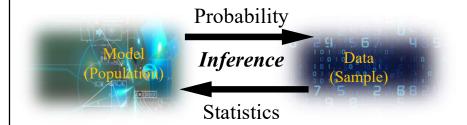
# Introduction to Statistical Methods

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# **Probability and Statistics**



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### An Example: Taiwan Big Lotto (大樂透)

- 6 winning numbers and 1 special number chosen from 49 numbers
- Mr. Chang chooses numbers randomly and never believes in any historical analysis of number appearance
- Mr. Fang chooses numbers that most frequently appear in the history
- Mr. Wang chooses numbers that most rarely appear in the history
- Mr. Yang chooses meaningful numbers, such as the date of birthday
- Who is correct?

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## **Probability of Taiwan Big Lotto**

- 6 numbers chosen from 49 numbers
- Chance of winning the first prize?
- Answer:  $1/C_6^{49}$
- Is this based on probability or statistics?
- What is the model and assumption behind the answer above?
  - Every number has the *identical* probability to be chosen *independently* each time!  $\Rightarrow$  *iid* assumption
- The event of winning is guessed (inferred) by the "model".

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### **Statistics of Taiwan Big Lotto**

- What is "Statistics" in the Lotto problem?
- Is the model assumption correct?
- What is the real chance of winning? and the chance for each number to appear?
- "Statistics" is to estimate the appearance probability of each number. How? by collecting and observing the data.
  - ⇒ "Model" is **inferred** by the "sample data"
  - ⇒ Statistical Inference

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# Taiwan Big Lotto (Cont'd)

- Back to Mr. Chang, Fang, and Wang
- Who is correct?
- What does Mr. Chang believe?
- What does Mr. Fang believe?
- What does Mr. Wang believe?
- What does Mr. Yang believe?

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### A note on "Models"

"All models are wrong, but some are useful."
- George E. P. Box (1979)

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# Definition of "Experiment"

- An **experiment** is the **process** by which an **observation** (or measurement) is obtained.
- Experiment: Record an age
- Experiment: Toss a die
- Experiment: Record an opinion (yes, no)
- Experiment: Toss two coins
- Experiment: numbers of a lotto ticket

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### Definition of "Outcome"

- An outcome is observed on a single repetition of the experiment.
  - Basic element to which probability is applied.
  - One and only one outcome can occur when experiment is performed.
- An outcome is denoted by O with a subscript.

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# Definition of "Outcome Space"

- Each outcome is assigned a probability, measuring "how often" it occurs.
- Set of all outcomes of an experiment is called the **outcome space**, usually denoted by **S**.

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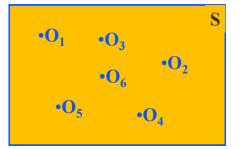
## Example of Experiment and Outcome

- The die toss experiment:
- Outcomes:

1 O<sub>1</sub>
2 O<sub>2</sub>
3 O<sub>3</sub>
4 O<sub>4</sub>
5 O<sub>5</sub>
6 O<sub>6</sub>

Outcome space:

$$S = \{O_1, O_2, O_3, O_4, O_5, O_6\}$$
  
(or  $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$ )



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# Example

- Record a person's blood type:
- Outcomes:

Outcome space:

$$O_1$$
 A

$$S = \{O_1, O_2, O_3, O_4\}$$

$$O_2$$

$$O_3$$

$$O_4$$

 $S = \{A, B, AB, O\}$ 

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# Example

- Record the numbers of a lotto ticket:
- Outcomes:

Outcome space:

$$O_1=[1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]$$

$$O_1 = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]$$
  $S = \{O_1, O_2, O_3, O_4, ..., O_n\}$ 

$$O_2=[2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7]$$
 ....,  $O_2$ 

....., 
$$O_{?}$$

$$O_3$$
=[3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8]

$$O_? = [44, 45, 46, 47, 48]$$

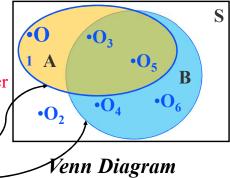
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### Definition of "Event"

