STAT 2011 Tutorial 9

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Mean and variance

• Further Properties:

Theorem 3.6.1. For RVs X and Y and some function g(X,Y) = W

$$\mathbf{E}[g(X,Y)] = \begin{cases} \sum_{all \ x} \sum_{all \ y} g(x,y) p_{X,Y}(x,y) & X,Y \ discrete \\ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x,y) f_{X,Y}(x,y) \ dx \ dy & X,Y \ continuous \end{cases} \square$$

Alternatively to Theorem 3.6.1, we could also work more directly with the pdf of W to calculate E[g(X,Y)] = E(W).

Theorem 3.6.2. Let W_1, W_2, \ldots, W_n be any RVs with $E(|W_i|) < \infty$ and let a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_n be any set of constants. Then

$$E(a_1W_1 + a_2W_2 + \ldots + a_nW_n) = a_1 E(W_1) + a_2 E(W_2) + \ldots + a_n E(W_n)$$

Theorem 3.6.3. If X and Y are independent RVs then

$$E(XY) = E(X) E(Y) \qquad \Box$$

Covariance

• Definition:

Definition 3.6.1. The covariance of X and Y (assuming they have finite variance) is

$$Cov(X, Y) = E(XY) - E(X)E(Y)$$

Theorem 3.6.4. If X and Y are independent then

$$Cov(X,Y) = 0$$

Theorem 3.6.5.

a.
$$\operatorname{Var}(aX + bY) = a^2 \operatorname{Var}(X) + b^2 \operatorname{Var}(Y) + 2ab \operatorname{Cov}(X, Y)$$

b.
$$Var(\sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i X_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i^2 Var(X_i) + 2 \sum_{i < j} a_i a_j Cov(X_i, X_j)$$

Order Statistics

• Definition:

Definition 3.7.1 (Order statistics). Let Y be a continuous random variable for which y_1, \ldots, y_n are the values of a random sample of size n. Reorder the y_i 's from smallest to largest:

$$y_1' < \ldots < y_n'$$

PDF:

Theorem 3.7.1 (Pdfs of Y'_{\min} and Y'_{\max}). Suppose that Y_1, Y_2, \ldots, Y_n is a i.i.d. sample of continuous random variables each having pdf $f_Y(y)$ and cdf $F_Y(y)$. Then

(i) The pdf of the largest order statistic is

$$f_{Y_{max}}(y) = f_{Y'_n}(y) = n[F_Y(y)]^{n-1}f_Y(y)$$

(ii) The pdf of the smallest order statistic is

$$f_{Y_{min}}(y) = f_{Y_1'}(y) = n[1 - F_Y(y)]^{n-1}f_Y(y)$$

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Theorem 3.7.2 (pdfs of Y_i'). Let Y_1, Y_2, \ldots, Y_n be an i.i.d. sample of continuous random variables drawn from a distribution having $f_Y(y)$ and cdf $F_Y(y)$. The pdf of the i-th order statistic, for $1 \le i \le n$, is given by

$$f_{Y_i'}(y) = \frac{n!}{(i-1)!(n-i)!} [F_Y(y)]^{i-1} [1 - F_Y(y)]^{n-i} f_Y(y).$$

Joint Distribution:

$$f_{Y'_{i},Y'_{j}} = \frac{n!}{(i-1)!1!(j-i-1)!1!(n-j)!} \cdot [F_{Y}(u)]^{i-1} \cdot [F_{Y}(v) - F_{Y}(u)]^{j-i-1} \cdot [1 - F_{Y}(v)]^{n-j} \cdot f_{Y}(u) \cdot f_{Y}(v)$$

for i < j and u < v.