

# FRM一级核心知 识点

数量分析

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# Conditional independence

# ◆ Conditional independence

## ➤ Independent events(or unconditional independent events):

- If the event (B) **is not influenced by** whether the other event (A) occurs, then we say those events are independent, otherwise they are dependent.

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

## ➤ Conditional independence

- Like probability , independence can be redefined to hold conditional on another event(C) , two events A and B are **conditionally independent** if :

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

- Note that two types of independence—unconditional and conditional—do not imply each other.
  - ✓ Events can be both unconditionally dependent and conditionally independent.
  - ✓ Events can be independent, yet conditional on another event they may be dependent.



# Bayes' rule

## ◆ Bayes' rule

- Specifically, we are often interested in the probability of an event happening only if another event happens first.
- **Bayes' rule** provides a method to construct conditional probabilities using other probability measures.
  - It is both a simple application of the definition of conditional probability and an extremely important tool.

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

↑                                                   ↑  
posterior probability                               prior probability

# ◆ Bayes' rule

## ➤ Example

- 一个人患心脏病的概率是3%，没有得病的概率是97%。在患病的情况下机器诊断出患病的概率是99%；在没有得病的情况下机器诊断出患病的概率是5%。若机器诊断出患病的情况下人真的得病的概率是多少？

	机器说有病	机器说没病
如果人真有病	0.99	0.01
如果人真没病	0.05	0.95

# ◆ Bayes' rule

## ➤ Solution 1:

- Assume

- ✓ Event A=人患病
- ✓ Event  $A^C$ =人不患病
- ✓ Event B=机器诊断出人患病
- ✓ Event  $B^C$ =机器诊断出人不患病

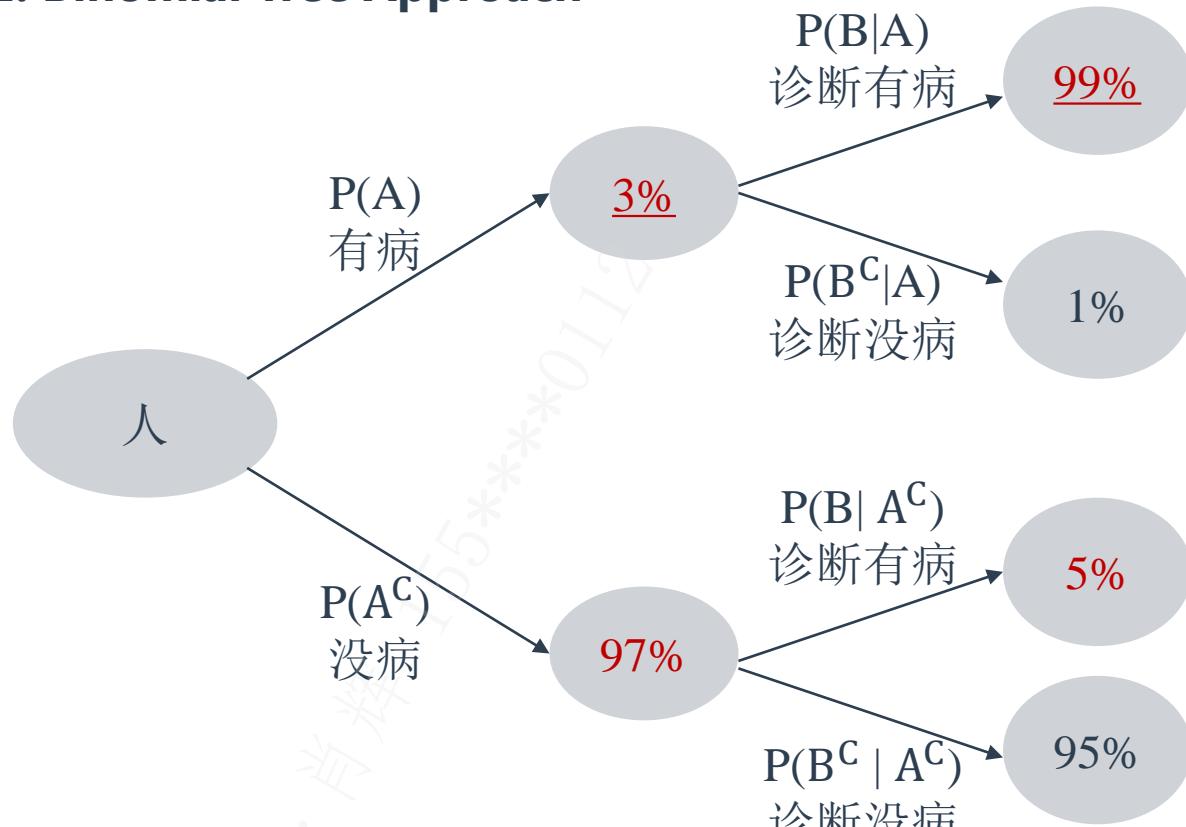
$$P(A \cap B) = P(B|A) \times P(A) = 99\% \times 3\%$$

$$P(B) = P(B|A) \times P(A) + P(B|A^C) \times P(A^C) = 99\% \times 3\% + 5\% \times 97\%$$

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} = 37.98\%$$

## ◆ 4.Bayes' rule

### ➤ Solution 2: Binomial Tree Approach



$$P(A|B) = \frac{99\% \times 3\%}{99\% \times 3\% + 97\% \times 5\%} = 37.98\%$$

# PMF & CDF

# ◆ PMF & CDF

## ➤ Probability mass function (PMF)

- The function returns the probability that a **random variables take a certain value.**

$$f_X(x) = P(X = x)$$

- The value returned from PMF must be non-negative.
- The sum of across all values in the support of a random variable must be one.



# PMF & CDF

## ➤ Cumulative distribution function (CDF)

- Measures the total probability of observing a value less than or equal to the input  $x$ .
- $F_X(x) = P(X \leq x)$ 
  - ✓  $F(X)$  is a non-decreasing function such that if  $x_2 > x_1$ , then  $F(x_2) \geq F(x_1)$ .
  - ✓  $P(X > k) = 1 - F(k)$
  - ✓  $P(x_1 < X \leq x_2) = F(x_2) - F(x_1)$

## ➤ The relationship between PMF and CDF

- Can always be expressed as the sum of PMF for all values in support that are less than or equal to  $x$ :  $F_X(x) = \sum_{t \leq x} f_X(t)$

# ◆ PMF & CDF

- Suppose X is a random variable defined by the roll of a fair die and x is the result of a single roll. Please express the probability mass function and Cumulative distribution function for X.
- **Correct Answer:**
  - The PMF of X can be equivalently expressed using a list of values

$$f_X(x) = f(x) = \begin{cases} 1/6, & x \in [1, 2, \dots, 6] \\ 0, & x \notin [1, 2, \dots, 6] \end{cases}$$

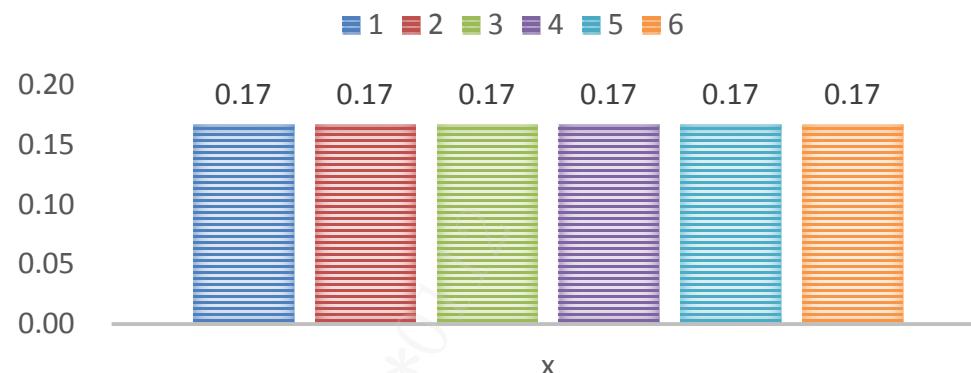
- The counterparty of PMF is the cumulative distribution function

$$F_X(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x < 1 \\ \frac{x}{6}, & x \in [1, 2, \dots, 6] \\ 1, & x > 6 \end{cases}$$

