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## THINGS TO REMEMBER

### ★ Basic Terminology

#### 1. Random Experiment

An operation which results in some well defined outcomes is called an experiment.

An experiment in which total outcomes are known in advance but occurrence of specific outcome can be told only after completion of the experiment is known as a random experiment.

OR

If in each trial of an experiment, which when repeated under identical conditions, the outcome is not unique but the outcome in a trial is one of the several possible outcomes, then such an experiment is known as a random experiment.

eg, Tossing a coin, throwing a dice, selecting a card from a pack of playing cards etc. In all these cases there are a number of possible results which can occur but there is an uncertainty as to which one of them will actually occur.

#### 2. Sample Space

The set of total possible outcomes in a random experiment is known as a sample space for that experiment. Each element of the sample space is called a sample point or an event point. Generally sample space is denoted by  $S$ .

A sample space is called discrete sample space if it is finite. In tossing of two coins, sample space is  $\{HH, HT, TH, TT\}$   $HH, HT, TH, TT$  are sample points.

#### 3. Trial and Event

Any particular performance of a random experiment is called a trial and outcome or combination of outcomes are termed as events.

eg, If a coin is tossed repeatedly, the result is not unique. We may get any of the two faces head or tail.

Thus, tossing of a coin is a random experiment or trial and getting of a head or tail is an event.

Event is called simple if it corresponds to a single possible outcome of the experiment otherwise it is known as a compound or composite event.

eg, In tossing of a single die the event of getting '6' is a simple event but the event of getting an even number is a composite event.

#### 4. Equally Likely Events

The given events are said to be equally likely, if none of them is expected to occur in preference to the other.

eg, In throwing an unbiased die, all the six faces are equally likely to come.

#### 5. Mutually Exclusive Events

Events are said to be mutually exclusive or incompatible if the happening of any one of them

precludes the heppening of all the others ie, if no two or more ot them can happen simltaneously in the same trial.

OR

Two or more events associated to a random experiment are said to be murually exclusive events, if the occurrence of one of them pervents or denies the occurrence of all others.

eg, In throwing a die all the 6 faces numbere 1 to 6 are mutually exclusive since if any one of these faces comes, the possibility of thers, in the same trial, is ruled out.

### 6. Exhustive Events

The total number of possible outcomes of a random experiment is known as the exhustive events or cases.

OR

Two or more events associated to a random experiments are exhustive, if their union is the sample space.

ie, Events  $A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots, A_n$  associated to a random experiment with sample space are exhustive, if.

$$A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_n = S.$$

eg, In throwing of two dice, the exhaustive number of cases is  $6^2 = 36$ , since any of the number 1 to 6 on the first die can be accociated with any of the 6 numbers on the other die.

### 7. Favourble Events

The number of cases favourable to an event in a trial is the number of cutocomes which entail the happening of the even.

eg, In drawing a card from a pack of cards the number of cases favourable to drawing of n ace is 4, for drawing a spade is 13 and for drawing a red card is 26.

### 8. Independent Events

Two events A and B are said to be independent events, if the happening (or non-happening) of the other otherwise events are known as dependent events.

eg, If we draw a card from a pack of well shuffled cards and replace it before drawing the second card, the result of the second draw is independent of the first draw. But, however, if the first card drawn is not replaced the the second draw is denpendent on the first draw.

### 9. Complement of an Events

A sample space associated with a random experiment be S and event is E, then complement of an event E is denoted by  $E^c$ ,  $E^c$ ..... means event E does not occur.

eg, When an unbiased die is thrown, then the sample space

$$S = \{1,2,3,4,5,6\}$$

and  $E = \{1,3,5\}$

then  $E' = \{2,4,6\}$

**\* Probability**

The probability of an event E to occur is the ratio of the number of cases in its favour to the total number of cases.

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore P(E) &= \frac{\text{Number of cases favourable to event E}}{\text{Total number of cases}} \\ &= \frac{n(E)}{n(S)} \end{aligned}$$

Probability of non-occurrence of event E is

$$P(E) = 1 - P(E)$$

and  $0 \leq P(E) \leq 1$ . If  $P(E) = 1$ , then event E is known as certain event and if  $P(E) = 0$ , then E is known as impossible event.