- An event is a collection of one or more outcomes.
- •The die toss events:
  - ✓ Event A: an odd number
  - ✓ Event B: a number > 2

 $A = \{O_1, O_3, O_5\}$ 

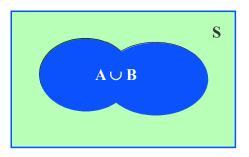
 $B = \{O_3, O_4, O_5, O_6\}$ 



### **Event Relations - Union**

The **union** of two events, A and B, is the event that either A **or** B **or both** occur when the experiment is performed. We write

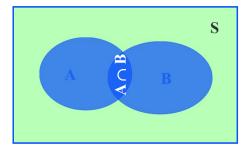
#### $A \cup B$



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### **Event Relations-Intersection**

The intersection of two events, A and B, is the event that both A and B occur when the experiment is performed. We write  $A \cap B$ .

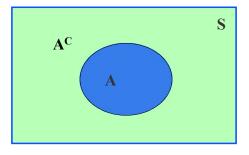


• If two events A and B are mutually exclusive, then  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ .

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### **Event Relations - Complement**

The **complement** of an event **A** consists of all outcomes of the experiment that do not result in event **A**. We write **A**<sup>C</sup> ( **The event that event A doesn't occur**).



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### Example

Select a student from a college

- A: student is colorblind
- B: student is biologically female
- C: student is biologically male

Mutually exclusive and  $B = C^{C}$ 

- •What is the relationship between events **B** and **C**?
- •A<sup>C</sup>: Student is not colorblind
- •B $\cap$ C: Student is both biologically male and female =  $\varnothing$
- $B \cup C$ : Student is either male or female = all students = S

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### Factorial and Sequences

**Example:** How many possible distinct sequences of 5 different numbers among 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5?

The "order" of the choices

$$5(4)(3)(2)(1) = 120$$

The number of distinct sequences you can arrange *n* distinct objects is *n* factorial denoted as:

$$n! = n(n-1)(n-2)...(2)(1)$$
 and  $0! \equiv 1$ .

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### **Permutations**

**Example:** How many 3-digit lock passwords can we make by using 3 **different numbers** among 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5?

The order of the choice is important!

$$\longrightarrow 5(4)(3) = 60$$

The number of ways you can arrange n distinct objects, taking them r at a time is

$$P_r^n = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!}$$

$$P_3^5 = \frac{5!}{(5-3)!} = \frac{5(4)(3)(2)(1)}{2(1)} = 60$$

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### **Combinations**

• The number of distinct combinations of n distinct objects that can be formed, taking them r at a time is  $C_r^n = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!} (\frac{1}{r!}) = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$  since the number of permutations is r! times that of combinations

**Example:** 3 members of a 5-person faculty must be chosen to form a committee. How many different committees could be formed?

The order of the choice is not important!

$$C_3^5 = \frac{5!}{3!(5-3)!} = \frac{5(4)(3)}{3(2)(1)} = \frac{5(4)}{(2)1} = 10$$

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### The Probability of an Event

- *P*(A) must be between 0 and 1.
  - If event A can never occur, P(A) = 0.
  - If event A always occurs when the experiment is performed, P(A) = 1.
- Sum of probabilities for all simple events in S equals
   1. P(S)=1.
- Probability of an event A is found by adding the probabilities of all outcomes contained in A

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## Taiwan Big Lotto

- 6 numbers chosen from 49 numbers
- First prize: all six numbers

  Event probability:  $1/C_6^{49} = \frac{6!(49-6)!}{49!}$
- Second prize: 5 numbers + 1 special number Event probability?

$$C_5^6 / C_7^{49}$$

Why? Model assumptions?

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# Mutually Exclusive Events

 When A and B have no outcomes in common, they are said to be mutually exclusive or disjoint events

•Experiment: Toss a die

-A: observe an odd number

-B: observe a number greater than 2

-C: observe a 6

-D: observe a 3

Mutually
Exclusive

A and C?
A and D?
B and C?

