# Notes on Probability and Statistics

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# 1 W1: Probability and Statistics

#### 1.1 Definitions

- Population: well defined collection of objects
- Sample: subset of population selected in certain manner
- Variable: any characteristic whose value may change from one object to another in population
- Probability: properties of populations known, question regarding sample taken from population are investigated (deductive reasoning)
- Statistics: characteristics of sample known from experiments, conclusions regarding population are made (inductive reasoning)



- Descriptive statistics: techniques to describe a sample/population
- Inferential statistics: making predictions or inferences about population from observations and analyses of sample

#### 1.2 Frequency

- Frequency: number of times value occurs in data set
- Relative frequency: fraction or proportion of times the value occurs

#### 1.3 Range and mean

- Range: difference between largest and smallest sample values
- Mean: average of all values
- Population mean is denoted by  $\mu$
- Sample mean is denoted by  $\bar{x}$ , where

$$\bar{x} = \frac{\sum x_i}{n}$$
, and n denoting the number of data points

## 1.4 Variance and standard deviation

- Variance: measures variability of data set
- Population variance is denoted by  $\sigma^2$ , where

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} (x_i - \mu)^2$$
, and N denoting the size of the population

ullet Sample variance is denoted by  $s^2$ , where

$$s^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2$$
, and n denoting the size of the sample

• Standard deviation is denoted as  $\sigma$  for population variance and s for sample variance, and is calculated either by:

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\sigma^2}$$
, or  $s = \sqrt{s^2}$ 

where  $\sigma^2$  is the population variance and  $s^2$  is the sample variance

• Shortcut to calculate population variance:

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} x_i^2 - \mu^2$$

## 1.5 Linear transformation of sample

Let  $x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n$  be a sample, with a and b being constants. If  $y_i = ax_i + b$  is a linear transformation of  $x_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, \ldots, n$ , then

$$\bar{y} = a\bar{x} + b$$

$$s_y^2 = a^2 s_x^2$$

#### 1.6 Median

- Median: the middle value in a data set
- Population median  $\tilde{\mu}$

$$\tilde{\mu} = \begin{cases} x_m & N \text{ odd, } m = \frac{N+1}{2}; \\ \frac{x_m + x_{m+1}}{2} & N \text{ even, } m = \frac{N}{2}; \end{cases}$$

• Sample median  $\tilde{x}$ 

$$\tilde{x} = \begin{cases} x_m & n \text{ odd, } m = \frac{n+1}{2}; \\ \frac{x_m + x_{m+1}}{2} & n \text{ even, } m = \frac{n}{2}; \end{cases}$$

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## 1.7 Percentage and percentile

• Percentage: number specifying proportion

• Percentile

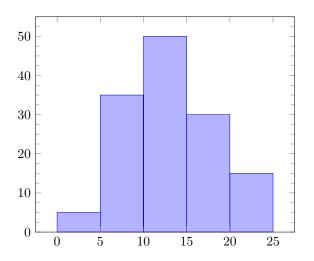
• value below which a given percentage of observations falls

o data set is ordered as  $x_1' \le x_2' \le \cdots \le x_n'$ , where  $x_1'$  and  $x_n'$  are the smallest and largest data values respectively

o<br/>  $x_i'$  corresponds to the  $\frac{100(i-0.5)}{n}{\rm th}$  <br/>percentile

## 1.8 Histogram

• A graphical representation of the distribution of data



#### 1.9 Sample space and events

• Sample space: the set of all possible outcomes of an experiment

1. Collectively exhaustive

o Contain all possible outcomes

2. Mutually exclusive

 $\circ\,$  Each outcome in sample space should be unique

 $\bullet$  Event: collection of outcomes contained in sample space  $\Omega$ 

1. Simple event: exactly one outcome e.g. value of die rolled

2. Compound event: > 1 outcome e.g. event that outcome is even

#### 1.10 Sample Space vs Population

• Sample space: contains mutually exclusive events

• Population: events can repeat many times

## 1.11 Set Theory

- Complement of event A,  $A^c$ : set if outcomes in  $\Omega$  that are not in A
- Intersection of 2 events A and B,  $A \cap B$ : all outcomes that are in A and B
- Union of 2 events A and B,  $A \cup B$ : all outcomes that are either in A or B
- Null event,  $\varnothing$ : event with no outcome
- Events A and B are mutually exclusive/disjoint if  $A \cap B = \emptyset$
- Events  $A_1, A_2, A_3, \ldots$  are mutually exclusive (or pairwise disjoint) if no 2 events have any outcome in common

#### 1.12 De Morgan's Laws

$$(A \cup B)^c = A^c \cap B^c$$
$$(A \cap B)^c = A^c \cup B^c$$
$$A \cup B = A + B - A \cap B$$

• P(A): probability that event A will occur

#### 1.13 Axiom of Probability

- 1. For any event A,  $P(A) \leq 0$ .
- 2.  $P(\Omega) = 1$
- 3. Any infinite collection of mutually exclusive/disjoint events  $A_1, A_2, A_3, \ldots, A_n$  satisfies

$$P(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3 \cup \ldots \cup A_n) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A_i)$$

## 1.14 Properties of Probability

- For any event A,  $P(A) + P(A^c) = 1$  **OR**  $P(A) = 1 P(A^c)$ .
- $P(\Omega) = P(A \cup A^c) = P(A) + P(A^c)$  $\therefore$  A and  $A^c$  are disjoint
- For any event A,  $P(A) \leq 1$ .
- For a null event  $\emptyset$ ,  $P(\emptyset) = 0$ 
  - $\circ$  Does **NOT** suggest  $A = \emptyset$
- Similarly, P(A) = 1 does **NOT** suggest  $A = \Omega$

# 1.15 Equally likely outcomes

 $P(\text{equally likely event}) = \frac{1}{n}$ , where n is the number of equally likely events

# 1.16 Simple and compound events

- Simple event: Find out how many outcomes in sample space
- Compound event: Find out how many outcomes in event

# 2 W1: Counting Technique

## 2.1 Finding probability

• Computing probability → counting

$$P(A) = \frac{N(A)}{N}$$

 $\circ$  where N(A) is the number of outcomes for event A, and N is the number of outcomes in the sample space

## 2.2 Tuple

- $\bullet$  Group of k elements: k-tuple
- The 1<sup>st</sup> element is selected in  $n_1$  ways; the 2<sup>nd</sup> element is selected in  $n_2$  ways; the k<sup>th</sup> element is selected in  $n_k$  ways; such that the elements are selected independently.