**Odds in favour and odds against an event** If a is the number of cases favourable of the event E, b is the number of cases favourable to the event E. (ie, number of cases against to E) Then odds infavour of E are a:b

and odds against of E are b:a. Then  $P(E) = \frac{a}{a+b}$  and  $P(E) = \frac{b}{a+b}$ ,

$$\text{Thus, ods in favour of an event E} = \frac{a}{b} = \frac{a/(a+b)}{b/(a+b)} = \frac{P(E)}{P(E)}$$

$$\text{and odds against an event E} = \frac{b}{a} = \frac{P(E)}{P(E)}$$

**Important Result Related to probability**

(i) If  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  are events associated with a random experiment, then

$$P(E_1 \cup E_2) = P(E_1) + P(E_2) - P(E_1 \cap E_2) \text{ (Addition theorem)}$$

If  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  are mutually exclusive events, ie,  $E_1 \cap E_2 = \phi$ , then

$$P(E_1 \cup E_2) = P(E_1) + P(E_2) \quad [ \because P(\phi) = 0 ]$$

(ii) If  $E_1, E_2$  and  $E_3$  are events associated with a random experiment, then

$$P(E_1 \cup E_2 \cup E_3) = P(E_1) + P(E_2) + P(E_3) - P(E_1 \cap E_2) - P(E_2 \cap E_3) - P(E_1 \cap E_3) + P(E_1 \cap E_2 \cap E_3)$$

If  $E_1, E_2$  and  $E_3$  are mutually exclusive events, then

$$P(E_1 \cup E_2 \cup E_3) = P(E_1) + P(E_2) + P(E_3)$$

(iii) In general  $P(E_1 \cup E_2 \cup \dots \cup E_n)$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n P(E_i) - \sum_{i < j} P(E_i \cap E_j) + \sum_{i < j < k} P(E_i \cap E_j \cap E_k) - \dots + (-1)^{n-1} P(E_1 \cap E_2 \cap \dots \cap E_n)$$

If  $E_1, E_2, \dots, E_n$  are mutually exclusive events, then

$$P(E_1 \cup E_2 \cup \dots \cup E_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n P(E_i)$$

(iv) (a)  $P(\bar{E}_1 \cap E_2) = P(E_2) - P(E_1 \cap E_2)$

(b)  $P(E_1 \cap \bar{E}_2) = P(E_1) - P(E_1 \cap E_2)$

(v) If  $E_2 \subset E_1$ , then

(a)  $P(E_1 \cap \bar{E}_2) = P(E_1) - P(E_2)$

(b)  $P(E_2) \leq P(E_1)$

(vi) **Booley's inequality** If events  $E_1, E_2, E_3, \dots, E_n$  are associated with a random experiment, then

(a)  $P\left(\bigcap_{i=1}^n E_i\right) \geq \sum_{i=1}^n P(E_i) - (n-1)$

(b)  $P\left(\bigcap_{i=1}^n E_i\right) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n P(E_i)$

(vii) P(At least two events from  $E_1, E_2, E_3$  occur)

$$= P(E_1 \cap E_2) + P(E_2 \cap E_3) + P(E_3 \cap E_1) - 2P(E_1 \cap E_2 \cap E_3)$$

(viii) P(Two events from  $E_1, E_2, E_3$  occur)

$$= P(E_1 \cap E_2) + P(E_2 \cap E_3) + P(E_3 \cap E_1) - 3P(E_1 \cap E_2 \cap E_3)$$

(ix) P(Only one event occur from  $E_1, E_2, E_3$ )

$$= P(E_1) + P(E_2) + P(E_3) - 2P(E_1 \cap E_2) - 2P(E_2 \cap E_3) - 2P(E_3 \cap E_1) + 3P(E_1 \cap E_2 \cap E_3)$$

(x) If  $E_1, E_2, E_3, \dots, E_n$  are independent events, then

$$P(E_1 \cap E_2 \cap E_3 \cap \dots \cap E_n) = P(E_1) P(E_2) \dots P(E_n)$$

(xi) If  $E_1, E_2, E_3, \dots, E_n$  are exhaustive events, then

$$P(E_1 \cup E_2 \cup \dots \cup E_n) = 1$$

(xii) If  $E_1, E_2, E_3, \dots, E_n$  are mutually exclusive and exhaustive events, then

$$P(E_1 \cup E_2 \cup \dots \cup E_n) = P(E_1) + P(E_2) + \dots + P(E_n) = 1$$

(xiii) If  $E_1, E_2, E_3, \dots, E_n$  are n events, then

(a)  $P(E_1 \cup E_2 \cup E_3 \cup \dots \cup E_n) \leq P(E_1) + P(E_2) + \dots + P(E_n)$

(b)  $P(E_1 \cup E_2 \cup \dots \cup E_n) \geq 1 - P(\bar{E}_1) - P(\bar{E}_2) - \dots - P(\bar{E}_n)$

**\* Conditional Probability**

Events  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  are associated with a random experiment. Then, the probability of occurrence of event  $E_1$  under the condition that  $E_2$  has already occurred and  $P(E_2) \neq 0$ , is called the conditional probability

and it is denoted by  $P\left(\frac{E_1}{E_2}\right)$ .

