

01. PROBABILITY

- probability** of an event  $\rightarrow$  the limiting relative frequency of its occurrence as the experiment is repeated many times
- the **realisation**  $x$  is a constant, and  $X$  is a generator
  - running  $r$  experiments gives us  $r$  realisations  $x_1, \dots, x_r$

expectation

expectation of  $X$

<b>discrete:</b> mass function	<b>continuous:</b> density function
$E(X) := \sum_{i=1}^n x_i p_i$	$E(X) := \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f(x) \, dx$

expectation of a function  $h(X)$

$$E\{h(X)\} = \begin{cases} \sum_{i=1}^n h(x_i) p_i & X \text{ is discrete} \\ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(x) f(x) \, dx & X \text{ is continuous} \end{cases}$$

variance

$$\begin{aligned} \text{variance, } \text{var}(X) &:= E\{(X - \mu)^2\} \\ \text{standard deviation, } SD(X) &:= \sqrt{\text{var}(X)} \end{aligned}$$

law of large numbers

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LLN: for a function } h, \text{ as number of realisations } r \rightarrow \infty, \\ \bar{x} \rightarrow E(X), v \rightarrow \text{var}(X) \\ \frac{1}{r} \sum_{i=1}^r h(x_i) \rightarrow E\{h(X)\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{mean of realisations, } \bar{x} := \frac{1}{r} \sum_{i=1}^r x_i$$

$$\text{variance of realisations, } v := \frac{1}{r} \sum_{i=1}^r (x_i - \bar{x})^2$$

Monte Carlo approximation

$$E\{h(X)\} \approx \frac{1}{r} \sum_{i=1}^r h(x_i)$$

by LLN, as  $r \rightarrow \infty$ , the approximation becomes exact

joint distribution

- discrete:** mass function  $\Pr(X = x_i, Y = y_j) = p_{ij}$  where  $x_1, \dots, x_i$  and  $y_1, \dots, y_j$  are all possible values of  $X$  and  $Y$
- continuous:** density function  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow [0, \infty), \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) \, dx \, dy = 1$  for  $h : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, E\{h(X, Y)\} = \begin{cases} \sum_{i=1}^I \sum_{j=1}^J h(x_i, y_j) p_{ij} & X \text{ is discrete} \\ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(x, y) f(x, y) \, dx \, dy & Y \text{ is continuous} \end{cases}$

algebra of RV's

- let  $X, Y$  be RVs and  $a, b, c$  be constants
- $Z = aX + bY + c$  is also an RV
    - $z = ax + by + c$  is a realisation of  $Z$
  - linearity of expectation -  $E(Z) = aE(X) + bE(Y) + c$

covariance

let  $\mu_X = E(X), \mu_Y = E(Y)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{covariance, } \text{cov}(X, Y) &= E\{(X - \mu_X)(Y - \mu_Y)\} \\ \text{cov}(X, Y) &= E(XY) - \mu_X \mu_Y \\ \text{cov}(X, Y) &= \text{cov}(Y, X) \\ \text{cov}(X, X) &= \text{var}(X) \\ \text{cov}(W, aX + bY + c) &= a \text{cov}(W, X) + b \text{cov}(W, Y) \\ \text{var}(aX + bY + c) &= a^2 \text{var}(X) + b^2 \text{var}(Y) + 2ab \text{cov}(X, Y) \end{aligned}$$

joint, marginal & conditional distributions

let  $f(x, y)$  be the **joint** density and  $f_X(x), f_Y(y)$  be the **marginal** densities. then

$$f(x, y) = f_X(x) f_Y(y|x) = f_Y(y) f_X(x|y), \quad x, y \in \mathbb{R}$$

$f_Y(\cdot|x)$  is the **conditional** density of  $Y$  given  $X = x$   
 $f_X(\cdot|y)$  is the **conditional** density of  $X$  given  $Y = y$

independence

$$\begin{aligned} X, Y \text{ are independent} &\iff \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}, \\ &\begin{aligned} 1. \quad &f(x, y) = f_X(x) f_Y(y) \\ 2. \quad &f_Y(y|x) = f_Y(y) \\ 3. \quad &f_X(x|y) = f_X(x) \end{aligned} \\ X, Y \text{ are independent} &\Rightarrow \\ &\begin{aligned} \bullet \quad &E(XY) = E(X)E(Y) \\ \bullet \quad &\text{cov}(X, Y) = 0 \end{aligned} \end{aligned}$$

(the converse does not hold)

