

# MATH/STAT 3360, Probability

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Formula Sheet

## Combinatorial Analysis

- $n! = n \times (n-1) \times \cdots \times 2 \times 1$  — Number of ways to order  $n$  things.
- ${}_n P_m = n(n-1) \cdots (n+1-m)$
- $\binom{n}{m} = \frac{n(n-1) \cdots (n+1-m)}{m!}$
- $\binom{n}{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k} = \frac{n!}{n_1! n_2! \cdots n_k!}$  — Number of distinct ways to order  $n$  things of  $k$  distinct types with  $n_i$  of the  $i$ th type.

## Axioms of Probability

- $0 \leq P(E) \leq 1$
- $P(S) = 1$ .
- If  $A_1, A_2, \dots$  are mutually exclusive, then  $P(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \cdots) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A_i)$ .

## Discrete Random Variables

Distribution	Parameters	$P(X = i)$	$E(X)$	$\text{Var}(X)$	$M_X(t)$
Binomial	$n, p$	$\binom{n}{i} p^i (1-p)^{n-i}$	$np$	$np(1-p)$	$(pe^t + 1 - p)^n$
Poisson	$\lambda$	$e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^i}{i!}$	$\lambda$	$\lambda$	$e^{\lambda(e^t - 1)}$
Multinomial	$n, p_1, p_2, \dots, p_k$	$\binom{n}{i_1, \dots, i_k} p_1^{i_1} \cdots p_k^{i_k}$			

## Continuous Random Variables

See table on Page 3.

- Hazard rate function -  $\lambda(t) = \frac{f(t)}{1-F(t)}$ .

## Joint Distributions

- Sums of independent random variables:
  - continuous:  $f_{X+Y}(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(y) f_Y(x-y) dy$
  - discrete:  $p_{X+Y}(x) = \sum_y p_X(y) p_Y(x-y)$

- Transformation of variables from  $x_1, y_1$  to  $x_2, y_2$ :

1. Jacobian  $J = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial y_1} \\ \frac{\partial y_2}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial y_2}{\partial y_1} \end{vmatrix} = \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial x_1} \frac{\partial y_2}{\partial y_1} - \frac{\partial y_2}{\partial x_1} \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial y_1}$ .

2.  $f_{X_2, Y_2}(x_2, y_2) = f_{X_1, Y_1}(x_1, y_1) |J|^{-1}$  or  $f_{X_1, Y_1}(x_1, y_1) = f_{X_2, Y_2}(x_2, y_2) |J|$ .

## Inequalities

- Markov's inequality  $P(X \geq a) \leq \frac{E(X)}{a}$ .
- Chebyshev's inequality  $P(|X - \mu| \geq a) \leq \frac{\sigma^2}{a^2}$ .
- One-sided Chebyshev inequality  $P(X \geq a) \leq \frac{\sigma^2}{\sigma^2 + a^2}$ .
- Chernoff bounds:
  - $P(X \geq a) \leq e^{-ta} M(t)$  for  $t > 0$ .
  - $P(X \leq a) \leq e^{-ta} M(t)$  for  $t < 0$ .

Distribution	Parameters	Probability density function	cumulative distribution function $F(x)$	$E(X)$	$\text{Var}(X)$	Moment generating function
Uniform	$a, b$	$\begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a} & \text{if } a < b < x \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$	$\begin{cases} 0 & x < a \\ \frac{x-a}{b-a} & a < b < x \\ 1 & x > b \end{cases}$	$\frac{a+b}{2}$	$\frac{(b-a)^2}{12}$	$\frac{e^{tb} - e^{ta}}{t(b-a)}$
Normal	$\mu, \sigma^2$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$	$\Phi(x)$ (see table)	$\mu$	$\sigma^2$	$e^{\mu t + \frac{\sigma^2 t^2}{2}}$
Exponential	$\lambda$	$\lambda e^{-\lambda x}$	$1 - e^{-\lambda x}$	$\frac{1}{\lambda}$	$\frac{1}{\lambda^2}$	$\frac{\lambda}{\lambda - t}$ (for $t < \lambda$ ).