

**Axioms of Probability.** *Axioms for probability:*

1.  $P(E) \geq 0$  for any event  $E$
2.  $P(S) = 1$
3. If  $E_1, E_2, E_3, \dots$  are disjoint events, then  $P(E_1 \cup E_2 \cup E_3 \cup \dots) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(E_i)$

**Theorem** (Basic theorems of probability). *Let  $A$  and  $B$  be events.*

1.  $P(\emptyset) = 0$
2. If  $A \subseteq B$ , then  $P(A) \leq P(B)$
3.  $P(A) = 1 - P(A^C)$
4.  $P(A) = P(A \cap B) + P(A \cap B^C)$
5.  $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$

**Method.** The number of ways to select  $k$  elements from an  $n$ -element set is...

	Order matters	Order doesn't matter
With replacement	$n^k$	$\binom{n+k-1}{k}$
Without replacement	$\frac{n!}{(n-k)!}$	$\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!k!}$

**Definition.** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be events with  $P(B) \neq 0$ . The **conditional probability of  $A$  given  $B$**  is

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

**Definition.** Events  $A$  and  $B$  are **independent** if and only if  $P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B)$ .

**Theorem** (Multiplication rule for probabilities). *If  $P(B) \neq 0$ , then  $P(A \cap B) = P(A|B)P(B)$ .*

**Theorem** (The Law of Total Probability). *If event  $B$  has probability strictly between 0 and 1, then for any event  $A$ ,  $P(A) = P(A|B)P(B) + P(A|B^C)P(B^C)$ .*

**Theorem** (Bayes' Law). *If  $A$  and  $B$  are events with positive probability, then  $P(B|A) = \frac{P(A|B)P(B)}{P(A)}$*

**Definition.** A **random variable**  $X$  assigns a number to each outcome in the sample space  $S$ .

1. All random variables have a **cumulative distribution function (CDF)**:  $F(x) = P(X \leq x)$ .
2. A discrete random variable has a **probability mass function (PMF)**:  $m(x) = P(X = x)$ .

**Definition.** The total number of successes in  $n$  independent, identically distributed (iid) Bernoulli trials with parameter  $p$  is a random variable with a **binomial distribution**. The PMF of a random variable  $X$  having a binomial distribution with parameters  $n$  and  $p$  is  $b(x) = \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x}$  for  $x = 0, 1, \dots, n$

**Proposition.** *The mean of a binomial distribution is  $\mu = np$ .*

**Definition.** Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  be a sequence of independent, identically distributed (iid) Bernoulli trials, all with probability of success  $p$ . Let  $N$  be the trial on which the first success occurs. The random variable  $N$  is said to have a **geometric distribution** with parameter  $p$  and its PMF is  $g(n) = p(1-p)^{n-1}$  for  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

**Proposition.** *The mean of a geometric distribution is  $\mu = \frac{1}{p}$ .*

**Definition.** Suppose  $n$  elements are to be selected without replacement from a population of size  $N$  of which  $k$  are successes. The number of successes selected is a **hypergeometric** random variable and its PMF is

$$h(x) = \frac{\binom{k}{x} \binom{N-k}{n-x}}{\binom{N}{n}}$$

for those integers  $x$  which make all terms positive.

**Proposition.** *The mean of a hypergeometric distribution is  $\mu = \frac{nk}{N}$ .*