

# STAT 230 Personal Notes

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## Important Counting Arrangements:

- $\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$  takes  $k$  items from  $n$  disregarding order
- $n!$  finds the arrangements of length  $n$  using each item in  $n$  once
- $n^{(k)} = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!}$  finds the arrangements of length  $k$  using each item from  $n$  at most once
- $n^k$  finds the arrangements of length  $k$  using the items from  $n$  as often as wanted

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# INTRODUCTION TO PROBABILITY

## 1.1 Definitions of Probability

**Def** Randomness: Caused by (1) variability in population and (2) variability in processes

**Def** Sample Space ( $S$ ): All distinct possible outcomes to a random experiment

Note: Continues in 2.1

**Def** Probability: Can be defined in 3 ways:

1. **Def** Classical: Provided all points in  $S$  are equal,

$$\frac{\text{number of ways the event can occur}}{\text{number of outcomes in } S}$$

Note: Continues in 2.1

2. **Def** Relative Frequency: The portion of times an event has happened after repetitions of an experiment.
3. **Def** Subjective Probability: How sure an individual is that an event will happen.

**Def** Probability Model:

- The sample space is defined
- A set of events (subset of  $S$ ) is defined
- A mechanism for assigning probabilities is defined

# MATHEMATICAL PROBABILITY MODELS

## 2.1 Sample Spaces and Probability

**Def** Sample Space ( $S$ ) Continued: All distinct possible outcomes to a random experiment

- In a single trial, one and only one outcome can occur
- The sample space does not need to be uniquely defined ( $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$  or  $S = \{\text{Even}, \text{Odd}\}$ )
- May be discrete ( $S = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$  or  $S = \{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{8}, \dots\}$ ) or non-discrete ( $S = \{x : x > 0\}$ )

**Def** Simple Event: The subset of the event  $A \in S$  contains only a single point where  $S$  is discrete ( $A = \{a_1\}$ )

**Def** Compound Event: The subset of the event  $A \in S$  contains two or more simple events ( $A = \{a_1, a_2, \dots\}$ )

**Def** Probability Distribution : The probability distribution on  $S$  is the set of probabilities  $\{P(a_i), i = 1, 2, \dots\}$  where the following conditions hold:

- $0 \leq P(a_i) \leq 1$
- $\sum_{\text{all } i} P(a_i) = 1$

**Def** Probability: The probability of an event  $A$  occurring is

$$P(A) = \sum_{a \in A} P(a)$$

**Def** Odds: The odds of an event  $A$  occurring is

$$\frac{P(A)}{1 - P(A)}$$

Note: The odds against the event is the reciprocal

## PROBABILITY AND COUNTING TECHNIQUES

### 3.1 Addition and Multiplication Rules

**Def** Uniform Probability Model: A set where each simple event has probability  $\frac{1}{n}$

**Def** Addition Rule: Suppose we can do job 1 in  $p$  ways and job 2 in  $q$  ways. Then we can do either job 1 **OR** job 2 (but not both), in  $p + q$  ways

**Def** Multiplication Rule: Suppose we can do job 1 in  $p$  ways and, for each of these ways, we can do job 2 in  $q$  ways. Then we can do both job 1 **AND** job 2 in  $p \times q$  ways

### 3.2 Counting Arrangements or Permutations

**Def** Permutations: A sample space which is a set of arrangements or sequences

**Def**  $n$  to  $k$  factors: A product is said to have  $n$  to  $k$  factors if

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

**Def** Stirling's Approximation: An approximation to  $n!$  for large  $n$  values

$$n! \approx \left(\frac{n}{e}\right)^n \sqrt{2\pi n}$$

Note: For  $n \geq 8$ , the error is less than 0.01

**Def** Complement: The complement of  $A$ , denoted  $\bar{A}$ , is the set of all outcomes in  $S$  that are not in  $A$

### 3.3 Counting Subsets or Combinations

**Def** Combinatorial: " $n$  choose  $k$ " is used to denote the number of subsets (with no order) of size  $k$  that can be selected from the set of  $n$  objects

$$\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n^{(k)}}{k!} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$$

