

1. Below is the joint probability table for the discrete random variables X and Y . Suppose that the conditional probability $P(X = 1|Y = 10) = 0.5$.

	$Y = 6$	$Y = 8$	$Y = 10$	
$X = 1$	A	B	C	G
$X = 2$	0	D	E	0.2
$X = 3$	0.2	F	0.2	I
	0.4	H	0.4	1

- (a) Compute the values for A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H and I ? Are X and Y independent? Why or why not?
- (b) Compute mean $\mu_X (= E(X))$ and variance σ_X^2 of X ?
- (c) Compute conditional mean of X given $Y = 6, 8, 10$, that is, compute $E(X|Y = 6), E(X|Y = 8), E(X|Y = 10)$. Are X and Y mean independent?
- (d) Compute the covariance between X and Y ? Are X and Y correlated?

a.

- $A = 0.2, B = 0.0, C = 0.2, D = 0.2, E = 0.0, F = 0.0, G = 0.4, H = 0.2, I = 0.4$
- X and Y are dependent. A joint probability test shows that $P(X = 1, Y = 6) = 0.2 \neq P(X = 1) * P(Y = 6)$, $(0.2 \neq 0.4 * 0.4)$. Therefore, the variables are not independent.

	$Y = 6$	$Y = 8$	$Y = 10$	
$X = 1$	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.4
$X = 2$	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.2
$X = 3$	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.4
	0.4	0.2	0.4	1.0

b.

- $E(X) = 1 * 0.4 + 2 * 0.2 + 3 * 0.4 = 0.4 + 0.4 + 1.2 = 2$
- $\text{Var}(X) = E(X^2) - E(X)^2 = 0.8$
 - $E(X^2) = 1^2 * 0.4 + 2^2 * 0.2 + 3^2 * 0.4 = 0.4 + 0.8 + 3.6 = 4.8$
 - $E(X)^2 = 2^2 = 4$

c.

- $Y = 6, E(X) = (1 * 0.2 + 2 * 0.0 + 3 * 0.2) / 0.4 = (0.2 + 0.6) / 0.4 = 2$
- $Y = 8, E(X) = (1 * 0.0 + 2 * 0.2 + 3 * 0.0) / 0.2 = 0.4 / 0.2 = 2$
- $Y = 10, E(X) = (1 * 0.2 + 2 * 0.0 + 3 * 0.2) / 0.4 = (0.2 + 0.6) / 0.4 = 2$
- The conditional mean, $E(X | Y = y)$, is the same as the unconditional mean, $E(X)$. Therefore X is mean independent of Y

- $E(Y) = (6 * 0.4) + (8 * 0.2) + (10 * 0.4) = 2.4 + 1.6 + 4 = 8$
- $E(Y | X = 1) = (6 * 0.2 + 8 * 0.0 + 10 * 0.2) / 0.4 = (1.2 + 2) / 0.4 = 8$
- $E(Y | X = 2) = (6 * 0.0 + 8 * 0.2 + 10 * 0.0) / 0.2 = 1.6 / 0.2 = 8$
- $E(Y | X = 3) = (6 * 0.2 + 8 * 0.0 + 10 * 0.2) / 0.4 = (1.2 + 2) / 0.4 = 8$
- The conditional mean, $E(Y | X = x)$, is the same as the unconditional mean, $E(Y)$. Therefore Y is mean independent of X
- X and Y are mean independent.

d.

- $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = E(XY) - E(X)E(Y) = 16 - 16 = 0$
- $E(XY) = (1 * 6 * 0.2) + (3 * 6 * 0.2) + (2 * 8 * 0.2) + (1 * 10 * 0.2) + (3 * 10 * 0.2) = 1.2 + 3.6 + 3.2 + 2 + 6 = 16$
- $E(X) = 2, E(Y) = 8$
- X and Y are not correlated (since correlation is scaled from covariance)

2. You are having guests over for a mussel feast. In the morning you are at Joes Not-so-Fresh Fish Market trying to decide how many mussels to buy. From experience you know that about one out of every ten will not open (dead and hence not fresh) when cooked and must be thrown away. If you buy 60 mussels, what is the approximate probability that your feast will consist of less than 6 mussels?

$$P(X < 6) = P(X = 0) + P(X = 1) + P(X = 2) + P(X = 3) + P(X = 4) + P(X = 5)$$

$$P(X = 0) = C(60, 0) * (1/10)^0 * (9/10)^{60}$$

$$P(X = 1) = C(60, 1) * (1/10)^1 * (9/10)^{59}$$

$$P(X = 2) = C(60, 2) * (1/10)^2 * (9/10)^{58}$$

$$P(X = 3) = C(60, 3) * (1/10)^3 * (9/10)^{57}$$

$$P(X = 4) = C(60, 4) * (1/10)^4 * (9/10)^{56}$$

$$P(X = 5) = C(60, 5) * (1/10)^5 * (9/10)^{55}$$

3. There are N children in total in a small town. Someone wants to know what fraction or proportion p of the children have cavities. They take a random sample of n children. n_1 out of n children had cavities.

