equality is justified by:

$$u^{T}\sqrt{n}(\overline{X}_{n}-m) = \sqrt{n}u^{T}\left[\frac{1}{n}\sum_{j=1}^{n}X_{j}-m\right]$$
$$= \sqrt{n}\cdot\frac{u^{T}}{n}\sum_{j=1}^{n}(X_{j}-m)$$
$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\sum_{j=1}^{n}u^{T}(X_{j}-m)$$

and the third equality is justified by:

$$E\left[\exp\left(\frac{\mathrm{i}}{\sqrt{n}}\sum_{j=1}^{n}u^{T}(X_{j}-m)\right)\right] = E\left[\prod_{j=1}^{n}\exp\left(\frac{\mathrm{i}}{\sqrt{n}}\sum_{j=1}^{n}u^{T}(X_{j}-m)\right)\right]$$
$$= \prod_{j=1}^{n}E\left[\exp\left(\frac{\mathrm{i}}{\sqrt{n}}\sum_{j=1}^{n}u^{T}(X_{j}-m)\right)\right]$$
$$\phi_{u^{T}(X_{j}-m)}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\right)$$

So we have transformed the a function of a *d*-dimensional vector *u* into a function of a real number  $1/\sqrt{n}$ . Let

$$f(x) = \phi_{u^T(X_j - m)}(x)$$

Taking the Taylor expansion of  $f(\cdot)$ 

$$f(x) \sim \left[ f(0) + \underbrace{f'(0)(x-0)}_{=0} + \frac{f''(0)(x-0)}{2!} + \underbrace{o(x^2)}_{1/n} \right]$$

Substitute back the original function

$$\phi_{\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - m)}(u) = \left[\phi_{u^T(X_j - m)}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\right)\right]^n$$

$$= \left[1 + \underbrace{\phi'_{u^T(X_j - m)}(0)}_{=iE\left(u^T(X_j - m)\right)=0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} + \underbrace{\phi''_{u^T(X_j - m)}(0)}_{i^2E\left[\left(u^T(X_j - m)\right)^2\right]} \frac{1}{2n} + o\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)\right]^n$$

$$= -var\left(u^T(X_j - m)\right)$$

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$$= -u^T \Sigma u$$

$$= \left[1 - \frac{u^T \Sigma u}{2n} + o\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)\right]^n$$

$$= \exp\left\{\ln\left\{\left[1 - \frac{u^T \Sigma u}{2n} + o\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)\right]^n\right\}\right\}$$

$$= \exp\left\{n \cdot \ln\left\{\left[1 - \frac{u^T \Sigma u}{2n} + o\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)\right]\right\}\right\}$$

$$\approx \exp\left(-\frac{u^T \Sigma u}{2}\right)$$

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❖ Conclusion. For any  $X_j$  iid with  $EX_j = m$  and  $Var X_j = \Sigma$ ,

$$\phi_{\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n-m)}(u) \xrightarrow[n\to\infty]{} \exp\left(-\frac{u^T \Sigma u}{2}\right)$$

- ➤ Question 1: What does it mean to have  $\phi_{Y_n}(u) \rightarrow \phi_Y(u)$ ?
  - Convergence in distribution
- P Question 2: What is Y when  $\phi_Y(u) = \exp\left(-\frac{u^T \Sigma u}{2}\right)$ ?
  - Normal r.v.
- Definition. For r.v.  $X_n$  in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  and X

$$X_n \overset{d}{\to} X \;\; \Leftrightarrow \;\; \forall u \in \mathbb{R}^d : \phi_{X_n}(u) \overset{n \to \infty}{\longrightarrow} \phi_X(u)$$

- **Theorem.**  $X_n \stackrel{P}{\to} X \Rightarrow X_n \stackrel{d}{\to} X$ .
- \* Recall that

$$L^2 \Rightarrow a.s. \Rightarrow P \Rightarrow d$$

$$P(|X_n - X_1| > \epsilon) = P(|X_2 - X_1| > \epsilon) \implies 0$$

where the equality is justified by

$$P^{(X_1,X_n)} = P^{(X_1 \otimes X_n)} = P^{X_1} \otimes P^{X_n} = P^{X_1} \otimes P^{X_2} = P^{(X_1,X_2)}$$

\* Convergence in distribution is about  $E[h(X_n)] \to E[h(X)]$  as long as h is continuous. But  $P(X \in A) = E[\mathbf{1}_A(X)]$  is not continuous.