Distributions

$$\text{if } X \text{ is iid, then } \text{var}(\sum_{i=-1}^n x_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n \text{var}(x_i)$$

bernoulli

$$\bullet \quad X \sim \textit{Bernoulli}(p) \quad \Rightarrow \text{coin flip with probability } p$$

binomial

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet \quad X &\sim \textit{Bin}(n, p) \quad \Rightarrow n \text{ coin flips with probability } p \\ \bullet \quad X_i &\overset{i.i.d.}{\sim} \textit{Bernoulli}(p) \\ \bullet \quad E(X) &= \sum_{k=1}^n k \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k} \\ E(X) &= np, \quad \text{var}(X) = np(1-p) \end{aligned}$$

multinomial

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet \quad X &\sim \textit{Multinomial}(n, \mathbf{p}) \quad \Rightarrow n \text{ runs of an experiment with } k \text{ outcomes with probability vector } \mathbf{p} \\ &\quad \bullet \text{ An experiment with } k \text{ outcomes } E_1, \dots, E_k, \\ &\quad \quad \Pr(E_i) = p_i. \text{ For some } 1 \leq i \leq k, \text{ let } X_i \text{ be the number of times } E_i \text{ occurs in } n \text{ runs.} \\ &\quad \quad (X_1, \dots, X_k) \text{ has the multinomial distribution:} \\ &\quad \quad \Pr(X_1 = x_1, \dots, X_k = x_k) = \binom{n}{x_1 \dots x_k} \Pi_{i=1}^k p_i^{x_i} \\ \bullet \quad \text{combinatorially, } \binom{n}{x_1 \dots x_k} &= \frac{n!}{x_1! x_2! \dots x_k!} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} E(X) &= \begin{bmatrix} np_1 \\ np_2 \\ \vdots \\ np_k \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{var}(X_i) = np_i(1-p_i) \\ \text{var}(X) &= \textit{covariance matrix } M \text{ with} \\ m_{ij} &= \begin{cases} \text{var}(X_i) & \text{if } i = j \\ \text{cov}(X_i, X_j) & \text{if } i \neq j \end{cases} \\ \bullet \quad \text{cov}(X_i, X_j) &< 0 \\ \bullet \quad X_i &\sim \textit{Bin}(n, p_i) \\ &\quad \bullet E(X_i) = np_i, \quad \text{var}(X_i) = np_i(1-p_i) \\ \bullet \quad X_i + X_j &\sim \textit{Bin}(n, p_i + p_j) \\ &\quad \bullet \text{var}(X_i + X_j) = n(p_i + p_j)(1-p_i-p_j) \end{aligned}$$

Conditional expectation

discrete case

for r.v.s  $(X, Y)$ , let  $f_Y(\cdot|x_i)$  be the conditional mass function of  $Y$  given  $X = x_i$ .

$$\begin{aligned} E[Y|x_i] &:= \sum_{j=1}^J y_j f_Y(y_j|x_i) \\ \text{var}[Y|x_i] &:= \sum_{j=1}^J (y_j - E[Y|x_i])^2 f_Y(y_j|x_i) \end{aligned}$$

$E[Y|x_i]$  is like  $E(Y)$ , with conditional distribution replacing marginal distribution  $f_Y(\cdot)$ . likewise  $\text{var}[Y|x_i]$  is like  $\text{var}(Y)$

continuous case

$$\begin{aligned} E[Y|x] &:= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y f_Y(y|x) \, dy \\ \text{var}[Y|x] &:= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (y - E[Y|x])^2 f_Y(y|x) \, dy \end{aligned}$$

02. PROBABILITY (2)

mean square error (MSE)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{mean square error, } MSE &= E\{(Y - c)^2\} \\ \bullet \quad MSE &= \text{var}(Y) + \{E(Y) - c\}^2 \\ \bullet \quad Y \text{ and } X &\text{ are correlated:} \\ MSE &= \text{var}[Y|x] + \{E[Y|x] - c\}^2 \\ MSE &= E[(Y - c)^2|x] = E[\{Y - E(Y)\}^2|x] \\ &\quad \bullet \text{ to predict } Y, \text{ choose } c \text{ that depends on } x \end{aligned}$$

random conditional expectations

let  $X, Y$  be r.v.s.