#### 2.3 Permutation

- Ordered subset
- Number of permutations of size k formed from n objects:

$$P_{k,n} = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!}$$

#### 2.4 Combination

- Unordered subset of a group
- Number of combinations of size k formed from n objects:

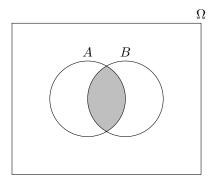
$$\binom{n}{k}$$
 or  $C_{k,n} = \frac{P_{k,n}}{k!} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$ 

• Disregards the different outcomes due to order

# 3 W2: Conditional Probability

 $\bullet$  Probability of event A given that event B has occurred: P(A|B)

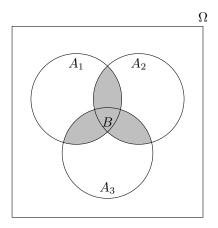
$$P(A \mid B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$$



# 3.1 Law of Total Probability

- Events  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_k$  are exhaustive if one  $A_i$  must occur, i.e.  $A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_k = \Omega$ .
- Let  $A_1, A_2, \ldots, A_k$  be mutually exclusive and exhaustive events. For any other event B,

$$P(B) = \sum_{i=1}^{k} P(B \mid A_i) P(A_i)$$



## 3.2 Bayes' Theorem

- Let  $A_1, A_2, \ldots, A_k$  be mutually exclusive and exhaustive events with prior unconditional probabilities  $P(A_i), i = 1, 2, \ldots, k$
- For any other event B with P(B) > 0, the conditional posterior probability of  $A_j$  given that B has occurred is

$$P(A_j \mid B) = \frac{P(A_j \cap B)}{P(B)}$$

$$= \frac{P(B \cap A_j)}{P(B)}$$

$$= \frac{P(B \mid A_j)P(A_j)}{\sum_{i=1}^k P(B \mid A_i)P(A_i)}$$

## 3.3 Independence of Random Variables

- Independence: occurrence/non-occurrence of one event has no bearing on the chance that the other will occur
  - $\circ P(A \mid B) = P(A)$ : A and B are independent
  - $\circ P(A \mid B) \neq P(A)$ : A and B are not independent
- Independence of A and B also implies  $P(B \mid A) = P(B)$  if P(A) > 0

#### 3.3.1 Multiplication Rule

• A and B are independent iff.  $P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B)$ 

#### 3.3.2 Independence of several events

• Events  $A_1, A_2, \ldots, A_n$  are mutually independent if for every  $k \in \{2, 3, \ldots, n\}$  and every subset of indices  $i_1, i_2, \ldots, i_k$ :

$$P(A_{i1} \cap A_{i2} \cap ... \cap A_{ik}) = P(A_{i1})P(A_{i2})...P(A_{ik})$$

 $\bullet$  Events are mutually independent if probability of the intersection of any subset of the n events is equal to the product of the individual probabilities.

#### 3.3.3 Disjoint and independent events

- Disjointness: set-theory concept
  - o Sets of each group of outcomes share nothing in common
- Independence: probability concept
  - o Event is not influenced by the outcome of another event

## 4 W2: Discrete Random Variable

## 4.1 Random Variable (RV)

- Random variable (RV): a variable depending on outcomes of a random phenomenon
- Discrete RV: possible values make up a finite set or "countable" in finite set
- Continuous RV: possible values make up an infinite set
- Bernoulli RV: any RV whose only possible values are 0 and 1

## 4.2 Probability Mass Function (PMF) for Discrete RV

• Known as probability mass function (pmf)

$$\circ$$
 e.g.  $p(0) = \frac{1}{8}$ ,  $p(1) = \frac{3}{8}$ ,  $p(2) = \frac{3}{8}$ ,  $p(3) = \frac{1}{8}$ 

- Completely describes probabilistic properties of RV X
- For any pmf,  $p(x) \leq 0$  and  $\sum_{\text{all possible x}} p(x) = 1$

## 4.3 Parameter of probability distribution

- Possible value(s) which p(x) depends on
- Different value(s) determine a different probability distribution
- Collection of all probability distributions for different parameters: family of probability distributions

#### 4.4 Bernoulli RV

• pmf of any Bernoulli RV:

$$p(x;\alpha) = \begin{cases} 1 - \alpha, & \text{if } x = 0 \\ \alpha, & \text{if } x = 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- $\alpha$  is a parameter, where  $0 < \alpha < 1$
- Each different value of  $\alpha$  between 0 and 1 determines a different member of the Bernoulli family of distributions

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#### 4.5 Bernoulli process

- A process with repeated independent trials
- 2 outcomes: 1 (success), 0 (failure)
- Success rate of trials is the same

#### 4.6 Binomial distribution

• pmf of binomial RV:

$$p(x; n, p) = \begin{cases} C_{x,n} p^x (1-p)^{n-x}, & x = 0, 1, \dots, n \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

 $\circ$  where n is the number of trials, and p is the success rate of each trial

• Since  $\sum_{\text{all possible x}} p(x) = 1$ ,

$$\sum_{x=0}^{n} p(x; n, p) = \sum_{x=0}^{n} C_{x,n} p^{x} (1-p)^{n-x} = 1$$

#### 4.7 Geometric distribution

- Probability distribution of number of Bernoulli trials X needed to get 1 success
- If X = x, x 1 failures followed by success
- pmf of geometric RV:

$$p(x) = \begin{cases} p(1-p)^{x-1}, & x = 1, 2, \dots \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

 $\circ$  where p is the success rate of each trial

• Since  $\sum_{\text{all possible x}} p(x) = 1$ ,

$$\sum_{x=1}^{\infty} p(1-p)^{x-1} = p \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (1-p)^i = \frac{p}{1-(1-p)} = 1$$

#### 4.8 Poisson distribution

- Used to model the number of occurrences of events in a time interval, where the average occurrence is  $\lambda$
- pmf of Poisson RV:

$$p(x;\lambda) = \begin{cases} \frac{\lambda^x e^{-\lambda}}{x!}, & x = 0, 1, \dots \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

 $\circ$  where  $\lambda$  is the parameter of Poisson distribution

• Since  $\sum_{\text{all possible x}} p(x) = 1$ ,

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty}\frac{\lambda^x e^{-\lambda}}{x!}=e^{-\lambda}\sum_{n=0}^{\infty}\frac{\lambda^x}{x!}=e^{-\lambda}e^{\lambda}=1$$

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# 4.9 Cumulative Distribution Function (CDF)

