# Probability and Statistics Review

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# **Probability and Statistics**

#### Probability

- deals with <u>predicting the likelihood of future events</u>
- theoretical branch of mathematics on the consequences of definitions
- For dice game, "each face will come up with probability
  1/6."

#### Statistics

- analyzes the frequency of past events
- applied mathematics trying to make sense of <u>real-world</u> <u>observations</u>
- For dice game, "I will watch a while, and keep track of how often each number comes up."

# **Probability**

- Experiment: a procedure which yields one of a set of possible outcomes
- Sample space S: set of possible outcomes s of an experiment
- Event: specified subset of the outcomes of an experiment
- Probability p(s) of an outcome s: a number with:

$$-0 <= p(s) <= 1$$
  
 $-\sum_{s \in S} p(s) = 1$ 

- Random variable V: numerical function(assignment) on the outcomes of a probability space
- Expected value E of a random variable V on sample space S:

$$E(V) = \sum_{s \in S} p(s) \cdot V(s)$$

# **Probability (example)**

- Experiment: tossing two six-sided dice
- Sample space S: 36 possible outcomes, namely

$$-S = \{(1,1),(1,2),(1,3),(1,4),(1,5),(1,6), \{(2,1),(2,2),(2,3),(2,4),(2,5),(2,6), (3,1),(3,2),(3,3),(3,4),(3,5),(3,6), \{(4,1),(4,2),(4,3),(4,4),(4,5),(4,6), (5,1),(5,2),(5,3),(5,4),(5,5),(5,6), \{(6,1),(6,2),(6,3),(6,4),(6,5),(6,6)\}$$

- Event: the event that the sum of the dice equals 7 or 11
  - $E = \{(1,6),(2,5),(3,4),(4,3),(5,2),(6,1),(5,6),(6,5)\}$
- Probability of the event: p(E) = 8/36
- Random variable V: V(s) = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 for each sample s
  - P(V=7) = 1/6, p(V=12) = 1/36
- Expected value E:

$$- E(V) = 1/6(1) + 1/6(2) + 1/6(3) + 1/6(4) + 1/6(5) + 1/6(6) = 21/6$$

## **Compound Events and Independence**

- Suppose half my students are female (event A), and Half my students are above median (event B). What is the probability a student is both A & B?
- Events A and B are independent iff

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

 Independence (zero correlation) is good to simplify calculations but bad for prediction (no information shared between events A and B)

# **Conditional Probability**

The conditional probability P(A|B) is defined:

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

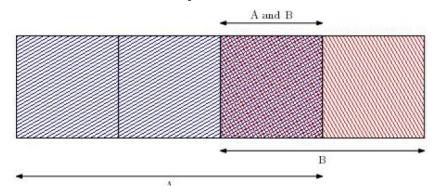
 Conditional probability get interesting only when events are *not* independent, otherwise:

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

# **Bayes Theorem**

 Bayes theorem is an important tool which reverses the direction of the dependences:

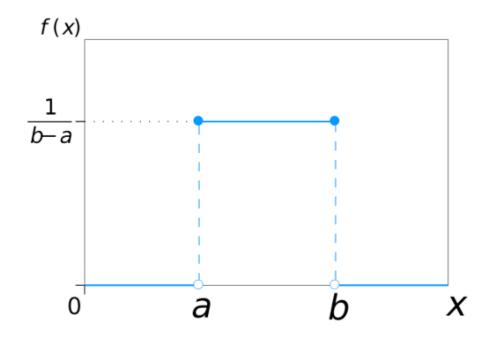
$$P(B|A) = \frac{P(A|B)P(B)}{P(A)}$$



- 확률분포
  - 확률변수 x 가 특정한 값을 가질 확률 정보
- Probability Density Function, PDF (확률밀도함수)
  - 연속 확률변수에서 확률변수의 분포
  - (ex) 키, 나이
- Probability Mass Function, PMF (확률질량함수)
  - 이산확률변수에서 특정값에 대한 확률
  - (ex) 주사위, 동전
- Cumulative Distribution Function, CDF (누적분포함수)