Note: Properties of  $\binom{n}{k}$  are as follows

- $n^{(k)} = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!} = n(n-1)^{(k-1)}$  for  $k \geq 1$
- $\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} = \frac{n^{(k)}}{k!}$
- $\binom{n}{k} = \binom{n}{n-k}$  for all  $k = 0, 1, \dots, n$
- If we define  $0! = 1$ , then the formulas hold with  $\binom{n}{0} = \binom{n}{n} = 1$
- $\binom{n}{k} = \binom{n-1}{n-k} + \binom{n-1}{k}$
- **Binomial Theorem:**  $(1+x)^n = \binom{n}{0} + \binom{n}{1}x + \binom{n}{2}x^2 + \dots + \binom{n}{n}x^n$

## PROBABILITY RULES AND CONDITIONAL PROBABILITY

### 4.1 General Methods

**Proved** Set-Theoretic Rules:

1.  $P(S) = 1$
2. For an event  $A$ ,  $0 \leq P(A) \leq 1$
3. For  $A \subseteq B$ ,  $P(A) \leq P(B)$

**Def** Union: If  $A$  or  $B$  occur (inclusive), the event occurred

$$A \cup B$$

**Def** Intersection: If  $A$  and  $B$  occur, the event occurred

$$A \cap B$$

Note: Often shortened to  $AB$

**Def** Complement: If  $A$  did not occur, the event occurred

$$\overline{A}$$

Note:  $\overline{S} = \emptyset$

**Proved** De Morgan's Laws:

1.  $\overline{A \cup B} = \overline{A} \cap \overline{B}$
2.  $\overline{A \cap B} = \overline{A} \cup \overline{B}$



## 4.2 Rules for Unions of Events

**Proved** Addition Law of Probability or the Sum Rule:

$$4. \text{ A } P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$$

**Proved** Probability of the Union of Three Event:

$$4. \text{ B } P(A \cup B \cup C) = P(A) + P(B) + P(C) - P(A \cap B) - P(A \cap C) - P(B \cap C) + P(A \cap B \cap C)$$

**Proved** Probability of the Union of  $n$  Events:

$$4. \text{ C } P(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_n) = \sum_i P(A_i) - \sum_{i < j} P(A_i A_j) + \sum_{i < j < k} P(A_i A_j A_k) - \dots$$

**Def** Mutually Exclusive: Events  $A$  and  $B$  are mutually exclusive if

$$A \cap B = \emptyset$$

**Proved** Probability of the Union of Two Mutually Exclusive Events: Let  $A, B$  be mutually exclusive, then

$$5. \text{ A } P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B)$$

**Proved** Probability of the Union of  $n$  Mutually Exclusive Events: Let  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$  be mutually exclusive, then

$$5. \text{ B } P(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n P(A_i)$$

**Proved** Probability of the Complement of an Event:

$$6. P(A) = 1 - P(\bar{A})$$

### 4.3 Intersections of Events and Independence

**Def** Independent Events: Events are independent if and only if

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

**Def** Mutually Independent: Events  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$  are mutually independent if and only if

$$P(A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_n) = P(A_1)P(A_2) \dots P(A_n)$$

for all sets  $\{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k\}$  of distinct subscripts chosen from  $(1, 2, \dots, n)$

Note: Often referred to as "independent"

### 4.4 Conditional Probability

**Def** Conditional Events: If an event  $B$  occurred, the probability that  $A$  occurs is the conditional probability of  $A$  given  $B$

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

Note: If  $A$  and  $B$  are independent, then  $P(A | B) = P(A)$

**Theorem 10:** The events  $A$  and  $B$  are independent if and only if

$$P(A | B) = P(A) \text{ or } P(B | A) = P(B)$$

### 4.5 Product Rules, Law of Total Probability and Bayes' Theorem

**Proved** Product Rules: Let  $P(A) > 0, P(A \cap B) > 0, P(A \cap B \cap C) > 0$

7.
  - $P(AB) = P(A)P(B | A)$
  - $P(ABC) = P(A)P(B | A)P(C | AB)$
  - $P(ABCD) = P(A)P(B | A)P(C | AB)P(D | ABC)$

**Proved** Law of Total Probability: Let  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_k$  be a partition of the sample space into mutually exclusive (disjoint) events. Let  $B$  be an event in  $S$ . Then