• CDF F(x) of discrete RV X with pmf p(x):

$$F(x) = P(X \le x) = \sum_{y:y \le x} p(y)$$

- $\bullet$  F(x) is the probability that the observed value is at most x
- $\bullet$  Graph of F(x) for discrete RV X is the linear combination of step functions, such that

$$\lim_{x \to -\infty} F(x) = 0 \text{ and } \lim_{x \to \infty} F(x) = 1$$

## 5 W3: Expectation

## 5.1 Expected Value

• Expected value E(X)

$$E(X) = \mu_x = \sum_{x \in D} x \cdot p(x)$$
, provided that  $\sum_{x \in D} |x| \cdot p(x) < \infty$ 

ullet Expected value of a function E[h(X)]

$$E[h(X)] = \mu_{h(x)} = \sum_{x \in D} h(x) \cdot p(x)$$

• Expected value of a linear function aX + b

$$E(aX + b) = aE(X) + b$$

#### 5.2 Variance

• Variance V(X)

$$V(X) = \sum_{x \in D} (x - \mu)^2 p(x) = E[(X - \mu)^2]$$
, provided that the expectation exists **OR**

Population variance, 
$$\sigma^2 = V(X) = E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2$$

• Variance of a function V[h(X)]

$$V[h(X)] = \sum_{x \in D} \{h(x) - [E(X)]\}^2 \cdot p(x)$$

• Variance of a linear function aX + b

$$V(aX + b) = a^{2}V(X)$$
$$\sigma_{aX+b} = |a|\sigma_{x}$$

#### 5.3 Expected Value and Variance of Discrete PMFs

#### 5.3.1 Bernoulli RV

Expected value E(X)

$$E(X) = \sum_{x \in D} x \cdot p(x)$$
$$= 0(1 - p) + 1(p)$$
$$= p$$

Variance V(X)

$$V(X) = E(X^{2}) - [E(X)]^{2}$$

$$= 0^{2}(1-p) + 1^{2}(p) - p^{2}$$

$$= p - p^{2}$$

$$= p(1-p)$$

#### 5.3.2 Binomial RV

The complete proof for expected value and variance can be found here:  $https://www.math.ubc.ca/\sim feldman/m302/binomial.pdf$ 

Expected value E(X)

$$E(X) = np$$

Variance V(X)

$$V(X) = np(1-p)$$

#### 5.3.3 Geometric RV

The complete proof for expected value and variance can be found here: https://semath.info/src/st-geometric-distribution.html

Expected value E(X)

$$E(X) = \frac{1}{p}$$

Variance V(X)

$$V(X) = \frac{1-p}{p^2}$$

#### 5.3.4 Poisson RV

The complete proof for expected value and variance can be found here: https://www.statlect.com/probability-distributions/Poisson-distribution

Expected value E(X)

$$E(X) = \lambda$$

Variance V(X)

$$V(X) = \lambda$$

## 6 W3: Continuous Random Variable

#### 6.1 Definition

- Continuous RVs can take on any value in a continuous range (e.g. real numbers)
  - o In contrast, discrete RVs can take on a discrete list of values

## 6.2 Probability Density Function (PDF) for Continuous RV

• Probability described by the probability density function (pdf), measured between an interval

$$P(a \le X \le b) = \int_{a}^{b} f(x)dx$$

#### 6.3 Uniform Distribution

$$pdf f(x; a, b) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a}, & a \le x \le b \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

### 6.4 Exponential Distribution

$$pdf f(x; \lambda) = \begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda x}, & x \ge 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

## 6.5 Normal/Gaussian Distribution

$$pdf f(x; \mu, \sigma) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

## 6.6 Cumulative Distribution Function (CDF)

$$F(x) = P(X \le x) = \int_{-\infty}^{x} f(u)du$$

- Capital F means CDF, while small F means PDF
- For any a: P(x > a) = 1 F(a)
- Between a and b:  $P(a \le X \le b) = F(b) F(a)$

#### 6.6.1 Obtaining PDF from CDF

$$f(x) = F'(x)$$

• The PDF is the derivative of the CDF.

## 6.7 Expected Value

• Expected value E(X)

$$E(X) = \mu_x = \sum_{x \in D} x \cdot p(x)$$
, provided that  $\int_{\infty}^{\infty} |x| \cdot p(x) < \infty$ 

• Expected value of a function E[h(X)]

$$E[h(X)] = \mu_{h(x)} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(x)f(x)dx$$

• Expected value of a linear function aX + b

$$E(aX + b) = aE(X) + b$$

#### 6.8 Variance

• Variance V(X)

$$V(X) = \mu_X^2 = E[(X - \mu)^2]$$
  
=  $E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2$ 

• Variance of a linear function aX + b

$$V(aX + b) = a^{2}V(X)$$
$$\sigma_{aX+b} = |a|\sigma_{x}$$

## 6.9 Expected Value and Variance of Continuous PDFs

#### 6.9.1 Uniform RV

The complete proof for expected value and variance can be found here: https://www.statlect.com/probability-distributions/uniform-distribution

Expected value E(X)

$$E(X) = \frac{1}{2}(a+b)$$

Variance V(X)

$$V(X) = \frac{1}{12}(b-a)^2$$

#### 6.9.2 Exponential RV

The complete proof for expected value and variance can be found here: https://www.statlect.com/probability-distributions/exponential-distribution

Expected value E(X)

$$E(X) = \frac{1}{\lambda_E}$$

Variance V(X)

$$V(X) = \frac{1}{\lambda^2}$$

## 7 W4: Useful Distributions

#### 7.1 Poisson Approximation of Binomial Distributions

For any binomial distribution where n is large and p is small, such that np > 0,

$$b(x; n, p) \approx p(x; \lambda)$$
, where  $\lambda = np$ 

• Approximation can be safely applied if n > 50 and np < 5

#### 7.2 Poisson and Exponential Distributions

#### 7.2.1 Poisson Distribution

- Often used to model the number of occurrence of events in a time interval
- e.g. number of buses at a bus stop between 3 and 4 pm

pmf 
$$p(x; \lambda) = \begin{cases} \frac{\lambda^x e^{-\lambda}}{x!}, & x = 0, 1, \dots \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

#### 7.2.2 Exponential Distribution

- Often used to model the elapsed time between two successive events
- e.g. waiting time for a bus

$$pdf f(x; \alpha) = \begin{cases} \alpha e^{-\alpha x}, & x \ge 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

## 7.2.3 Relationship between Poisson and Exponential Distributions

Let  $X_1, X_2, \ldots$  be the time when the 1st, 2nd, ... event occur.

The probability of waiting not more than t for the first event is  $P(X_1 \leq t)$ .

#### Deriving via Poisson Distribution

$$P(X_1 \le t) = 1 - P(X_1 > t)$$

$$= 1 - P(\text{no event in } [0, t])$$

$$= 1 - \frac{\lambda^0 e^{-\lambda}}{0!}$$

$$= 1 - e^{-\lambda}$$

$$= 1 - e^{-\alpha t}, \text{ where } \lambda = \alpha t$$

#### Deriving via Exponential Distribution

$$P(X_1 \le t) = 1 - P(X_1 > t)$$

$$= 1 - \int_t^\infty \alpha e^{-\alpha x} dx$$

$$= 1 - \left[ \frac{\alpha}{-\alpha} e^{-\alpha x} \right]_t^\infty$$

$$= 1 - e^{-\alpha t}$$

The rate of occurrence  $\alpha$  in the Poisson distribution is the parameter of the exponential distribution.

