

# Probability and Statistics Summary

## Conditional probability

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

## Addition rule

$$\Pr(A \cup B) = \Pr(A) + \Pr(B) - \Pr(A \cap B)$$

## Multiplication rule

$$\Pr(A \cap B) = \Pr(B) \times \Pr(A|B)$$

## Law of total probability

$$\Pr(A) = \Pr(B) \times \Pr(A|B) + \Pr(B') \times \Pr(A|B')$$

## Complement

$$\Pr(A') = 1 - \Pr(A)$$

## Combinations

$${}^n C_r = \binom{n}{r} = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}, \quad \text{or Pascal's Triangle}$$

**Tree diagram:** use for sampling / conditional probability questions

**Karnaugh map (table):** use for intersection and union questions

## Discrete random variable

Probability density given by a table / graph / function

$$\mu = \sum x \Pr(X = x), \quad \sigma^2 = \sum (x - \mu)^2 \Pr(X = x) = \sum x^2 \Pr(X = x) - \mu^2$$

mean  $\mu = E(X)$       variance  $\text{var}(X) = \sigma^2 = E((X - \mu)^2) = E(X^2) - \mu^2$

## Binomial distribution

$$X \sim \text{Bi}(n, p), \quad x \in \{0, 1, \dots, n\}$$

$$\Pr(X = x) = {}^n C_x p^x (1-p)^{n-x}$$

$$\mu = np, \quad \sigma^2 = np(1-p)$$

## Sample proportions

$$\hat{P} = \frac{X}{n}, \quad X \sim \text{Bi}(n, p)$$

$$\Pr(\hat{P} = \hat{p}) = {}^n C_x p^x (1-p)^{n-x}$$

$$\mu = p, \quad \sigma^2 = \frac{p(1-p)}{n}$$

## Continuous random variable

Probability density given by function

$$\Pr(a \leq X \leq b) = \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

$$\mu = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f(x) dx \quad \sigma^2 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - \mu)^2 f(x) dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 f(x) dx - \mu^2 \quad \int_{-\infty}^m f(x) dx = \frac{1}{2}$$

## Normal distribution

$$X \sim N(\mu, \sigma)$$

CAS / 68-95-99.7% Rule

## Standard normal distribution

$$Z \sim N(0, 1), \quad z = \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma}$$

## Sample proportions

$$\hat{P} \sim N\left(p, \sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}}\right)$$

Approximately 68% of the data lies within 1 standard deviation  
 Approximately 95% of the data lies within 2 standard deviations  
 Approximately 99.7% of the data lies within 3 standard deviations



## Confidence interval

$$\left( \hat{p} - z \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{n}}, \hat{p} + z \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{n}} \right),$$

for 90%,  $z \approx 1.64$   
 for 95%,  $z \approx 1.96$  or  $z \approx 2$   
 for 99%,  $z \approx 2.58$