

## Theorems

- 1.1 De Morgan's law relates all three basic operations:  $(A \cup B)^c = A^c \cap B^c$ .
- 1.2 For an event space  $B = \{B_1, B_2, \dots\}$  and any event  $A$  in the sample space, let  $C_i = A \cap B_i$ . For  $i \neq j$ , the events  $C_i$  and  $C_j$  are mutually exclusive and  $A = C_1 \cup C_2 \cup \dots$ .
- 1.3 For mutually exclusive events  $A_1$  and  $A_2$ ,  $P[A_1 \cup A_2] = P[A_1] + P[A_2]$ .
- 1.4 If  $A = A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_m$  and  $A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset$  for  $i \neq j$ , then  $P[A] = \sum_{i=1}^m P[A_i]$ .
- 1.5 The probability of an event  $B = \{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_m\}$  is the sum of the probabilities of the outcomes contained in the event:  $P[B] = \sum_{i=1}^m P[\{s_i\}]$ .
- 1.6 For an experiment with sample space  $S = \{s_1, \dots, s_n\}$  in which each outcome  $s_i$  is equally likely,  $P[s_i] = 1/n$   $1 \leq i \leq n$ .
- 1.7 The probability measure  $P[\cdot]$  satisfies (a)  $P[\emptyset] = 0$ . (b)  $P[A^c] = 1 - P[A]$ . (c) For any  $A$  and  $B$  (not necessarily disjoint),  $P[A \cup B] = P[A] + P[B] - P[A \cap B]$ . (d) If  $A \subset B$ , then  $P[A] \leq P[B]$ .
- 1.8 For any event  $A$ , and event space  $\{B_1, B_2, \dots, B_m\}$ ,  $P[A] = \sum_{i=1}^m P[A \cap B_i]$ .
- 1.9 A conditional probability measure  $P[A|B]$  has the following properties that correspond to the axioms of probability. Axiom 1:  $P[A|B] \geq 0$ . Axiom 2:  $P[B|B] = 1$ . Axiom 3: If  $A = A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots$  with  $A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset$  for  $i \neq j$ , then  $P[A|B] = P[A_1|B] + P[A_2|B] + \dots$ .
- 1.10 Law of Total Probability: For an event space  $\{B_1, B_2, \dots, B_m\}$  with  $P[B_i] > 0$  for all  $i$ ,  $P[A] = \sum_{i=1}^m P[A|B_i]P[B_i]$ .
- 1.11 Bayes' Theorem:  $P[B|A] = \frac{P[A|B]P[B]}{P[A]}$ .
- 1.12 The number of  $k$ -permutations of  $n$  distinguishable objects is  $(n)_k = n(n-1)(n-2)\dots(n-k+1) = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!}$ .
- 1.13 The number of ways to choose  $k$  objects out of  $n$  distinguishable objects is  $\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$ .
- 1.14 Given  $m$  distinguishable objects, there are  $m^n$  ways to choose with replacement an ordered sample of  $n$  objects.
- 1.15 For  $n$  repetitions of a subexperiment with sample space  $S = \{s_0, \dots, s_{m-1}\}$ , there are  $m^n$  possible observation sequences.
- 1.16 The number of observation sequences for  $n$  subexperiments with sample space  $S = \{0, 1\}$  with 0 appearing  $n_0$  times and 1 appearing  $n_1 = n - n_0$  times is  $\binom{n}{n_1}$ .
- 1.17 For  $n$  repetitions of a subexperiment with sample space  $S = \{s_0, \dots, s_{m-1}\}$ , the number of length  $n = n_0 + \dots + n_{m-1}$  observation sequences with  $s_i$  appearing  $n_i$  times is  $\binom{n}{n_0, \dots, n_{m-1}} = \frac{n!}{n_0!n_1!\dots n_{m-1}!}$ .