- Is the estimator $\frac{n_1}{n}$ unbiased for p ? is it also consistent? please explain.
- Assume $N = 200, n = 80, n_1 = 50$, and suppose that, in fact, 150 children in the town have cavities. Find the probability that more than 55 children have cavities in a random sample of 80 children.
- Assume $N = 200, n = 80, n_1 = 50$, obtain a 90% confidence interval for the proportion of children in the town with cavities.

- (d) Assume $N = 200, n = 80, n_1 = 50$, and suppose that you want to test the null hypothesis that the proportion of children in the town with cavities is 0.75 against the alternative hypothesis that it is not

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equal to 0.75. Using critical value, do you reject the test at 10% significance level? Next compute the p-value for this test, this time do you get the same test result at 10% significance level?

a.

- Yes, it is unbiased. If the true proportion of kids with cavities is p , and we randomly sample n kids, we would expect to find $p * n$ kids with cavities. That means $E[n_1] = p * n$, where n_1 is the number of kids with cavities. For our estimator \hat{p} , we have $E[\hat{p}] = E[n_1/n] = E[n_1] / n = p * n / n = p$. Therefore, \hat{p} is unbiased.
- The estimator is also consistent. This means that as the sample size n gets larger, the estimate should also get closer and closer to the true proportion value. We can verify this by checking if the variance of the estimator shrinks to zero as the sample size grows to infinity. The variance of the estimator is $\text{Var}(\hat{p}) = p(1 - p) / n$. As n grows to infinity, the variance converges to 0. This shows that the estimator is consistent.

b.

- Assuming a normal distribution, we can use the normal approximation to find the probability (as manually calculating $P(X > 55)$ for a large sample is impractical).
- For a hypergeometric distribution, the mean is $n * (K/N)$, and the variance is $n * (K/N) * (1 - K/N) * ((N-n)/(N-1))$.
 - mean = $80 * (150 / 200) = 60$
 - variance = $80 * (150 / 200) * (1 - 150 / 200) * ((200 - 80) / (200 - 1)) = 9.045$
 - standard deviation = $\sqrt{9.045} = 3.0075$
- Because this is a continuous distribution, a continuity correction needs to be applied. $P(X > 55)$ becomes $P(X > 55.5)$.
- $Z = (x - \text{mean}) / \text{standard deviation} = (55.5 - 60) / 3.0075 = -1.496$
- $P(Z > -1.496) = 1 - P(Z < -1.496) = 1 - 0.0673 = 0.9327$
- The probability that more than 55 children in the sample have cavities is approximately 93.27%

c.

- Confidence Interval = Sample proportion \pm Margin of Error = $0.625 \pm 0.0691 = [0.556, 0.694]$
 - Sample Proportion $p^{\wedge} = 50 / 80 = 0.625$
 - Margin of Error = $Z^* * \text{Standard Error} = 1.645 * 0.042 = 0.0691$
 - $Z^* = 1.645$ for standard 90% confidence interval
 - Standard Error (with finite population correction) = $\sqrt{p^{\wedge}(1-p^{\wedge})/n} * \sqrt{(N-n)/(N-1)} = \sqrt{0.625 * 0.375 / 80} * \sqrt{(200 - 80) / 199} = 0.042$
- The confidence interval is $[0.556, 0.694]$ for the proportion of children with cavities at 90% confidence level.

d.

- $H_0: p = 0.75$
- $H_1: p \neq 0.75$
- Significance Level: $\alpha = 0.10$
- Critical value method:
 - Standard Error (with finite population correction) = $\sqrt{0.75 * 0.25 / 80} * \sqrt{(200 - 80) / 199} = 0.0376$
 - Z-test statistic = $(p^{\wedge} - p_0) / SE = (0.625 - 0.75) / 0.0376 = -3.32$
 - Critical value = ± 1.645 (for two-tailed test at 10% significance level)
 - Since $Z = -3.32$ is less than the critical value -1.645 , it falls in the rejection region. We reject the null hypothesis.
- P-value method:
 - Z-test statistic = -3.32
 - p-value = $P(Z \leq -3.32) + P(Z \geq 3.32) = 2 * P(Z \leq -3.32) = 2 * 0.00045 = 0.0009$
 - Since p-value = 0.0009 is less than the significance level 0.10, we reject the null hypothesis.