## **Conditional Probability**

• For any two events A and B with P(B) > 0, the **conditional probability** of A given that B has occurred is defined by  $P(A|B) = P(A \cap B)/P(B)$ 

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## **Independent Events**

- Two events A and B are **independent** if P(A|B)=P(A) and are dependent otherwise
- In other words,  $P(A|B) = P(A \cap B)/P(B) = P(A)$   $\Rightarrow P(A \cap B) = P(A) \ P(B) \ \text{if } A \ \text{and } B \ \text{are independent}$

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# **Basic Probability Rules**

- Rule 1: Addition rule for **mutually** exclusive events P(A or B) = P(A) + P(B)
- Rule 2: Multiplication rule for **independent** events P(A and B)=P(A)P(B)
- Rule 3: General addition rule P(A or B) = P(A) + P(B) P(A and B)
- Rule 4: General multiplication rule P(A and B) = P(A)P(B|A)

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Sensitivity and Specificity										
Test: disease, fire, quality, etc. Testing performance?			Condition positive (CP)	Condition negative (CN)						
	Predicted Condition	Test outcome positive (P)	True positive $(TP) = 20$ $\{P \cap CP\}$	False positive (FP) = 180 {P∩CN}	Positive predictive value (PPV/Preci sion) P(CP P) = TP / (TP + FP) = 20 / (20 + 180) = 10%					
		Test outcome negative (N)	False negative $(FN) = 10$ $\{N \cap CP\}$	True negative (TN) = 1820 {N∩CN}	Negative predictive value (NPV) P(CN N) = TN / (FN + TN) = 1820 / (10 + 1820)≈ 99.5%					
			Sensitivity (Recall) <i>P</i> (P CP) = TP / (TP + FN) = 20 / (20 + 10) ≈ 67%	Specificity P(N CN) = TN / (FP + TN) =1820/(180 +1820) = 91%	©Argon Chen					

### Meanings of Sensitivity and Specificity

Sensitivity (Recall): "I know my patient has the disease. What is the chance that the test will show that my patient has it?"

Specificity: "I know my patient doesn't have the disease. What is the chance that the test will show that my patient doesn't have it?"

## Meanings of PPV and NPV

PPV (Precision/Risk): "I just got a positive test result back on my patient. What is the chance (risk) that my patient actually has the disease?"

NPV: "I just got a negative test result back on my patient. What is the chance that my patient actually doesn't have the disease?"

### **Total Probability and Bayes**

• Let  $A_1,...,A_n$  be mutually exclusive and exhaustive events. Then for any other event B: (law of total probability)

$$P(B) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} P(B \mid A_i) P(A_i)$$

**Bayes Thm**: Let  $A_1,...,A_n$  be a collection of n **mutually exclusive** and **exhaustive** events with  $P(A_i) > 0$  for i = 1,...,n. Then for any other event B for which P(B) > 0

$$P(A_k \mid B) = \frac{P(A_k \cap B)}{P(B)} = \frac{P(B \mid A_k)P(A_k)}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} P(B \mid A_i)P(A_i)}$$
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# Example 1

It is known that the H1N1 flu, a subtype of influenza type A also known as swine flu, prevalence is 10% (the proportion of population infected) in the pandemic period (2009~2010). A testing method has been developed to quickly test if a patient is infected with the influenza virus. This method is called Rapid Influenza Diagnostic Test (RIDT). Only 60% (sensitivity) of patients infected with H1N1 can be tested positive (40% of false negative) and 95% (specificity) of patients without H1N1 infection are tested negative. Only patients tested positive can be treated with Tamiflu administering. If a patient is not treated with Tamiflu administering, what is the probability that the patient is infected with H1N1 without treatment of Tamiflu?