$$P(B) = P(BA_1) + P(BA_2) + \dots + P(BA_k) = \sum_{i=1}^k P(B | A_i)P(A_i)$$

**Proved** Bayes' Theorem: Let  $P(B) > 0$ . Then

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

## 4.6 Useful Series and Sums

### Geometric Series

$$\text{if } t \neq 1, \text{ then } \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} t^i = 1 + t + t^2 + \dots + t^{n-1} = \frac{1-t^n}{1-t}$$

$$\text{if } |t| < 1, \text{ then } \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} t^x = 1 + t + t^2 + \dots = \frac{1}{1-t}$$

and thus with higher derivatives,

$$\text{if } |t| < 1, \text{ then } \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} x t^{x-1} = \frac{1}{(1-t)^2}$$

### Binomial Theorem

$$\text{if } n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and } t \in \mathbb{R}, \text{ then } (1+t)^n = 1 + \binom{n}{1}t + \binom{n}{2}t^2 + \dots + \binom{n}{n}t^n = \sum_{x=0}^n \binom{n}{x} t^x$$

$$\text{if } n \notin \mathbb{N} \text{ and } |t| < 1, \text{ then } (1+t)^n = \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \binom{n}{x} t^x$$

### Multinomial Theorem

$$\text{if } n \in \mathbb{N}, \text{ then } (t_1 + t_2 + \dots + t_k)^n = \sum \frac{n!}{x_1! x_2! \dots x_k!} t_1^{x_1} t_2^{x_2} \dots t_k^{x_k}$$

where the summation is over all non-negative integers such that  $x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_k = n$

Note: See page 62

### Hypergeometric Identity

$$\sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \binom{a}{x} \binom{b}{n-x} = \binom{a+b}{n}$$

**Exponential Series** Let  $f(x) = e^x$  and  $f^{(k)}(0) = 1$  for  $k = 1, 2, \dots$

$$\text{if } t \in \mathbb{R}, \text{ then } e^t = \frac{t^0}{0!} + \frac{t^1}{1!} + \frac{t^2}{2!} + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^n}{n!}$$

### Special Integer Series

- $1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$
- $1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + n^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$
- $1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \dots + n^3 = \left(\frac{n(n+1)}{2}\right)^2$

## DISCRETE RANDOM VARIABLES

### 5.1 Random Variables and Probability Functions

**Def** Random Variable: A function that assigns a real number to each point in a sample space  $S$

$$X = x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots$$

Note: The full sample space must be a union of the events of each element in  $X$

**Def** Discrete Random Variable: Takes values in a countable set

**Def** Continuous Random Variable: Takes values in an interval, not countable

**Def** Probability Function: Let  $X$  be a discrete random variable with  $\text{range}(X) = A$

$$f(x) = P(X = x)$$

1.  $f(x) \geq 0, \forall x \in A$
2.  $\sum_{x \in A} f(x) = 1$

Note: Make sure to state the domain of the function

**Def** Probability Distribution: The set of pairs

$$\{(x, f(x)) : x \in A\}$$

**Def** Cumulative Distribution Function: The sum of all previous probability functions

$$F(x) = \sum_{u \leq x} f(u) = P(X \leq x) \text{ for all } x \in \mathbb{R}$$

1.  $F(x)$  is non-decreasing
2.  $0 \leq F(x) \leq 1$
3.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} F(x) = 0$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} F(x) = 1$

## 5.2 Discrete Uniform Distribution

**Physical Setup** For a range of  $X$  of  $\{a, \dots, b\}$ , where each integer is equally probable

Note: With replacement

Note: Parameters  $a$ , and  $b$

**Probability Function** For  $b - a + 1$  values in the set, each has  $\frac{1}{b-a+1}$ , thus

$$f(x) = P(X = x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a+1} & \text{for } x \in \{a, \dots, b\} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

## 5.3 Hypergeometric Distribution

**Physical Setup** A collection of  $N$  objects with  $r$  of  $S$  and  $N - r$  of  $F$ .  $X$  is the number of successes obtained

Note: Without replacement

Note: Parameters  $r$ ,  $N$ , and  $n$

**Probability Function** For  $x \geq \max(0, n - N + r)$  and  $x \leq \min(r, n)$

$$f(x) = P(X = x) = \frac{\binom{r}{x} \binom{N-r}{n-x}}{\binom{N}{n}}$$

## 5.4 Binomial Distribution

**Physical Setup** A experiment with outcome  $P(S) = p$  and  $P(F) = 1 - p$  repeated for  $n$  independent times (Bernoulli Trials).

