1 Probability

Definition. The **sample space** corresponding to an experiment is the set of all possible outcomes.

Definition. A probability measure on Ω is a function P from subsets of Ω to real numbers satisfying

- 1. $P(\Omega) = 1$
- 2. If $A \subset \Omega$, then P(A) > 0
- 3. If $A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset$, i.e. mutally disjoint, then

$$P(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A_i)$$

Definition. Counting method Suppose $\Omega = \{\omega_1, \omega_2, \dots, \omega_N\}$ and $P(\omega_i) = p_i$. To find probability of event A, we simply add the probabilities of ω_i that constitute A. If $P(\omega_i) = \frac{1}{N}$. If A can occur in any of mutually exclusive ways, then $P(A) = \frac{n}{N}$ or

$$P(A) = \frac{number\ of\ ways\ A\ can\ occur}{total\ number\ of\ outcomes}$$

Definition. Multiplication principle If there are p experiments and the first has n_1 possible outcomes, the second n_2, \dots , then there are a total of $n_1 \times n_2 \times \dots \times n_p$ possible outcomes for p experiments

Proof. By induction. When p=2, The outcome for the two experiments with m and n outcomes can be expressed as an ordered pair (a_i,b_j) . These pairs can be exhibited as entries of $m \times n$ rectangular array, in which the pair is in ith row and jth column. There are $m \times n$ entries in this array. Then Assume it is true for p=k, that is there are $n_1 \times_2 \times \cdots \times n_k$ possible outcomes for the first k experiments. Now we just apply the multiplication principle regarding the first k experiments and a single experiment and conclude that there are $(n_1 \times_2 \times \cdots \times n_k) \times n_{k+1}$ outcomes for the k+1 experiment. \square

Definition. A permutation is an ordered arrangement of objects.

Proposition. For a set of size n and a sample size r, there are n^r different ordered samples with replacement and $n(n-1)(n-2)\cdots(n-r+1)$ different ordered samples without replacement. Therefore, the number of ordering of n elements is $n(n-1)\cdots 1=n!$

Proposition. Combination The number of unordered samples of r objects selected from n objects without replacement is $\binom{n}{r}$. Binomial coefficient occurs in expansion

$$(a+b)^n = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{n}{k} a^k b^{n-k}$$

In particular $2^n = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{n}{k}$, which can be interpreted as the number of subsets of a set of n objects.

Example. Suppose n items in a lot and a sample size of r is taken. There are $\binom{n}{r}$ such samples. Suppose the lot contains k defectives. The probability that the sample contains exactly m defectives is modeled by

$$P(A) = \frac{\binom{k}{m} \binom{n-k}{r-m} s}{\binom{n}{r}}$$

Example. Capture/Recapture Method Estimate size of wildlife distribution. **Maximum likelihood** choose what value of n that makes the observed outcome most probable. The probability of the observed outcome as a function of n is called the **likelihood**. Assume there are n animals in the population, t animals are tagged. Then of the second sample of sizes m, t tagged animals are recaptured. We estimate t by the maximizer of the likelihood.

$$L_n = \frac{\binom{t}{r}\binom{n-t}{m-r}}{\binom{n}{m}}$$

Definition. let A and B be two events with $P(B) \neq 0$. The conditional probability of A given B is defined to be

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

Theorem. Multiplication Law Let A and B be events and assume $P(B) \neq 0$. Then

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

Theorem. Law of Total Probability Let B_1, B_2, \dots, B_n be such that $\bigcup_{i=1}^n B_i = \Omega$ and $B_i \cap B_j = \emptyset$ for $i \neq j$, with $P(B_i) > 0$ for all i. Then for any event A,

$$P(A) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} P(A|B_i)P(B_i)$$

Proof. B_i are mutually disjoint partition of sample space. To find the probability of event A, we sum the conditional probability of A given B_i , weighted by $P(B_i)$. Note,

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

$$= P(A \cap (\bigcup_{i=1}^{n} B_i))$$

$$= P(\bigcup_{i=1}^{n} (A \cap B_i))$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} P(A \cap B_i) \qquad \text{(since } A \cap B_i \text{ are disjoint)}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} P(A|B_i)P(B_i)$$

Theorem. Bayes' Rule Let A and B_1, \dots, B_n be events where B_i are disjoint, $\bigcup_{i=1}^n B_i = \Omega$, and $P(B_i) > 0$ for all i. Then

$$P(B_j|A) = \frac{P(A|B_j)P(B_j)}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} P(A|B_i)P(B_i)}$$