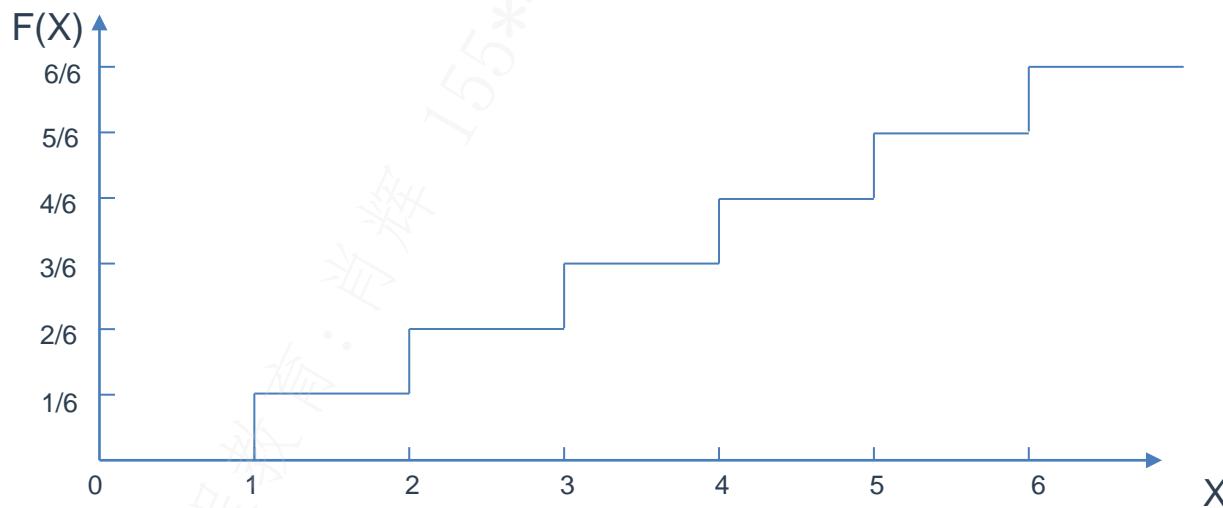
# ◆ PMF & CDF

## ➤ PMF

PMF



## ➤ CDF

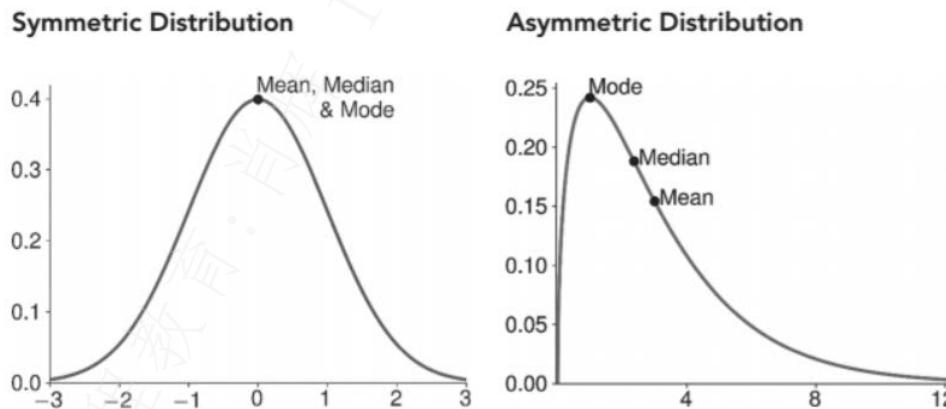


# Quantiles and modes

# ◆ Quantiles and modes

## ➤ Mean, Median and Mode

- **Mean:** the average value of random variable X and is also referred to as the location of distribution.
  - ✓ Very sensitive to large outliers
- **Median:** the middle number or 50%-quantile of an random variable
- **Mode:** the random variables that occur most frequently
  - ✓ random variables may have one or more modes



# **Binomial Distribution**

# ◆ Binomial Distribution

- **Binomial Distribution:** The probability of x successes in n trials
  - A binomial random variable measures the total number of successes from n independent Bernoulli random variables
  - PMF

$$f_X(x) = C_n^x p^x (1-p)^{n-x} = \frac{n!}{x!(n-x)!} p^x (1-p)^{n-x}$$

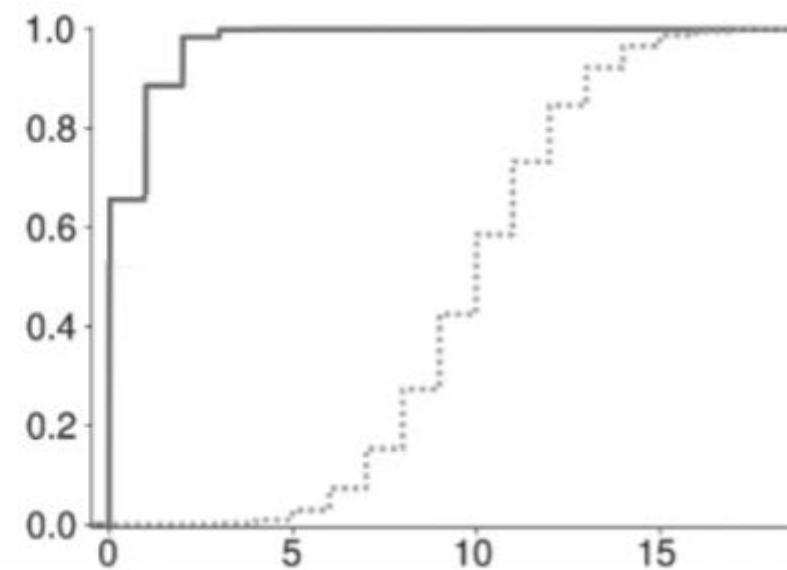
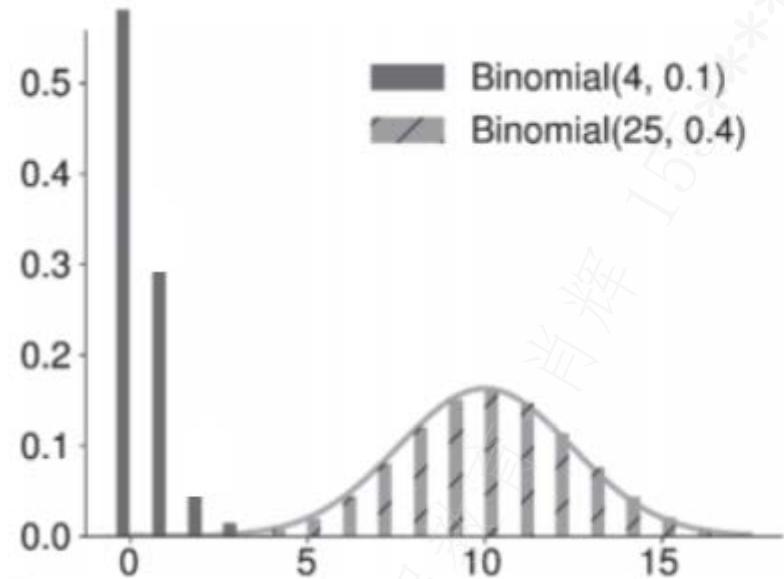
- Expectation and variance

	Expectation	Variance
Binomial random variable	np	np(1 – p)

# ◆ Binomial Distribution

## ➤ PMF Graph and CDF Graph for binomial Distribution

- The left panel shows the PMF of two binomial distributions. The solid line is the PDF of a normal random variable,  $N(np, np(1-p)) = N(10, 6)$ , that approximates the PMF of the  $B(25, 0.4)$ . The right panel shows the CDFs of the two binomials.



