

# 1 STAT 400, Aryn Harmon

## 1.1 Midterm 1 Material

**Probability** is a real-valued function: 1.  $\mathbb{P}(S) = 1$ ; 2.  $\mathbb{P}(A) \geq 0$ ; 3. If  $A_1, A_2$  are mutually exclusive events,  $\mathbb{P}(A_1 \cup A_2) = \mathbb{P}(A_1) + \mathbb{P}(A_2)$  and so on.

**Inclusion-Exclusion:**  $\mathbb{P}(A \cup B) = \mathbb{P}(A) + \mathbb{P}(B) - \mathbb{P}(A \cap B)$ .

**Conditional Probability:**  $\mathbb{P}(A|B) = \frac{\mathbb{P}(A \cap B)}{\mathbb{P}(B)}$  given  $\mathbb{P}(B) > 0$ .  $\mathbb{P}(A|B) \neq \mathbb{P}(A)$  unless  $A$  and  $B$  are independent. Also see Bayes's Theorem. Probability of a string of unions given  $B$  is equal to the sum of the individual conditional probabilities.

**Multiplication Rule:** Probability of two events both occurring:  $\mathbb{P}(A \cap B) = \mathbb{P}(A) \cdot \mathbb{P}(B|A)$  or  $\mathbb{P}(A \cap B) = \mathbb{P}(B) \cdot \mathbb{P}(A|B)$  (one is easier than the other).

**Bayes's Rule:**  $\mathbb{P}(A|B) = \frac{\mathbb{P}(A) \cdot \mathbb{P}(B|A)}{\mathbb{P}(B)}$ .  $\mathbb{P}(A)$  is the *prior probability* of  $A$ .  $\mathbb{P}(A|B)$  is the *posterior probability* of  $A$  given that  $B$  occurred. Use to invert probabilities.

**Bayes's Rule 2:**  $\mathbb{P}(A|B) = \frac{\mathbb{P}(A) \cdot \mathbb{P}(B|A)}{\mathbb{P}(A) \cdot \mathbb{P}(B|A) + \mathbb{P}(A') \cdot \mathbb{P}(B|A')}$ .

**Bayes's Rule Full:** Given some partition of  $S$ :  $A_1 \cup \dots \cup A_k = S$ .  $\mathbb{P}(A_i|B) = \frac{\mathbb{P}(A_i) \cdot \mathbb{P}(B|A_i)}{\sum_{m=1}^k \mathbb{P}(A_m) \cdot \mathbb{P}(B|A_m)}$ .

**Independence:**  $\mathbb{P}(A|B) = \mathbb{P}(A)$ ,  $\mathbb{P}(B|A) = \mathbb{P}(B)$ , and  $\mathbb{P}(A \cap B) = \mathbb{P}(A) \cdot \mathbb{P}(B)$ .

**Pairwise Independence:** All of the following must hold:  $\mathbb{P}(A \cap B) = \mathbb{P}(A) \cdot \mathbb{P}(B)$ ,  $\mathbb{P}(A \cap C) = \mathbb{P}(A) \cdot \mathbb{P}(C)$ , and  $\mathbb{P}(B \cap C) = \mathbb{P}(B) \cdot \mathbb{P}(C)$ .

**Mutual Independence:**  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  must be pairwise independent and in addition:  $\mathbb{P}(A \cap B \cap C) = \mathbb{P}(A) \cdot \mathbb{P}(B) \cdot \mathbb{P}(C)$ .

**Number of ways to take  $r$  objects from  $n$  candidates:**

	Ordered Sample	Unordered Sample
W. R.	$n^r$	$\binom{n+r-1}{r}$
W/o. R.	$nPr$	$\binom{n}{r}$
	$nP_k = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!}$ - permutation	
	$\binom{n}{k} = nC_k = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$ - combination	

**Binomial Theorem:**  $(a+b)^n = \sum_{r=0}^n \binom{n}{r} a^r b^{n-r}$ .  $\binom{n}{n-r} = \binom{n}{r}$ ,  $\binom{n}{r}, \binom{n}{0} = \binom{n}{n} = 1$ ,  $\binom{n}{1} = \binom{n}{n-1} = n$ .