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# Example 1 (Cont'd)

• a priori knowledge:

 $A_1$ : infected with H1N1  $P(A_1)=10\%$ 

 $A_0$ : without infection with  $P(A_0)=1-P(A_1)$ 

B<sub>1</sub>: tested positive

B<sub>0</sub>: tested negative

 $P(B_1|A_1)=0.6$ ;  $P(B_0|A_0)=0.95$ 

• a posteriori question:  $P(A_1 | B_0) = ?$ 

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# **Complete Testing Evaluation Table**

		True cond						
	Total Condition positive population		Condition negative	$\frac{\sum Condition\ positive}{\sum Total\ population}$	Accuracy (ACC) = $\frac{\Sigma \text{ True positive}}{\Sigma \text{ Total population}}$			
Predicted condition	Predicted condition positive	True positive	False positive, Type I error	Positive predictive value (PPV), Precision = $\frac{\Sigma \text{ True positive}}{\Sigma \text{ Predicted condition positive}}$	False discovery rate (FDR) = $\frac{\Sigma \text{ False positive}}{\Sigma \text{ Predicted condition positive}}$			
	Predicted condition negative	False negative, Type II error	True negative	$\frac{\text{False omission rate (FOR)} = }{\Sigma \text{ False negative}} \\ \Sigma \text{ Predicted condition negative}$	Negative predictive value (NPV) = Σ True negative Σ Predicted condition negative			
		True positive rate (TPR), Recall, Sensitivity, probability of detection, Power = $\frac{\Sigma}{\Sigma}$ True positive	$\label{eq:False positive rate (FPR), Fall-out,} False positive rate (FPR), Fall-out, probability of false alarm = \frac{\Sigma}{\Sigma} False positive = \frac{\Sigma}{\Sigma} Condition negative$	Positive likelihood ratio (LR+) = TPR FPR	Diagnostic odds	F <sub>1</sub> score =		
		False negative rate (FNR), Miss rate = Σ False negative Σ Condition positive	Specificity (SPC), Selectivity, True negative rate $(TNR) = \frac{\Sigma \ True \ negative}{\Sigma \ Condition \ negative}$	Negative likelihood ratio (LR-) = FNR TNR	ratio (DOR) = $\frac{LR+}{LR-}$	2 · Precision · Recall Precision + Recall		

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### Example 2

Only one in 1000 chips is defective by not conforming to a certain type of electrical test. The test is performed by a tester that detects the failure 99% of the time when the chip is actually defective. The tester misidentified a good chip only 2% of the time. If a randomly selected chip is tested defective, what is the probability that the chip is actually defective.

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### Variables with Random Nature

- **Definition:** For a given sample space of some experiment, a **random variable** is **any rule** that associates a number with each outcome in the sample space. A random variable is always denoted by a **capital letter (e.g.** *X*, *Y*, **etc)**
- Can you think of anything that is not random in nature? Can you think of two things that are exactly the same?

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### **Random Variables**

- What are random variables?
  - Life is a never ending experiment
  - Define the rules of experiment with its outcome as a random variable
- Types of random variables
  - discrete if its set of possible values is a discrete set
  - continuous if its set of possible values is an entire interval of numbers
- Examples: defects, c.d., thickness

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### **Probability Distribution**

- The **probability distribution** or **probability mass function (p.m.f)** of a **discrete** random variable is defined for every number x by p(x) = P(X=x)
- Let X be a continous random variable. Then a probability distribution or probability density function (p.d.f) of X is a function f(x) such that for any two numbers a and b with  $a \le b$

$$P(a \le X \le b) = \int_{a}^{b} f(x)dx$$

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# **Cumulative Distribution Function (c.d.f)**

• The cumulative distribution function (c.d.f) F(x) of a discrete (continuous) random variable X with p.m.f p(x) (p.d.f. f(x)) is defined for every number x by

$$F(x) = P(X \le x) = \sum_{y:y \le x} p(y)$$
$$(= \int_{-\infty}^{x} f(y) dy)$$

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### **Expected Value (Mean)**