#### 7.3 Memoryless Property of Exponential Distribution

- Distribution of waiting time until a certain event does not depend on how much time has elapsed
- e.g. P(bulb can last for 600 h) = P(bulb can last for 900 h | bulb can last for 300 h)

#### 7.4 Normal Distribution

- Parameters: mean  $\mu$ , variance  $\sigma^2$
- Abbreviated  $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$
- pdf of X:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}, \quad -\infty < x < \infty$$

#### 7.5 Standard Normal Distribution

- Parameters: mean  $\mu = 0$ , variance  $\sigma^2 = 1$
- Abbreviated  $Z \sim N(0, 1)$
- pdf of Z:

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{z^2}{2}}, \quad -\infty < z < \infty$$

 $\bullet$  cdf of Z:

$$\Phi(z) = P(Z \le z) = \int_{-\infty}^{z} f(u) \ du$$

- Result can be found using standard normal table

#### 7.5.1 $z_{\alpha}$ Notation

- Denotes value on the z axis for which  $\alpha$  of the area under the z curve lies to the **RIGHT** of  $z_{\alpha}$
- $100(1-\alpha)$ th percentile of the standard normal distribution

# 7.6 Standardizing A Normal Distribution

- Normal RV:  $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$
- Standard Normal RV:  $Z = \frac{X \mu}{\sigma}$
- Similarly,

$$\begin{split} P(a \leq X \leq b) &= P\left(\frac{a-\mu}{\sigma} \leq \frac{X-\mu}{\sigma} \leq \frac{b-\mu}{\sigma}\right) \\ &= \Phi\left(\frac{b-\mu}{\sigma}\right) - \Phi\left(\frac{a-\mu}{\sigma}\right) \end{split}$$

## 8 W4: Joint Probability Distribution

#### 8.1 Joint Probability Mass Function

The joint probability mass function p(x, y) is defined for each pair of numbers (x, y) by

$$p(x, y) = P(X = x \text{ and } Y = y)$$

It must satisfy the following conditions:

- 1.  $p(x,y) \ge 0$
- 2.  $\sum_{x} \sum_{y} p(x, y) = 1$

The probability  $P[(X, Y) \in A]$  is obtained by summing the joint pmf over pairs in A:

$$P[(X,Y) \in A] = \sum_{(x,y)} \sum_{\in A} p(x,y)$$

#### 8.2 Marginal Probability Mass Function

The marginal probability mass function of x,  $p_X(x)$  is given by

$$p_X(x) = \sum_{y:p(x,y)>0} p(x,y)$$
 for each possible value of  $x$ .

Similarly, the marginal probability mass function of y,  $p_X(x)$  is given by

$$p_Y(y) = \sum_{x:p(x,y)>0} p(x,y)$$
 for each possible value of y.

- The word "marginal" indicates that the pmf is obtained from the joint probability distribution.
- We can obtain the marginal pmf from the joint pmf, however the reverse is not always true.

#### 8.3 Joint Probability Density Function

The joint probability density function f(x, y) for two different RV is satisfies two conditions:

- 1.  $f(x,y) \ge 0$
- 2.  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x,y) \ dx \ dy = 1$

For any two dimensional set A, where  $a \le x \le b$ ,  $c \le y \le d$ ,

$$P[(X,Y) \in A] = \iint_A f(x,y) \ dx \ dy$$
$$= \int_a^b \int_c^d f(x,y) \ dx \ dy$$

•  $P[(X,Y] \in A]$  is the volume beneath the surface above the region A

#### 8.4 Marginal Probability Density Function

The marginal probability density function of X and Y, denoted by  $f_X(x)$  and  $f_Y(y)$  respectively, are

$$f_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) \, dy, \quad -\infty < x < \infty$$
$$f_Y(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) \, dx, \quad -\infty < y < \infty$$

- Marginal pdf of X is the pdf of X
- The word "marginal" indicates that the pdf is obtained from the joint probability distribution.
- We can obtain the marginal pdf from the joint pdf, however the reverse is not always true.

#### 8.5 Multiple Random Variables

If  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are all discrete RVs, the joint pmf of the variables is

$$p(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = P(X_1 = x_1, X_2 = x_2, \dots, X_n = x_n)$$

If  $X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_n$  are all continuous RVs, the joint pdf of the variables with intervals  $[a_1, b_1], \ldots, [a_n, b_n]$  is

$$P(a_1 \le X_1 \le b_1, a_2 \le X_2 \le b_2, \dots, a_n \le X_n \le b_n)$$

$$= \int_{a_1}^{b_1} \int_{a_2}^{b_2} \dots \int_{a_n}^{b_n} f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \ dx_n \dots dx_2 \ dx_1$$

#### 8.6 Independence of Random Variables

Two RVs X and Y are said to be independent if for every pair of x and y values:

$$p(x,y) = p_X(x) \cdot p_Y(y) \quad \text{for discrete RV}$$
 
$$f(x,y) = f_X(x) \cdot f_Y(y) \quad \text{for continuous RV}$$

If the above is not satisfied for all (x, y), then X and Y are dependent.

#### 9 W5: Conditional Distribution

#### 9.1 Conditional Probability Mass Function

Let X and Y be two discrete RVs with pmf p(x, y).

For any value x for which p(x) > 0, the conditional probability mass function of Y given that X = x is

$$p_{Y|X}(y \mid x) = \frac{p(x,y)}{p_X(x)}$$

where  $p_X(x)$  is the marginal pmf of X.

#### 9.2 Conditional Probability Density Function

Let X and Y be two continuous RVs with pdf f(x, y). For any value x for which f(x) > 0, the conditional probability density function of Y given that X = x is

$$f_{Y|X}(y \mid x) = \frac{f(x,y)}{f_X(x)}$$

where  $f_X(x)$  is the marginal pdf of X.