*Some magic formulae:* 1.  $\sum_{r=0}^n \binom{n}{r} = 2^n$ . 2.  $\sum_{r=0}^n (-1)^r \binom{n}{r} = 0$ . 3.  $\sum_{r=0}^n \binom{n}{r} p^r (1-p)^{n-r} = 1$ .

**Pascal's Equation:**  $\binom{n}{r} = \binom{n-1}{r} + \binom{n-1}{r-1}$ .

**Hypergeometric Distribution:**  $f(x) = \mathbb{P}(X = x) = \frac{\binom{N_1}{x} \cdot \binom{N_2}{n-x}}{\binom{N}{n}}$ , where  $x \leq n$ ,  $x \leq N_1$ ,  $n-x \leq N_2$  and  $N = N_1 + N_2$ .

$\mathbb{E}(X) = n \frac{N_1}{N}$  and  $Var(X) = n \cdot \frac{N_1}{N} \cdot \frac{N_2}{N} \cdot \frac{N-n}{N-1}$ . Example: Urn model:  $N_1$  red balls,  $N_2$  blue balls, draw  $n$  balls from  $N_1 + N_2$  balls, then look at the probability that there are  $x$  red balls in the selected  $n$  balls.

**Mean:**  $\mu = \mathbb{E}(X) = \sum_{x \in S} x f(x)$ .

**Variance:**  $\sigma^2 = Var(X) = \mathbb{E}(X - \mu)^2 = \mathbb{E}(X^2) - \mu^2 = \sum_{i=1}^k x_i^2 f(x_i) - \mu^2$ . **Standard Deviation:**  $\sigma$ .

**$r$ -th Moment:**  $\mathbb{E}(|X|^r) = \sum_{x \in S} |x|^r f(x) < \infty$ ; is the moment about the origin.

**$r$ -th Moment about  $b$ :**  $\mathbb{E}((X-b)^r) = \sum_{x \in S} (x-b)^r f(x)$ ; is the moment about  $b$ . Facts:  $\mu$  is the first moment of  $X$  about the origin.  $\sigma^2$  is the second moment of  $X$  about  $\mu$ .

*Example of Variance Properties:*  $Var(aX + b) = a^2 \cdot Var(X)$ .

**Bernoulli Distribution:** A random experiment is called a set of Bernoulli trials if each trial has only two outcomes, has a constant  $p$ , and each trial is independent.  $f(x) = p$  if  $x = 1$ ,  $1-p$  if  $x = 0$ , with  $0 \leq p \leq 1$ .  $\mathbb{E}(X) = p$  and  $Var(X) = p(1-p)$ .

**Binomial Distribution:** Let  $X$  be the number of successes in  $n$  independent Bernoulli trials with  $p$ . Then  $X \sim b(n, p)$ .

$f(x) = \mathbb{P}(X = x) = \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x}$ .  $\mathbb{E}(X) = np$  and  $Var(X) = np(1-p)$ .

A note: binomial and hypergeometric are similar, but binomial has replacement and one category, and hypergeometric has two categories and no replacement.

**Cumulative Distribution Function:**  $F(x) = \mathbb{P}(X \leq x)$ ,  $x \in (-\infty, \infty)$ . For discrete random variables:  $f(x) = \mathbb{P}(X = x) = \mathbb{P}(X \leq x) - \mathbb{P}(X \leq x-1) = F(x) - F(x-1)$ .

**Geometric Distribution:**  $f(x) = p(1-p)^{x-1}$ ,  $x = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ .  $X$  represents the draw in which the first success is drawn.  $f(x)$  is the probability of getting a success in the  $x$ -th draw.

**Negative Binomial Distribution:**  $f(x) = \binom{x-1}{r-1} p^r (1-p)^{x-r}$  and  $x = r, r+1, r+2, \dots$ .  $X$  is the number of trials it takes to get  $r$  successes.  $f(x)$  is the probability that the  $r$ -th success occurs on the  $x$ -th trial.

