

CSCE 785 Probability (cont.)  
8/31/2023 Linear Algebra

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HW1 due in a week (on dropbox)

Recall: A (discrete) probability space has a finite or countably infinite set  $\Omega$  — elements called outcomes

sample space  
and a map  $\text{Pr} : \mathcal{2}^{\Omega} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  s.t. some axioms

probability measure  
events

Ex:  $\Omega = \{H, T\}$ ,  $\mathcal{2}^{\Omega} = \{\emptyset, \{H\}, \{T\}, \{H, T\}\}$   
fair coin  
0    $\frac{1}{2}$     $\frac{1}{2}$    1

A probability distribution is a list  $(p_1, p_2, \dots)$  of real numbers s.t.

$$\forall i, p_i \geq 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_i p_i = 1$$

$\Omega = \{1, 2, \dots\}$  setting  
 $\text{Pr}[E] := \sum_{i \in E} p_i$  defines a probability measure

Prob dists  $\longleftrightarrow$  Prob measures

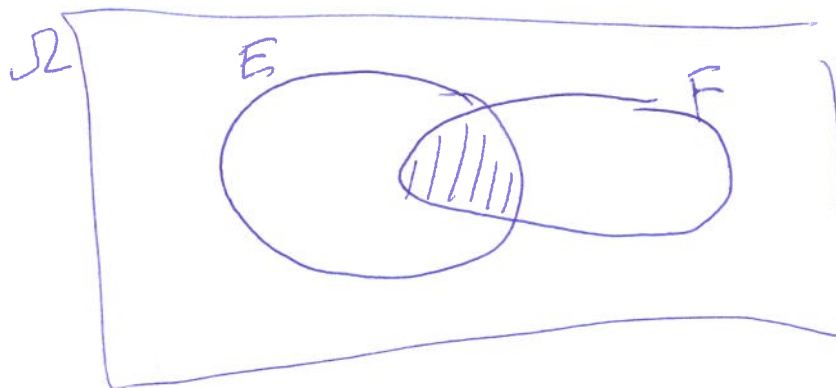
Fix  $\Omega, Pr.$   $E, F \subseteq \Omega$  are ~~independent~~ (2)

1. independent if  $Pr[E \cap F] = Pr[E]Pr[F]$

2. mutually exclusive if  $Pr[E \cap F] = 0$

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3.  $Pr[E | F] := \frac{Pr[E \cap F]}{Pr[F]}$  (assume  $Pr[F] > 0$ )  
conditional probability  
of  $E$  given  $F$



Note  $E, F$  are indep. iff  $Pr[E | F] = Pr[E]$

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Random vars  $\Omega = (\Omega, Pr)$  prob space.

(real-valued)

A random variable (r.v.) on  $\Omega$  is

a map  $X: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

Given  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , let  $P_x := Pr[X = x] = Pr[x]$

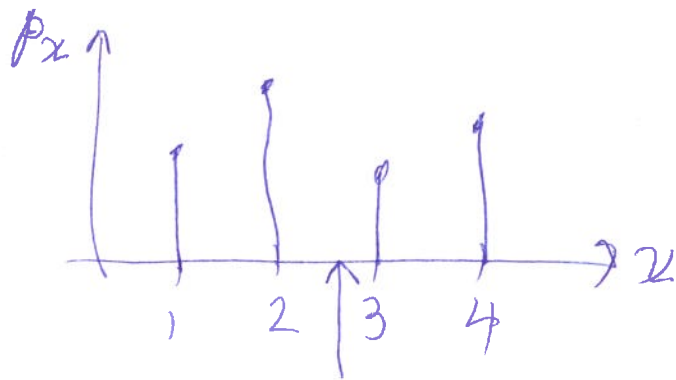
$V = \{X(\omega) : \omega \in \Omega\} = \text{im}(X)$   $= \{\omega \in \Omega : X(\omega) = x\}$

set of possible values

$\{P_x\}_{x \in V}$  is a prob dist on  $V$

Expected value:  $X$  is an r.v. with prob  $\{p_x\}$  (3)

$$E(X) := \sum_x x p_x \quad \text{weighted average of possible vals of } X$$



Variance

$$\sigma_x^2 = V(X) := E((X - \mu)^2) = E(X^2) - \mu^2 \quad \text{where } \mu = E(X)$$

$$\sigma_x := \sqrt{V(X)} \quad \text{standard deviation}$$

Linearity of expectation  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $X, Y$  r.v.'s over  $\Omega$

$$E(X + Y) = E(X) + E(Y)$$

$$E(aX) = a E(X)$$

in general  $E(XY) \neq E(X)E(Y)$

Independence of random vars.  $X, Y$  r.v.'s over  $\Omega$

Say that  $X, Y$  are independent if,  $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

the events  $\Pr\{\omega \in \Omega : X(\omega) = x \text{ \& } Y(\omega) = y\}$

$$\stackrel{\text{indep}}{=} \Pr\{\omega : X(\omega) = x\} \Pr\{\omega : Y(\omega) = y\}$$

$$\Pr\{X=x \& Y=y\} = \Pr\{X=x\} \cdot \Pr\{Y=y\} \quad (4)$$

Fact: If  $X, Y$  are indep, then  $E(XY) = E(X)E(Y)$   
and  $V(X+Y) = V(X) + V(Y)$ .