Definition. A and B are said to be **independent** events if $P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B)$. In general, A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n are **mutually independent** if for any subcollection $A_{i_1} \cap \dots \cap A_{i_m}$,

$$P(A_{i_1} \cap \cdots \cap A_{i_m}) = P(A_{i_1}) \cdots P(A_{i_m})$$

2 Random Variables

Definition. Suppose $X: S \to A$ is a discrete random variable defined on a sample space S. Then the **probability mass function** $f_X: A \to [0,1]$ is defined as

$$f_X(x) = P(X = x)$$

such that
$$\sum_{x \in A} f_X(x) = 1$$

In addition, the cumulative distribution function is defined to be

$$F(x) = P(X \le x)$$

Definition. The density function f(x) of a continuous random variable is a piecewise continuous function such that $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x)dx = 1$. Then for any a < b, the probability that X fails in the interval (a,b) is the area under the density function

$$P(a < X < b) = \int_{a}^{b} f(x)dx = F(b) - F(as)$$

The cumulative distribution function is defined to be

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

3 Joint Distribution

Definition. If X_1, \dots, X_n are jointly distributed random variables, their joint cdf is

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

Extrema and Order Statistics

Definition. Order statistic In statistics, the k-th order statistic of a statistical sample is equal to its k-th-smallest value. Let X_1, \dots, X_n be independent samples with a common cdf F_X and density f_X . Then the first order and nth order statistics are

$$X_{(1)} = V = min(X_1, \dots, X_n)$$
 $X_{(n)} = U = max(X_1, \dots, X_n)$

Note that $U \leq u$ iff $X_i \leq u$ for all i, thus

$$F_U(u) = P(U \le u) = P(X_1 \le u) \cdots P(X_n \le u) = [F_X(u)]^n$$

 $f_U(u) = nf_X(u)[F_X(u)]^{n-1}$

And note that $V \ge v$ iff $X_i \ge v$ for all i, thus

$$(1 - F_V(v)) = [1 - F_U(v)]^n \quad \Rightarrow \quad F_V(v) = 1 - [1 - F_U(v)]^n$$
$$f_V(v) = n f_X(v) [1 - F_X(v)]^{n-1}$$

Definition. The density of $X_{(k)}$, the kth-order statistic, is

$$f_k(x) = \frac{n!}{(k-1)!(n-k)!} f(x) F^{n-1}(x) [1 - F(x)]^{n-k}$$

4 Expected Value

Definition. If X is a discrete random variable with frequency function p(x), the expected value of X denoted by E(X), is

$$E(X) = \sum_{i} x_i p(x_i)$$

provided that $\sum_{i} |x_i| p(x_i) < \infty$. If the sum diverges, the expectation is undefined.

Remark. E(X) is also referred to as the **mean** of X and is often denoted by μ or μ_x

Definition. If X is a continuous random variable with density f(x), then

$$E(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f(x) dx$$

provided that $\int |x|f(x)dx < \infty$. If the integral diverges, the expectation is undefined.

Theorem. Markov's Inequality If X is a random variable with $P(X \ge 0) = 1$ for which E(X) exists, then $P(X \ge t) \le \frac{E(X)}{t}$

Proof. For discrete case,

$$\begin{split} E(X) &= \sum_x x p(x) \\ &= \sum_{x < t} x p(x) + \sum_{x \ge t} x p(x) \\ &\geq \sum_{x \ge t} x p(x) \qquad \text{(because all the sums are nonnegative)} \\ &\geq \sum_{x \ge t} t p(x) = t P(X \ge t) \end{split}$$

1 4 Expected Value

Theorem. Expectation of functions of RV Suppose that Y = g(X)

1. If X is discrete with frequency function p(x), then

$$E(Y) = \sum_{x} g(x)p(x)$$

provided that $\sum |g(x)|p(x) < \infty$

2. If X is continuous with density function f(x), then

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

provided that
$$\int |g(x)|f(x)dx < \infty$$

Proof. Prove for the discrete case. By definition

$$E(Y) = \sum_{i} y_i p_Y(y_i)$$

Let A_i denote the set of x mapped to y_i by g; that is, $x \in A_i$ if $g(x) = y_i$. Then

$$p_Y(y_i) = \sum_{x \in A_i} p(x)$$

and

$$E(X) = \sum_{i} \sum_{x \in A_{i}} p(x)$$

$$= \sum_{i} \sum_{x \in A_{i}} y_{i} p(x)$$
(Note that $\forall x \in A_{i}, g(x) = y_{i}$)
$$= \sum_{i} \sum_{x \in A_{i}} g(x) p(x)$$

$$= \sum_{i} g(x) p(x)$$

The last step follows because A_i are disjoint and every x belongs to some A_i

Theorem. Suppose that X_1, \dots, X_n are jointly distributed random variable and $Y = g(X_1, \dots, X_n)$

