

V. Probability Distribution

The probability distribution is a display of the list of events and each of events probability. Usually, it is a table. (It can be from a graph.)

- random variable: It is a variable that has a single and a numerical value, determine by chance of the event.

eg rolling a die ← spots come up

eg drawing a poker-hand ← cards do not change

eg the weather ← nature

eg grades ← different level of difficulty

eg height ← very common

eg winning on a sport game ← "49ers wins"

⋮

eg many events that were not purposely created or in control

eg

Scores	Probability
50-59	0.2
60-69	0.25
70-79	0.3
80-89	0.1
90-99	0.1
100-100	0.05

Note: It is for finding expected value, parameters and binomial distribution.

- Requirement:
1. The random variable x has a probability, namely $P(x)$.
 2. Each $P(x)$ is within $[0, 1]$.
 3. Sum of $P(x)$, which is $\sum P(x) = 1$.

$$\uparrow$$

$$P(x_1) + P(x_2) + \dots + P(x_n) = 1$$

eg Determine which, if any, of the following distributions is a Discrete Probability Distribution. For any that are not Discrete Probability Distributions, state why they are not.

A)

x	P(x)
0	.24
1	.46
2	.40

S: $\sum P(x) \neq 1$

No

B)

x	P(x)
2	.38 ✓
3	.40 ✓
4	.22 ✓

$P(x) \checkmark$
 $0 \leq P(x) \leq 1$
 $\sum P(x) = 1$

Yes

C)

x	P(x)
1	-.20
2	.70
3	.50

$P(1) = -0.2 \times$

No

D)

x	P(x)
7	.34
8	?
9	.26

← missing
not the complement

missing prob.

No

eg Given the probability distribution below:

x	P(x)
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← Find: a $D(x > 1)$

do not forget 0

x	P(x)
0	.05
1	.10
2	.30
3	.25
4	.20
5	.10

Find: a. $P(x \geq 4)$ do not forget 0

b. $P(x < 3)$

c. $P(1 \leq x < 3)$

s: a. $P(x \geq 4) = P(4 \text{ or } 5)$

$= P(4) + P(5) - P(4 \text{ and } 5)$

$= 0.20 + 0.10 - 0$

$= \boxed{0.30}$

may skip

may skip

$x \geq 4$
 $4 \geq 4 \checkmark$
 $5 \geq 4$

no such probability

b. $P(x < 3) = P(0 \text{ or } 1 \text{ or } 2)$

$= P(0) + P(1) + P(2)$

$= 0.05 + 0.10 + 0.30$

$= \boxed{0.45}$

x	P(x)
0	.05
1	.10
2	.30
3	.25
4	.20
5	.10

$3 < 3$
 No

c. $P(1 \leq x < 3) = P(1 \text{ or } 2)$

$= P(1) + P(2)$

$= 0.10 + 0.30$

$= \boxed{0.40}$

$1 \leq 1 < 3$
 $1 \leq 2 < 3$
 $1 \leq 3 < 3$

eg Given the probability distribution below:

x	P(x)
0	.05
1	.10
2	.30
3	.25
4	.20
5	.10

- Find:
- $P(x \text{ is no less than } 4)$
 - $P(x \text{ is no greater than } 2)$
 - $P(x \text{ is more than } 4)$

S: a. $P(x \text{ is no less than } 4)$

$$= P(4 \text{ or } 5)$$

$$= P(4) + P(5)$$

$$= 0.20 + 0.10$$

$$= \boxed{0.30}$$

no less than 4 ?

1st: less than 4: 0
1
2
3
~~4~~

↓

2nd: no less than 4: 4
5

not 0, 1, 3, 3

b. $P(x \text{ is no greater than } 2)$

$$= P(0) + P(1) + P(2)$$

$$= 0.05 + 0.10 + 0.30$$

$$= \boxed{0.45}$$

x	P(x)
0	.05
1	.10
2	.30
3	.25
4	.20
5	.10

1st: greater than 2: ~~3~~
4
5

↓

2nd: no greater than 2: 0
1
2

not 3
4
5

c. $P(x \text{ is more than } 4)$

C. $P(x \text{ is more than } 4)$

$$= P(5)$$

$$= \boxed{0.10}$$

x	P(x)
0	.05
1	.10
2	.30
3	.25
4	.20
5	.10

4 more than 4?

No.

5 ✓



4
5