- 1.18 The probability of  $n_0$  failures and  $n_1$  successes in  $n = n_0 + n_1$  independent trials is  $P[S_{n_0, n_1}] = \binom{n}{n_1} (1-p)^{n-n_1} p^{n_1} = \binom{n}{n_0} (1-p)^{n_0} p^{n-n_0}$ .
- 1.19 A subexperiment has sample space  $S = \{s_0, \dots, s_{m-1}\}$  with  $P[s_i] = p_i$ . For  $n = n_0 + \dots + n_{m-1}$  independent trials, the probability if  $n_i$  occurrences of  $s_i$ ,  $i = 0, 1, \dots, m-1$ , is  $P[S_{n_0, \dots, n_{m-1}}] = \binom{n}{n_0, \dots, n_{m-1}} p_0^{n_0} \dots p_{m-1}^{n_{m-1}}$ .
- 2.1 For a discrete random variable  $X$  with PMF  $P_X(x)$  and range  $S_X$ : (a) For any  $x$ ,  $P_X \geq 0$ . (b)  $\sum_{x \in S_X} P_X(x) = 1$ . (c) For any event  $B \subset S_X$ , the probability that  $X$  is in the set  $B$  is  $P[B] = \sum_{x \in B} P_X(x)$ .
- 2.2 For any discrete random variable  $X$  with range  $S_X = \{x_1, x_2, \dots\}$  satisfying  $x_1 \leq x_2 \leq \dots$ , (a) Going from left to right on the  $x$ -axis,  $F_X(x)$  starts at zero and ends at one. (b) The CDF never decreases as it goes from left to right. (c) For a discrete random Variable  $X$ , there is a jump (discontinuity) at each value of  $x_i \in S_X$ . The height of the jump at  $x_i$  is  $P_X(x_i)$ . (d) Between jumps, the graph of the CDF of the discrete random variable  $X$  is a horizontal line.
- 2.3 For all  $b \geq a$ ,  $F_X(b) - F_X(a) = P[a < X \leq b]$ .
- 2.4 The Bernoulli ( $p$ ) random variable  $X$  has expected value  $E[X] = p$ .
- 2.5 The geometric ( $p$ ) random variable  $X$  has expected value  $E[X] = 1/p$ .
- 2.6 The Poisson ( $\alpha$ ) random variable in Definition 2.10 has expected value  $E[X] = \alpha$ .
- 2.7 (a) For the binomial ( $n, p$ ) random variable  $X$  of Definition 2.7,  $E[X] = np$ . (b) For the Pascal ( $k, p$ ) random variable  $X$  of Definition 2.8,  $E[X] = k/p$ . (c) For the discrete uniform ( $k, l$ ) random variable  $X$  of Definition 2.9,  $E[X] = (k+l)/2$ .
- 2.8 Perform  $n$  Bernoulli trials. In each trial, let the probability of success be  $\alpha/n$ , where  $\alpha > 0$  is a constant and  $n > \alpha$ . Let the random variable  $K_n$  be the number of successes in the  $n$  trials. As  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $P_{K_n}(k)$  converges to the PMF of a Poisson ( $\alpha$ ) random variable.
- 2.9 For a discrete random variable  $X$ , the PMF of  $Y = g(X)$  is  $P_Y(y) = \sum_{x: g(x)=y} P_X(x)$ .
- 2.10 Given a random variable  $X$  with PMF  $P_X(x)$  and the derived random variable  $Y = g(X)$ , the expected value of  $Y$  is  $E[Y] = \mu_Y = \sum_{x \in S_X} g(x)P_X(x)$ .
- 2.11 For any random variable  $X$ ,  $E[X - \mu_X] = 0$ .
- 2.12 For any random variable  $X$ ,  $E[aX + b] = aE[X] + b$ .
- 2.13  $\text{Var}[X] = E[X^2] - \mu_X^2 = E[X^2] - (E[X])^2$ .
- 2.14  $\text{Var}[aX + b] = a^2 \text{Var}[X]$ .
- 2.15 (a) If  $X$  is Bernoulli ( $p$ ), then  $\text{Var}[X] = p(1-p)$ . (b) if  $X$  is geometric, then  $\text{Var}[X] = (1-p)/p^2$ . (c) If  $X$  is binomial ( $n, p$ ), then  $\text{Var}[X] = np(1-p)$ . (d) If  $X$  is Pascal ( $k, p$ ), then  $\text{Var}[X] = k(1-p)/p^2$ . (e) If  $X$  is Poisson ( $\alpha$ ), the  $\text{Var}[X] = \alpha$ . (f) If  $X$  is discrete uniform ( $k, l$ ), then  $\text{Var}[X] = (l-k)(l-k+2)/12$ .