$$F_X(x) = P(X \le x)$$
  $F_{X,Y}(x,y) = P(X \le x, Y \le y)$ 

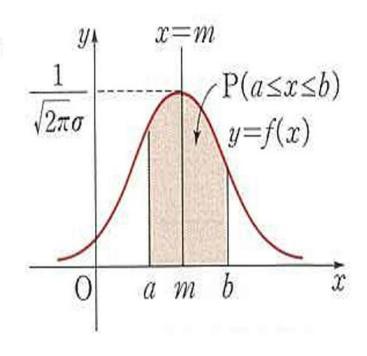
• Uniform Distribution(균일분포)



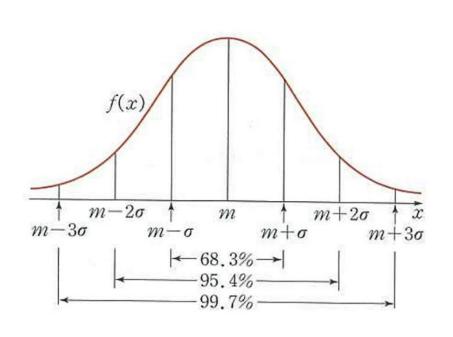
• Normal Distribution (정규분포)

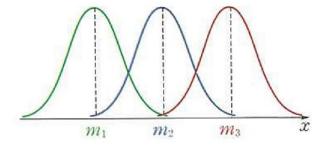
$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma}} e^{-\frac{(x-m)^2}{2\sigma^2}} (x$$
는 모든 실수)

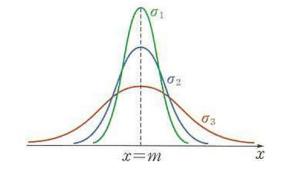
$$\int_{a}^{b} f(x)dx = \int_{a}^{b} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{(x-m)^{2}}{2\sigma^{2}}} dx$$



Normal Distribution (continued)

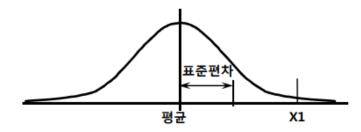




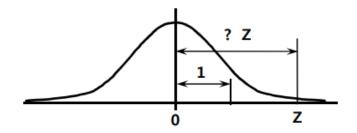


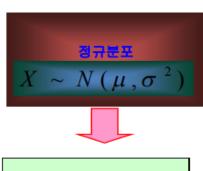
- 표준정규분포(Standard Normal Distribution)
  - 정규분포(평균 μ, 분산σ²)

확률변수 X는 X ~ N(μ, σ²)



표준정규분포(평균0, 표준편차1)
 확률변수 Z은 Z ~ N(0,1)





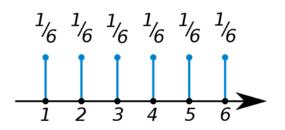
$$Z_i = \frac{x_i - \mu}{\sigma}$$

Z 변환



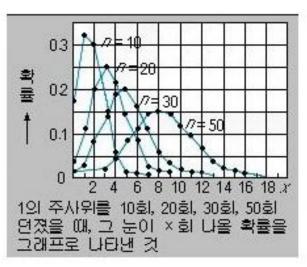


- Discrete random variable
  - (ex) 주사위를 한 번 던져 나올 값의 확률변수: X



 이항분포(Binomial Distribution): 여러 번의 연속 실험의 확률 (ex: 축구선수의 패널티킥 성공 확률이 0.8 일 때 10번 차서 7번 성공할 확률)

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



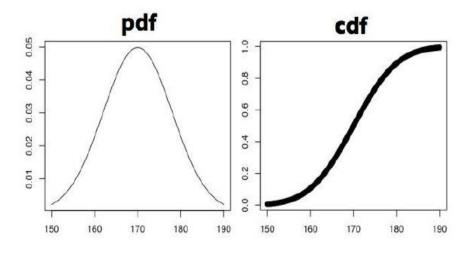
(\*) p가 0이나 1에 가깝지 않고 n이 충분히 크면 이항분포는 정규분포(가우스분포)에 가까워지며, p가 1/2에 가까워짐에 따라 그래프는 좌우대칭인 산 모양 곡선이 된다.

