

Lecture 1

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1 Introduction

Finna learn which analyses to undertake and how to interpret them

Divided into 4 parts:

1. Basic probability theory
2. Statistical inference
3. Linear (regression) models
4. Time series analysis

Lecture notes are the primary course material

Exercises are heavily useful → do these every week

1.1 Assessment

- Part 1 – 40% – midterm (in groups of up to 3)
- Part 2 – 60% – final take-home exams

1.2 Contact

- Office Hours: by apt
- Contact: Adam Lee
- for god's sake use email

2 Probability

S : Sample space $\rightarrow \{x_1, \dots, x_n\} \rightarrow$ cannot have duplicate numbers

\mathcal{S} : σ -algebra set of sets

$$S = \{1, 2, 3\}$$

$$A \subset S$$

$$A = \{1, 2\} \quad A = \{1\} \quad A = \{\} \rightarrow \text{This is the empty set } \emptyset$$

$P : \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a probability IF

$$i) P(A) \geq 0 \quad \forall A \in \mathcal{S}$$

$$ii) P(\mathcal{S}) = 1$$

$$iii) A_1, \dots, A_n \text{ s.t. } i \neq j \Rightarrow A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset \rightarrow P(u_{1,2}^\infty) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A_i)$$

2.1 2.1.1 Events and probabilities

Prop: if $P : \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a probability s.t. $A \in \mathcal{S}$

then:

$$i) P(\emptyset) = 0$$

$$\mathcal{S} \cap \emptyset = \emptyset$$

$$ii) P(A) \leq 1$$

$$A^C = \{x \in \mathcal{S} : x \notin A\}$$

$$S = A \cap A^C$$

$$A \cup A^C = \emptyset$$

$$1 = P(\mathcal{S}) = P(A) + P(A^C)$$

$$iii) P(A^C) = 1 - P(A)$$

$$A_n \uparrow A = U_{n=1}^{\infty} A \rightarrow P(A_n) \uparrow P(A)$$

$$A_n \subset A_{n+1}$$

$$B_1 = A_1$$

$$B_k = A_k \setminus A_{k-1}$$

$$U_{n=1}^{\infty} A_i = \{x \in \mathcal{S} : \exists i : x \in A_i\}$$

$$P : \mathcal{S} \rightarrow [0, 1]$$

$$A, B \in \mathcal{S}$$

then:

i)

$$P(A \cap A^C) = P(B) - P(A \cap B)$$

$$B = (B \cap A) \cup (B \cap A^C) \quad B \text{ and } A \text{ complement have no common elements}$$

$$P(B) = P(B \cap A) + P(B \cap A^C)$$

ii)

$$P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$$

$$A = \{1, 2, 3\} \quad B = \{3, 4, 5\}$$

$$A \cup B = A \cup (B \cap A^C)$$

$$P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B \cap A^C) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$$

iii)

$$A \subset B \rightarrow P(A) \leq P(B)$$

$$P(B) = P(A) + P(B \cap A^C)$$

iv)

$$(A_n)$$

$$A \subset U_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n$$

$$P(A) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A_i)$$

$$A'_n = A_n \cap A$$

$$B_n = A'_n \setminus U_{m=1}^{n-1} A'_m$$

$$U_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n = A \rightarrow P(A) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(B_n) \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(A_n)$$

$$X : S \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad (\mathbb{R} \text{ is the sample space})$$

$$\mathcal{X} \subset \mathbb{R}$$

$$\mathcal{B} \quad (\text{collection of subsets})$$

$$B \in \mathcal{B}$$

$$P_x(B) = P(\{s \in S : X(s) \in B\}) \rightarrow P(X^{-1}(B)) \rightarrow P(X \in B) = P(\{x \in B\})$$

$$S = \{(1, 1), (1, 2), \dots, (6, 5), (6, 6)\} \quad (\text{throwing two dice})$$

$$\mathcal{S} = \text{all subsets of } S$$

$$P(\{(i, j)\}) = \frac{1}{36}$$

$$A = \{(1, 1), \dots, (6, 6)\} \rightarrow A_1 = \{1, 1\}, \dots, A_6 = \{6, 6\}$$

$$U_{i=1}^6 A_i = A$$

$$P(A) = P(U_{i=1}^6 A_i) = \sum_{i=1}^6 P(A_i) = \sum_{i=1}^6 \frac{1}{36} = \frac{6}{36} = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$X : S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$X((i, j)) = i + j$$

$$\mathcal{X} = \{\text{all the possible sums you can run through}\} \rightarrow \mathcal{X} = \{(2, 3, 4, \dots, 12)\}$$

$$\mathcal{B} = \text{subset of } \mathcal{X}$$

$$P_x(\{3\}) = P(X^{-1}(\{3\})) = P((i, j) \in \mathcal{S} : X((i, j)) \in \{3\})$$

$$\mathcal{X} \supset A = \{2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12\}$$

$$P_x(A) =$$

$$P(\text{both even}) = P(\text{first even}) \cdot P(\text{second even}) = \frac{3}{6} \cdot \frac{3}{6} = \frac{9}{36}$$

$$P(\text{both odd}) = P(\text{first odd}) \cdot P(\text{second odd}) = \frac{3}{6} \cdot \frac{3}{6} = \frac{9}{36}$$

$$P_x(A) = \frac{9}{36} + \frac{9}{36} = \frac{18}{36} = \frac{1}{2}$$

3 CDF

Cumulative Distribution Function

$$\begin{aligned}
 & P_x \\
 & F : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, 1] \quad \text{cdf of } X_1 \\
 & F(x) = P(X \leq x) = P(s \in S : X(s) \leq x) = P_x((-\infty, x]) \\
 & (P_x(A) : A \in \mathcal{B})
 \end{aligned}$$

Properties of CDF: if F is the cdf of a random variable X , then:

$$i) \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} F(x) = 0 \text{ and } \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} F(x) = 1$$

$$ii) F(x) \leq F(y) \text{ whenever } y \geq x$$

$$iii) \lim_{x \downarrow z} F(x) = F(z)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & x_n \rightarrow -\infty \\
 & F(x_n) = P_x((-\infty, x_n]) \downarrow P_x(\emptyset) \quad (\text{converges downwards}) \\
 & (-\infty, x_n] \downarrow \emptyset
 \end{aligned}$$

$$(-\infty, x_n] \uparrow (-\infty, \infty) = \mathbb{R}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & ii) (-\infty, x] \subset (-\infty, y] \quad \text{if } y \geq x \\
 & F(x) = P_x((-\infty, x]) \leq P_x((-\infty, y]) = F(y)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$z_n \downarrow x \rightarrow (-\infty, z_n] \downarrow (-\infty, x] \rightarrow F(z_n) \rightarrow F(x)$$

$$z_n \uparrow x \rightarrow (-\infty, z_n] \uparrow (-\infty, x)$$