# Poisson Distribution

# ◆ Poisson Distribution

- **Poisson Distribution:** used to measure counts of events over fixed time spans. Such as the number of hurricanes in a century, or the number of phone calls in a day.

- PMF

$$f_X(X = k) = \frac{(\lambda)^k}{k!} e^{-\lambda}$$

- ✓  $\lambda$  indicates average number of the occurrence per interval, also called **hazard rate**
- ✓ If  $X_1 \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda_1)$ , and  $X_2 \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda_2)$  are **independent**, and  $Y = X_1 + X_2$ , then  $Y \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)$ .

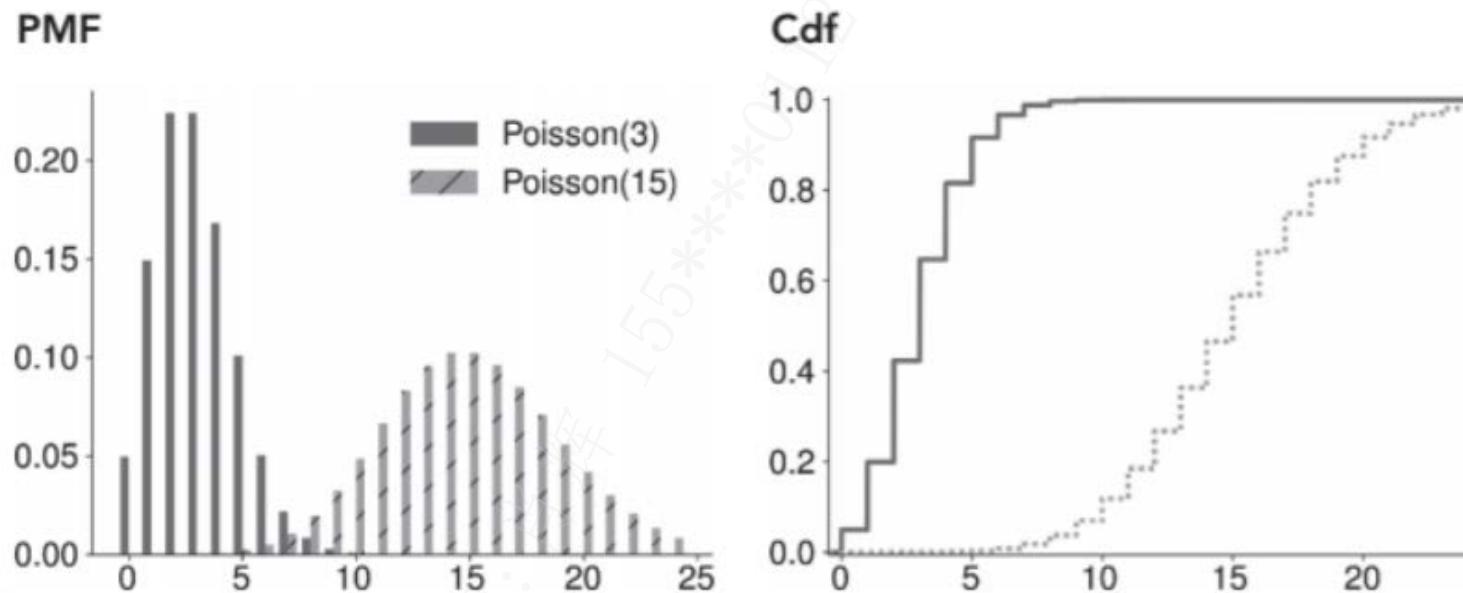
- Expectation and variance

	Expectation	Variance
Poisson random variable	$\lambda$	$\lambda$

# ◆ Poisson Distribution

## ➤ PMF Graph and CDF Graph for Poisson Distribution

- The left panel shows the PMF for two values of  $\lambda$ , 3 and 15. The right panel shows the corresponding CDFs.





# Poisson Distribution



1. A call center receives an average of two phone calls per hour. The probability that they will receive 20 calls in an 8-hour day is closest to:
  - A. 5.59%
  - B. 16.56%
  - C. 3.66%
  - D. 6.40%

➤ **Correct Answer: A**

- To solve this question, we first need to realize that the expected number of phone calls in an 8-hour day is 16. Using the Poisson distribution, we solve for the probability that  $X$  will be 20.

$$P(X = 20) = \frac{16^{20} e^{-16}}{20!} = 5.59\%$$

# Normal Distribution

# ◆ Normal Distribution

- **Normal (Gaussian, bell shaped) Distribution:** the most commonly used distribution in risk management.
  - **PDF(bell shaped)**

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \cdot e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(x-\mu)^2}$$

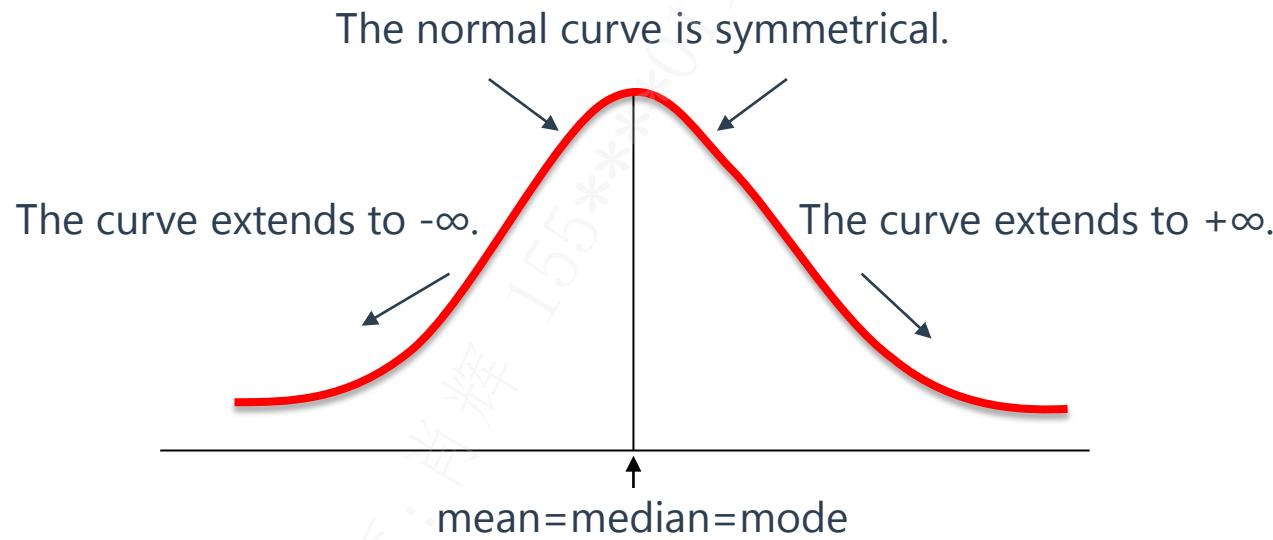
- **CDF:** There is no closed form of normal distribution, fast numerical approximations are widely applied in practice.
- Expectation and variance

	Expectation	Variance
Normal random variable	$\mu$	$\sigma^2$

# ◆ Normal Distribution

## ➤ PDF Graph for Normal Distribution

- Symmetrical distribution: **skewness = 0; kurtosis = 3.**
- The tails get thin and go to zero but extend infinitely.