**\*** Central Limit Theorem. Suppose  $X_i$ 's are iid with  $EX_i = \mu < \infty$  and  $Var(X_i) = \sigma < \infty$ .

$$\sqrt{n}\frac{\bar{X}_n-\mu}{\sigma}\stackrel{d}{\longrightarrow} N(0,1).$$

Let

$$S_n \coloneqq X_1 + \dots + X_n$$

$$Z_n \coloneqq \frac{S_n - n\mu}{\sigma\sqrt{n}} = \frac{\bar{X}_n - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}}, \quad \text{where } \bar{X}_n \coloneqq \frac{S_n}{n}$$

$$Y_i \coloneqq \frac{\bar{X}_i - \mu}{\sigma}.$$

Then,

$$Z_n = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{Y_i}{\sqrt{n}}$$

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Central limit theorem#Proof

# **Convergence in Distribution**

• Definition.  $X_n$ , X are r.v. in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ 

$$X_n \stackrel{d}{\to} X \iff \forall u \in \mathbb{R}^d : \phi_{X_n}(u) \xrightarrow[n \to \infty]{} \phi_X(u)$$

**\\$** Theorem.  $X \stackrel{p}{\rightarrow} X \Rightarrow X_n \stackrel{d}{\rightarrow} X$ .

**▶ Lemma.**  $X_n \xrightarrow{d} X \iff \forall u \in \mathbb{R}^d : u^T X_n \xrightarrow{d} u^T X$ 

Recall that

$$X_n \overset{p}{\to} X \iff \forall \epsilon > 0, \exists n_0 \in \mathbb{N}, \forall n \geq n_0, \forall \eta > 0: P(|X_n - X| > \epsilon) < \eta$$

Want to show that the distance of two characteristic functions goes to zero:

$$\begin{aligned} |\phi_{X_{n}}(u) - \phi_{X}(u)| &= |E(e^{iuX_{n}} - e^{iuX})| \\ &\leq E[|e^{iuX_{n}} - e^{iuX}|] \\ &= \int |e^{iuX_{n}} - e^{iuX}| dP^{X} \\ &= \int_{|X_{n} - X| \leq \epsilon} |e^{iuX_{n}} - e^{iuX}| dP^{X} + \int_{|X_{n} - X| > \epsilon} |e^{iuX_{n}} - e^{iuX}| dP^{X} \end{aligned}$$

Note that in the second term,

$$\begin{aligned} \left| e^{\mathrm{i}uX_n} - e^{\mathrm{i}uX} \right| &\leq \left| e^{\mathrm{i}uX_n} \right| + \left| e^{\mathrm{i}uX} \right| \leq 2 \\ \Rightarrow & \int_{A_n} \left| e^{\mathrm{i}uX_n} - e^{\mathrm{i}uX} \right| dP^X \leq \int_{A_n} 2dP^X \\ \Leftrightarrow & \int_{A_n} \left| e^{\mathrm{i}uX_n} - e^{\mathrm{i}uX} \right| dP^X \leq 2 \int_{A_n} \mathbf{1}_{A_n} dP = 2P(A_n) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$A_n = \{ \omega \in \Omega : |X_n(\omega) - X(\omega)| > \epsilon \}$$

For the first term, since  $e^{iuX}$  is continuous

$$\left| e^{iuX_n} - e^{iuX} \right| \le \alpha(\epsilon) P(|X_n - X| \le \epsilon)$$

❖ In the end, what we have "shown" is

$$\left|\phi_{X_n}(u) - \phi_X(u)\right| < \eta$$

- To prove convergence, separate the set into two: one that has probability zero, the other that doesn't have probability zero, but get a bound for the thing that's inside the intergral.
- **Theorem.** Characterization of convergence in distribution:

$$X_n \xrightarrow{d} X \iff E[h(X_n)] \to E[h(X)]$$

for any *continuous* and *bounded* function *h*.

