

# Model Counting for Logical Theories

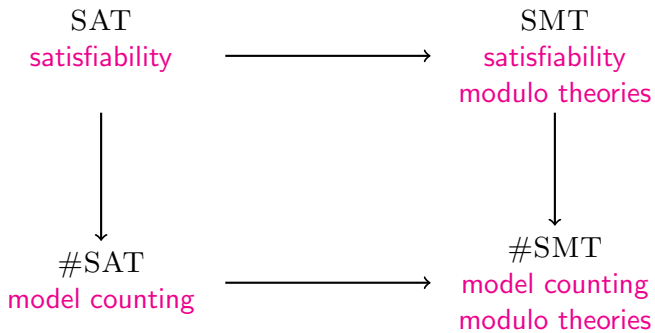
Tuesday

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# Agenda

- Tuesday** computational complexity, probability theory
- Wednesday** randomized algorithms, Monte Carlo methods
- Thursday** hashing-based approach to model counting
- Friday** from discrete to continuous model counting

# Outline

1. Complexity theory: **P**, **NP**, and **#P**

2. Probability theory

Probability theory: Events

Probability theory: Random variables

# Decision problems and algorithms

Decision problem:

$L \subseteq \{0, 1\}^*$  (encodings of yes-instances)

Algorithm for  $L$ :

says “yes” on every  $x \in L$ , “no” on every  $x \in \{0, 1\}^* \setminus L$

# Time complexity

- ▶ of algorithm  $\mathcal{A}$  on input  $x$
- ▶ of algorithm  $\mathcal{A}$  on inputs of length  $n$  (worst-case)
- ▶ of decision problem  $L$

# Complexity class $\mathbf{P}$ and efficient algorithms

Cobham–Edmonds thesis:

Efficiently computable in a reasonable computational model  
=  
Computable in polynomial time on a Turing machine

$$\mathbf{P} = \bigcup_{d \geq 1} \bigcup_{c \geq 1} \text{DTIME}(c \cdot n^d)$$

# Problems with efficiently verifiable solutions: **NP**

- ▶ Definition via certificates
- ▶ Definition via nondeterministic machines



# Reductions and **NP**-complete problems

- ▶ Polynomial-time reduction
- ▶ **NP**-hard and **NP**-complete problems

## From decision to counting problems

Real-valued problem:  $f: \{0, 1\}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

Counting problem:  $f: \{0, 1\}^* \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$

**#P**: consists of problems that count the number of certificates to instances of **NP**-problems

## Complexity classes: brief summary

**P**: polynomial time (efficiently solvable)

**NP**: nondeterministic polynomial time (with efficiently verifiable solutions)

**#P**: counting polynomial time

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Recap: Measured theories

## Measured theories and model count

A logical theory  $\mathcal{T}$  is measured if every  $\llbracket\varphi\rrbracket$  is measurable.

The model count of a formula  $\varphi$  is  $\text{mc}(\varphi) = \mu(\llbracket\varphi\rrbracket)$ .

## $\sigma$ -algebras

$\sigma$ -algebra  $(D, \mathcal{F})$ : domain  $D$ , set of subsets  $\mathcal{F} \subseteq 2^D$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \emptyset \in \mathcal{F} && \text{(the empty set is an element)} \\ A \in \mathcal{F} & \implies D \setminus A \in \mathcal{F} && \text{(closure under complementation)} \\ A_i \in \mathcal{F} & \implies \bigcup_i A_i \in \mathcal{F} && \text{(closure under countable union)} \end{aligned}$$

### Examples

- ▶ finite set  $D$ ,  $\mathcal{F} = 2^D$
- ▶  $D = \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\mathcal{F}$  obtained from the set of all open intervals by adding all complements and countable unions iteratively until the closure properties are met (Borel hierarchy)

## Measure: How big is a set?

**Measure**  $\mu$  for  $(D, \mathcal{F})$ : maps each  $A \in \mathcal{F}$  to a real number  $\mu(A) \geq 0$

More formally

$$\begin{aligned} A \in \mathcal{F} &\implies \mu(A) \geq \mu(\emptyset) = 0 \\ A_i \in \mathcal{F} \text{ disjoint} &\implies \mu(\bigcup_i A_i) = \sum_i \mu(A_i) \end{aligned}$$

**Measure space**  $(D, \mathcal{F}, \mu)$ :  $\sigma$ -algebra  $(D, \mathcal{F})$ , measure  $\mu : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$



Probability theory:  
Events

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**Discrete probability space:**  $\Omega$  is finite.

For such spaces it's usually convenient to pick  $\mathcal{F} = 2^\Omega$ .