$$\sim \text{Binomial}(n, p)$$

Note: With replacement

Note: Parameters  $n$ , and  $p$

Note: If  $p = 0$  or  $p = 1$ , then  $X$  is said to be a degenerate random variable

**Probability Function** For  $0 \leq x \leq n$  and  $0 < p < 1$

$$f(x) = P(X = x) = \binom{n}{x} p^x (1 - p)^{n-x}$$

## 5.5 Negative Binomial Distribution

**Physical Setup** A experiment with outcome  $P(S) = p$  and  $P(F) = 1 - p$  repeated for until  $S$  is obtained for the  $k^{th}$  time.  $X$  is the number of failures before the  $k^{th}$  success

$$\sim \text{NegativeBinomial}(k, p)$$

Note: With replacement

Note: Parameters  $k$ , and  $p$

**Probability Function** For  $0 \leq x$  and  $0 < p < 1$

$$f(x) = P(X = x) = \binom{x+k-1}{x} p^k (1-p)^x$$

## 5.6 Geometric Distribution

**Physical Setup** The negative Binomial Distribution with  $k = 1$

$$\sim \text{Geometric}(p)$$

## 5.7 Poisson Distribution from Binomial

**Physical Setup** Restrict the product  $np = \mu$ , then take the Binomial Distribution as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  (thus  $p \rightarrow 0$ )

$$\sim \text{Poisson}(\mu)$$

Note: Used when  $n$  is large and  $p$  is small

Note: If  $n$  is large and  $p$  is large, switch "failure" vs "success"      Note: If  $\mu = 0$  then is said to be a degenerate distribution

**Probability Function** When  $np = \mu$ , For  $x \geq 0$

$$f(x) = \frac{\mu^x e^{-\mu}}{x!}$$

## 5.8 Poisson Distribution from Poisson Process

**def** Order Notation:  $g(\Delta t) = o(\Delta t)$  as  $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$  means  $g$  approaches 0 faster than  $\Delta t$  approaches 0

$$\frac{g(\Delta t)}{\Delta t} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } \Delta t \rightarrow 0$$

**Physical Setup** A situation where certain events occur at random points of time and follow the Poisson Process

1. **Independence:** Occurrences in non-overlapping intervals are independent
2. **Individuality:** Events do not occur in clusters, that is

$$P(2 \text{ or more events in } (t, t + \Delta t)) = o(\Delta t) \text{ as } \Delta t \rightarrow 0$$

3. **Homogeneity/Uniformity:** The probability of one occurrence in an interval  $(t, t + \Delta t)$  is  $\lambda \Delta t$  for small  $\Delta t$

Note:  $\lambda$  is the intensity or rate of occurrence parameter, thus  $\lambda t$  is the average number of occurrences per  $t$  units of time

Note: If  $n$  is large and  $p$  is large, switch "failure" vs "success"

**Probability Function** Let  $f_t(x)$  be the probability of  $x$  occurrences over the interval  $t$ . For  $x \geq 0$

$$f_t(x) = f(x) = \frac{(\lambda t)^x e^{-\lambda t}}{x!}$$

## COMPUTATIONAL METHODS WITH R

no thanks



## EXPECTED VALUE AND VARIANCE

### 7.1 Summarizing Data on Random Variables

**def** Frequency Distribution: The number of times each value of  $X$  occurred

**def** Sample Mean: The average for a particular sample, the mean of  $n$  outcomes  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  for random variable  $X$  is

$$\bar{x} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{x_i}{n}$$

**def** Median: The value such that half of results are below and half the results are above when arranged in numerical order

**def** Mode: The value which occurs the most often.

Note: There is no guarantee of a single mode

### 7.2 Expectation of a Random Variable

**def** Expected Value: Let  $X$  be a discrete random variable with  $range(X) = A$  and probability function  $f(x)$ , then

$$\mu = E(X) = \sum_{x \in A} x f(x)$$

**Proved** Theorem 17: Let  $X$  be a discrete random variable with  $range(X) = A$  and probability function  $F(x)$ . Then the expected value of some  $g(X)$  of  $X$  is

$$E[g(X)] = \sum_{x \in A} g(x) f(x)$$

Note:  $E[g(X)]$  is the average value (expected value) of  $g(X)$  in an infinite series of repetitions of the process where  $X$  is defined