$$P\left(\frac{E_1}{E_2}\right) = \frac{P(E_1 \cap E_2)}{P(E_2)}, E_2 \neq \phi$$

**Important Result Related to Conditional Probability**

(i) If  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  are independent events, then

$$P\left(\frac{E_1}{E_2}\right) = P(E_2)$$

(ii) If  $E_1, E_2, E_3, \dots, E_n$  are independent events, then

$$P(E_1 \cup E_2 \cup \dots \cup E_n) = 1 - P(E'_1)P(E'_2) \dots P(E'_n)$$

(iii) If  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  are events such that  $E_2 \neq \emptyset$ , then

$$P\left(\frac{E_1}{E_2}\right) + P\left(\frac{E'_1}{E_2}\right) = 1$$

(iv) If  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  are events such that  $E_1 \neq \emptyset$ , then

$$P(E_2) = P(E_1) \cdot P\left(\frac{E_2}{E_1}\right) + P(E_1) \cdot P\left(\frac{E_2}{E'_1}\right)$$

(v) If  $E_1, E_2$  and  $E_3$  are three events such that

$E_1 \neq \emptyset, E_1E_2 \neq \emptyset$ , then

$$P(E_1 \cap E_2 \cap E_3) = P(E_1) \cdot P\left(\frac{E_2}{E_1}\right) \cdot P\left(\frac{E_3}{E_1E_2}\right)$$

In general, if  $E_1, E_2, \dots, E_n$  are  $n$  events such that  $E_1 \neq \emptyset, E_1E_2 \neq \emptyset, E_1E_2E_3 \neq \emptyset, \dots, E_1E_2 \dots E_{n-1} \neq \emptyset$ , then

$$P(E_1) \cdot P\left(\frac{E_2}{E_1}\right) \cdot P\left(\frac{E_3}{E_1E_2}\right) \dots P\left(\frac{E_n}{E_1E_2 \dots E_{n-1}}\right)$$

(vi) If  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  are independent events, then

(a)  $P(E_1 \cap E_2) = P(E_1) \cdot P\left(\frac{E_2}{E_1}\right)$ , if  $P(E_1) \neq 0$ .

(b)  $P(E_1 \cap E_2) = P(E_1) \cdot P\left(\frac{E_1}{E_2}\right)$ , if  $P(E_1) \neq 0$ .

(vii) If  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  are independent events, then

$$P(E_1 \cap E_2) = P(E_1) \cdot P(E_2)$$

(viii) If  $E_1, E_2, \dots, E_n$  are independent events, then

$$P(E_1 \cap E_2 \cap E_3 \cap E_4 \cap \dots \cap E_n) = P(E_1)P(E_2) \dots P(E_n)$$

**\* Law of Total Probability**

Let in a random experiment  $S$  is a sample space and  $E_1, E_2, \dots, E_n$  are mutually exclusive and exhaustive

events. If A is any event which occur with  $E_1$  or  $E_2$  or  $E_3$  or.....or  $E_n$ , then

$$P(A) = P(E_1) \cdot P\left(\frac{A}{E_1}\right) + P(E_2) \cdot P\left(\frac{A}{E_2}\right) + \dots + P(E_n) \cdot P\left(\frac{A}{E_n}\right) = \sum_{r=1}^n P(E_r) \cdot P\left(\frac{A}{E_r}\right)$$

★ **Baye's Theorem**

If  $E_1, E_2, \dots, E_n$  are mutually exclusive and exhaustive events with  $P(E_i) > 0$ , ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ), then for any event E which is a subset of  $E_i$  such that  $P(E) > 0$ , then

$$P\left(\frac{E_i}{E}\right) = \frac{P(E_i) \cdot P\left(\frac{E}{E_i}\right)}{\sum_{i=1}^n P(E_i) \cdot P\left(\frac{E}{E_i}\right)}$$

★ **Random Variable and Its Distribution**

**Random Variable**

Let S be the sample space associated with a given random experiment. Then, a real valued function X Which assigns to each event  $w \in S$  to a unique real number  $X(w)$  is called a random variable.

A random variable is a function that associate a unique numerical value with every outcome of an experiment. The value of the random variable will vary from trial to trial as the experiment is repeated.

A random variable is usually denoted by the capital X, Y, Z,.....etc.

eg, A coin is tossed ten times. The random variable X is number of tails are noted. X can only take the values 0, 1, 2, ....., 10. So, X is a discrete random variable.

**Probability Distribution**

The probability distribution of a discrete of a discrete random variable X is a function which given the probability  $P(x_i)$  that the random variable equals  $x_i$ , for each value  $x_i$ .

$$P(x_i) = P(X = x_i)$$

It satisfies the following conditions.

