## PROBABILITY Concepts and Formulae

| Conditional <br> Probability | Definition | If $E$ and $F$ are two events associated with the <br> same sample space of a random experiment, the <br> conditional probability of the event E given that $F$ <br> has occurred, i.e. $P(E \mid F)$ is given by |
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|  | Properties |  |


|  | Theorem of Total probability | Let $\left\{E_{1}, E_{2}, \ldots, E_{n}\right\}$ be a partition of the sample space $S$, and suppose that each of the events $E_{1}$, $\mathrm{E}_{2}, \ldots, \mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{n}}$ has nonzero probability of occurrence. <br> Let A be any event associated with S , then $\begin{aligned} & P(A)=P\left(E_{1}\right) P\left(A \mid E_{1}\right)+P\left(E_{2}\right) P\left(A \mid E_{2}\right)+\ldots+ \\ & P\left(E_{n}\right) P\left(A \mid E_{n}\right) \\ & =\sum_{j=1}^{n} P\left(E_{j}\right) P\left(A \mid E_{j}\right) \end{aligned}$ |
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|  | Bayes' Theorem | If $E_{1}, E_{2}, \ldots, E_{n}$ are $n$ non-empty events which constitute a partition of sample space $S$ and $A$ is any event of nonzero probability, then $P(E i \mid A)=\frac{P\left(E_{i}\right) P\left(A \mid E_{i}\right)}{\sum_{j=1}^{n} P\left(E_{j}\right) P\left(A \mid E_{j}\right)} \text { for any } I=1,2,3, \ldots n$ |
| Random <br> Variables <br> and its Probability Distributions | Random Variable | A random variable is a real valued function whose domain is the sample space of a random experiment. |
|  | Probability distribution of a random variable | The probability distribution of a random variable X is the system of numbers $\begin{array}{cccccc} X & : & x_{1} & x_{2} & \ldots . . & x_{n} \\ P(X) & : & p_{1} & p_{2} & \ldots . & p_{n} \\ \text { where } p_{i}> & > & \sum_{i=1}^{n} p_{i}=1, i=1,2,3, \ldots, n \end{array}$ <br> The real numbers $x_{1}, x_{2}, \ldots, x_{n}$ are the possible values of the random variable $X$ and $p_{i}(i=1,2, \ldots, n)$ is the probability of the random variable $X$ taking the value $x_{i}$ i.e. $P\left(X=x_{i}\right)=p_{i}$ |
|  | Mean of a random variable | The mean of the random variable $X$ is given by: $\mu=\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_{i} p_{i}$ <br> The mean of a random variable $X$ is also called the expectation of $X$, denoted by $E(X)$. <br> Thus, $E(X)=\mu=\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_{i} p_{i}$ |
|  | Variance of a random variable | The variance of the random variable $X$, denoted by $\operatorname{Var}(X)$ or $\sigma_{x}{ }^{2}$ is defined as |


|  |  | $\sigma_{x}^{2}=\operatorname{Var}(X)=\sum_{i=1}^{n}\left(x_{i}-\mu\right)^{2} p\left(x_{i}\right)=E(X-\mu)^{2}$ <br> $\operatorname{Var}(X)=E\left(X^{2}\right)-[E(X)]^{2}$ |
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|  | Standard <br> Deviation | $\sigma_{x}=\sqrt{\operatorname{Var}(X)}=\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{n}\left(x_{i}-\mu\right)^{2} p\left(x_{i}\right)}$ |
| Bernoulli <br> Trials and <br> Binomial <br> Distribution | Bernoulli <br> Trials | Trials of a random experiment are called <br> Bernoulli trials, if they satisfy the <br> following conditions : <br> (i) There should be a finite number of trials. <br> (ii) The trials should be independent. <br> (iii) Each trial has exactly two outcomes: success <br> or failure. <br> (iv) The probability of success remains the same <br> in each trial. |
|  | Binomial <br> distribution | For Binomial distribution $B(n, p)$, <br> $P(X=x)={ }^{n} C_{x} q^{n-x} p^{x}, x=0,1, \ldots, n$ <br> $(q=1-p)$ |