**Proved** Linearity Properties of Expectation: For constants  $a, b$

$$E[ag(X) + b] = aE[g(X)] + b$$

### 7.3 Means and Variances of Distributions

**Proved** Expected value of a Binomial random variable: Let  $X \approx \text{Binomial}(n, p)$

$$E(X) = np$$

**Proved** Expected value of the Poisson random variable: Let  $X$  have a Poisson distribution

$$E(X) = \lambda t$$

**Proved** Expected value of the Hypergeometric random variable: Let  $X$  have a Hypergeometric distribution

$$E(X) = \frac{nr}{N}$$

**Proved** Expected value of the Negative Binomial random variable: Let  $X$  have a Negative Binomial distribution

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

**def** Variance: The average square distance from the mean, that is

$$\sigma^2 = \text{Var}(X) = E[(X - \mu)^2]$$

$$(1): \text{Var}(X) = E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2 = E(X^2) - \mu^2$$

$$(2): \text{Var}(X) = E[X(X-1)] + E(X) - [E(X)]^2 = E[X(X-1)] + \mu - \mu^2$$

**def** Standard Deviation: The square root of the variance, that is

$$\sigma = \text{sd}(X) = \sqrt{\text{Var}(X)} = \sqrt{E[(X - \mu)^2]}$$

**Proved** Variance of a Binomial random variable: Let  $X \approx \text{Binomial}(n, p)$

$$\text{Var}(X) = np(1-p)$$

**Proved** Variance of a Poisson random variable: Let  $X$  have a Poisson distribution

$$\text{Var}(X) = \mu$$

(2): The variance is equal to the mean

**Proved** If  $a, b$  are constants,  $Y = aX + b$ , and  $\mu_X = E(X), \sigma_X^2 = \text{Var}(X), E(Y) = \mu_Y, \text{Var}(Y) = \sigma_Y^2$ , then

$$\mu_Y = E(Y) = aE(X) + b = a\mu_X + b$$

and

$$\sigma_Y^2 = \text{Var}(Y) = a^2 \text{Var}(X) = a^2 \sigma_X^2$$

## CONTINUOUS RANDOM VARIABLES

### 8.1 Terminology and Notation

**def** Continuous Random Variables: Have a range of all possible values over an interval (or collection of intervals)

**def** Cumulative Distribution Function:

1.  $F(x)$  is defined for all real  $x$
2.  $F(x)$  is non-decreasing over all real  $x$
3.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} F(x) = 0, \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} F(x) = 1$
4.  $P(a < X < b) = P(a < X \leq b) = P(a \leq X < b) = P(a \leq X \leq b) = F(b) - F(a)$

**def** Probability Density Function: The likely hood of small intervals around specific  $x$  values

$$f(x) = \frac{dF(x)}{dx}$$

1.  $P(a \leq X \leq b) = F(b) - F(a) = \int_a^b f(x)dx$
2.  $f(x) > 0$
3.  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x)dx = \int_{\text{all } x} f(x)dx = 1$
4.  $F(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(u)du$

**def** Quantiles and Percentiles: For a cumulative distribution function  $F(x)$ , the  $p^{th}$  quantile is the value  $q(p)$  such that  $P[X \leq q(p)] = p$

Note:  $q(p)$  is the 100<sup>th</sup> percentile of distribution

Note:  $m = q(0.5)$  is the median of distribution

**def** Expected Value: For a continuous random variable,

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

## 8.2 Continuous Uniform Distribution

**Physical Setup** Over an interval  $[a, b]$ , each subinterval of a fixed length is equally likely

$$\sim \text{Uniform}(a, b)$$

Note: Parameters  $b > a$

**Probability Density Function**

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

**Cumulative Distribution Function**

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < a \\ \frac{x-a}{b-a} & a \leq x \leq b \\ 1 & x > b \end{cases}$$