• The **expected (or mean value)** of a discrete (continuous) r.v. X with p.m.f p(x) (p.d.f f(x)) is a **weighted average** weighted by p(x) or f(x):

$$E(X) = \mu_X = \sum_{x \in D} x \bullet p(x)$$
$$(= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \bullet f(x) dx)$$

where D represents the set of possible values for discrete r.v. X

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### Mean of a Function

If the discrete (continuous) r.v. X has a set of possible values D and p.m.f (p.d.f) p(x) (f(x)), then the expected value of any function h(X), denoted by E[h(X)] or, is computed by

$$E[h(X)] = \mu_{h(X)} = \sum_{x \in D} h(x) \cdot p(x) (= \int_{D} h(x) \cdot f(x) dx)$$

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### Variance

• The **variance** of a discrete (continuous) r.v. X with p.m.f. p(x) (p.d.f f(x)) and mean value  $\mu$  is

$$\sigma^2 = V(X) = E[(X - \mu)^2] = \sum_{x \in D} (x - \mu)^2 \cdot p(x)$$
$$(= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - \mu)^2 \cdot f(x) dx)$$

• The standard deviation of *X* is  $\sigma_X = \sqrt{V(X)}$ 

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### Rules of Mean and Variance

• Rules of Expected Values:

$$E(aX+b)=aE(X)+b$$

• Shortcut Formula for V(X):

$$V(X) = E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2$$

• Rules of Variance:

$$V(aX+b)=a^2V(X)$$

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# Family of Probability Distributions

• Suppose that p(x) depends on a quantity that can be assigned any one of a number of possible values, with each different value determining a different probability distribution. Such a quantity is called a **parameter** of the distribution. The collection of all probability distributions for different values of the **parameter** is called a **family** of probability distributions

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# **Discrete Distribution** Models

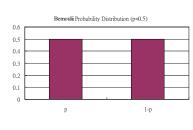
• Bernoulli Distribution: tossing coin

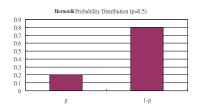
r.v. X = 0 or 1

P(X=0)=1-p; P(X=1)=p

One parameter: 0<p<1

Example: tossing coin to get the head where the probability of head is p





Mean: p Variance: p(1-p)

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# **Geometric Distribution Family**

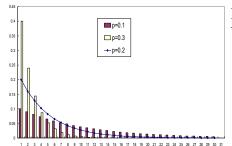
• Tossing coin

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r.v. *X*: number of tosses before first head appears where the probability of head is *p* 

$$P(X = x) = p(1-p)^{x-1}$$

$$P(X < x) = 1 - (1 - p)^{x-1}; P(X \ge x) = (1 - p)^{x-1}$$



Mean: ?

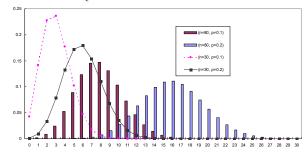
Variance:  $(1-p)/p^2$ 

• Memoryless property: P(X>m+n|X>n)=P(X>m)

# **Binomial Distribution Family**

• Tossing coin with **different r.v. definition** *X*: number of heads in *n* tosses

$$b(x; n, p) = \begin{cases} C_x^n p^x (1-p)^{n-x} & x = 0, 1, 2, ..., n \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



Mean: ? Variance: np(1-p)

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### **Derivation of Binomial Mean**

$$E(X) = \sum_{x=0}^{n} x \binom{n}{x} p^{x} (1-p)^{n-x}$$

$$= \sum_{x=0}^{n} \frac{n!}{x!(n-x)!} x p^{x} (1-p)^{n-x}$$

$$= \sum_{x=0}^{n} \frac{np(n-1)!}{(x-1)!(n-x)!} p^{x-1} (1-p)^{n-x} let k = x-1$$

$$= np \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} {n-1 \choose k} p^k (1-p)^{n-1-k} = np$$

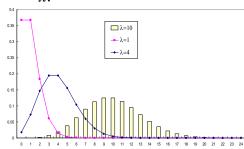
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# **Poisson Distribution Family**

$$p(x; \lambda) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^x}{x!} \qquad x = 0, 1, 2, \dots \text{ for some } \lambda > 0$$



- $E(X)=V(X)=\lambda$
- Poisson ~ binomial with  $n \to \infty$  and  $p \to 0$
- Example: defects on a wafer, communication network, car accidents