# ◆ Normal Distribution

## ➤ Normal distribution in practice

- ① Sums of independent normally distributed random variables are also normally distributed.
- ② Standardization and Z-table Application
- ③ Key quantiles in normal distribution
- ④ Approximating discrete random variables to normal random variable

# ◆ Normal Distribution

## ① Sums of independent normally distributed random variables are also normally distributed

- If  $X \sim N(\mu_1, \sigma_1^2)$ ,  $Y \sim N(\mu_2, \sigma_2^2)$  and they are independent, then

$$aX + bY \sim N(a\mu_1 + b\mu_2, a^2\sigma_1^2 + b^2\sigma_2^2)$$

- When applied to portfolio, a and b are usually asset weights

### ➤ Example:

- A \$50 million prudent fund (PF) is merged with a \$200 million aggressive fund (AF). The return of  $PF \sim N(0.03, 0.07^2)$  and the return of  $AF \sim N(0.07, 0.15^2)$ . Assuming the returns are independent, what is the distribution of the portfolio return?
- Correct Answer:  $R_p \sim N(0.062, 0.1208^2)$



# Normal Distribution



1. Which of the following statement about the normal distribution is not accurate?
  - A. Kurtosis equals three.
  - B. Skewness equals one.
  - C. The entire distribution can be characterized by two moments, mean and variance.
  - D. The normal density function has the following expression:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(x-\mu)^2}$$

➤ **Correct Answer: B**

# Lognormal Distribution

# ◆ Lognormal Distribution

- **Lognormal Distribution:** A variable Y is said to be log-normally distributed if the natural logarithm of Y is normally distributed.
  - An important property of the log-normal distribution is that it can never be negative. E.g.
    - ✓ The **Black-Scholes Model** assumes that the **price** of the underlying asset is lognormally distributed.
  - If lnX is normal, then X is lognormal; if a variable is lognormal, its natural log is normal.
  - PDF:

$$f_Y(y) = \frac{1}{y\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{(lny - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

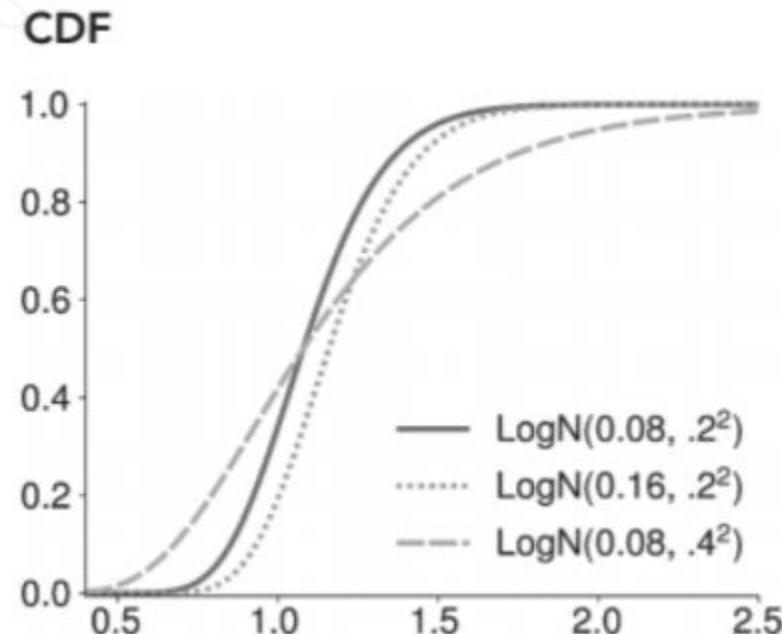
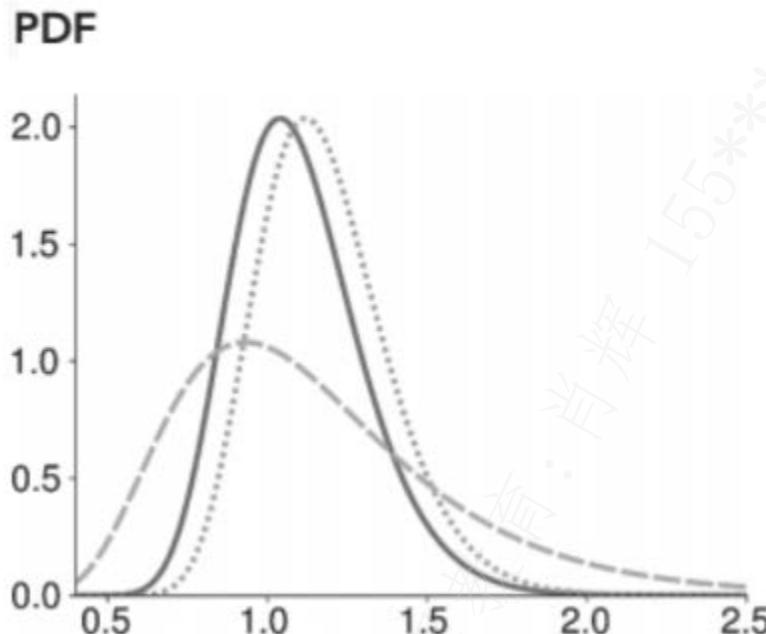
- Expectation and variance\*

	Expectation	Variance
lognormal random variable	$e^{\mu+\sigma^2/2}$	$(e^{\sigma^2} - 1) e^{2\mu+\sigma^2}$

# ◆ Lognormal Distribution

## ➤ PDF Graph and CDF Graph for lognormal Distribution

- The left panel shows the PDFs of three log-normal random variables, two of which have  $\mu = 8\%$ , and two with  $\sigma = 20\%$ , which are typical of annual equity returns. The right panel shows the corresponding CDFs.



# **Student's t distribution**

# ◆ Student's t distribution

- **t Distribution (Student's t distribution):** The Student's t distribution is closely related to the normal, but it has heavier tails.
  - Developed for testing hypotheses using **small samples**.
  - If  $Z$  is a standard normal variable and  $U$  is a chi-square variable with  $k$  degrees of freedom, then the random variable  $X$  follows a t-distribution with  $k$  degrees of freedom.

$$X = \frac{Z}{\sqrt{\frac{U}{K}}}$$

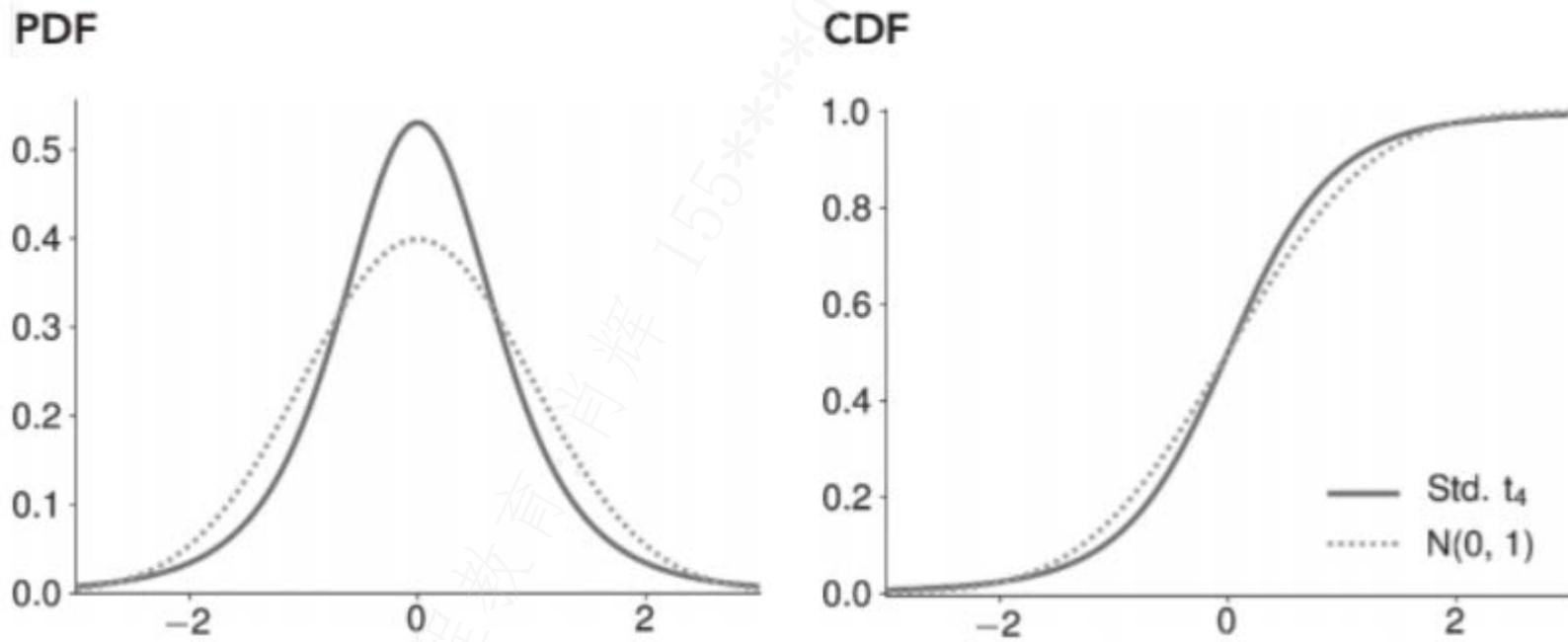
- Expectation, variance and kurtosis( $\text{Variance} >= 1$ ,  $\text{Kurtosis} >= 3$ )