**Mean**

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

**Variance**

$$\text{Var}(X) = \frac{(b-a)^2}{12}$$

**Def** Gamma Function: For  $\alpha > 0$ ,

$$\Gamma(\alpha) = \int_0^\infty y^{\alpha-1} e^{-y} dy$$

1. For  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $\Gamma(\alpha) = (\alpha - 1)\Gamma(\alpha - 1)$
2. For  $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\Gamma(\alpha) = (\alpha - 1)!$
3.  $\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \sqrt{\pi}$

## 8.3 Exponential Distribution

**Physical Setup** The time it takes it takes between occurrences of an event in the Poisson process

$$\sim \text{Exponential}(\theta)$$

Note: Parameters  $\lambda > 0$  is the average rate of occurrence

Note: Parameters  $\theta > 0$  is the waiting time until an occurrence

**Probability Density Function**

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda x} & x > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad \text{or} \quad f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\theta} e^{-\frac{x}{\theta}} & x > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

**Cumulative Distribution Function**

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x \leq 0 \\ 1 - e^{-\lambda x} & x > 0 \end{cases} \quad \text{or} \quad F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x \leq 0 \\ 1 - e^{-\frac{x}{\theta}} & x > 0 \end{cases}$$

**Mean**

$$E(X) = \frac{1}{\lambda} \quad \text{or} \quad \theta$$

**Variance**

$$\text{Var}(X) = \theta^2$$

**Def** Memoryless Property: The probability you have to wait  $c$  unit of time does not depend on how long you have been waiting, that is

$$P(X > c + b \mid X > b) = P(X > c)$$

## 8.4 Computer Generation of Random Variables

**Theorem 24** If  $F$  is an arbitrary cumulative distribution function and  $U \sim \text{Uniform}(0, 1)$  then  $X = F^{-1}(U)$  has cumulative distribution function  $F(x)$

## 8.5 Normal Distribution

**Physical Setup** A "bell curve", where  $X$  is a physical dimension of some kind

$$X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$$

Note: Parameters  $x, \mu \in \mathbb{R}$

Note: Parameters  $\sigma \in \mathbb{R}^+$

**Gaussian Distribution** Similar but with  $\sigma$  instead of  $\sigma^2$

$$X \sim G(\mu, \sigma)$$

### Probability Density Function

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2}$$

### Cumulative Distribution Function

$$F(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{y-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2} dy$$

### Mean

$$E(X) = \mu$$

### Variance

$$Var(X) = \sigma^2$$

**Def** Standard Normal Distribution: A normal distribution with  $\mu = 0$  and  $\sigma = 1$

$$N(0, 1)$$

**Theorem 25** Let  $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ ,  $Z = \frac{X-\mu}{\sigma}$ , then  $Z \sim N(0, 1)$  and

$$P(X \leq x) = P\left(Z \leq \frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)$$

## MULTIVARIATE DISTRIBUTIONS

### 9.1 Basic Terminology and Techniques

**Def** Joint Probability Function: For discrete random variables  $X, Y$ , the probability both occur

$$f(x, y) \geq 0 \text{ and } \sum_{\text{all } (x, y)} f(x, y) = 1$$

**Def** Marginal Probability: For a joint probability function  $f(x, y)$ , the probability when interested in only one random variable

$$f_1(x) = \sum_{\text{all } y} f(x, y)$$

**Def** Independent Random Variables: For a joint probability function  $f(x, y)$ , being independent means that

$$f(x, y) = f_1(x)f_2(y)$$

or generalized to

$$f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = f_1(x_1)f_2(x_2) \dots f_n(x_n)$$

**Def** Conditional Probability: For a joint probability function  $f(x, y)$ , if  $f_2(y) > 0$  then the conditional probability function of  $X$  given  $Y$  is

$$f_1(x | y) = \frac{f(x, y)}{f_2(y)}$$

**Theorem 29** If  $X \sim \text{Poisson}(\mu_1)$  and  $Y \sim \text{Poisson}(\mu_2)$  independently, then

$$T = X + Y \sim \text{Poisson}(\mu_1 + \mu_2)$$

**Theorem 30** If  $X \sim \text{Binomial}(n, p)$  and  $Y \sim \text{Binomial}(m, p)$  independently, then

$$T = X + Y \sim \text{Binomial}(n + m, p)$$

## 9.2 Multinomial Distribution

**Physical Setup** An experiment with  $k$  distinct outcomes with probability  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_k$ , repeated  $n$  times. Let  $X_i$  be the number of times  $i$  outcome occurs

$$(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_k) \sim \text{Multinomial}(n, p_1, p_2, \dots, p_k)$$