- $E[Y|X]$  is a r.v. which takes value  $E[Y|x]$  with probability/density  $f_X(x)$
- $\text{var}[Y|X]$  is a r.v. which takes value  $\text{var}[Y|x]$  with probability/density  $f_X(x)$
- $E(E[X_2|X_1]) = E(X_2)$
- $\text{var}(E[X_2|X_1]) + E(\text{var}[X_2|X_1]) = \text{var}(X_2)$

mean MSE

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \text{var}[Y|x_i] \approx \textit{TODO}$$

cumulative distribution function (cdf)

for r.v.  $X$ , let  $F(x) = P(X \leq x)$

- domain:  $\mathbb{R}$ ; codomain:  $[0, 1]$

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

standard normal distribution

$$\begin{aligned} Z &\sim N(0, 1) \text{ has density function} \\ \phi(z) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left\{-\frac{z^2}{2}\right\}, \quad -\infty < z < \infty \\ \bullet \quad E(Z) &= 0, \quad \text{var}(Z) = 1 \\ &\quad \bullet E(Z) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} z \phi(z) \, dz \\ &\quad \bullet E(Z^2) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} z^2 \phi(z) \, dz \\ \bullet \quad E(Z^k) &= \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } k \text{ is odd} \\ 1 & \text{if } k \text{ is even} \end{cases} \\ \bullet \quad \text{CDF, } \Phi(x) &= P(Z \leq x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R} \\ &\quad \bullet \Phi(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x \phi(z) \, dz \end{aligned}$$

general normal distribution

let  $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$  and  $Y \sim N(\nu, \tau^2)$

**standardisation:**  $\frac{X-\mu}{\sigma} \sim N(0, 1)$

- summations:
  - for constants  $a, b \neq 0$ ,  $a + bX \sim N(a + b\mu, b^2\sigma^2)$
  - $X + Y \sim N(\mu + \nu, \sigma^2 + \tau^2 + 2\text{cov}(X, Y))$ 
    - $\text{cov}(X, Y) = 0, \quad \Rightarrow \quad X \perp Y$
    - $X \perp Y \quad \Rightarrow \quad X + Y \sim N(\mu + \nu, \sigma^2 + \tau^2)$
- for  $W = a + bX$ ,
  - density  $f_W(w) = \frac{d}{dw} F_W(w)$
  - cdf  $F_W(w) = P(X \leq \frac{w-a}{b}) = \Phi(\frac{w-a}{b})$

Central limit theorem

let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be iid rv's with expectation  $\mu$  and SD  $\sigma$ , with  $S_n \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$

**CLT**

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , the distribution of the standardised  $S_n = \frac{S_n - n\mu}{\sqrt{n}\sigma}$  converges to  $N(0, 1)$

- $E(S_n) = n\mu, \text{ var}(S_n) = n\sigma^2$
- for large  $n$ , approximately  $S_n \sim N(n\mu, n\sigma^2)$

Bernoulli

let  $X_i \sim \textit{Bernoulli}(p)$ . then

- $S_n \sim \textit{Binom}(n, p)$ 
  - for large  $n, S_n = N(np, np(1-p))$
- CLT: standardised  $\frac{S_n - np}{\sqrt{n}\sqrt{p(1-p)}} \rightarrow N(0, 1)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

$\chi^2$  RVs

let  $Z \sim N(0, 1)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} Z^2 &\sim \chi_1^2 \\ Z^2 &\text{ has } \chi^2 \text{ distribution with 1 degree of freedom} \\ E(Z^2) &= 1 \\ \text{var}(Z^2) &= E(Z^4) - \{E(Z^2)\}^2 = 2 \\ \text{let } V_1, \dots, V_n &\text{ be iid } \chi_1^2 \text{ RVs. then} \\ \bullet \quad V &= \sum_{i=1}^n V_i \text{ has a } \chi_n^2 \text{ distribution: } V \sim \chi_n^2 \\ \bullet \quad E(V) &= n \quad \text{var}(V) = 2n \end{aligned}$$

Gamma distribution

let  $\alpha, \lambda > 0$ . The *Gamma*( $\alpha, \lambda$ ) density is  $\frac{\lambda^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-\lambda x}, \quad x > 0$

where  $\Gamma(\alpha)$  is a number that makes density integrate to 1

- density of  $\chi_1^2$  RV  $= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} v^{-1/2} e^{-v/2}, \quad v > 0$

$$= \textit{Gamma}(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$$

- $\chi_n^2$  RV  $\sim \text{Gamma}(\frac{n}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$ 
  - $\chi_n^2$  is a special case of Gamma!
- if  $X_1 \sim \text{Gamma}(\alpha_1, \lambda)$  and  $X_2 \sim \text{Gamma}(\alpha_2, \lambda)$  are independent, then  $X_1 + X_2 \sim \text{Gamma}(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2, \lambda)$