1. If the X_i are discrete with frequency function $p(x_1, \dots, x_n)$, then

$$E(Y) = \sum_{x_1, \dots, x_n} g(x_1, \dots, g_n) p(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

provided that
$$\sum_{x_1,\dots,x_n} |g(x_1,\dots,g_n)| p(x_1,\dots,x_n) < \infty$$

2. If X_i are continuous with joint density function $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$, then

$$E(Y) = \int \int \cdots \int g(x_1, \cdots, x_n) f(x_1, \cdots, x_n) dx_1 \cdots dx_n$$

provided that the integral with |g| in place of g converges.

Corollary. If X and Y are independent, E(XY) = E(X)E(Y)

Theorem. Expectation of linear combinations of RV If X_1, \dots, X_n are jointly distributed random variables with expectation $E(X_i)$ and Y is a linear function of X_i , $Y = a + \sum_{i=1}^{n} b_i X_i$, then

$$E(Y) = a + \sum_{i=1}^{n} b_i E(X_i)$$

Proof. Prove for continuous case in note p125

Definition. If X is a random variable with expected value E(X), the variance σ^2 of X is

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$$Var(X) = E\{[X - E(X)]^{2}\} = \begin{cases} \sum_{i} (x_{i} - \mu)^{2} p(x_{i}) & \text{If } X \text{ discrete} \\ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - \mu)^{2} f(x) dx & \text{If } X \text{ continuous} \end{cases}$$

provided that the expectation exists. The **standard deviation** σ of X is the square root of the variance

Theorem. If Var(X) exists and Y = a + bX, then $Var(Y) = b^2 Var(X)$

Proof. Note E(Y) = a + bE(X), hence

$$\begin{split} E[(Y-E(Y))^2] &= E\{[a+bX-a-bE(X)]^2\} \\ &= E\{b^2[X-E(X)]^2\} \\ &= b^2E\{[X-E(X)]^2\} \\ &= b^2Var(X) \end{split}$$

Theorem. The variance of X, if exists, may be calculated with

$$Var(X) = E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2$$

Theorem. Chebyshev's Inequality Let X be a random variable with mean μ and variance σ^2 . Then for any t > 0,

 $P(|X - \mu| > t) \le \frac{\sigma^2}{t^2}$

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Proof. Let $Y = (X - E(X))^2$ such that $E(Y) = E[(X - E(X))^2] = Var(X)$. Now we apply Markov's inequality to Y. Let t > 0 be arbitrary,

$$\begin{split} P(Y \geq t^2) \leq \frac{E(Y)}{t^2} \\ P((X - E(X))^2 \geq t^2) \leq \frac{Var(X)}{t^2} \\ P(|X - \mu| \geq t) \leq \frac{\sigma^2}{t^2} \end{split}$$

Remark. The interpretation is that if σ^2 is very small, there is high probability that X will not deviate much from μ . For another interpretation we set $t = k\sigma$ so that

$$P(|X - \mu| \ge k\sigma) \le \frac{1}{k^2}$$

This holds for any random variable with any distribution provided the variance exists. However, the real bounds are often much narrower

Definition. If X and Y are jointly distributed random variables with expectations μ_X and μ_Y , respectively, the **covariance** of X and Y is

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

Remark. Covariance is a measure of joint variability. If X, Y both tends positive, covariance is positive. If they are of different signs, covariance is negative.

Theorem. Suppose that $U = a + \sum_{i=1}^{n} b_i X_i$ and $V = c + \sum_{j=1}^{m} d_j Y_j$. Then

$$Cov(U, V) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{m} b_i d_j Cov(X_i, Y_j)$$

Remark. One application is since Var(X) = Cov(X, X)

$$Var(X+Y) = Cov(X+Y,X+Y) = Var(X) + Var(Y) + 2Cov(X,Y)$$

Corollary.

$$Var(a + \sum_{i=1}^{n} b_i X_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} b_i b_j Cov(X_i, X_j)$$

Corollary. If X_i are independent, then $Cov(X_i, X_j) = 0$ for $i \neq j$, we have

$$Var(\sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} Var(X_i)$$

Remark. Note $E(\sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} E(X_i)$ is true whether or not X_i are independent.

