

V. Probability Distribution

The probability distribution is a display of the list of events and each of event's 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"

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eg many events that were not purposely created or in control

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| 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 $\sum_{\text{P}} P(x) = 1$.
- $$P(x_1) + P(x_2) + \dots + P(x_n) = 1$$

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 |

\leftarrow missing
 $\text{not the complement}$
 missing prob.

No

eg Given the probability distribution below:

| x | P(x) |
|---|------|
|---|------|

\leftarrow Find: n Drvr > 1L

do not forget 0

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

- I J ... etc.
- Find: a. $P(X \geq 4)$ do not forget 0
 b. $P(X < 3)$
 c. $P(1 \leq X < 3)$

S: a. $P(X \geq 4) = P(4 \text{ or } 5)$ ← may skip
 $= P(4) + P(5) - P(4 \text{ and } 5)$ ← may skip
 $= 0.20 + 0.10 - 0$ ← no such probability
 $= \boxed{0.30}$

$$\begin{cases} X \geq 4 \\ ? \\ 4 \geq 4 \checkmark \\ 5 \geq 4 \end{cases}$$

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 |

$$\begin{cases} ? \\ 3 < 3 \\ No \end{cases}$$

c. $P(1 \leq X < 3) = P(1 \text{ or } 2)$
 $= P(1) + P(2)$
 $= 0.10 + 0.30$
 $= \boxed{0.40}$

$$\begin{array}{l} \cancel{0} \\ 1 \stackrel{?}{\leq} 1 \checkmark < 3 \\ 1 \leq 2 \checkmark < 3 \\ 1 \checkmark \leq 3 \cancel{x} < 3 \end{array}$$

eg Given the probability distribution below:

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

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

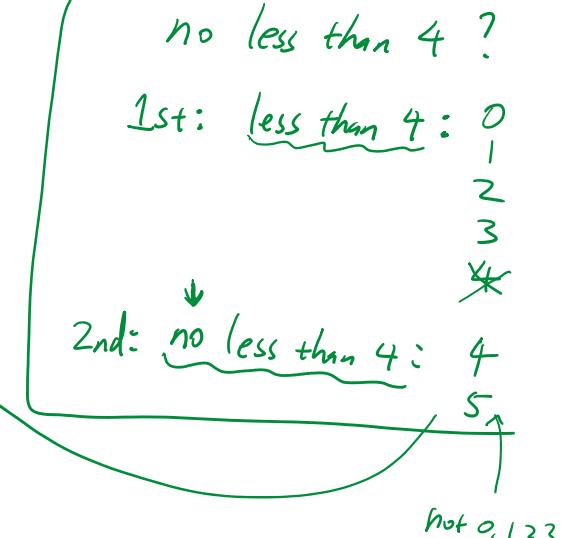
S: a. $P(X \text{ is no less than } 4)$

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

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

$$= 0.20 + 0.10$$

$$= \boxed{0.30}$$



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

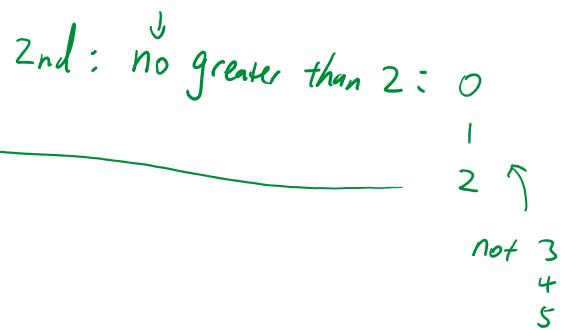
$$= P(0) + P(1) + P(2)$$

$$= 0.05 + 0.10 + 0.30$$

$$= \boxed{0.45}$$

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

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



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 ✓