Note:  $p_1 + p_2 + \dots + p_k = 1$

Note:  $X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_k = n$

### Joint Probability Function

$$f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_p) = \frac{n!}{x_1! x_2! \dots x_p!} p_1^{x_1} p_2^{x_2} \dots p_k^{x_k}$$

## 9.3 Markov Chains

**Def** Markov Chain: A sequence of discrete random variables  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  which take integer states  $1, 2, \dots, N$ . There exists a certain transition probability matrix  $P$ , such that for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, N, j = 1, 2, \dots, N$

$$P(X_{n+1} = j \mid X_n = i) = P_{ij}$$

Note: Markov chains only depend on present state, not past states

**Did not complete reading, was optional for stat 230**

## 9.4 Covariance and Correlation

### Mean

$$E(g(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)) = \sum_{\text{all } (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)} g(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$$

**Proved** Property of Multivariate Expectation:

$$E[ag_1(X_1, X_2) + bg_2(X_1, X_2)] = aE[g_1(X_1, X_2)] + bE[g_2(X_1, X_2)]$$

**Def** Covariance: A way to measure the relation between  $X$  and  $Y$ , denoted as

$$\sigma_{XY} = \text{Cov}(X, Y) = E[(X - \mu_X)(Y - \mu_Y)] = E(XY) - E(X)E(Y)$$

Note:  $> 0$  means positively correlated,  $< 0$  negative means negatively correlated

**Theorem 35** If  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent then  $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = 0$



**Theorem 36** If  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent then,

$$E[g_1(X)g_2(Y)] = E[g_1(X)]E[g_2(Y)]$$

**Def** Correlation Coefficient: A way to measure the strength of the relation between  $X$  and  $Y$ , covariance scaled to  $[-1, 1]$  denoted as

$$\rho = \frac{Cov(X, Y)}{\sigma_X \sigma_Y}$$

Note: Since  $\rho$  has same sign as  $Cov(X, Y)$ , Theorems 35 and 36 hold

Note: As  $\rho \rightarrow \pm 1$ , the relation becomes linear

## 9.5 Mean and Variance of a Linear Combination of Random Variables

**Proved** Results for Means:

1.  $E(aX + bY) = aE(X) + bE(Y)$
2.  $E\left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n E(X_i)$
3. if  $\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$  then  $E(\bar{X}) = \mu$

**Proved** Results for Covariance:

1.  $Cov(X, X) = Var(X)$
2.  $Cov(aX + bY, cU + dV) = acCov(X, U) + adCov(X, V) + bcCov(Y, U) + bdCov(Y, V)$

**Proved** Variance of a linear combination:

$$Var(aX + bY) = a^2Var(X) + b^2Var(Y) + 2abCov(X, Y)$$

**Proved** Variance of a sum of independent random variables: Assume  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent,

$$Var(aX + bY) = a^2Var(X) + b^2Var(Y)$$

**Proved** Variance of a general linear combination of random variables:

$$Var\left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i X_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2 \sigma_i^2 + 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=i+1}^n a_i a_j Cov(X_i, X_j)$$

**Proved** Variance of a linear combination of independent random variables: Assume  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are independent,

1.  $Var\left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i X_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2 \sigma_i^2$
2. If  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  have the same variance, then  $Var(\bar{X}) = \frac{\sigma^2}{n}$

## 9.6 Linear Combinations of Independent Normal Random Variables

**Theorem 38** Linear Combinations of Independent Normal Random Variables:

1. Let  $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$  and  $Y = aX + b$ , then  $Y \sim N(a\mu + b, a^2\sigma^2)$
2. Let  $X \sim N(\mu_1, \sigma_1^2), Y \sim N(\mu_2, \sigma_2^2)$  be independent, then  $aX + bY \sim N(a\mu_1 + b\mu_2, a^2\sigma_1^2 + b^2\sigma_2^2)$
3. Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be independent  $\sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$  variables, then  $\sum_{i=1}^n X_i \sim N(n\mu, n\sigma^2)$  and  $\bar{X} \sim N\left(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{n}\right)$