	Expectation	Variance	Kurtosis*
Student's t random variable	0	$k/k-2$	$3(k-2)/(k-4)$

# ◆ Student's t distribution

## ➤ PDF Graph and CDF Graph for Student's t Distribution

- The left panel shows the PDF of a generalized Student's t with four degrees of freedom and the PDF of a standard normal. The right panel shows the corresponding CDFs.



# Probability Matrix

# ◆ Probability Matrix

- Multivariate random variables extend the concept of a single random variable to include measures of dependence between two or more random variables.
  - like their univariate counterparts, they can be **discrete or continuous.**
- **Probability matrix(probability table):** When dealing with the joint probabilities of two variables, it is often convenient to summarize the various probabilities in a probability matrix.
  - **Example:** We take X from 1 or 2 with the same probability. We take Y from [1,X] with the same probability.

Y	X	
	1	2
1	0.50	0.25
2	0.00	0.25

- The probability in green blanks are **joint probabilities**

# ◆ Probability Matrix

## ➤ Marginal distributions:

- The distribution of a single component of a bivariate random variable is called a marginal distribution.
- When a PMF is represented as a probability matrix, the two marginal distributions are computed by either summing across columns or summing down rows.
  - ✓ E.g. The probability in yellow blanks are **marginal probabilities**
  - ✓ The yellow column and row are the marginal distribution of Y and X

Y	X		
	1	2	$f_Y(y)$
1	0.50	0.25	0.75
2	0.00	0.25	0.25
$f_X(x)$	0.50	0.50	

# ◆ Probability Matrix

## ➤ Conditional Distributions:

- The conditional distribution summarizes the probability of the outcomes for one random variable conditional on the other taking a specific value.
  - ✓ E.g. What is the conditional distribution of Y condition on X=2

$$f_{Y|X}(y|x=2) = \frac{f_{X,Y}(2,y)}{f_X(2)} = \frac{f_{X,Y}(2,y)}{0.5}$$

- ✓ The **conditional distribution** is then

Y	
1	2
50%	50%

# Covariance and Correlation

## ◆ 3.Covariance and correlation

### ➤ Covariance

- Covariance measures how one random variable moves with another random variable.

$$\text{Cov}[X, Y] = E[(X - E[X])(Y - E[Y])] = E[XY] - E[X]E[Y]$$

✓ Unless the zero covariance, the expectation function is non-multiplicative.

- Covariance ranges from negative infinity to positive infinity.
  - ✓ A positive covariance indicates positive relationship
  - ✓ A negative covariance indicates inverse relationship
  - ✓ A zero covariance indicates no discernible relationship

# ◆ Covariance and Correlation

## ➤ Properties of Covariance

- If X and Y are independent random variables, their covariance is zero.
- The covariance of X and itself is the variance of x
  - ✓  $\text{Cov}(X, X) = E[(X - E(X))(X - E(X))] = \sigma^2(X)$
  - ✓  $\text{Cov}(X, X) = \sigma_{xx}$ ,  $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = \sigma_{xy}$
- If a, b and c are constant, then
  - ✓  $\text{Cov}(a + bX, cY) = \text{Cov}(a, cY) + \text{Cov}(bX, cY) = b \times c \times \text{Cov}(X, Y)$
- The relationship between covariance and variance:
  - ✓  $\sigma_{X \pm Y}^2 = \sigma_x^2 + \sigma_y^2 \pm 2\text{Cov}(X, Y)$
  - ✓  $\sigma_{aX \pm bY}^2 = a^2\sigma_x^2 + b^2\sigma_y^2 \pm 2ab\text{Cov}(X, Y)$

# ◆ Covariance and Correlation

## ➤ Correlation coefficient

- The covariance depends on the scales of X and of Y. It is therefore more common to report the correlation, which is a **scale-free measure**.

$$\rho_{XY} = \frac{\text{Cov}(X,Y)}{\sigma_X \sigma_Y}$$

## ➤ Properties of Correlation coefficient

- Correlation has no units, ranges from -1 to +1.
- Variances of correlated variables:

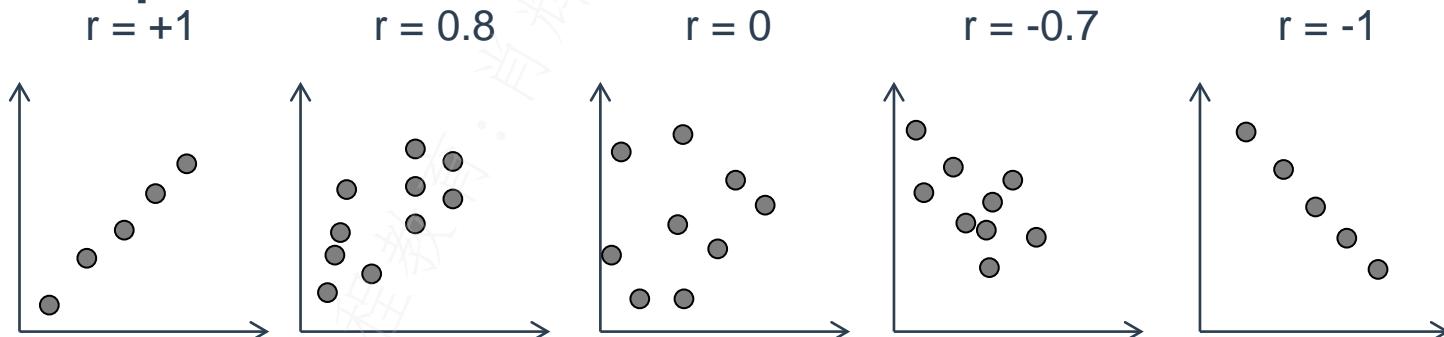
$$\sigma_{X \pm Y}^2 = \sigma_X^2 + \sigma_Y^2 \pm 2\rho_{XY}\sigma_X\sigma_Y$$

# ◆ Covariance and Correlation

- **Correlation and independence:** Correlation measures the linear relationship between two random variables.
- If two variables are independent, the correlation coefficient will be zero. The converse, however, is not necessary. For example,  $Y = X^2$ .
  - If the correlation between two variables is 0, the **linear relationship** must not exist, and the expectation of the product of the two is the product of the expectations.

$$E(XY) = E(X)E(Y)$$

- **Scatter plot of correlation coefficient**





## Covariance and Correlation



Which one of the following statements about the correlation coefficient is false?