Definition. If X and Y are jointly distributed random variable and the variances and covariances of both X and Y exist and the variances are nonzero, then the correlation of X and Y, denoted by ρ , is

$$\rho = \frac{Cov(X, Y)}{\sqrt{Var(X)Var(Y)}} = \frac{\sigma_{XY}}{\sigma_X \sigma_Y}$$

Remark. Correlation is a dimensionless quantity, and as a result, does not change even if X and Y are subject to linear transformation

Theorem. $1 \le \rho \le 1$. Furthermore, $\rho = \pm 1$ if and only if P(Y = a + bX) = 1 for some constants a and b

4.5 Moment-generating function

Definition. The moment-generating function of a random variable X is $M(t) = E(e^{tX})$ if the expectation is defined,

$$M(t) = E[e^{tX}] = \begin{cases} \sum_{x} e^{tx} p(x) & X \text{ discrete} \\ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{tx} f(x) dx & X \text{ continuous} \end{cases}$$

Remark. The generating function using all moments m(t) can also be defined by a series

$$M(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} E(X^k) \frac{t^k}{k!} = 1 + E(X) \frac{t}{1!} + E(X^2) \frac{t^2}{2!} + \cdots$$

The idea is that if all moments exist and $E(e^{tX})$ is defined then M(t) completely characterizes the distribution of X

Proposition. If the moment-generating function exists for t in an open interval containing zero, it uniquely determines the probability distribution

$$M_X(t) = M_Y(t) \rightarrow F_X(t) = F_Y(t)$$

Remark. If two random variable have same mggf in an open interval containing zero, they have the same distribution

Proposition. The kth moment of a random variable is $E(X^k)$ if the expectation exists. Specifically, if the moment-generating function exists in an open interval containing zero, then

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

Remark. Moments can be extracted from the moment generating function using derivatives with respect to t

$$\frac{d^k}{dt^k}M(t) = \frac{d^k}{dt^k}E(e^{tX}) = E(X^k e^{tX})|_{t=0} = E(X^k)$$

Proposition. If X_1, \dots, X_n are independent and $S = \sum X_i$ then

$$M_S(t) = \prod_{i=1}^n M_{X_i}(t)$$

Proof. For example, if X and Y are independent (E(XY) = E(X) + E(Y)) then

$$M_{X+Y}(t) = E(e^{X+Y}) = E(e^{tX}e^{tY}) = E(e^{tX})E(e^{tY}) = M_X(t)M_Y(t)$$

Remark. For example, if X_1, \dots, X_n are i.i.d.

- 1. Bernoulli(p) then $\sum X_i \sim Binomial(n, p)$
- 2. Geometric(p) then $\sum X_i \sim NegBin(n, p)$
- 3. $Exp(\lambda)$ then $\sum X_i \sim Gamma(n, \lambda)$
- 4. Poisson(p) then $\sum X_i \sim Poisson(n\lambda)$
- 5. $Binomial(n_i, p)$ then $\sum X_i \sim Binomial(\sum n_i, p)$
- 6. $Normal(\mu_i, \sigma_i^2)$ then $\sum X_i \sim Normal(\sum n_i, \sum \sigma_i^2)$
- 7. $Gamma(\alpha_i, \lambda)$ then $\sum X_i \sim Gamma(\sum \alpha_i, \lambda)$

They are all easy to prove by using this property and the mgf of respective distribution

Proposition. If X has $mgf M_X(t)$ and Y = a + bX, then Y has $mgf M_Y(t) = e^{at} M_X(bt)$ **Definition.** A list of moment generating functions

1. $Poisson(\lambda)$

$$e^{\lambda(e^t-1)}$$

2. $Normal(\mu, \sigma^2)$

$$e^{t\mu + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 t^2}$$

3. $Gamma(k, \theta)$

$$(1-t\theta)^k$$

5 Limit Theorem

Theorem. Law of Large Numbers Let $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_i, \dots$ be a sequence of independent and identically distributed variables with $E(X_i) = \mu$ and $Var(X_i) = \mu^2$. Let $\bar{X}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$. Then, for any $\epsilon > 0$,

$$P(|\bar{X}_n - \mu| > \epsilon) \xrightarrow{n \to \infty} 0$$

Proof. Notice that X_n is a linear combination of X_i . We can find

$$E(X) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} E(X_i) = \mu$$

And since X_i are independent

$$Var(\bar{X}_n) = \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n Var(X_i) = \frac{\sigma^2}{n}$$

By Chebyshev's inequality, which states that for some $\epsilon > 0$

$$P(|\bar{X}_n - \mu| > \epsilon) \le \frac{Var(\bar{X}_n)}{\epsilon^2} = \frac{\sigma^2}{n\epsilon^2} \to 0 \text{ as } n \to \infty$$

Remark. The theorem states that the average of the results obtained from a large number of trials should be close to the expected value, and will tend to become closer as more trials are performed. i.e.