# Probability/cumulative distribution

The cdf is the running sum of the pdf:

$$C(X \le k) = \sum_{x \le k} P(X = x)$$

 The pdf and cdf contain exactly the same information, one being the integral / derivative of the other.



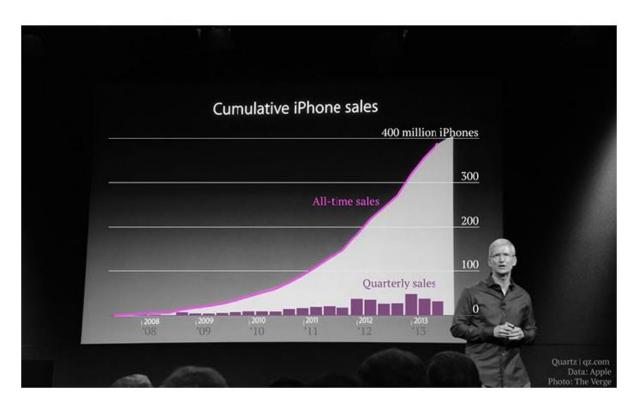
## **Visualizing Cumulative Distributions**

Apple iPhone sales have been exploding, right?



# How explosive is that growth, really?

- Cumulative distributions present a misleading view of growth rate.
  - The incremental change is the derivative of this function,
    which is hard to visualize



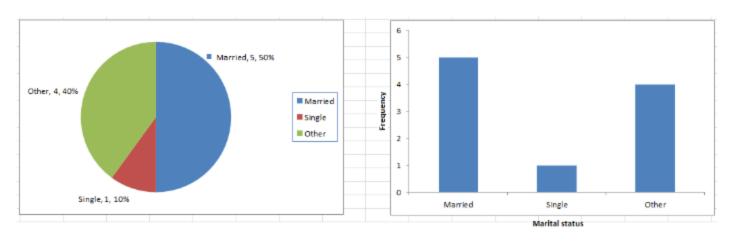
# **Descriptive Statistics**

- Descriptive statistics provides ways to capture the properties of a given data set / sample.
  - Central tendency measures describe the center around the data is distributed.
  - Variation or variability measures describe data spread
- Centrality measure
  - Mean: arithmetic, geometric, harmonic  $\mu_X = rac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$
  - Median
  - Mode

$$\left(\prod_{i=1}^n a_i\right)^{1/n} = \sqrt[n]{a_1 a_2 \cdots a_n}.$$

# **Uni-variate Descriptive Statistics**

 Different ways you can describe patterns found in uni-variate data include central tendency: mean, mode and median and dispersion: range, variance, maximum, minimum, quartiles, and standard deviation.



Pie chart [left] & Bar chart [right] of Marital status from loan applicants table.

# **Bi-variate Descriptive Statistics**

• Bi-variate analysis involves the analysis of two variables for the purpose of determining the empirical relationship between them. The various plots used to visualize bi-variate data typically are scatter-plot, box-plot.

#### Scatter Plots

The simplest way to visualize the relationship between two quantitative variables, x and y. For two continuous variables, a scatterplot is a common graph. Each (x, y) point is graphed on a Cartesian plane, with the x axis on the horizontal and the y axis on the vertical. Scatter plots are sometimes called correlation plots because they show how two variables are correlated.