- A. It always ranges from -1 to +1.
- B. A correlation coefficient of zero means that two random variables are independent.
- C. It is a measure of linear relationship between two random variables.
- D. It can be calculated by scaling the covariance between two random variables.

➤ Correct Answer: B

## Four sample moments

# ◆ Four sample moments

## ➤ Sample mean

- Assumed the random variables  $X_i$  are i.i.d. and  $E[X_i] = \mu$  and  $V[X_i] = \sigma^2$ .
- When population mean  $\mu$  are not observable , it is estimated using the sample mean estimator,  $\hat{\mu}$ , or  $\bar{x}_i$  in mathematical expression.

$$\hat{\mu} = \bar{x}_i = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{n}$$

- ✓ In this case ,  $\hat{\mu}$  is an estimator of the unknown population parameter  $\mu$  .

# ◆ Four sample moments

## ➤ Features of sample mean

- The mean estimator is a function of random variables, and so it is also a random variable.
  - ✓ The mean estimator is **unbiased** because the expected value of the mean estimator is the same as the population mean

$$E[\hat{\mu}] = \frac{1}{n} \times \sum_{i=1}^n E[x_i] = \mu$$

- ✓ The variance of the mean estimator decreases as the number of observations increases, and so larger samples are better to estimate population mean.

$$V[\hat{\mu}] = \frac{1}{n^2} \times \sum_{i=1}^n V[x_i] = \sigma^2/n$$

# ◆ Four sample moments

## ➤ Sample Variance

- Similarly as  $\hat{\mu}$ , sample variance is estimated using the sample variance estimator, denoted by  $\hat{\sigma}^2$

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \hat{\mu})^2$$

- ✓ Unlike the sample mean estimator, sample variance estimator is biased

$$E[\hat{\sigma}^2] = \sigma^2 - \frac{\sigma^2}{n} = \frac{n-1}{n} \sigma^2$$

## ➤ The unbiased variance estimator

$$S^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \hat{\mu})^2 = \frac{n}{n-1} \hat{\sigma}^2$$

- The expression  $(n - 1)$  is known as the **degrees of freedom**.
- The sample variance estimator,  $S^2$ , is unbiased , as  $E[S^2] = \sigma^2$ .

## ➤ Sample standard deviation

- $S$  or  $\hat{\sigma}$  (the positive square root of  $S^2$  or  $\hat{\sigma}^2$ ), is called the **sample standard deviation estimator**.
- Both estimator are biased because square root is a nonlinear transformation.

# ◆ Four sample moments

## ➤ Estimators for the skewness

- The estimators for the skewness is :

$$\widehat{S(X)} = \frac{E(X - \hat{\mu})^3}{\hat{\sigma}^3}$$

- $E(X - \hat{\mu})^3$  is the estimate of the **third central moment** and is defined as :

$$E(X - \hat{\mu})^3 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \hat{\mu})^3$$

## ➤ Estimators for the kurtosis

- The estimators for the kurtosis is :

$$\widehat{K(X)} = \frac{E(X - \hat{\mu})^4}{\hat{\sigma}^4}$$

- $E(X - \hat{\mu})^4$  is the estimate of the **fourth central moment** and is defined as :

$$E(X - \hat{\mu})^4 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \hat{\mu})^4$$

## ◆ Four sample moments

- A sample estimator is used to estimate the parameter of population, the **best** estimator should be **unbiased, and linear(BLUE)**.
  - **Linear**: estimator is calculated as a linear function of the sample data.
  - **Unbiased**: the expected value of the estimator should equal to the parameter of population.
  - **Best**: If the estimator has the minimum variance(Best) among all the other linear unbiased estimators.
- The **mean estimator** is the Best Linear Unbiased Estimator (BLUE) of the population mean when the data are i.i.d..

# **LLN and CLT**

# ◆ LLN and CLT

## ➤ Law of Large Numbers (LLN)

- The Kolmogorov proved **Strong Law of Large Numbers** which states that if  $\{X_i\}$  is a sequence of i.i.d. random variables with  $E[X_i] \equiv \mu$ (a finite parameter,  $\mu$ ), then :

$$\hat{\mu}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \xrightarrow{a.s.} \mu$$

- ✓ The symbol  $\xrightarrow{a.s.}$  means **converges** almost surely.
- ✓ The mean in large samples  $\hat{\mu}_n$  (formally , when  $n \rightarrow \infty$  ) is approximate to the true population mean  $\mu$ .

## ◆ LLN and CLT

- **Consistency:** The feature of LLN applied estimator is called consistent.
  - **Consistency** requires that the **accuracy** of the parameter estimate increases and so many finite sample bias must diminish as the **sample size increases** .
  - As the sample size  $n$  grows larger , the variance of the mean estimator converges to zero .

$$V[\hat{\mu}_n] = \frac{\sigma^2}{n} \rightarrow 0$$

- Consistency ensures the chance of a large deviation from the population value is negligible in large samples.



# LLN and CLT

## ➤ Comparisons between BLUE and Consistency

- An estimator is BLUE means the true parameter can be approached through infinite sampling.
  - ✓  $\hat{\mu}$  and  $S^2$  are BLUE, while  $\hat{\sigma}^2$  is not BLUE.
- An estimator is **consistency** means the estimator will converge to population value through finite sampling.
  - ✓  $\hat{\mu}$  and  $S^2$  are consistent, besides,  $\hat{\sigma}^2$  is consistent.

# ◆ LLN and CLT

## ➤ The Central Limit Theorem (CLT)

- If  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$ , a i.i.d. random sample from any population (**regardless of any distributions**) with a finite mean,  $\mu$  and finite variance,  $\sigma^2$ , then the mean estimator,  $\hat{\mu}_n$ , tends to be normally distributed with mean  $\mu$  and  $\frac{\sigma^2}{n}$  variance, as the sample size increases.

$$\hat{\mu}_n = \bar{X} \xrightarrow{d} N\left(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{n}\right)$$

or

$$\left( \frac{\hat{\mu} - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \right) \xrightarrow{d} N(0,1)$$

# Hypothesis Testing



# Hypothesis Testing

➤ A hypothesis test has six distinct components:

- ① The **null hypothesis**, which specifies a parameter value that is assumed to be true; The **alternative hypothesis**, which defines the range of values where the null should be rejected;
- ② The **test statistic**, which has a known distribution when the null is true;
- ③ The **size of the test**, which captures the willingness to make a mistake and falsely reject a null hypothesis that is true;
- ④ The **critical value**, which is a value that is compared to the test statistic to determine whether to reject the null hypothesis; and
- ⑤ The **decision rule**, which combines the test statistic and critical value to determine whether to reject the null hypothesis.
- ⑥ The **Test Power**, which measures the probability that a false null is rejected.

# ◆ Hypothesis Testing

## ① The null and alternative hypothesis

- The null hypothesis ( $H_0$ ) is a statement about the population values of one or more parameters. Usually two types,
  - ✓ Consistent with something we want to reject.
    - ◆ E.g., when considering whether to invest in a mutual fund, the natural null hypothesis is that the fund does not generate an abnormally high return.
  - ✓ Testing the accuracy of an econometric model.
    - ◆ E.g., when testing a VaR model, the null hypothesis is that the model is correct.