- (i)  $0 \leq P(x_i) \leq 1$
- (ii)  $\sum P(x_i) = 1$

**Mean and Variance of a Random Variable**

If X is a discrete random variable which assumes values  $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n$  with respective probabilities  $p_1, p_2, p_3, \dots, p_n$ , then the mean  $\bar{X}$  of X is defined as

$$\bar{X} = p_1x_1 + p_2x_2 + \dots + p_nx_n$$

or 
$$\bar{X} = \sum_{i=1}^n p_i x_i$$

and variance of X is defined as

$$\text{ver}(X) = p_1(x_1 - \bar{X})^2 + p_2(x_2 - \bar{X})^2 + \dots + p_n(x_n - \bar{X})^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n p_i(x_i - \bar{X})^2$$

where,  $\bar{X} = \sum_{i=1}^n p_i x_i$  is the mean of X.

or 
$$\text{ver}(X) = \sum_{i=1}^n p_i x_i^2 - \left( \sum_{i=1}^n p_i x_i \right)^2$$

The square root of the variance gives the standard deviation  
ie,

$$\sqrt{\text{var}(X)} = \sqrt{\sigma^2} = \sigma$$

**\* Random Variable and Its Distribution**

Let a binomial experiment has probability of success p and that of failure q (ie, p + q = 1). If E be an event and let X = number of success ie, number of times event E occurs in n trials.

Then probability distribution of binomial distution with parameters n and p is given by

$$\begin{aligned} P(X = r) &= \text{probability of } r \text{ success in } n \text{ trials} \\ &= {}^n C_r p^r q^{n-r} \qquad (p + q = 1) \\ &= (r + 1)\text{th term in the expansion of } (q + n)^n. \end{aligned}$$

It is written as  $X \sim B(n, p)$  or  $X \sim Bi(n, p)$ .

**Mean and Variance of Binomial Distribution**

Let  $X \sim B(n, p)$ , then

$$P(X = r) = {}^n C_r p^r q^{n-r}$$

where, r = 0, 1, 2,....., n and p + q = 1

$\therefore$  Mean,  $\bar{X} = E(X) = np$

and variance,  $\text{var}(X) = npq$

Standard deviation =  $\sqrt{npq}$

**Relation between Mean and Variance**

Mean – Variance =  $np - npq = np(1 - q) = np^2 > 0$

$\Rightarrow$  Mean > Variance

ie, For binomial variable X, value of mean is always greater then its variance.

**Mode of Binomial Distribution**

In binomial distribution, the value of r for which P(X = r) is maximum, is known as mode of binomial distribution.

$\therefore$   $(n + 1)p - 1 \leq r \leq (n + 1)P$



**\* Poisson Distribution**

It is limiting case of binomial distribution. Let the number of events n is large ( $n \rightarrow \infty$ ) and probability of success in each experiment is p and  $np = \lambda$  (say) is finite, then

$$P(X = r) \quad \text{or} \quad P(r) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^r}{r!}, \quad \text{where } r = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

and  $\lambda = np$ . Here,  $\lambda$  is known as parameter of poisson distribution.

$$P(r + 1) = \frac{\lambda}{r + 1} P(r) \text{ is known as recurrence formula.}$$

**Note :**

- The result of a random experiment is called an outcome.
- If  $E_1, E_2, \dots, E_n$  are mutually exclusive events, then  $E_1 \cap E_2 \cap \dots \cap E_n = \phi$
- In throwing of n dice, the exhaustive number of case is  $6^n$ .
- If  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  are independent events, then
  - $E_1$  and  $\bar{E}_2$  are independent events
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- Let the sample space associated to a random experiment is S, then  $\phi$  and S are subset of S. the event  $\phi$  is known as impossible event and event S is known as certain event.
- The probabilities  $P(E_1), P(E_2), \dots, P(E_n)$  are called 'prior probabilities' because they exist before we gain any information from the experiment itself.
- The probabilities  $P\left(\frac{E_i}{E}\right), i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  are called 'posterior probabilities' because they are determined after the result of the experiment are known.
- A random variable which can take only finite or countably infinite number of values is called a discrete random variable.
- The mean of a random variable X is also known as its mathematical expectation or expected value and is denoted by  $E(X)$ .
- The variance and standard deviation of a random variable are always non-negative.
- The trials must meet the following requirements
  - the total number of trials is fixed in advance.
  - there are just two outcomes of each trials, success and failure
  - all the trials have the same probability of success.
  - the outcomes of all the trial are statistically independent.
- $\sum_{r=0}^{\infty} P(r) = 1$
- If  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  are parameter of variables x and y, then parameter of  $(x + y)$  will be  $(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)$ .
- In poisson distribution, mean = variance =  $\lambda = np$ .