- 2.16 A random variable  $X$  resulting from an experiment with event space  $B_1, \dots, B_m$  has PMF  $P_X(x) = \sum_{i=1}^m P_{X|B_i}(x)P[B_i]$ .
- 2.17  $P_{X|B}(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{P_X(x)}{P[B]} & x = 5, 6, 7, 8, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$
- 2.18 (a) For any  $x \in B$ ,  $P_{X|B}(x) \geq 0$ . (b)  $\sum_{x \in B} P_{X|B}(x) = 1$ . (c) For any event  $C \subset B$ ,  $P[C|B]$ , the conditional probability that  $X$  is in the set  $C$ , is  $P[C|B] = \sum_{x \in C} P_{X|B}(x)$ .
- 2.19 For a random variable  $X$  resulting from an experiment with event space  $B_1, \dots, B_m$ ,  $E[X] = \sum_{i=1}^m E[X|B_i]P[B_i]$ .
- 2.20 The conditional expected value of  $Y = g(X)$  given condition  $B$  is  $E[Y|B] = E[g(X)|B] = \sum_{x \in B} g(x)P_{X|B}(x)$ .
- 3.1 For any random variable  $X$ , (a)  $F_X(-\infty) = 0$ , (b)  $F_X(\infty) = 1$ , (c)  $P[x_1 < X \leq x_2] = F_X(x_2) - F_X(x_1)$ .
- 3.2 For a continuous random variable  $X$  with PDF  $f_X(x)$ , (a)  $f_X(x) \geq 0$  for all  $x$ , (b)  $F_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f_X(u)du$ , (c)  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x)dx = 1$ .
- 3.3  $P[x_1 < X \leq x_2] = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} f_X(x)dx$ .
- 3.4 The expected value of a function,  $g(X)$ , of random variable  $X$  is  $E[g(X)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x)f_X(x)dx$ .
- 3.5 For any random variable  $X$ , (a)  $E[X - \mu_X] = 0$ , (b)  $E[aX + b] = aE[X] + b$ , (c)  $\text{Var}[X] = E[X^2] - \mu_X^2$ , (d)  $\text{Var}[aX + b] = a^2 \text{Var}[X]$ .
- 3.6 If  $X$  is a uniform ( $a, b$ ) random variable, (a) The CDF of  $X$  is  $F_X(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x \leq a \\ \frac{x-a}{b-a} & a < x \leq b \\ 1 & x > b. \end{cases}$  (b) The expected value of  $X$  is  $E[X] = (b+a)/2$ . (c) The variance of  $X$  is  $\text{Var}[X] = (b-a)^2/12$ .
- 3.7 Let  $X$  be a uniform ( $a, b$ ) random variable, where  $a$  and  $b$  are both integers. Let  $K = [X]$ . Then  $K$  is a discrete uniform ( $a+1, b$ ) random variable.
- 3.8 If  $X$  is an exponential ( $\lambda$ ) random variable, (a)  $F_X(x) = \begin{cases} 1 - e^{-\lambda x} & x \geq 0, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$  (b)  $E[X] = 1/\lambda$ , (c)  $\text{Var}[X] = 1/\lambda^2$ .
- 3.9 If  $X$  is an exponential ( $\lambda$ ) random variable, then  $K = [X]$  is a geometric ( $p$ ) random variable with  $p = 1 - e^{-\lambda}$ .
- 3.10 If  $X$  is an Erlang ( $n, \lambda$ ) random variable, then  $E[X] = n/\lambda$ ,  $\text{Var}[X] = n/\lambda^2$ .
- 3.11 Let  $K_\alpha$  denote a Poisson ( $\alpha$ ) random variable. For any  $x > 0$ , the CDF of an Erlang ( $n, \lambda$ ) random variable  $X$  satisfies  $F_X(x) = 1 - F_{K_\alpha}(n-1) = 1 - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{(\lambda x)^k e^{-\lambda x}}{k!}$ .