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### **Derivation of Poisson Mean**

$$E(X) = \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} x \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^x}{x!}$$

$$=\sum_{x=1}^{\infty}\frac{e^{-\lambda}\lambda^x}{(x-1)!}$$

$$= \lambda e^{-\lambda} \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^{x-1}}{(x-1)!} \qquad let \ k = x-1$$

$$= \lambda e^{-\lambda} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^k}{(k)!} = \lambda e^{-\lambda} e^{\lambda} = \lambda$$

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### **Continuous Distribution** Models

• Uniform Distribution family:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a} & a < x < b \\ 0 & otherwise \end{cases}$$

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x \le a \\ \frac{x-a}{b-a} & a < x < b \\ 1 & x \ge b \end{cases}$$

• Mean? Variance?

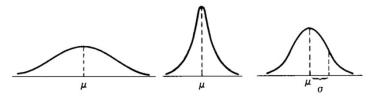
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# **Normal Distribution Family**

$$f(x; \mu, \sigma) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-(x-\mu)^2/2\sigma^2} \qquad -\infty < x < \infty$$

$$F(X=x;\mu,\sigma) = \int_{-\infty}^{x} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-(X-\mu)^2/2\sigma^2} dX \text{ (no close form)}$$

• Mean:  $\mu$  and Variance:  $\sigma^2$ 



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### **Standard Normal Distribution**

• Normal distribution with mean 0 and standard deviation 1: f(z;0,1);  $F(x)=\Phi(x)$ 

$$\Phi(x) = F(X = x; 0, 1) = \int_{-\infty}^{x} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-X^2/2} dX$$
 (no close form)

• Proposition: If X follows a normal distribution with mean  $\mu$  and standard deviation  $\sigma$ , then

$$Z = \frac{X - \mu}{}$$

is a standard normal random variable

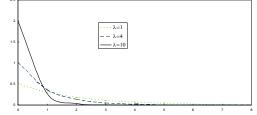
•  $F(x; \mu, \sigma) = \Phi(z = (x - \mu)/\sigma) \Rightarrow \text{Table of } \Phi(x)$ 

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# **Exponential Distribution Family**

$$f(x; \lambda) = \begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda x} & x \ge 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \text{ where } \lambda > 0$$

• c.d.f.  $F(x; \lambda) = \begin{cases} 0 & X < 0 \\ 1 - e^{-\lambda x} & X \ge 0 \end{cases}$ ;  $P(X > x) = e^{-\lambda x}$ 



mean= $1/\lambda = \sigma$ variance= $1/\lambda^2$ 

• Memoryless property: P(X>t+s|X>t)=P(X>s)

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### **Gamma Function**

$$\Gamma(\alpha) = \int_{0}^{\infty} x^{\alpha - 1} e^{-x} dx \quad \alpha > 0$$

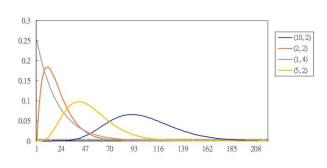
- For  $\alpha > 1$ ,  $\Gamma(\alpha) = (\alpha 1)\Gamma(\alpha 1)$
- For any positive integer n,  $\Gamma(n)=(n-1)!$
- $\Gamma(1/2) = \sqrt{\pi}$

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# **Gamma Distribution Family**

$$f_{\Gamma}(x;\alpha,\beta) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\beta^{\alpha} \Gamma(\alpha)} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-x/\beta} & x \ge 0\\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

•  $E(X) = \alpha \beta$   $V(X) = \alpha \beta^2$ 



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# Chi-square $(\chi^2)$ Distribution Family

$$f(x;\nu) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2^{\nu/2} \Gamma(\nu/2)} x^{\nu/2 - 1} e^{-x/2} & x \ge 0\\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- $\chi^2(\nu) \equiv f_{\Gamma}(\alpha = \nu/2, \beta = 2)$
- E(X)=? V(X)=?
- $X_i \sim \text{standard normal } N(0,1)$  $\Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^{\nu} X_i^2 \sim \chi^2(\nu)$

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# Discrete Joint Distribution and R.V.