## 1.2 Midterm 2 Material

**Moment Generating Function:**  $M(t) = \mathbb{E}(e^{tX}) = \sum_{x \in S} e^{tx} f(x)$  if  $f(x)$  is the p.d.f. of some distribution and  $t \in V_h(0)$  is finite. *Theorem:*  $\mathbb{E}(X^r) = M^{(r)}(0)$ , so  $\mu = \mathbb{E}(X) = M'(0)$  and  $\sigma^2 = \mathbb{E}(X^2) - [\mathbb{E}(X)]^2 = M''(0) - [M'(0)]^2$ . To calculate the m.g.f. and p.d.f. of some random variable given only its moments, use the Taylor series expansion centered at zero.  $M(t) = M(0) + M'(0) \left(\frac{t}{1!}\right) + M''(0) \left(\frac{t^2}{2!}\right) + \dots = 1 + \mathbb{E}(X) \left(\frac{t}{1!}\right) + \mathbb{E}(X^2) \left(\frac{t^2}{2!}\right) + \dots$

**Poisson distribution:** *Definition:* Poisson process counts the number of events occurring in a fixed time/space given a rate  $\lambda$ . Let  $X_t$  be the number events which occur in  $t$  unit time intervals.  $\mathbb{P}(X_t = x) = \frac{(\lambda t)^x}{x!} e^{-\lambda t}$ .  $\mu = \lambda$ ,  $\sigma^2 = \lambda$ .

**Poisson Approximation** of Binomial Distribution: If  $X \sim b(n, p)$  and  $n$  is large while  $p$  is small, then  $X$  can be approximated as  $\hat{X} \sim poi(\lambda)$  s.t.  $\lambda = np$ .

**Mean:**  $\mu = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f(x) dx$ .

**Variance:**  $\sigma^2 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - \mu)^2 f(x) dx$ .

**M.G.F.:**  $M(t) = \mathbb{E}(e^{tX}) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{tx} f(x) dx$ ,  $t \in (-h, h)$ .

**Percentile:**  $p = \int_{-\infty}^{\pi_p} f(x) dx = F(\pi_p)$ .

**Uniform Distribution:**  $f(x) = \frac{1}{b-a}$ ,  $a \leq x \leq b$ . If  $X \sim U(a, b)$ , then  $\mathbb{E}(X) = \frac{a+b}{2}$ ,  $\sigma^2 = \frac{(b-a)^2}{12}$ , and  $M(t) = \mathbb{E}(e^{tX}) = \frac{e^{tb} - e^{ta}}{t(b-a)}$ ,  $t \neq 0$  and  $M(0) = 1$ .

**Exponential Distribution:** This describes the waiting time between events in a Poisson process with rate  $\lambda$ . Let  $\theta = \frac{1}{\lambda}$ . Then if  $X \sim Exp(\theta)$ ,  $f(x) = \frac{1}{\theta} e^{-\frac{x}{\theta}}$ ,  $x \geq 0$  and 0 otherwise.  $\mu = \theta$ ,  $\sigma^2 = \theta^2$ , and  $M(t) = (1 - \theta t)^{-1}$ ,  $t < \frac{1}{\theta}$ .

**Memoryless Property** of the Exponential Distribution: What happened in the past does not matter now. Only the present can determine the future.  $\mathbb{P}(X > a+b | X > a) = \mathbb{P}(X > b)$ ,  $\forall a, b \geq 0$ .

**Gamma Function:**  $\Gamma(x) = \int_0^{\infty} y^{x-1} e^{-y} dy$ ,  $x > 0$ .

**Gamma Distribution:**  $f(t)$  represents the waiting time until the  $\alpha$ -th occurrence of some Poisson process with rate  $\lambda$ .  $f(t) = \frac{\lambda^\alpha t^{\alpha-1}}{(\alpha-1)!} e^{-\lambda t}$ ,  $t \geq 0$ . Then let  $\theta = \lambda^{-1}$ , then  $f(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \theta^\alpha t^{\alpha-1} e^{-\frac{t}{\theta}}$ ,  $t \geq 0$ ,  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ .  $\mu = \alpha\theta$ ,  $\sigma^2 = \alpha\theta^2$ , and  $M(t) = (1 - \theta t)^{-\alpha}$ . If  $\alpha = 1$ ,  $\text{gamma}(1, \theta) = \text{Exp}(\theta)$ .

