



# Day 9 – Hypothesis Testing + Probability Foundations

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## ◆ 1. Probability Basics

Probability = likelihood of an event happening.

- Formula:

$$P(E) = \frac{\text{Number of favorable outcomes}}{\text{Total possible outcomes}}$$

📌 Example: Toss a coin

- Sample space  $S = \{H, T\}$
- $P(H) = 1/2 = 0.5$

📌 Example: Roll a die

- $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$
  - $P(\text{odd}) = 3/6 = 0.5$
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## ◆ 2. Types of Events

- **Independent:** One event does not affect the other.

Example: Tossing 2 coins.

$$P(H \text{ on 1st AND } H \text{ on 2nd}) = 0.5 \times 0.5 = 0.25$$

- **Mutually exclusive:** Both cannot happen at the same time.

Example: Drawing a King and Queen at the same time from 1 card = 0.

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## ◆ 3. Conditional Probability

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

📌 Example: Deck of 52 cards

- $P(\text{King} \mid \text{Face card}) = \text{King face cards} / \text{total face cards} = 4/12 = 1/3$

## ◆ 4. Law of Total Probability

If events  $B_1, B_2, \dots, B_n$  partition the sample space:

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

📌 Example:

Factory has 3 machines: A(40%), B(35%), C(25%).

Defective probability: A(2%), B(3%), C(4%).

Overall defect rate =  $(0.4 \times 0.02) + (0.35 \times 0.03) + (0.25 \times 0.04) = \mathbf{0.0295 = 2.95\%}$

## ◆ 5. Bayes' Theorem

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

📌 Example: Medical Testing

- Disease prevalence = 1%
- Test detects correctly = 99%
- False positive = 5%

If test is positive, what is  $P(\text{person has disease})$ ?

$$P(\text{Disease} \mid \text{Positive}) = \frac{0.99 \times 0.01}{0.99 \times 0.01 + 0.05 \times 0.99} \approx 0.167$$

$$P(\text{Disease} \mid \text{Positive}) = \frac{0.99 \times 0.01}{0.99 \times 0.01 + 0.05 \times 0.99} \approx 0.167$$

👉 Even if test says "Positive", probability is only **16.7%** (because disease is rare).

## ◆ 6. Hypothesis Testing

- Hypothesis = claim about a population.
- **Null Hypothesis ( $H_0$ )** → No effect, no difference.
- **Alternative Hypothesis ( $H_1$ )** → There is effect, difference.

📌 Example: Average student height = 170 cm.

- $H_0: \mu = 170$
- $H_1: \mu \neq 170$

## ◆ 7. Errors in Testing

- **Type I error ( $\alpha$ )** → Rejecting  $H_0$  when true (false alarm).
- **Type II error ( $\beta$ )** → Not rejecting  $H_0$  when false (missed detection).

👉  $\alpha$  = significance level (usually  $0.05 = 5\%$ ).

## ◆ 8. Test Statistics

- **Z-test** → population variance known, large  $n$  ( $>30$ ).

$$Z = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu}{\sigma / \sqrt{n}}$$

- **t-test** → population variance unknown, small  $n$  ( $<30$ ).

$$t = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu}{s / \sqrt{n}}$$

📌 Example: Company claims avg. salary = ₹50,000.

Sample of 25 employees → mean = ₹48,000,  $s = ₹4,000$ .

$$t = \frac{48000 - 50000}{4000 / \sqrt{25}} = \frac{-2000}{800} = -2.5$$

Compare with t-table ( $df=24$ ). If  $|t| > \text{critical value} \rightarrow \text{reject } H_0$ .

## ◆ 9. Confidence Intervals

CI gives range of plausible values for mean.

$$CI = \bar{x} \pm Z_{\alpha/2} \cdot \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$$

📌 Example: Mean = 100,  $\sigma=15$ ,  $n=36$ , 95% CI.

$$CI = 100 \pm 1.96 \cdot \frac{15}{6} = 100 \pm 4.9$$

$$CI = (95.1, 104.9)$$

## Summary of Day 9

- Probability basics → events, independence, conditional, total probability, Bayes.
  - Hypothesis testing → Null vs Alternative, errors, p-values.
  - Z-test, t-test.
  - Confidence Intervals.
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