# ◆ Hypothesis Testing

## ① The null and alternative hypothesis

- Alternative hypothesis ( $H_1$ ), which determines the values of the population parameter where the null hypothesis should be rejected.
  - ✓ Two-Sided Alternative Hypotheses
    - ◆  $H_0: \mu = 0$      $H_1: \mu \neq 0$
  - ✓ One-Sided Alternative Hypotheses
    - ◆  $H_0: \mu \geq 0$      $H_1: \mu < 0$
    - ◆  $H_0: \mu \leq 0$      $H_1: \mu > 0$

# Hypothesis Testing

## ② Test statistic

- The test statistic is a summary of the observed data that has a known distribution when the null hypothesis is true.
- Test statistics take many forms and follow a wide range of distributions.  
This chapter focuses on test statistics that are normally distributed.
- E.g. Consider a test of the null hypothesis about a mean:  $H_0: \mu = \mu_0$ .
  - ✓ When the true value of the mean ( $\mu$ ) is equal to the value assumed by the null ( $\mu_0$ ), then the asymptotic distribution leads to the test statistic:
  - ✓ The test statistic  $T$  (also known as the t-statistic) is asymptotically standard normally distributed according to CLT.

$$T = \frac{\hat{\mu} - \mu_0}{\sqrt{\hat{\sigma}^2/n}} \sim N(0,1)$$

# ◆ Hypothesis Testing

## ③ The size of the test

- In an ideal world, a false (true) null would always (never) be rejected.  
However, in practice there is a tradeoff between avoiding a rejection of a true null and avoiding a failure to reject a false null.
- Rejecting a true null hypothesis is called a **Type I error**. The probability of Type I error is referred to **the test size**.
  - ✓ The **test size( $\alpha$ )** is chosen to reflect the willingness to mistakenly reject a true null hypothesis, it is set by the tester.
  - ✓ The most common test size is **5%**. Smaller test sizes (e.g., 1% or even 0.1%) are used when it is especially important to avoid incorrectly rejecting a true null.

# ◆ Hypothesis Testing

## ④ The critical value

- The critical value depends on the distribution of the test statistic<sup>②</sup> and **defines a range of values** where the null hypothesis should be rejected in favor of the alternative. This range is known as the **rejection region**.
  - ✓ The test size<sup>③</sup> and the alternative<sup>①</sup> are combined with the distribution of the test statistic<sup>②</sup> to construct the **critical value** of the test.

# ◆ Hypothesis Testing

## ④ The critical value

- In most cases, test statistic follows **standard normal distribution**.
- When testing against two-sided alternatives, if
  - ✓  $\alpha = 10\% (C_{10\%} = \pm 1.645)$
  - ✓  $\alpha = 5\% (C_{5\%} = \pm 1.96)$
  - ✓  $\alpha = 1\% (C_{1\%} = \pm 2.57)$
- When testing against one-sided alternatives, if
  - ✓  $\alpha = 5\% (C_{5\%} = 1.645 \text{ or } -1.645)$
  - ✓  $\alpha = 1\% (C_{1\%} = 2.326 \text{ or } -2.326)$
  - ✓ The sign depends on the alternative hypothesis

# ◆ Hypothesis Testing

## ④ The critical value

- However, there are **two circumstances** where the Student's t should be used in place of the normal to determine the critical value of a test.
  - ✓ First, when the random variables in the average are i.i.d. normally distributed, then the t-test statistic has an exact Student's  $t_{n-1}$  distribution ("t-1" refers to the degree of freedom)

$$T = \frac{\hat{\mu} - \mu_0}{\sqrt{s^2/n}} \sim t_{n-1}$$

- ✓ Second, when n is small (i.e., less than 30), the Student's t has been documented to provide a better approximation than the normal.

# ◆ Hypothesis Testing

## ⑤ The decision rule

- The decision rule combines the critical value, the alternative hypothesis, and the test statistic into two decisions:
  - ✓ reject the null in favor of the alternative
  - ✓ to fail to reject the null
- The conclusion of reject the null is more useful in practice
  - ✓ P.S. There is never “accepting” the null.

# ◆ Hypothesis Testing

## ⑥ The Test Power

- The **power of a test** measures the probability that a false null is rejected and alternative conclusion is drawn.
  - ✓ In the opposite, a **type II error** occurs when the alternative is true, but the null is not rejected. The probability of a Type II error is denoted by the Greek letter  $\beta$ .
  - ✓ In practice,  $\beta$  should be small so that the power of the test, defined as  $1 - \beta$ , is high.

Type I and type  
II error

# ◆ Type I and type II error

## ➤ The summary of type I and type II error

		Null Hypothesis	
		Ture	False
Decision	Fail to reject	Correct ( $1 - \alpha$ )	Type II error ( $\beta$ )
	Reject	Type I ( $\alpha$ )	Correct ( $1 - \beta$ )

- The power of test is high when
  - ✓ The sample size is high
  - ✓ The size of the test is high.



## Type I and type II error



1. According to the Basel back-testing framework guidelines, penalties start to apply if there are five or more exceptions during the previous year. The Type I error rate of this test is 11 percent, the power of the test is 87 percent. This implies that there is a(an):
  - A. 89% probability regulators will reject the correct model.
  - B. 11% probability regulators will reject the incorrect model.
  - C. 87% probability regulators will not reject the correct model.
  - D. 13% probability regulators will not reject the incorrect model.

➤ Correct Answer: D

# P-Value Approach

# ◆ P-Value Approach

## ① P Value Approach

- P value is the **smallest level of significance** for which the null hypothesis can be rejected.
- Return to our P/E example,

$$t = \frac{(\bar{X} - \mu_X)}{S_x / \sqrt{n}} = \frac{(23.25 - 18.5)}{9.49 / \sqrt{28}} = 2.65 \sim t_{\frac{p}{2}}(27) \rightarrow P \approx 0.015$$

## ➤ The Rule of P Value

- Reject  $H_0$  if the p-value is less than the significance level of the hypothesis test.
- Do not reject  $H_0$  if the p-value is greater than the significance level.

# Inference in linear regression

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- The **confidence interval** for the regression coefficient,  $b_1$  and  $b_0$

$$\hat{b}_1 \pm (\text{Critical Value} \times s_{\hat{b}_1})$$

$$\hat{b}_0 \pm (\text{Critical Value} \times s_{\hat{b}_0})$$

- The standard error of the regression coefficient.

$$S_{\hat{b}_1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \frac{s}{\hat{\sigma}_x}$$

$$S_{\hat{b}_0} = \sqrt{\frac{s^2(\hat{\mu}_X^2 + \hat{s}_X^2)}{n\hat{\sigma}_X^2}}$$

# Inference in linear regression

## ➤ Regression Coefficient Hypothesis Testing

- A t-test may also be used to test the hypothesis that the true slope coefficient  $b_1$ , is equal to some hypothesized value,  $k$  (usually  $k=0$ ), the appropriate test procedure is:
  - ✓ State null hypothesis and alternative hypothesis

$$H_0: b_1 = 0 \quad H_1: b_1 \neq 0$$

- ✓ Calculate test statistic

$$T = \frac{\hat{b}_1 - b_1}{s_{\hat{b}_1}}$$

- ✓ The test statistic can also be transformed into a p-value,

$$p-value = 2(1 - \Phi|T|)$$

- ✓ Reject  $H_0$  if  $T$  falls into rejection region, or p-value is less than test size.

## ANOVA Table

# ◆ ANOVA Table

## ➤ Summary output

### Regression Statistics

Multiple R	0.8148004
R Square	0.6638996
Adjusted R Square	0.6390033
Standard Error	5.5120076
Observations	30

### ANOVA

	df	SS	MS	F	Significance F
Regression	2	1620.3799	810.18993	26.666575	4.04884E-07
Residual	27	820.32014	30.382227		
Total	29	2440.7			

	Coefficients	Standard Error	t Stat	P-value	Lower 95%	Upper 95%
Intercept	-140.7652	29.755964	-4.730656	6.282E-05	-201.8194407	-79.71104917
Age	-0.048528	1.1637722	-0.041699	0.9670455	-2.436391407	2.33933526
Height	1.1972821	0.1800553	6.6495241	3.896E-07	0.827839137	1.566725091

# ◆ ANOVA Table



1. A regression of a stock's return (in percent) on an industry index's return (in percent) provides the following results:

	Coefficient	Standard Error
Intercept	2.1	2.01
Industry index	1.9	0.31
	Degrees of Freedom	SS
Explained	1	92.648
Residual	3	24.512
Total	4	117.160

Which of the following statements regarding the regression is incorrect?