#### 9.3 Conditional Distribution

• The summation of the conditional pmf or pdf over the entire sample space is 1.

$$\sum_y p_{Y|X}(y\mid x) = 1 \quad \text{for discrete RVs X and Y}$$
 
$$\int_{-\infty}^\infty f_{Y|X}(y\mid x) dy = 1 \quad \text{for continuous RVs X and Y}$$

#### 9.4 Conditional Expectation

Let X and Y be jointly distributed RVs with pmf p(x, y) or pdf f(x, y). The expected value of a function h(X, Y), denoted by E[h(X, Y)] or  $\mu_{h(X, Y)}$  is given by

$$E[(h(X,Y)] = \begin{cases} & \sum_{x} \sum_{y} h(x,y) p(x,y) & \text{for discrete RVs X and Y} \\ & \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(x,y) f(x,y) & \text{for continuous RVs X and Y} \end{cases}$$

#### 9.5 Conditional Mean

Let X and Y be jointly distributed RVs with pmf p(x,y) or pdf f(x,y). The conditional mean of Y, given that X = x, denoted by  $\mu_{Y|x}$  is given by

$$\mu_{Y|x} = E(Y \mid x) = \begin{cases} & \sum_{y} yp(y \mid x) & \text{for discrete RVs X and Y} \\ & \sum_{y} h(y)f(y \mid x)dy & \text{for continuous RVs X and Y} \end{cases}$$

## 9.6 Conditional Variance

Let X and Y be jointly distributed RVs with pmf p(x,y) or pdf f(x,y). The conditional mean of Y, given that X=x. denoted by  $\sigma^2_{Y|x}$  is given by

$$\sigma_{Y|x}^2 = E\{[Y - E(Y \mid x)]^2\}$$
  
=  $E(Y^2 \mid x) - [E(Y \mid x)]^2$ 

#### 9.7 Law of Total Expectation

If X is a RV, and Y is a RV in the same probability space, then

$$E[E(X \mid Y)] = E(X)$$

i.e. expected value of the conditional expected value of X given Y is the = expected value of X

#### 9.8 Covariance

The covariance between two variables X and Y, denoted by  $\sigma_{X,Y}$  is given by

$$\begin{split} \sigma_{X,Y} &= K(X,Y) = E[(X-\mu_x)(Y-\mu_y)] \\ &= \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \sum_x \sum_y (x-\mu_x)(y-\mu_y) \ p(x,y) & \text{for discrete RVs X and Y} \\ \int_x \int_y (x-\mu_x)(y-\mu_y) \ f(x,y) \ dx \ dy & \text{for continuous RVs X and Y} \end{array} \right. \end{split}$$

- Shortcut formula: K(X,Y) = E(XY) E(X)E(Y)
- Value of covariance:
  - o Positive  $\sigma_{X,Y}$ : positive linear relationship between X and Y
  - o Near-zero  $\sigma_{X,Y}$ : no linear relationship between X and Y
  - Negative  $\sigma_{X,Y}$ : negative linear relationship between X and Y

#### 9.9 Correlation

ullet Correlation coefficient  $ho_{X,Y}$ : measure of degree of linear relationship between two RVs X and Y

$$\rho_{X,Y} = \widetilde{K}(X,Y) = \frac{K(X,Y)}{\sigma_X \sigma_Y}$$

- $\circ\,$  It is always true that  $-1 \le \rho_{X,Y} \le 1$
- If X and Y, then  $\rho_{X,Y} = 0$ 
  - $\circ\,$  BUT  $\rho_{X,Y}$  does not imply independence between X and Y
- Measure of linear relationship:
  - o  $|\rho|=1$ : Strong linear relationship between X and Y
  - $\circ |\rho| \neq 1$ : Not completely linear relationship between X and Y; could be strong non-linear relationship
  - $\circ~\rho=0{:}~{\rm X}~{\rm and}~{\rm Y}~{\rm are}~{\rm uncorrelated}$

## 10 W5: Central Limit Theorem

#### 10.1 Linear Combination of One RV

For a linear combination of one RV X, denoted by aX + b, the mean and variance are as follows:

- Mean, E(aX + b) = aE(X) + b
- Variance,  $V(aX + b) = a^2 E(X)$

#### 10.2 Linear Combination of Two RVs

For a linear combination of two RVs X and Y, where W = aX + bY, the mean and variance are as follows:

	X, Y independent	X, Y dependent
Mean, $E(W)$	aE(X) + bE(Y)	
Variance, $V(W)$	$a^2V(X) + b^2V(Y)$	$a^2V(X) + b^2V(Y) + 2abK(X,Y)$

## 10.3 Linear Combination of Multiple RVs

For a linear combination of multiple RVs  $X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_n$ , where  $W = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i$ , the mean and variance are as follows:

	RVs independent	RVs dependent
Mean, $E(W)$	$\sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i E(X_i)$	
Variance, $V(W)$	$\sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i^2 V(X_i)$	$\sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i^2 V(X_i) + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=i+1}^{n} a_i a_j K(X_i, X_j)$

#### 10.4 Linear Combination of Independent and Identically Distributed RVs

For a linear combination of independent and identically distributed (iid) RVs  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  where  $W = \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i$  with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$ , the mean and variance are as follows:

• Mean, 
$$E(W) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} E(X_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \mu = n\mu$$

• Variance, 
$$V(W) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} V(X_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sigma^2 = n\sigma^2$$

#### 10.5 Linear Combination of Normal RVs

For two normal RVs X and Y, where  $X \sim N(\mu_X, \sigma_X^2)$  and  $Y \sim N(\mu_Y, \sigma_Y^2)$ , the linear combination W = X + Y is also a normal RV with mean  $\mu_X + \mu_Y$  and variance  $\sigma_X^2 + \sigma_Y^2$ , i.e.

$$W \sim N(\mu_X + \mu_Y, \sigma_X^2 + \sigma_Y^2)$$

## 10.6 Sample Mean

Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be iid RVs with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$ . The sample mean  $\overline{X}$  can be calculated using the formula  $\overline{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i$ .

The mean and variance of  $\overline{X}$  is as follows:

- Mean,  $E(\overline{X}) = \mu$
- Variance,  $V(\overline{X}) = \frac{\sigma^2}{n}$

#### 10.7 Central Limit Theorem

Let  $X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_n$  be a random sample from a distribution with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$ . The sample mean  $\overline{X}$  can be calculated using the formula  $\overline{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i$ .

For a sufficiently large n, i.e.  $\mathbf{n} \leq \mathbf{30}$ ,  $\overline{X}$  has approximately a normal distribution with mean  $E(\overline{X})$  and variance  $V(\overline{X})$  as follows:

- Mean,  $E(\overline{X}) = \mu$
- Variance,  $V(\overline{X}) = \frac{\sigma^2}{n}$

If the distribution is close to a normal pdf, a small n yields a good approximation to a normal distribution.

## 11 W8: Statistics and Their Distributions

#### 11.1 Definitions

• Population: all observations

• Sample: subset of population

• Statistic: quantity whose value can be calculated from sample data

 $\circ$  A random variable

#### 11.2 Order statistic

For iid RVs  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  of unknown distribution, they can be rearranged in an increasing order:

$$X_{(1)} \le X_{(2)} \le \dots X_{(k)} \dots \le X_{(n)}$$

where

•  $X_{(1)} = \min\{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$  is the smallest order statistic;

•  $X_{(k)}$  is the k-th order statistic; and

•  $X_{(n)} = \max\{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$  is the largest order statistic.