## Definitions

1.1 Outcome: An outcome of an experiment is any possible observation of that experiment.

1.2 Sample space: The sample space of an experiment is the finest-grain, mutually exclusive, collectively exhaustive set of all possible outcomes.

1.3 Event: An event is a set of outcomes of an experiment.

1.4 Event Space: An event space is a collectively exhaustive, mutually exclusive set of events.

1.5 Axioms of Probability: A probability measure  $P[\cdot]$  is a function that maps events in the sample space to real numbers such that Axiom 1: For any event A,  $P[A] \geq 0$ .

Axiom 2:  $P[S] = 1$ . Axiom 3: For any countable collection  $A_1, A_2, \dots$  of mutually exclusive events,  $P[A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots] = P[A_1] + P[A_2] + \dots$

1.6 Conditional Probability: The conditional probability of the event A given the occurrence of the event B is  $P[A|B] = \frac{P[AB]}{P[B]}$ .

1.7 Two independent Events: Events A and B are independent if and only if  $P[AB] = P[A]P[B]$ . When events A and B have nonzero probabilities, the following formulas are equivalent to the definition of independent events:  $P[A|B] = P[A]$ ,  $P[B|A] = P[B]$ .

1.8 3 Independent Events:  $A_1, A_2$ , and  $A_3$  are independent if and only if (a)  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are independent, (b)  $A_2$  and  $A_3$  are independent, (c)  $A_1$  and  $A_3$  are independent, (d)  $P[A_1 \cap A_2 \cap A_3] = P[A_1]P[A_2]P[A_3]$ .

1.9 More than Two Independent Events: If  $n \geq 3$ , the sets  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$  are independent if and only if (a) every set of  $n-1$  sets from  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$  are independent, (b)  $P[A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_n] = P[A_1]P[A_2] \dots P[A_n]$ .

1.10 Fundamental Principle of Counting: If subexperiment A has  $n$  possible outcomes, and subexperiment B has  $k$  possible outcomes, then there are  $nk$  possible outcomes when you perform both experiments.

1.11  $n$  choose  $k$ : For an integer  $n \geq 0$ , we define  $\binom{n}{k} = \begin{cases} \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} & k = 0, 1, \dots, n, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$

1.10 Multinomial Coefficient: For an integer  $n \geq 0$ , we define  $\binom{n}{n_0, \dots, n_{m-1}} = \begin{cases} \frac{n!}{n_0!n_1! \dots n_{m-1}!} & n_0 + \dots + n_{m-1} = n; n_i \in 0, 1, \dots, n, i = 0, 1, \dots, m-1, \\ \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$

2.1 Random Variable: A random variable consists of an experiment with a probability measure  $P[\cdot]$  defined on a sample space S and a function that assigns a real number to each outcome in the sample space of the experiment.

2.2 Discrete Random Variable: X is a discrete random variable if the range of X is a countable set  $S_X = \{x_1, x_2, \dots\}$ .

2.3 Finite Random Variable: X is a finite random variable iff the range is a finite set  $S_X = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$ .

2.4 Probability Mass Function (PMF): The probability mass function (PMF) of the discrete random variable X is  $P_X(x) = P[X=x]$ .

2.5 Bernoulli (p) Random Variable: X is a Bernoulli (p) random variable if the PMF of X has the form  $P_X(x) = \begin{cases} 1-p & x = 0 \\ p & x = 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$  where the parameter p is in the range  $0 < p < 1$ .

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2.6 Geometric (p) Random Variable: X is a geometric (p) random variable if the PMF of X has the form  $P_X(x) = \begin{cases} p(1-p)^{x-1} & x = 1, 2, \dots \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$  where the parameter p is in the range  $0 < p < 1$ .

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2.7 Binomial (n, p) Random Variable: X is a binomial (n, p) random variable if the PMF of X has the form  $P_X(x) = \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x}$  where  $0 < p < 1$  and n is an integer such that  $n \geq 1$ .

2.8 Pascal (k, p) Random Variable: X is a Pascal (k, p) random variable if the PMF of X has the form  $P_X(x) = \binom{x-1}{k-1} p^k (1-p)^{x-k}$  where  $0 < p < 1$  and k is an integer such that  $k \geq 1$ .

2.9 Discrete Uniform (k, l) Random Variable: X is a discrete uniform (k, l) random variable if the PMF of X has the form  $P_X(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{l-k+1} & x = k, k+1, k+2, \dots, l \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$

where the parameters k and l are integers such that  $k < l$ .

2.10 Poisson ( $\alpha$ ) Random Variable: X is a Poisson ( $\alpha$ ) random variable if the PMF of X has the form  $P_X(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\alpha^x e^{-\alpha}}{x!} & x = 0, 1, 2, \dots \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$  where the parameter  $\alpha$  is in the range  $\alpha > 0$ .

A Poisson model often specifies an average rate,  $\lambda$  arrivals per second and a time interval, T seconds. In this time interval, the number of arrivals X has a Poisson PMF with  $\alpha = \lambda T$ .

