

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:

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

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

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

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

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

$$A \cup A^C = \mathcal{S}$$

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

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

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

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

$$B_1 = A_1$$

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

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

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

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

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)

$$(A_n)$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$P_x(A) =$$

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

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

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

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:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Identically distributed:

let x and y be a random variable

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

$$P(x \in B) = P(y \in B)$$

$$P_x(B) = P_y(B)$$

This is like flipping two coins, coin one is x and coin two is y (they are not the same coin, hence the same probability)

random variables can also be Identically distributed:

$$\text{if } F_x = F_y \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
F_x(x) &= P(x \in (-\infty, x]) = P_x((-\infty, x]) \\
&= P_y((-\infty, x]) \\
&= P(y \in (-\infty, x]) \\
&= F_y(x)
\end{aligned}$$

3.1 Continuous and discrete distributions:

x is discrete:

x has a pmf: $f(x) = P(X = x)$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\begin{aligned}
&B \in \mathcal{B} \\
P_x(B) &= P(x \in B) = \sum_{t \in B} f(t) \\
P(\text{even}) &= f(2) + f(4) + f(6) \quad (\text{like the example about the dice})
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
F(x) &= P_x((-\infty, x]) \\
&= \sum_{t \leq x} f(t) \quad (\text{countable points that are more than zero})
\end{aligned}$$

4 Three common distributions:

1. Bernoulli:

$$X \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p), \quad p \in [0, 1]$$

$$X = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if prob. } p \\ 0 & \text{if prob. } 1 - p \end{cases}$$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} p & x = 1 \\ p & x = 0 \\ p & x \notin \{0, 1\} \end{cases}$$

Ex: we have two different websites and we want to measure website performance of how many people bought stuff on each of the websites → **proportions**

2. Binomial:

$$X \sim \text{Binom}(n, p)$$

$$f(x) = \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x}, \quad x = 0, 1, \dots, n$$

3. Poisson:

$$X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$$

$$f(x) = \frac{\exp(-\lambda) \lambda^x}{x!}, \quad x = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Example: ordered packages, how likely is it that 6 of my packages are going to arrive before lunch? λ is package arrival intensity

4.1 Continuous random variables

X is continuous

f .

$$f(x) \neq P(X = x)$$

$P(X = x) = 0 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$ (The probability of hitting any specific exact value is essentially zero)

$$P(X \leq x) = F(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(t)dt$$

$$P(x \in B) = \int_{-B}^{\infty} f(t)dt = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathbb{1}_B(t)f(t)dt$$

Uniform distribution

$X \sim \text{uniform}(a, b)$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a} & x \in [a, b] \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Normal distribution:

$X \sim \text{Normal}(\mu, \sigma^2)$

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

Student's distribution

$X \sim t(v)$

$$f(x) = \frac{\Gamma((v+1)/2)}{\Gamma(v/2)\sqrt{v\pi}} \left(1 + \frac{x^2}{v}\right)^{-(v\pi)/2}$$

Chi-squared - related to the N dist

$X \sim \chi^2(p)$

Ugly formula – google it

f is a pdf/pmf of r.v. x

$$\begin{aligned} & i) f(x) \geq 0 \\ ii) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = 1; \quad \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} f(x) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

i) continuous

$$\text{as } F(x) \uparrow \quad F(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(t) dt$$

ii) discrete

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} f(x) &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{x \leq t, x \in \mathcal{X}} f(x) \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} F(t) \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-\infty}^t f(x) dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} F(t) = 1$$

5 Creating r.vs from an r.v.

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

$$g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$Y = g(X) : S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$P(y \in A) = P(g(x) \in A) = P(\{x \in \mathbb{R} : g(x) \in A\}) = P(x \in g^{-1}(A))$$

If this transformation is well '-behaved, we can compute the pdf of g(x)

i) If x is discrete, then $Y = g(x)$ is also discrete: $f_y(y) = \sum_{x \in g^{-1}(\{y\})} f_x(x)$

ii) If x is cont., then the output will be discrete:

$$F_Y(y) = \int_{\{x: g(x) \leq y\}} f_X(x) dx = P(g(x) \leq y) = P(x \in g^{-1}(\{y\})) = P(Y \leq y)$$

iii) if g is strictly monotone increasing, then $h = g^{-1}$ is differentiable, THEN

$$F_Y(y) = F_X(h(y)), \quad f_Y(y) = f_X(h(y))h'(y)$$

$$F_X(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{g^{-1}(y)} f_X(x) dx = F_X(h(y))$$

6 Mean variance of an arbitrary distribution

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}g(x) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x)f(x)dx \\ &= \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} g(x)f(x) \quad (\text{in the discrete case}) \\ \mathbb{E}X &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(f(x))dx \quad \text{this technically does not exist, hope this helps}\end{aligned}$$

we can always write

$$g(x) = g^+(x) - g^-(x) \quad (\text{both funcs are positive})$$

expectation exists if:

$$\mathbb{E}|g(x)| < \infty$$

in the case that

$$\mathbb{E}|g(x)| \geq \infty$$

we can say that it *may* not exist

$$\begin{aligned}i) \mathbb{E}[\alpha g_1(x)] &= \alpha \mathbb{E}[g_1(x)] \\ \mathbb{E}[g_1(x) + g_2(x)] &= \mathbb{E}[g_1(x)] + \mathbb{E}[g_2(x)]\end{aligned}$$

$$ii) g_1(x) \geq 0 \quad \forall f(x) > 0 \rightarrow \mathbb{E}g_1(x) \geq 0 \quad (\text{proof below})$$

\pm inf are implied

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}\alpha g_1(x) &= \int \alpha g_1(x)f(x)dx = \alpha \int g_1(x)f(x)dx = \alpha \mathbb{E}g_1(x) \\ \mathbb{E}(g_1(x) + g_2(x)) &= \int (g_1(x) + g_2(x))f(x)dx = \int g_1(x)f(x) + g_2(x)f(x)dx \\ &= \int g_1(x)f(x)dx + \int g_2(x)f(x)dx\end{aligned}$$

remember to look at ii) from the notes