- Let X and Y be two discrete random variables defined defined on a sample space of an experiment. The joint probability mass function p(x,y) is defined for each pair of numbers (x, y) by p(x, y)=P(X=x) and Y=y
- For any discrete set A consisting of (x,y) values,

$$P[(X,Y) \in A] = \sum_{(x,y) \in A} \sum_{x \in A} p(x,y)$$

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# **Continuous Joint Distribution** and R.V.

• Let X and Y be two continuous random variables. Then f(x,y) is the joint probability density function for X and Y if for any twodimensional set A

$$P[(X,Y) \in A] = \iint_A f(x,y) dx dy$$
• In particular,

$$P[a \le X \le b, c \le Y \le d] = \int_{a}^{b} \int_{c}^{d} f(x, y) dx dy$$

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## **Marginal Probability**

• Marginal probability mass (density) functions:

$$p_X(x) = \sum_{y} p(x, y), \qquad p_Y(y) = \sum_{x} p(x, y)$$

$$p_X(x) = \sum_{y} p(x, y), \qquad p_Y(y) = \sum_{x} p(x, y)$$
$$(f_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dy, \quad f_Y(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dx)$$

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### Independence of Two R.V.'s

• Two discrete (continuous) random variables *X* and *Y* are said to be **independent** if for every pair of *x* and *y* values,

$$p(x,y) = p_X(x) \cdot p_Y(y)$$

$$f(x,y) = f_X(x) \cdot f_Y(y)$$

• If above is not satisfied for all (x,y), X and Y are said to be **dependent** 

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## Covariance of Two R.V.'s

• Variance of two discrete (continuous) random variables *X* and *Y* is defined:

$$\sigma(X,Y) = E[(X-E[X])(Y-E[Y])]$$

$$= E[XY-XE[Y]-E[X]Y+E[X]E[Y]]$$

$$= E[XY]-E[X]E[Y]-E[X]E[Y]+E[X]E[Y]$$

$$= E[XY]-E[X]E[Y]$$

- Then X and Y are **independent**:  $E[XY]=E[X]E[Y] \text{ (why?)} \Rightarrow \sigma(X, Y)=0$
- However, if  $\sigma(X, Y)=0$ , X and Y may not be independent unless they jointly normally distributed.

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### Linear Combination of R.V.'s

• Linear Combination of r.v.  $X_i$ :

$$Y = \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i X_i$$

• For independent  $X_i$ 's:

$$E(\sum_{1}^{n} a_i X_i) = \sum_{1}^{n} a_i E(X_i)$$

$$V(\sum_{1}^{n} a_i X_i) = \sum_{1}^{n} a_i^2 V(X_i)$$

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# **Average of Random Variables**

• For independent and identically distributed (iid)  $X_i$ 's with  $\mu$  and  $\sigma$ 

$$\overline{X} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i}{n}$$

• Mean and Variance:

$$E(\overline{X}) = \mu$$
 and  $V(\overline{X}) = \frac{\sigma^2}{n}$ 

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### Sum of R.V.'s

• Sum of r.v.  $X_i$ :

$$Y = \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i$$

• For independent *X*<sub>i</sub>'s:

$$E(\sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} E(X_i)$$

$$V(\sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} V(X_i)$$

• How about distribution of *Y*? Not an easy answer!

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### Sum of Ind. Geometric RVs

• Sum of independent r.v.  $X_i$ :  $Y = \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i$  $E(\sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} E(X_i) = n / p$ 

$$V(\sum_{i=1}^{n} X_{i}) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} V(X_{i}) = n(1-p)/p^{2}$$

- How about distribution of *Y*? probability distribution function=?
  - It's a Negative Binomial Distribution!
     r.v. X=number of trials to n<sup>th</sup> head

$$P(X = x) = {x-1 \choose n-1} (1-p)^{x-n} p^n \quad x = n, n+1, ...$$

Why?