#### 11.3 Sample range

The sample range R is the distance between the largest and smallest order statistic.

It is also a random variable, and can be calculated by:

$$R = X_{(n)} - X_{(1)}$$

#### 11.4 Distribution of a statistic

The distribution of a statistic can be obtained by either 1 of the 2 methods:

1. Derive the probability distribution analytically via order statistics

2. Simulate the probability distribution using Monte Carlo simulation

## 11.5 Distribution of $\overline{X}$

For a sufficiently large n, i.e.  $\mathbf{n} \leq \mathbf{30}$ ,  $\overline{X}$  has approximately a normal distribution with mean  $E(\overline{X})$  and variance  $V(\overline{X})$  as follows:

• Mean,  $E(\overline{X}) = \mu$ 

• Variance,  $V(\overline{X}) = \frac{\sigma^2}{n}$ 

# 11.6 Distribution of smallest order statistic $X_{(1)}$

• pdf:

$$f_{(1)}(x) = n \left[1 - F_X(x)\right]^{n-1} f_X(x)$$

• cdf:

$$\begin{split} F_{(1)}(x) &= P(X_{(1)} \leq x) \\ &= 1 - P(X_i > x, \forall i) \\ &= 1 - \prod_{i=1}^n P(X_i > x) \quad \text{(independent)} \\ &= 1 - [P(X_i > x)]^n \quad \text{(identically distributed)} \\ &= 1 - [1 - P(X_i \leq x)]^n \\ &= 1 - [1 - F_X(x)]^n \end{split}$$

# 11.7 Distribution of largest order statistic $X_{(n)}$

 $\bullet$  pdf:

$$f_{(n)}(x) = n \left[ F_X(x) \right]^{n-1} f_X(x)$$

• cdf:

$$\begin{split} F_{(n)}(x) &= P(X_{(n)} \leq x) \\ &= P(X_i \leq x, \forall i) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n P(X_i \leq x) \quad \text{(independent)} \\ &= \left[ P(X_i \leq x) \right]^n \quad \text{(identically distributed)} \\ &= \left[ F_X(x) \right]^n \end{split}$$

# 11.8 Distribution of k-th order statistic $X_{(k)}$

 $\bullet~\mathrm{pdf}:$ 

$$f_{(k)}(x) = \frac{n! \left[ F_X(x) \right]^{k-1} \left[ 1 - F_X(x) \right]^{n-k} f_X(x)}{(k-1)! (n-k)!}$$

## 12 W9: Point Estimation

#### 12.1 Point estimate

- Statistic, function of data to infer value of unknown parameter
- A random variable
  - $\circ$  e.g. point estimate of  $\theta$  is  $\hat{\theta}$

## 12.2 Principle of Unbiased Estimator

- Choose an unbiased estimator among several candidates
- Point estimate  $\hat{\theta}$  is an unbiased estimator if  $E(\hat{\theta}) = \theta$  for every possible value of  $\theta$
- Can be obtained from biased estimator by using making  $E(\hat{\theta}) = \theta$

## 12.3 Principle of Minimum Variance Unbiased Estimation

- Among all the unbiased estimators of  $\theta$ , choose the estimator with the minimum variance.
- Estimator with the minimum variance is the minimum variance unbiased estimator (MVUE) of  $\theta$ .

# 13 W9: Method of Moments Estimator (MME)

#### 13.1 Notations

• Random sample of size  $n: X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$ 

• Distribution:  $f(x,\theta)$  or  $p(x,\theta)$ , where  $\theta$  is the parameter

#### 13.2 Moments

• Measure something relative to center of values

• k-th population moment,  $\mu_k = E(X^k)$ 

o Depends on unknown parameters

• k-th sample moment,  $M_k = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^k$ 

 $\circ$  Function of random sample

### 13.3 Method of Moments

• Assumes that sample moments provide good estimates of the corresponding population moments

• Does **NOT** guarantee to produce an unbiased estimator

## 13.4 Method of Moments Estimator (MME)

To calculate the MME(s) of  $\hat{\theta}$ :

1. Find m population moments, where m is the number of unknown parameters.

2. Find m sample moments.

3. Equate each population moment to its corresponding sample moments

4. Solve for  $\theta = (\theta_1, \dots, \theta_m)$  to obtain the MMEs for  $\theta$ .

# 14 W10: Maximum Likelihood Estimator (MLE)

#### 14.1 Intuition

- Find parameters of the distribution that would most likely produce observed data
- If a sample is observed, the probability of having such a sample should be maximized because it has actually occurred

#### 14.2 Likelihood function

Let  $X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_n$  have a joint pdf or pmf:

$$L(\theta_1,\ldots,\theta_m)=f(x_1,\ldots,x_n;\theta_1,\ldots,\theta_m)$$

The likelihood function is given by

$$L(\theta) = P(X_1 = x, \dots, X_n = x_n) = \begin{cases} & \prod_{i=1}^n p(x_i, \theta) & \text{for discrete RVs} \\ & \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i, \theta) & \text{for continuous RVs} \end{cases}$$

#### 14.3 Maximizing the likelihood

• The maximum likelihood estimator (MLE)  $\hat{\theta}_1, \dots, \hat{\theta}_m$  are values that maximize the likelihood function such that

$$L(\hat{\theta}_1,\ldots,\hat{\theta}_m) \leq L(\theta_1,\ldots,\theta_m)$$

## 14.4 Maximimum Likelihood Estimator (MLE)

To calculate the MME of  $\theta$ :

- 1. Find the likelihood function  $L(\theta)$  based on the distribution.
- 2. Differentiate  $L(\theta)$  with respect to  $\theta$ , and equate the derivative to 0.
  - $\circ$  The natural logarithm of  $L(\theta)$  could simplify calculations.
- 3. Solve for the MME of  $\theta$ .
- 4. Check if the value is maximum by taking the second derivative of  $L(\theta)$ .

## 15 W10: Confidence Interval

• Quantifies the confidence interval of a point estimate  $\hat{\theta}$ 

$$l(X_1, ..., X_n) < \hat{\theta}(X_1, ..., X_n) < u(X_1, ..., X_n)$$

- $\circ$  where  $l(\ldots)$  is the lower bound and  $u(\ldots)$  is the upper bound respectively.
- The interval contains  $\theta$  with a confidence interval p:

$$P\{\theta \in [l(X_1, \dots, X_n), u(X_1, \dots, X_n)]\} = p$$

• The confidence interval p is often set to a high value e.g. 0.95, 0.99 in practice

#### 15.1 Equivalent expressions for Confidence Interval

The following expressions are equivalent in describing a 90% confidence interval (CI) for  $\mu$ .

$$\begin{split} P\left(|\overline{X} - \mu| < \frac{1.65\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}\right) &= 0.90 \\ P\left(\overline{X} - \frac{1.65\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} < \mu < \overline{X} + \frac{1.65\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}\right) &= 0.90 \\ P\left[\mu \in \left(\overline{X} - \frac{1.65\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}, \overline{X} + \frac{1.65\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}\right)\right] &= 0.90 \end{split}$$

- Replace 1.64 with:
  - $\circ$  1.96 if CI is 95%
    - Closest Z-score of area 0.97500 in standard normal table
  - o 2.58 if CI is 99%
    - Closest Z-score of area 0.99500 in standard normal table
  - Rule of thumb:
    - Search for Z score of area  $p + \frac{1-p}{2}$  in the standard normal table, where p is the CI.