2.11 Cumulative Distribution Function (CDF): The cumulative distribution function (CDF) of random variable X is  $F_X(x) = P[X \leq x]$ .

2.12 Mode: A mode of random variable X is a number  $x_{\text{mod}}$  satisfying  $P_X(x_{\text{mod}}) \geq P_X(x)$  for all x.

2.13 Median: A median,  $x_{\text{med}}$ , of random variable X is a number that satisfies  $P[X < x_{\text{med}}] = P[X > x_{\text{med}}]$ .

2.14 Expected Value: The expected value of X is  $E[X] = \mu_X = \sum_{x \in S_X} x P_X(x)$ .

2.15 Derived Random Variable: Each sample value y of a derived random variable Y is a mathematical function g(x) of a sample value x of another random variable X. We adopt the notation  $Y = g(X)$  to describe the relationship of the two random variables.

2.16 Variance: The variance of random variable X is  $\text{Var}[X] = E[(X - \mu_X)^2]$ .

2.17 Standard Deviation: The standard deviation of random variable X is  $\sigma_X = \sqrt{\text{Var}[X]}$ .

2.18 Moments: For random variable X: (a) The nth moment is  $E[X^n]$ . (b) The nth central moment is  $E[(X - \mu_X)^n]$ .

2.19 Conditional PMF: Given the event B, with  $P[B] > 0$ , the conditional probability mass function of X is  $P_{X|B}(x) = P[X=x|B]$ .

2.20 Conditional Expected Value: The conditional expected value of random variable X given conditional B is  $E[X|B] = \mu_{X|B} = \sum_{x \in B} x P_{X|B}(x)$ .

3.1 Cumulative Distribution Function (CDF): The cumulative distribution function (CDF) of random variable X is  $F_X(x) = P[X \leq x]$ .

3.2 Continuous Random Variable: X is a continuous random variable if the CDF  $F_X(x)$  is a continuous function.

3.3 Probability Density Function (PDF): The probability density function (PDF) of a continuous random variable X is  $f_X(x) = \frac{dF_X(x)}{dx}$ .

3.4 Expected Value: The expected value of a continuous random variable X is  $E[X] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_X(x) dx$ .

3.5 Uniform Random Variable: X is a uniform (a, b) random variable if the PDF of X is  $f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a} & a \leq x < b \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$  where the two parameters are  $b > a$ .

3.6 Exponential Random Variable: X is an exponential ( $\lambda$ ) random variable if the PDF of X is  $f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda x} & x \geq 0, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$  where the parameter  $\lambda > 0$ .

3.7 Erlang Random Variable: X is an Erlang (n,  $\lambda$ ) random variable if the PDF of X is  $f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \lambda^n x^{n-1} e^{-\lambda x} & x \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$  where the parameter  $\lambda > 0$ , and the parameter  $n \geq 1$

is an integer.

### Math Facts

B.1 Half Angle Formulas: (a)  $\cos(A+B) = \cos A \cos B - \sin A \sin B$ , (b)  $\sin(A+B) = \sin A \cos B + \cos A \sin B$ , (c)  $\cos 2A = \cos^2 A - \sin^2 A$ , (d)  $\sin 2A = 2 \sin A \cos A$ .

B.2 Products of Sinusoids: (a)  $\sin A \sin B = .5[\cos(A-B) - \cos(A+B)]$ , (b)  $\cos A \cos B = .5[\cos(A-B) + \cos(A+B)]$  (c)  $\sin A \cos B = .5[\sin(A+B) + \sin(A-B)]$ .

B.4 Finite Geometric Series: The finite geometric series is  $\sum_{i=0}^n q^i = 1 + q + q^2 + \dots + q^n = \frac{1-q^{n+1}}{1-q}$ .

B.5 Infinite Geometric Series: When  $|q| < 1$ ,  $\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} q^i = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=0}^n q^i = \frac{1}{1-q}$ .

B.6  $\sum_{i=1}^n i q^i = \frac{q(1-q^n[1+n(1-q)])}{(1-q)^2}$ .

B.7 If  $|q| < 1$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} i q^i = \frac{q}{(1-q)^2}$ .

B.8  $\sum_{j=1}^n j = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$ .

B.9  $\sum_{j=1}^n j^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$ .

B.10 Integration by Parts: The integration by parts formula is  $\int_a^b u dv = uv|_a^b - \int_a^b v du$ .