\* Theorem.

$$X_n \xrightarrow{d} X \iff F_{X_n}(x) \to F_X(x)$$

for any x where  $F_X(x)$  is continuous.

ightharpoonup Example. Let  $X_n \sim \delta_{\frac{1}{n}}$  and  $X \sim \delta_0$ . Consider  $\delta_{\frac{1}{n}} \to \delta_0$ .

$$X_n \sim \delta_{\frac{1}{n}} \implies F_{X_n}(x) = \delta_{\frac{1}{n}}((-\infty, x]) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \frac{1}{n} \le x \\ 0 & \text{if } \frac{1}{n} > x \end{cases}$$

Thus,

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} F_{X_n}(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } 0 < x \\ 0 & \text{if } 0 \ge x \end{cases}$$

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$$F_X(x) = \delta_0 \big( (-\infty, x] \big) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } 0 \le x \\ 0 & \text{if } 0 > x \end{cases}$$
 Therefore,  $F_{X_n}$  converges to  $F_X$  everywhere except at point 0.

• Note. If  $f_{X_n} \xrightarrow{a.s.} f_X$ , then  $f_X \xrightarrow{d} f_X$ .

## **Normal Distribution**

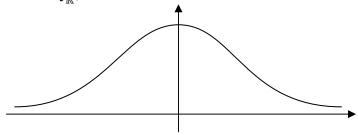
❖ What we have done so far is to consider

$$X_i \sim iid : EX_i = m \& VarX_i = \Sigma$$
  
 $\sqrt{n}(\overline{X}_n - m) \stackrel{d}{\to} Y \quad such that \quad \phi_Y(u) = \exp\left(-\frac{u^T \Sigma u}{2}\right)$ 

**\Leftrightarrow** *Definition.* The *standard normal distribution*  $\mathcal{N}(0,1)$  with density function

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2}\right), \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$$

- $\triangleright$  It is not easy to define in close form F(x)
- ightharpoonup Difficult to show that  $\int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x) dx = 1$



**♦** *Definition.* Normal distribution  $\mathcal{N}(m, \sigma^2)$  where  $m \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\sigma^2 \in \overline{\mathbb{R}}_+ = (0, \infty)$   $Y \sim \mathcal{N}(m, \sigma^2) \iff Y = m + \sigma X$ 

$$Y \sim \mathcal{N}(m, \sigma^2) \iff Y = m + \sigma X$$
  
 $\iff F_Y(y) = \Phi\left(\frac{y - m}{\sigma}\right)$ 

where  $X \sim \mathcal{N}(0,1)$ , and

$$\Phi(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{x} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-u^{2}/2} du$$

Moment generating function

$$L_Y(u) = E[\exp(uY)]$$

$$= E[\exp(um + u\sigma X)]$$

$$= \exp(um) \cdot E(\exp(u\sigma X))$$

$$= \exp(um) \cdot L_{\sigma X}(u)$$

$$= \exp(um) \cdot L_X(\sigma u)$$

Here,

$$L_X(u) = E[\exp(uX)]$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{ux} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-x^2/2} dx$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(x-u)^2}{2} + \frac{u^2}{2}} dx$$

$$= e^{\frac{u^2}{2}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(x-u)^2}{2}} dx$$

$$= e^{\frac{u^2}{2}}$$

**❖** Moments.

$$\frac{\partial L_Y(u)}{\partial u} = (m + u\sigma^2) \exp\left(um + \frac{u^2\sigma^2}{2}\right) \Rightarrow \frac{\partial L_Y(u)}{\partial u}\Big|_{u=0} = m = EY$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 L_Y(u)}{\partial u^2} = \left[(m + u\sigma^2)^2 + \sigma^2\right] \exp\left(um + \frac{u^2\sigma^2}{2}\right) \Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 L_Y(u)}{\partial u^2}\Big|_{u=0} = m^2 + \sigma^2 = EY^2$$
Therefore,
$$VarY = E(Y^2) - (EY)^2 = \sigma^2$$

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## d-Dimensional Normal Distribution

❖ Definition. Let X be a random vector in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ .

X is a normal vector  $\iff \forall u \in \mathbb{R}^d : u^T X \sim \mathcal{N}$ .

If EX = m and  $VarX = \Sigma$ . We have  $E(u^TX) = u^Tm, \qquad Var(u^TX) = u^T\Sigma u.$   $\underbrace{L_X(u)}_{E(u^TX)} = L_{u^TX}(1) = \exp\left(1 \cdot E(u^TX) + 1 \cdot \frac{Var(u^TX)}{2}\right) = \exp\left(u^Tm + \frac{u^T\Sigma u}{2}\right)$ 

\* Thus,
$$X \sim \mathcal{N}(m, \Sigma) \iff L_X(u) = \exp\left(u^T m + \frac{u^T \Sigma u}{2}\right) \iff \varphi_X(u) = \exp\left(\mathrm{i} u^T m - \frac{u^T \Sigma u}{2}\right)$$

❖ We can also show that

$$f_X(x) = \frac{\exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}(x-m)^T \Sigma(x-m)\right]}{(2\pi)^{d/2} (\det \Sigma)^{1/2}}$$

as long as  $\det \Sigma \neq 0$ .

➤ In dimension 1, we have:

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x-m)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right), \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$$

**A** Recall that: If  $X_i$  iid with  $EX_i = m$  and  $VarX_i = \Sigma$ , then

$$\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - m) \stackrel{d}{\to} Y$$
 with  $\varphi_Y(u) = \exp\left(-\frac{u^T \Sigma u}{2}\right)$ 

Thus,  $Y \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \Sigma)$ .

**Central Limit Theorem.** 

Let  $X_i$  be iid with  $EX_i = m$  and  $VarX_i = Σ$ . Then,

$$\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - m) \stackrel{d}{\to} \mathcal{N}(0, \Sigma) \text{ and } \bar{X}_n \to \mathcal{N}\left(m, \frac{\Sigma}{n}\right)$$

❖ Consider 2 r.v. X, Y

$${X \choose Y} \sim \mathcal{N}(m, \Sigma) \iff \varphi_{{X \choose Y}} {u \choose v} = \exp\left(\mathrm{i} {u \choose v}^T m - \frac{1}{2} {u \choose v}^T \Sigma {u \choose v}\right)$$

Suppose *X*, *Y* are not correlated. This is true if and only if

$$Cov(X,Y) = 0 \iff \Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_X & 0 \\ 0 & \Sigma_Y \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $\Sigma_X = VarX$  and  $\Sigma_Y = VarY$ . Then,

$$\binom{u}{v}^T \Sigma \binom{u}{v} = u^T \Sigma_X v + v^T \Sigma_Y v$$

Then,

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$$\varphi_{\binom{u}{v}}\binom{u}{v} = \exp\left(\mathrm{i} u^T m_X - \frac{u^T \Sigma_X v}{2}\right) \cdot \exp\left(\mathrm{i} v^T m_Y - \frac{v^T \Sigma_Y v}{2}\right) = \varphi_X(u) \varphi_Y(v)$$

where

$$m = \binom{m_x}{m_Y} = \binom{EX}{EY}$$

This implies that *X*, *Y* are independent.

In general,

$$\binom{X}{Y} \sim \mathcal{N} \implies Cov(X,Y) = 0 \iff X,Y \text{ are independent}$$

❖ Transformation of r.v.

 $\triangleright$  Let *X* be r.v. in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ .

$$g: X \to Y$$

where g is bijective.

$$E(Y) = E[g(X)] = \int g(x)f_X(x)dx$$
$$= \int g\underbrace{[g^{-1}(y)]}_{=x} f_Y(y)dy$$
$$= \int g(x)f_Y(g(x))|J_{g(x)}|dx$$

Here we have

$$f_Y(y) = f_X(g^{-1}(y))|J_{g^{-1}(y)}|$$