- A. The correlation coefficient between the X and Y variables is 0.889.
- B. The industry index coefficient is significant at the 99% confidence interval.
- C. If the return on the industry index is 4%, the stock's expected return is 9.7%.
- D. The variability of industry returns explains 21% of the variation of company returns.

# ◆ ANOVA Table



## ➤ Answer: D

- $r^2 = R^2 = 92.648/117.160 = 79\%$ , the variability of industry returns explains 79% of the variation of company.
- t-stat (industry index) =  $1.9/0.31 = 6.13$ , so the coefficient of industry index is significant.
- $R = 2.1\% + 1.9 \times R(\text{industry index}) = 2.1\% + 1.9 \times 4 \% = 9.7\%$

**Covariance  
Stationary**

# ◆ Covariance Stationary

- **Covariance Stationary:** A time series is covariance stationary if its first two moments satisfy three key properties.
  - The mean is constant and does not change over time.
    - ✓  $E[Y_t] = \mu$  for all  $t$
  - The autocovariance is finite, does not change over time, and only depends on the distance between observation  $h$ 
    - ✓  $Cov[Y_t, Y_{t-h}] = \gamma_h$  for all  $t$
  - The variance is finite and does not change over time(**specially when  $h=0$** )
    - ✓  $V[Y_t] = \gamma_0 < \infty$  for all  $t$

# ◆ Covariance Stationary

## ➤ Autocovariance

- Autocovariance is defined as the covariance between a stationary time series at different points in time.
  - ✓ The  $h^{th}$  autocovariance is defined as:

$$\gamma_{t,h} = E[(Y_t - E(Y_t))(Y_{t-h} - E(Y_{t-h}))]$$

- ✓ When  $h=0$ , then  $\gamma_{t,0}$  is the variance of  $Y_t$

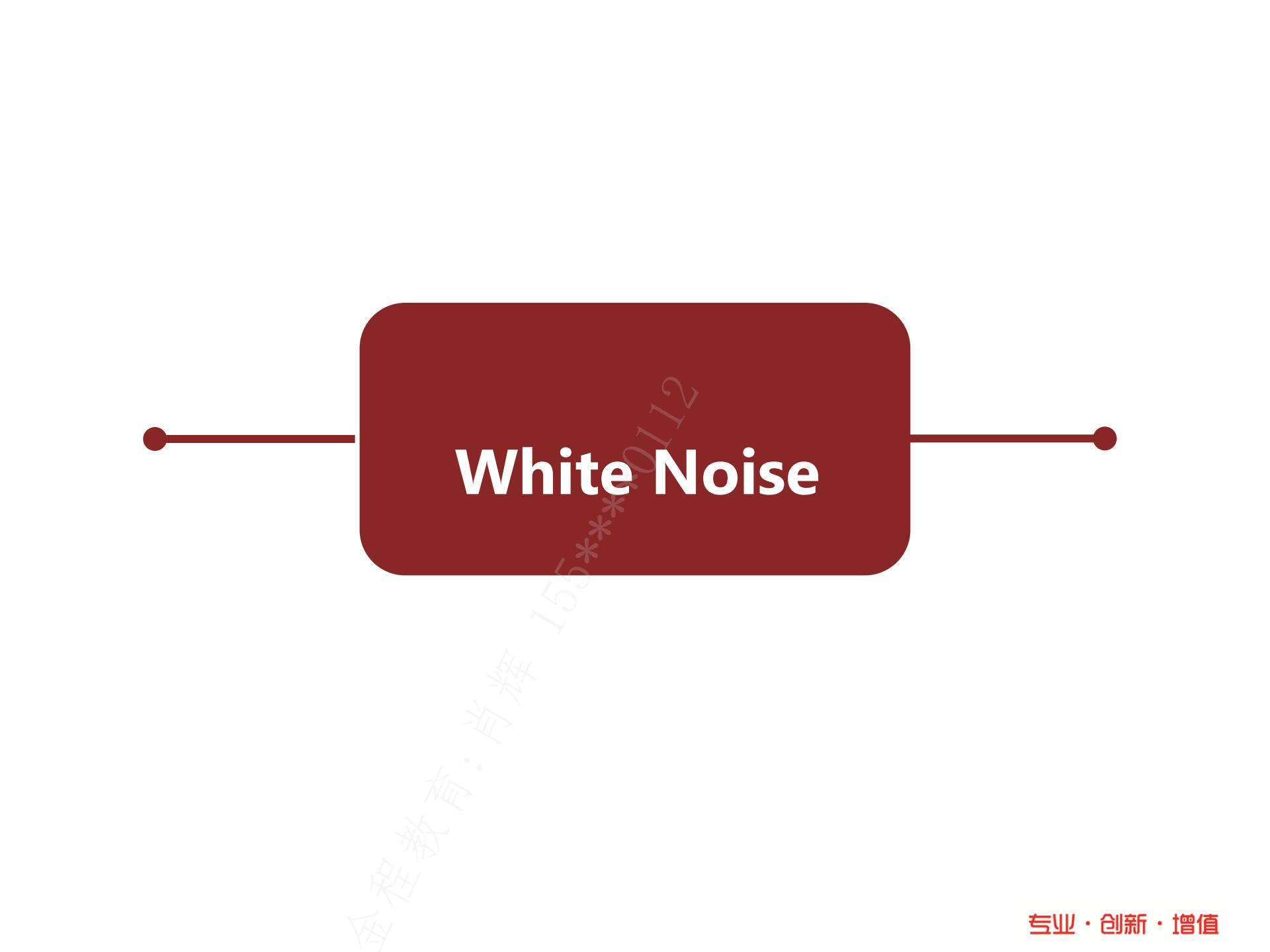
$$\gamma_{t,0} = E[(Y_t - E(Y_t))^2]$$

- The **autocovariance function** is a function of  $h$  that returns the autocovariance between  $Y_t$  and  $Y_{t-h}$

$$\gamma(h) = \gamma_{|h|}$$

- The **symmetry** follows from the third property of covariance stationary , because the autocovariance depends only on  $h$  :

$$\text{Cov}[Y_t, Y_{t-h}] = \text{Cov}[Y_{t+h}, Y_t]$$



# White Noise

# ◆ White Noise

## ➤ White noise

- White noise is the **fundamental building block** of any time-series model to model shocks, which means that all the stationary time series models are established on white noise process.

$$\varepsilon_t \sim WN(0, \sigma^2)$$

- White noise processes is covariance-stationary because of three properties
  - ✓ Mean zero
  - ✓ Constant and finite variance,  $\sigma^2$
  - ✓ No autocorrelation or autocovariance,  $\gamma(h) = \rho(h) = 0$  for  $h \neq 0$
- The **lack of correlation** is the essential characteristic of a white noise process.

# ◆ White Noise

- **Differences** between error term in regression model and white noise process in time series model
  - In regression model, error term follows a normal distribution
  - In time series model, the white noise process follows any distribution
- **Similarities** between error term in regression model and white noise process in time series model, they both has
  - A mean of zero
  - Constant variance
  - No autocorrelation

# ◆ White Noise

## ➤ Independent white noise

- If  $\varepsilon$  is serially independent, then we say that  $\varepsilon$  is **independent white noise.**

$$\varepsilon_t \stackrel{i.i.d.}{\sim} (0, \sigma^2)$$

- Note that white noise itself has no autocorrelation, but not necessarily to be independent.

## ➤ Gaussian white noise(normal white noise)

- A special case of i.i.d. noise , where  $\varepsilon_t \stackrel{i.i.d.}{\sim} N(0, \sigma^2)$