**$\chi^2$  Distribution:** If  $X \sim \text{gamma}(\alpha, \theta)$ , and  $\theta = 2$  and  $\alpha = \frac{r}{2}$ , where  $r$  is a positive integer, then  $X$  is a  $\chi^2$  distribution with degree of freedom  $r$ .  $X \sim \chi^2(r)$ .  $\mu = r$ ,  $\sigma^2 = 2r$ , and  $M(t) = (1 - 2t)^{-\frac{r}{2}}$ ,  $t < \frac{1}{2}$ .  $e^2 = \chi^2(2)$ .

**Normal Distribution:** Bell curve!  $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .  $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ .  $X \sim N(0, 1)$  is the standard normal distribu-

tion.  $\mu = \mu$ ,  $\sigma^2 = \sigma^2$ , and  $M(t) = e^{\mu t + \frac{\sigma^2 t^2}{2}}$ . Standardization:  $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ , then  $Z = \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma} \sim N(0, 1)$ .

**Normal Square Distribution:** Let  $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$  and  $Z = \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma}$ . Then the random variable  $V = Z^2 \sim \chi^2(1)$ .

**Cauchy Distribution:** (Why do we even need this distribution?)  $f(x) = \frac{1}{\pi(1+x^2)}$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Symmetric about zero, so median is zero, but  $\mu$  is undefined because the tail of the p.d.f. is too heavy (i.e. each integral of the distribution does not converge). c.d.f.  $= F(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \arctan(x) + \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**Joint Probability Density Function:**  $\mathbb{P}((X, Y) \in A) = \iint f(x, y) dx dy$ .

**Marginal Probability Density Function:**  $f_x(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dy$  and the other way around for  $y$ .

**Mathematical Expectation:**  $\mathbb{E}[g(X, Y)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x, y) f(x, y) dx dy$ .

**Independent Random Variables:** Two events  $A$  and  $B$  are independent iff  $f(x, y) = f_x(x) \cdot f_y(y) \forall x, y$ . This works for both the p.d.f. and the c.d.f.

**Trinomial Distribution:** This is an extension of the binomial distribution into two dimensions.  $f(x_1, x_2) = \mathbb{P}(X_1 = x_1, X_2 = x_2) = \frac{n!}{x_1! x_2! (n - x_1 - x_2)!} p_1^{x_1} p_2^{x_2} (1 - p_1 - p_2)^{n - x_1 - x_2}$  for  $x_1, x_2 \geq 0$ ,  $x_1 + x_2 \leq n$ .

**Covariance:**  $Cov(X, Y) = \mathbb{E}[(X - \mu_x)(Y - \mu_y)]$ ,  $\mu_x = \mathbb{E}(X)$ ,  $\mu_y = \mathbb{E}(Y)$ . Useful identity:  $Cov(X, Y) = \mathbb{E}(XY) - \mathbb{E}(X)\mathbb{E}(Y)$ .

**Properties of Covariance:** Zero-angle:  $Cov(X, X) = Var(X)$ . Symmetry:  $Cov(X, Y) = Cov(Y, X)$ .  $Cov(aX + b, Y) = a \cdot Cov(X, Y)$ .  $Cov(X + Y, W) = Cov(X, W) + Cov(Y, W)$ .  $Cov(aX + bY, cX + dY) = (ac) \cdot Var(X) + (bd) \cdot Var(Y) + (ad + bc) \cdot Cov(X, Y)$ .  $Var(aX + bY) = a^2 \cdot Var(X) + 2ab \cdot Cov(X, Y) + b^2 \cdot Var(Y)$ .

**Correlation Coefficient:**  $\rho_{XY} = \frac{\sigma_{XY}}{\sigma_X \cdot \sigma_Y} = \frac{Cov(X, Y)}{\sqrt{Var(X)} \cdot \sqrt{Var(Y)}}$ .

Uncorrelated:  $\rho_{XY} = 0 \Leftrightarrow \sigma_{XY} = 0$ . If  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent, then  $\rho_{XY} = 0$ , but the implication **does not** go the other way.