$E \subseteq \Omega$ . Define r.v.  $I_{\{E\}}$  such that

$$\forall a \in \Omega \quad I_{\{E\}}(a) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } a \in E \\ 0 & \text{if } a \notin E \end{cases}$$

Indicator r.v. of event  $E$ .

Fact:  $E(I_A) = \Pr\{A\} \quad (\forall A \subseteq \Omega)$

Linear Algebra — matrix algebra

Fix a field  $F$  (ex's:  $\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}, \mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{Z}_2$ )

In  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ :

$$\begin{array}{c|cc} + & 0 & 1 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{array}$$

$$1+1=0$$

$\Downarrow$

(same as XOR)

$$\begin{array}{c|cc} \times & 0 & 1 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{array}$$

(same as logical AND)

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} 1 = -1 \\ 0 = -0 \end{array} \right\}$$

$+$ ,  $-$  are the same <sup>operation</sup> over  $\mathbb{Z}_2$

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Fix  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$   $m, n > 0$ .

Def: An  $m \times n$  matrix (over  $F$ )

is ~~an~~ a rectangular array of elements of  $F$  with  $m$  rows and  $n$  columns.

$\mathbb{Z}_2$ :  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$   $2 \times 3$

Matrix ops:  $A, B$  both  $m \times n$ .

matrix addition —  $A + B$  is  $m \times n$  defined so that  $\forall 1 \leq i \leq m$   
 $\forall 1 \leq j \leq n$

$[A + B]_{ij} = [A]_{ij} + [B]_{ij}$   
 $(i, j)^{\text{th}}$  entry of  $A + B$

Use "scalar" to mean any element of  $F$

$A$  &  $B$  are conformant (for matrix add)

means  $A + B$  is well-defined

(true iff  $A, B$  have same dimension)

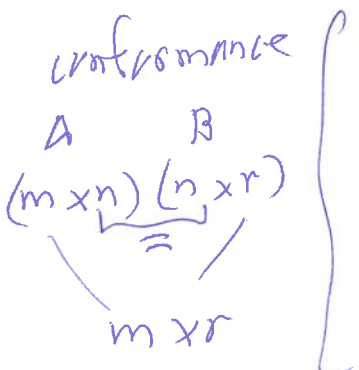
scalar multiplication  
 $a \in F, A$   $m \times n$ . Then  $aA$  st.  $[aA]_{ij} = a[A]_{ij}$

Matrix multiplication

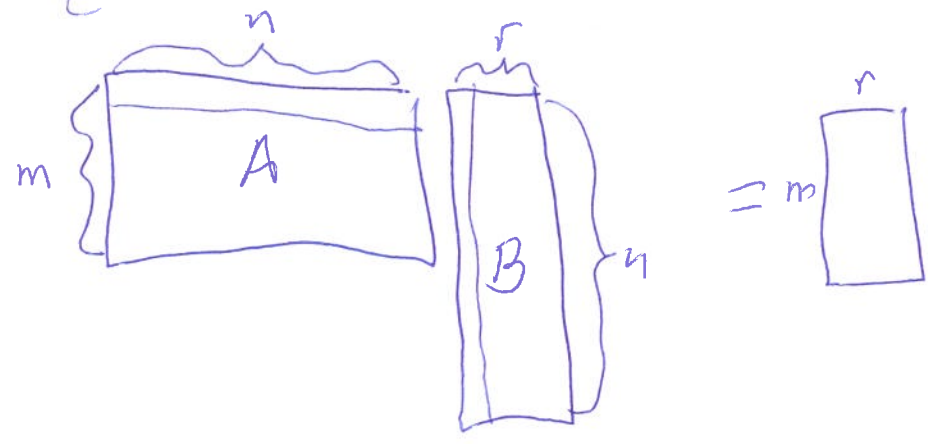
$$A \quad m \times n$$

$$B \quad n \times r \quad (m, n, r > 0)$$

Then  $AB$  is such that  $\forall i, 1 \leq i \leq m$   
 $\forall k, 1 \leq k \leq r$



$$[AB]_{ik} := \sum_{j=1}^n [A]_{ij} [B]_{jk}$$



A, B commute if  $AB = BA$

Def. A vector is a matrix, one of whose dimensions is 1.

Column vector:  $m \times 1$  matrix  
( $m$ -dim)

Row vector:  $1 \times n$  matrix  
( $n$ -dim)

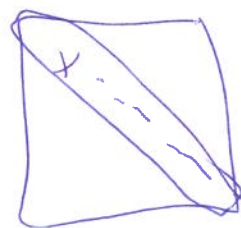
A  $1 \times 1$  matrix  $[a]$  identify with the scalar  $a$

# Square matrices

A matrix  $M$  is square if it is  $n \times n$  for some  $n$  ( $n$  is the order of  $M$ )

## Trace & Determinant

$$\text{tr}(A) = \sum_i [A]_{ii}$$



A square.  $A$  is upper triangular

if  $[A]_{ij} = 0$  for all  $i > j$ .



$A$  is lower triangular ...  $i < j$



$\det$  maps  $n \times n$  matrices to scalars such that

- $\det(AB) = \det(A)\det(B)$
  - If  $A$  is triangular (upper or lower) then
- } uniquely determines  $\det$
- $$\det(A) = \prod_i [A]_{ii}$$