## Law of Sum

If events  $A$  and  $B$  are disjoint ( $A \cap B = \emptyset$ ),  
then  $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B)$ .

If  $A_1, \dots, A_n$  are pairwise disjoint events  
( $A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset$  for all  $i \neq j$ ),  
then  $P(A_1 \cup \dots \cup A_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n P(A_i)$ .

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In general,

$$P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B).$$

Why?

$$P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(\bar{A} \cap B)$$

$$P(B) = P(\bar{A} \cap B) + P(A \cap B)$$

$$P(A \cup B) - P(B) = P(A) - P(A \cap B)$$



# The Union Bound

We know that

$$P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B).$$

Observe that, as a corollary,

$$P(A \cup B) \leq P(A) + P(B).$$

Generalize this:

$$P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n P(A_i) - \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < i_2 \leq n} P(A_{i_1} A_{i_2}) + \dots + (-1)^{n+1} P(A_1 \dots A_n) \quad (\text{difficult})$$

$$P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i\right) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n P(A_i) \quad (\text{easy; union bound})$$

## Law of Complement

$$P(\overline{A}) = 1 - P(A).$$

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(Although it **does** hold in an important special case, to be discussed later.)

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## Law of Total Probability

Let  $B_1, \dots, B_m$  be a **partition**:

$P(B_i \cap B_j) = 0$  for  $i \neq j$  and  $P(B_1 \cup \dots \cup B_m) = 1$ .

Suppose  $P(B_i) > 0$  for all  $i$ .

Then for any event  $A$

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What if the string 999 is excluded from the set? (homework)

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$$P(RBG) = 1/4 \neq (1/2)^3.$$

These events are **NOT** independent, but only pairwise independent.

Probability theory:  
Random variables, distributions



## From events to random variables

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Example:

**Bernoulli trial:**

$\Omega = \{\text{heads}, \text{tails}\}$ ,  $P(\{\text{tails}\}) = p \in [0, 1]$ ,  $P(\{\text{heads}\}) = 1 - p$

Define

$$X(\omega) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \omega = \text{tails}, \\ 0 & \text{if } \omega = \text{heads}. \end{cases}$$

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$\mathbf{1}_A(\omega)$  is a random variable that has Bernoulli distribution with parameter  $P(A)$ . (Why?)

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Sometimes the indicator function of  $A$  is denoted by “[ $A$ ]”, e.g., “[the coin gives heads]”.

## Binomial distribution

Suppose a coin is tossed  $n$  times, the outcome of all tosses are independent, and each gives tails with probability  $p$ .

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$$X_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if the } i\text{th toss gives tails,} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

( $X_i$  has **Bernoulli distribution** with parameter  $p$ .)

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$E X = 1/2$  if and only if the coin is unbiased.

So  $E X$  is the **expected** number of tails in one flip.

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## Properties of expectation: Summary

$$E(\mathbf{1}_A) = P(A)$$

for any event  $A$

$$E(X + Y) = EX + EY$$

$$E(cX) = c \cdot EX$$

for any constant  $c$

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$$EX \geq EY \quad \text{if } X \geq Y$$

$$E f(X) = \sum_x f(x) \cdot P(X = x)$$

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The difference  $\mathbb{E}XY - \mathbb{E}X \cdot \mathbb{E}Y$  is called the **covariance** of  $X$  and  $Y$ , denoted  $\text{Cov}(X, Y)$ .

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( $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = 0$  if  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent)

## Why variance?

**Chebyshev inequality:**

$$P(|X - EX| \geq t) \leq \frac{\text{Var } X}{t^2}$$

## Geometric distribution

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Let  $Y$  denote the number of failures before the first success.

Random variable  $Y$  is said to have **geometric distribution** with parameter  $p$ .

$y$	0	1	2	...	$n$	...
$P(Y = y)$	$p$	$pq$	$pq^2$	...	$pq^n$	...

## Geometric distribution: Properties

$y$	0	1	2	...	$n$	...
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$$E X = \frac{q}{p}$$

$$\text{Var } X = \frac{q}{p^2}$$



# Summary of today's lecture

- ▶ **Computational complexity:** Decision and counting problems, complexity classes  $\mathbf{P}$ ,  $\mathbf{NP}$ , and  $\#\mathbf{P}$
- ▶ **Probability theory:** Measures, events, random variables, probability distributions

# Agenda

- Tuesday** computational complexity, probability theory
- Wednesday** randomized algorithms, Monte Carlo methods
- Thursday** hashing-based approach to model counting
- Friday** from discrete to continuous model counting