**I.I.D.:** If every marginal probability density function is equal and independent, then all of the random variables are independent and identically distributed (i.i.d.).

**Combinations:** If  $Y$  is a linear combination of independent random variables with constant multiples, then the expectation of  $Y$  is simply the sum of the expectations of random variables. The variance of  $Y$  is the sum of the variances of the random variables with their constant multiples squared. The moment of a linear combination of random variables is the product of their individual moments.

**Summary of Combinations:** Suppose  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent. Then,

- $bern(p) + bern(p) = b(2, p)$
- $b(n_1, p) + b(n_2, p) = b(n_1 + n_2, p)$
- $geo(p) + geo(p) = negbin(2, p)$
- $negbin(r_1, p) + negbin(r_2, p) = negbin(r_1 + r_2, p)$
- $poi(\lambda_1) + poi(\lambda_2) = poi(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)$
- $exp(\theta) + exp(\theta) = gamma(2, \theta)$
- $gamma(\alpha_1, \theta) + gamma(\alpha_2, \theta) = gamma(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2, \theta)$
- $N(\mu_1, \sigma_1^2) + N(\mu_2, \sigma_2^2) = N(\mu_1 + \mu_2, \sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2)$

### 1.3 Final Material

Everything taught in the class is on the final.

**Chebyshev's Inequality:** If  $k \geq 1$ :  $\mathbb{P}(|X - \mu| \geq k\sigma) \leq \frac{\sigma^2}{k^2}$ . Let

$\epsilon = k\sigma$ :  $\mathbb{P}(|X - \mu| \geq \epsilon) \leq \frac{1}{k^2}$ .

**Central Limit Theorem (CLT):**  $\frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{X} - \mu)}{\sigma} \rightarrow Z$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Normal Approximation to Binomial:** If  $np \geq 5$  and  $n(1 - p) \geq 5$ , then

	$b(n, p)$	$N(\mu, \sigma^2)$
Mean	$np$	$\mu$
Variance	$np(1 - p)$	$\sigma^2$

**Normal Approximation to Poisson:**

	$Poisson(\lambda)$	$N(\mu, \sigma^2)$
Mean	$\lambda$	$\mu$
Variance	$\lambda$	$\sigma^2$

**Jensen's Inequality:** If  $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a convex function and  $X$  is a random variable, then  $\mathbb{E}[g(X)] \geq g(\mathbb{E}(X))$ .

**Maximum Likelihood Estimator:** Maximize the likelihood function subject to the parameter space.

1. Construct likelihood function,  $F(x; \theta) = \Pi_{i=1}^n(f(x_i))$ .
2. If applicable, take the log of this to make things easier to differentiate and to change the product into a sum.  $l(x; \theta)$ .
3. Differentiate to get  $\frac{dl(x; \theta)}{d\theta}$ .
4. Assume convexity (ha) and find optimal  $\theta$  by solving  $\frac{dl(x; \theta)}{d\theta} = 0$ .

**Sample Mean:**  $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \equiv \bar{X}$ .

**Sample Variance:** For  $z$  distribution:  $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})$ , and for  $t$  distribution:  $\frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})$ .

**Method of Moments Estimator:** Construct a system of equations using moments and sample data. For example, equate theoretical mean with sample mean, and theoretical variance with sample variance, then solve. <><><maybe put an example here>><>><

**Confidence Intervals for Means:**

	Known Variance	Unknown Variance
Two Side	$\left[ \bar{X} - z_{\frac{\alpha}{2}} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}, \bar{X} + z_{\frac{\alpha}{2}} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} \right]$	$\left[ \bar{X} - t_{\frac{\alpha}{2}} (n-1) \frac{\hat{S}}{\sqrt{n}}, \bar{X} + t_{\frac{\alpha}{2}} (n-1) \frac{\hat{S}}{\sqrt{n}} \right]$
Lower	$\left[ \bar{X} - z_{\alpha} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}, \infty \right)$	you can
Upper	$(-\infty, \bar{X} + z_{\alpha} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}]$	figure it out

$S^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2$  be the sample