## 9.7 Indicator Random Variables

**Def** Indicator Random Variables: Define a variable  $X_i$  where  $X_i = 0$  indicates the trial was a failure, while  $X_i = 1$  indicates the trial was a success

**Proved** Variance of a Hypergeometric random variable: Let  $X$  have a Hypergeometric distribution

$$Var(X) = n \left(\frac{r}{N}\right) \left(1 - \frac{r}{N}\right) \left(\frac{N-n}{N-1}\right)$$

# CENTRAL LIMIT THEOREM/MOMENT GENERATING FUNCTIONS

## 10.1 Central Limit Theorem

**Theorem 39** Central Limit Theorem: Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be independent random variables with the same distribution, mean  $(\mu)$ , and variance  $(\sigma^2)$ , then as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

$$S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \sim N(n\mu, n\sigma^2)$$

$$\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \sim N\left(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{n}\right)$$

Note: Better approximation for larger  $n$

Note: Better approximation when the distribution  $X_i$  is symmetric

**Def** Continuity Correction: Changing the bounds of  $P(10 \leq S_{100} \leq 20)$  to be offset by .5, thus  $P(9.5 \leq S_{100} \leq 20.5)$ . Sign of offset is decided by whether left/right hand Riemann sum corrects value (if past expected value make positive)

Note: Should not be applied to a continuous distribution

**Theorem 40** Normal Approximation to Poisson: Let  $X \sim \text{Poisson}(\mu)$ , then as  $\mu \rightarrow \infty$ , the cdf

$$Z = \frac{X - \mu}{\sqrt{\mu}} \sim N(0, 1)$$

Note:  $X \sim N(\mu, \mu)$

**Theorem 41** Normal Approximation to Binomial: Let  $X \sim \text{Binomial}(n, p)$ , then as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , the random variable

$$W = \frac{X - np}{\sqrt{np(1-p)}} \sim N(0, 1)$$

Note:  $X \sim N(np, np(1-p))$

## 10.2 Moment Generating Functions

**Def** Moment Generating Function: For a discrete random variable  $X$  and  $a > 0$ , the moment generating function is defined as

$$M(t) = E(e^{tX}) = \sum_{x \in \text{all}} e^{tx} f(x) < \infty$$

For a continuous random variable  $X$  and  $a > 0$ , the moment generating function is

$$M(t) = E(e^{tX}) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{tx} f(x) dx < \infty$$

Note: The  $k^{th}$  moment is  $E(X^k)$

**Theorem 43:** Let  $X$  have the moment generating function  $M(t)$  for  $t \in [-a, a]$ , then

$$E(X^k) = M^{(k)}(0)$$

**Proved** MGF of Binomial: Let  $X \sim \text{Binomial}(n, p)$ , then

$$M(t) = \sum_{x=0}^n \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x} = (pe^t + 1 - p)^n$$

**Proved** MGF of Poisson: Let  $X \sim \text{Poisson}(\mu)$ , then

$$M(t) = e^{-\mu + \mu e^t}$$

**Theorem 44** Uniqueness Theorem for Moment Generating Functions: Let  $X, Y$  have moment generating functions  $M_X(t), M_Y(t)$ , if  $M_X(t) = M_Y(t)$  for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  then  $X$  and  $Y$  have the same distribution

**Proved** MGF of Normal: Let  $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ , then

$$M(t) = e^{\mu t + \frac{\sigma^2 t^2}{2}}$$

**Proved** MGF of Exponential: Let  $X \sim \text{Exponential}(\theta)$ , then

$$M(t) = \frac{1}{1 - \theta t} \text{ for } t < \frac{1}{\theta}$$

## 10.3 Multivariate Moment Generating Functions

**Def** Joint Moment Generating Function: For random variables  $X, Y$ , the joint moment generating function is defined as

$$M(s, t) = E(e^{sX+tY})$$

Note: If  $X, Y$  are independent, then  $M(s, t) = M_X(s)M_Y(t)$

**Theorem 47:** The moment generating function of the sum of independent random variables is the product of individual moment generating functions

**Theorem 48:** Let  $X_i = N(\mu_i, \sigma_i^2)$  be independent where  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{R}$  then

$$\sum_{i=1}^n a_i X_i \sim N\left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i \mu_i, \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2 \sigma_i^2\right)$$

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