$$\bar{X}_n \to \mu \text{ as } n \to \infty$$

Definition. A sequence $\{X_i\}$ of random variables converges in probability (weakly) towards the random variable X if for all $\epsilon > 0$,

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} P(|X_n - X| \ge \epsilon) = 0$$

Remark. Law of large number is a special case of convergence in probability

Definition. The sequence X_n almost surely (strongly) towards X means that

$$P(\lim_{n\to\infty} X_n = X) = 1$$

Remark. In other words, X_n converges to X strongly if for every $\epsilon > 0$, $|X_n - X| > \epsilon$ only a finitely many times with probability 1; that is, beyond some point in the sequence, the difference is always less than ϵ

Definition. Converges in distribution Let X_1, X_2, \cdots be a sequence of random variables with cumulative distribution functions F_1, F_2, \cdots and let X be a random variable with distribution function F. We say X_n converges in distribution to X if

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} F_n(x) = F(x)$$

for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$ at which F is continuous

Theorem. Continuity Theorem Let F_n be a sequence of cumulative distribution functions with corresponding moment-generating function M_n . Let F be a cumulative distribution function with moment generating function M. If $M_n(t) \to M(t)$, i.e. $\lim_{n \to \infty} M_n(t) = M(t)$ for all t in an open interval containing zero, then $F_n(x) \to F(x)$ at all continuity points of F

Remark. So to prove that X_n converges in distribution to X we prove $M_n(t) \to M(t)$ in open interval containing zero, which implies that $F_n(x) \to F(x)$. One example is that standardized Poisson Random Variable

$$Z_n = \frac{X_n - E(X_n)}{\sqrt{Var(X_n)}} \to N$$

where $\{X_n\}$ is a sequence of Poisson RV with increasing λ and N is RV with standard normal distribution.

Proof. The mgf of X_n is

$$M_{X_n}(t) = e^{\lambda_n(e^t - 1)}$$

Then by property of mgf, we have

$$M_{Z_n}(t) = e^{-t\sqrt{\lambda_n}} M_{X_n}(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_n}}t)$$

By using power series expansion $e^x = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^k}{k!}$, we have

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} M_{Z_n}(t) = \lim_{n\to\infty} \exp(-t\sqrt{\lambda_n} - \lambda_n + \lambda + t\sqrt{\lambda} + \frac{t^2}{2!} + \frac{t^3}{\sqrt{\lambda_n}3!} + \cdots) = e^{\frac{t^2}{2}} = M_N(t)$$

where $M_N(t)$ is the mgf for standard normal. Hence by continuity theorem, we see that $F_{Z_n}(x) \to F_N(x)$, therefore Z_n converges in distribution to N

Definition. A random variable is **standardized** by subtracting its expected value E[X] and dividing the difference by standard deviation

$$Z = \frac{X - E[X]}{\sqrt{Var(X)}}$$

The effect of standardization on expected value and variance

$$E(Z) = \frac{E(X) - \mu}{\sigma} = 0$$
 and $Var(Z) = \frac{1}{\sigma^2} Var(X_n) = 1$

Theorem. Central Limit Theorem Let X_1, X_2, \cdots be a sequence of independent random variables where $E(X_i) = \mu$ and variance $Var(X_i) = \sigma^2$ and the common distribution function F and moment generating function M defined in neighborhood of zero. Let

$$S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$$

Then

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} P(\frac{S_n - n\mu}{\sigma\sqrt{n}} \le x) = \Phi(x) \text{ where } -\infty < x < \infty$$

where Φ is the standard normal cdf

Remark. Note the cdf F(x) is defined to be $P(X \le x)$; and that convergence in distribution is defined to be $\lim_{n\to\infty} F_n(x) \to F(x)$, then

$$Z_n = \frac{S_n - n\mu}{\sigma\sqrt{n}} \xrightarrow{d} \Phi(x)$$

One usage of CLT is to think of binomial random variable as the sum of independent Bernoulli random variable, whose distribution ccan be approximated by a normal distribution.

Theorem. Lindeberg-Levy Central Limit Theorem Let $\{X_n\}$ be an independent and identically distributed sequence of random variables such that $E(X_i) = \mu$ and $Var(X_i) = \sigma^2$.

Let sample average be $\bar{X}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^n X_i$ Then as n approaches infinity, the random variable $\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \mu)$ converges in distribution to a normal $N(0, \sigma^2)$

$$\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \mu) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, \sigma^2) \iff \frac{\bar{X}_n - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \xrightarrow{d} N(0, 1)$$

Remark. Note in this case the average is taken into consideration. Note the denominator is different in this case.