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#### Convolution: Sum of Two Independent R.V.'s

• We already know that for two independent r.v. X and Y

$$E(X+Y) = E(X) + E(Y)$$
$$V(X+Y) = V(X) + V(Y)$$

- How about the distribution of X+Y? That is, pmf or pdf X+Y:  $p_{x+v}(X+Y)$  or  $f_{x+v}(X+Y)$ ?
- In general, there is no easy answer for this even given the known distribution of *X* and *Y*! In fact, the solution is to solve the convolution of functions:

$$p_{x+y}(X+Y=a) = \sum_{\substack{\forall y \\ \forall y}} p_x(X=a-y) p_y(Y=y)$$
$$f_{x+y}(X+Y=a) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_x(a-y) f_y(y) dy$$

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#### Distribution of the Sum of Two Independent R.V.'s

- The answer could be as complicated as solving the convolution of functions. But could be quite simple too.....
- Example:

r.v. X+Y takes possible values: 2,3,4,5

$$p_x(0) = .3$$
  $p_x(1) = .2$   $P_x(2) = .5$   
 $p_y(2) = .5$   $p_y(3) = .5$ 

Convolution:

$$p(x+y=2) = p(x=0)p(y=2) = 0.15$$

$$p(x+y)=3) = p(x=0)p(y=3) + p(x=1)p(y=2) = 0.25$$

$$p(x+y=4) = p(x=1)p(y=3) + p(x=2)p(y=2) = 0.35$$

$$p(x+y=5) = p(x=2)p(y=3) = 0.25$$

or in general  $p(x+y=5) = \sum_{y=2}^{3} p(x=5-y)p(Y=y)$ 

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#### Distribution of the Sum of Two Independent R.V.'s

• The answer could be as complicated as solving the convolution of functions. But could be quite simple too.....

 $P_{\rm v}(2) = .5$ 

• Example:

r.v. X+Y takes possible values: 2,3,4,5

$$p_x(0) = .3$$

$$p_x(1) = .2$$

$$p_{v}(2) = .5$$

$$p_{v}(3) = .5$$

Convolution:

$$p(x + y = 2) = p(x = 0)p(y = 2) = 0.15$$

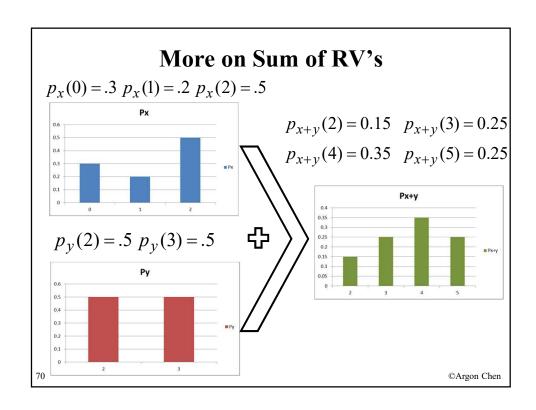
$$p(x + y) = 3$$
) =  $p(x = 0)p(y = 3) + p(x = 1)p(y = 2) = 0.25$ 

$$p(x + y = 4) = p(x = 1)p(y = 3) + p(x = 2)p(y = 2) = 0.35$$

$$p(x + y = 5) = p(x = 2)p(y = 3) = 0.25$$

or in general 
$$p(x+y=5) = \sum_{y=2}^{3} p(x=5-y)p(Y=y)$$

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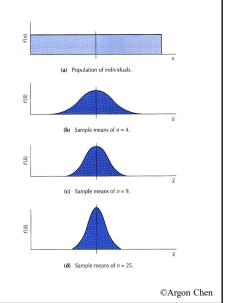
# **Central Limit Theorem**

If  $X_1, X_2, ... X_n$  are outcomes of a sample of n independent observations of a random variable X with mean  $\mu_x$  and variance  $\sigma_x^2$ , then

$$\Sigma X_i \sim N(n\mu_{\rm x}, n\sigma_{\rm x}^2)$$

and

$$\Sigma X_i/n \sim N(\mu_x, \sigma_x^2/n)$$



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