#### 15.2 Interpretation of Confidence Interval

- $\bullet$  e.g. 95% CI for  $\mu$ 
  - $\circ\,$  As the number of samples collected tend to infinity, 95% of the samples will contain  $\mu.$

# 15.3 Properties of Confidence Interval

- $\bullet$  As population variance  $\sigma$  increases, the width of CI increases.
- ullet As sample size n increases, the width of CI decreases.
- $\bullet$  As the confidence interval p increases, the width of CI increases.
- At a fixed confidence interval,
  - $\circ$  Large width of CI  $\rightarrow$  low precision
  - $\circ\,$  Small width of CI  $\to\,$  high precision

## 16 W11: Hypothesis Testing 1

#### 16.1 Statistical hypothesis

• A claim about values of parameters/form of probability distribution

## 16.2 Null and Alternative Hypotheses

- Null hypothesis,  $H_0$ 
  - o Claim that is initially assumed to be true
  - o  $H_0$  is always  $H_0: \theta = \theta_0$
- Alternative hypothesis,  $H_a$ 
  - $\circ$  Claim that contradicts the null hypothesis  $H_0$
  - $\circ$   $H_a$  has 3 forms with implicit hypothesis
    - $H_a: \theta > \theta_0$  (implicit hypothesis:  $\theta \leq \theta_0$ )
    - $H_a: \theta < \theta_0$  (implicit hypothesis:  $\theta \leq \theta_0$ )
    - $H_a: \theta \neq \theta_0$  (implicit hypothesis:  $\theta = \theta_0$ )

## 16.3 Hypothesis Testing

- Method to decide whether to accept or reject the null hypothesis,  $H_0$
- Comprises 2 components:
  - Test statistic
    - Function of sample data to make a decision
  - Rejection region
    - $\circ$  Set of values for which the null hypothesis  $H_0$  will be rejected
    - $\circ\,$  If test statistic falls in rejection region,  $H_0$  will be rejected

#### 16.4 Errors in Hypothesis Testing

• Type I error ( $\alpha$ ): Rejecting the null hypothesis  $H_0$  when  $H_0$  is true

$$\alpha = P(\text{reject } H_0 \mid H_0 \text{ is true})$$

• Type II error ( $\beta$ ): Accepting the null hypothesis  $H_0$  when  $H_a$  is true

$$\beta = P(\text{accept } H_0 \mid H_a \text{ is true})$$

- Good rejection region yields small  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ 
  - $\circ$  Typical approach: specify largest value of  $\alpha$  that can be tolerated, then back-calculate for the rejection region

## 16.5 Hypothesis Testing using Rejection Region

- 1. Figure out appropriate  $H_0$  and  $H_a$ .
- 2. Figure out appropriate test statistic.

$$\overline{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum X_i \quad \Longrightarrow \quad Z = \left\{ \begin{array}{cc} \frac{\overline{X} - \mu}{\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}} & \text{population standard deviation } \sigma \text{ known} \\ \frac{\overline{X} - \mu}{\frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}} & \text{population standard deviation } \sigma \text{ unknown} \end{array} \right.$$

3. Calculate the rejection region based on type I error/significance level  $\alpha$ :

$$\alpha = P(\text{reject } H_0 \mid H_0 \text{ is true})$$

4. Calculate the normalized sample mean z using sample mean  $\overline{x}$ .

$$z = \begin{cases} & \frac{\overline{x} - \mu}{\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}} & \text{population standard deviation } \sigma \text{ known} \\ & \frac{\overline{x} - \mu}{\frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}} & \text{population standard deviation } \sigma \text{ unknown} \end{cases}$$

5. Compare the normalized sample mean z with the rejection region.

Reject  $H_0$  if z falls in the rejection region.

- $H_a: \mu < \mu_0$  (lower-tailed test)
  - Rejection region:  $Z < -z_{\alpha}$
- $H_a: \mu > \mu_0$  (upper-tailed test)
  - Rejection region:  $Z > -z_{\alpha}$
- $H_a: \mu \neq \mu_0$  (two-tailed test)
  - Rejection region:  $Z < -z_{\alpha/2} \cup Z > z_{\alpha/2}$

## 17 W11: Hypothesis Testing 2

## 17.1 Hypothesis Testing of Difference between 2 Populations

1. Figure out appropriate  $H_0$  and  $H_a$ .

$$H_0: \mu_1 - \mu_2 = 0$$

$$H_a: \mu_1 - \mu_2 \neq 0$$

2. Figure out appropriate test statistic.

$$\overline{X_1} - \overline{X_2} = \frac{1}{n} \sum (X_{1i} - X_{2i})$$

$$\implies \quad Z = \left\{ \begin{array}{cc} \dfrac{\overline{X_1} - \overline{X_2}}{\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}} & \text{population standard deviation } \sigma \text{ known} \\ \dfrac{\overline{X_1} - \overline{X_2}}{\frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}} & \text{population standard deviation } \sigma \text{ unknown} \end{array} \right.$$

3. Calculate the rejection region based on type I error/significance level  $\alpha$ :

$$\alpha = P(\text{reject } H_0 \mid H_0 \text{ is true})$$

4. Calculate the normalized sample mean z using sample mean  $\overline{x_1} - \overline{x_2}$ .

$$z = \begin{cases} & \frac{\overline{x_1} - \overline{x_2}}{\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}} & \text{population standard deviation } \sigma \text{ known} \\ & \frac{\overline{x_1} - \overline{x_2}}{\frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}} & \text{population standard deviation } \sigma \text{ unknown} \end{cases}$$

5. Compare the normalized sample mean z with the rejection region.

Reject  $H_0$  if z falls in the rejection region.