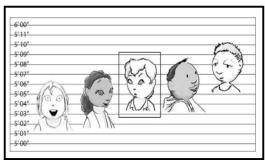
#### Correlation

 The correlation coefficient r quantifies the strength and direction of the linear relationship between two quantitative variables. The correlation coefficient is defined as:

### The Three Ms

- Mean(평균): the average result
- Median(중간값): the score that divides the result in half the middle value
- Mode(최빈치): the most common result





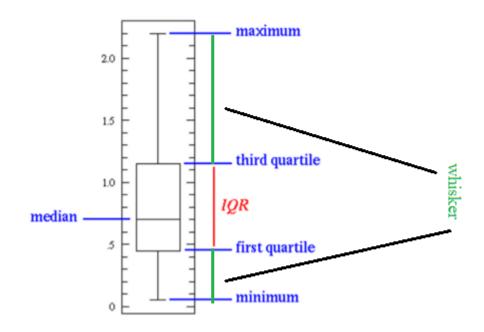


### Which measure is best?

- Mean is meaningful for <u>symmetric distributions</u> without outliers: e.g. height and weight.
- Median is better for <u>skewed distributions</u> or <u>data</u> <u>with outliers</u>: e.g. wealth and income.
- Bill Gates adds \$250 to the mean per capita wealth but nothing to the median.

# **Boxplots**

 Box plots are especially useful for indicating whether a distribution is skewed and whether there are potential unusual observations (outliers) in the data set.

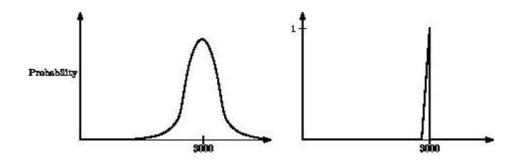


#### Variance Metric: Standard Deviation

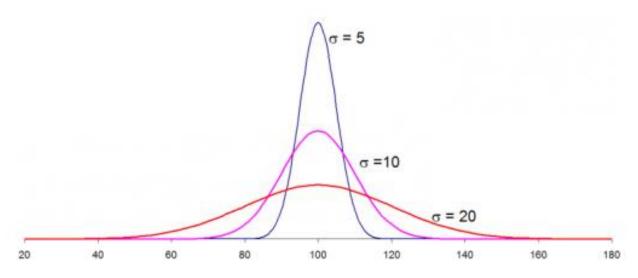
• The variance is the square of the standard deviation sigma.  $\frac{n}{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2}$ 

 $\hat{\sigma} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i}^{n} n - 1}{n - 1}}$ 

 Distributions with the same mean can look very different. But together, the mean and standard deviation fairly well characterize any distribution.



## **Standard Deviation**

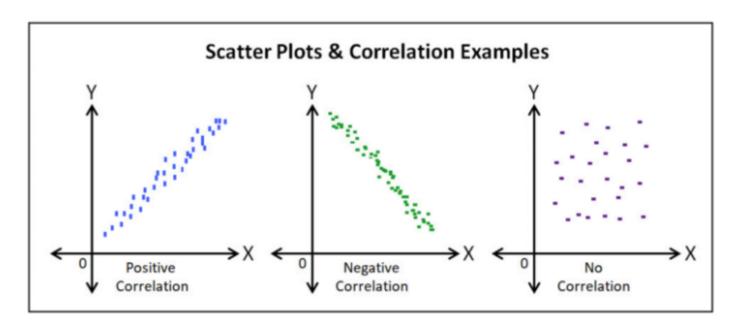


Three different data distributions with same mean (100) and different standard deviation (5,10,20)

## Correlation

$$r = \frac{\sum (x - \bar{x}) \left(y - \bar{y}\right)}{\left(n - 1\right) s_x s_y}$$

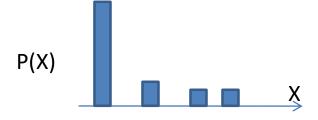
where sx and sy represent the standard deviation of the x-variable and the y-variable, respectively.  $-1 \le r \le 1$ .



Positive correlation (r > 0), Negative correlation (r < 0), No correlation (r = 0)

# **Information Theory**

- P(X) encodes our uncertainty about X
  - Some variables are more uncertain that others



- How can we quantify this intuition?
  - Information:  $\log \frac{1}{p(x)}$
  - Entropy: average number of bits required to encode X

$$H_P(X) = E\left[\log \frac{1}{p(x)}\right] = \sum_{x} P(x) \log \frac{1}{P(x)} = -\sum_{x} P(x) \log P(x)$$