- $H_a: \mu < \mu_0$  (lower-tailed test)
  - Rejection region:  $Z < -z_{\alpha}$
- $H_a: \mu > \mu_0$  (upper-tailed test)
  - Rejection region:  $Z > -z_{\alpha}$
- $H_a: \mu \neq \mu_0$  (two-tailed test)

#### 17.2 P-value

- A probability, calculated assuming that  $H_0$  is true, of obtaining a value of the test statistic at least as contradictory to  $H_0$  as the value calculated from the available sample.
- Also known as observed significance level (OSL) for the data
  - $\circ$  Data is significant if  $H_0$  is rejected
  - $\circ$  Data is not significant if  $H_0$  is accepted

## 17.3 Hypothesis Testing using P-value

- 1. Figure out appropriate  $H_0$  and  $H_a$ .
- 2. Calculate the test statistic value of sample z.

$$z = \begin{cases} & \frac{\overline{x} - \mu}{\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}} & \text{population standard deviation } \sigma \text{ known} \\ & \frac{\overline{x} - \mu}{\frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}} & \text{population standard deviation } \sigma \text{ unknown} \end{cases}$$

- 3. Determine range of test statistic values as contradictory to  $H_0$  as the above value of z.
  - $H_a: \mu < \mu_0$  (lower-tailed test)
    - $\circ$  Range: Z < z
  - $H_a: \mu > \mu_0$  (upper-tailed test)
    - $\circ$  Range: Z > z
  - $H_a: \mu \neq \mu_0$  (two-tailed test)
    - $\circ$  Range:  $Z > z \cup Z < -z$
- 4. Calculate probability of getting that range, assuming  $H_0$  is true:
  - $H_a: \mu < \mu_0$  (lower-tailed test)
    - $\circ$  P-value =  $P(Z < z \mid H_0 \text{ is true})$
  - $H_a: \mu > \mu_0$  (upper-tailed test)
    - $\circ$  P-value =  $P(Z > z \mid H_0 \text{ is true})$
  - $H_a: \mu \neq \mu_0$  (two-tailed test)
    - $\circ$  P-value =  $P(Z > z \cup Z < -z \mid H_0 \text{ is true})$
- 5. Compare the P-value against the significance level  $\alpha$ .
  - Reject  $H_0$ : P-value  $\leq \alpha$
  - Accept  $H_0$ : P-value  $> \alpha$

## 17.4 Comparison between Hypothesis Testing Methods

- The two procedures the rejection region method and P-value method are equivalent.
  - The same conclusion will be reached via either of the two procedures.

# 18 W12: Linear Regression

## 18.1 Least-squares method

• Estimates unknown parameters of a function based on known data

## 18.2 Estimating $\beta_0$ and $\beta_1$

1. Define an error function to minimize.

$$f(\hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\beta}_1) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_i - \hat{\beta}_1 x_i - \hat{\beta}_0)^2$$

2. Take the partial derivative of the error function with respect to  $\hat{\beta_0}$  and  $\hat{\beta_1}$  and solve for the unknowns.

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial \hat{\beta}_1} = 0 : -2\sum (y_i - \hat{\beta}_1 x_i - \hat{\beta}_0)(-x_i) = 0$$
$$\sum x_i (y_i - \hat{\beta}_1 x_i - \hat{\beta}_0) = 0$$
$$\Rightarrow \sum (\hat{\beta}_1 x_i^2 + \hat{\beta}_0 x_i) = \sum (x_i y_i)$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial \hat{\beta}_0} = 0 : -2 \sum (y_i - \hat{\beta}_1 x_i - \hat{\beta}_0)(-1) = 0$$
$$\sum (y_i - \hat{\beta}_1 x_i - \hat{\beta}_0) = 0$$
$$\Rightarrow \sum (\hat{\beta}_1 x_i + \hat{\beta}_0) = \sum y_i$$

Design matrix of error function: 
$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} \begin{bmatrix} x_i^2 & x_i \\ x_i & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\beta}_1 \\ \hat{\beta}_0 \end{bmatrix} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \begin{bmatrix} x_i y_i \\ y_i \end{bmatrix}$$

3. Examine the Hessian matrix to determine if the solutions are at a minimum, i.e.

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \hat{\beta}_0^2} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \hat{\beta}_0 \hat{\beta}_1} \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \hat{\beta}_0 \hat{\beta}_1} & \frac{\partial f}{\partial \hat{\beta}_1^2} \end{bmatrix}$$
 is positive definite.

18.3 Least-squares estimates for  $\beta_0$  and  $\beta_1$ 

$$\hat{\beta}_0 = \overline{y} - \hat{\beta}_1 \overline{x}$$

$$\hat{\beta}_1 = \frac{S_{xy}}{S_{xx}} = \frac{\sum x_i y_i - n \overline{x} \overline{y}}{\sum x_i^2 - n \overline{x}^2}$$

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•  $y = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x$  is called the estimated regression line or least-squares line

#### 18.4 Residuals and fitted values

- Residual,  $y_i \hat{y_i}$ 
  - $\circ\,$  The difference between the observed value  $y_i$  and the fitted value  $\hat{y_i}$
  - $\circ$  Positive residual  $\rightarrow$  observed point lies above the least-squares line
  - $\circ$  Negative residual  $\rightarrow$  observed point lies below the least-squares line
- Sum of residuals,  $y_i \hat{y}_i$ 
  - For an estimated regression line obtained by the least-squares method, the sum of residuals is zero:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} y_i - \hat{y_i} = 0$$

- Fitted values  $\hat{y_i}$ 
  - $\circ$  Obtained by substituting  $x_i$  into the regression line equation:

$$\hat{y_i} = \hat{\beta_0} + \hat{\beta_1} x_i$$

#### 18.5 The simple linear regression model

• The simple linear regression model can be described by the model equation

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + \varepsilon$$

where  $\varepsilon$  represents uncertainty of the model and is a normal N(0,  $\sigma^2$ ) RV.

- The line  $y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x$  is called the true/population regression line.
- Mean of Y, E(Y)

$$E(Y) = E(\beta_0 + \beta_1 x + \varepsilon)$$
$$= \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + E(\varepsilon)$$
$$= \beta_0 + \beta_1 x$$

• Variance of Y, V(Y)

$$V(Y) = V(\beta_0 + \beta_1 x + \varepsilon)$$
$$= 0 + V(\varepsilon)$$
$$= \sigma^2$$

# 18.6 Sum of squared error (SSE)

$$SSE = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left[ y_i - (\hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_i) \right]^2$$

- $\bullet$  Measures discrepancy between the data and the estimation model
- $\bullet$  Small SSE  $\to$  tight fit of estimation model to data

# 18.7 Estimating $\sigma^2$ of regression model

• An unbiased estimate for  $\sigma^2$  in the regression model is  $s^2$ :

$$s^{2} = \frac{SSE}{n-2} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_{i} - \hat{y}_{i})^{2}}{n-2}$$

- $\bullet$  Estimating  $\beta_0$  and  $\beta_1$  results in the loss of 2 degrees of freedom
  - $\circ$  Thus the denominator for  $s^2$  is n-2