

Probability Theory

$$P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) \text{ disjoint}$$

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

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

$$\text{If } A \subset B, P(A) \leq P(B)$$

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

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B) \text{ indep.}$$

$$\text{Mutually exclusive} \implies P(A \cap B) = \emptyset$$

Counting

$$\text{w/o rep. and ordered: } n!/(n-r)!$$

$$\text{w/ rep. and ordered: } n^r$$

$$\text{w/o rep. and unordered: } n \text{ choose } r$$

$$\text{w/ rep. and unordered: } \binom{n+r-1}{r}$$

cdf, pdf, pmf

$$\text{cdf: } \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} F(x) = 0, \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} F(x) = 1$$

$$F_X(x) \text{ is nondecreasing, derivative is } > 0$$

$$F_X(x) \text{ is right-continuous: } \lim_{x \downarrow x_0} F(x) = F(x_0)$$

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

$$\frac{d}{dx} F_X(x) = f_X(x)$$

$$P(a < X < b) = F_X(b) - F_X(a)$$

$$\text{pdf, pmf: } f_X(x) \geq 0 \quad \forall x$$

$$\sum_x f_X(x) = 1 \text{ or } \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x) dx = 1$$

Transformations

*X had pdf f and Y = g(X), where g is monotone.

f(x) is continuous and $g^{-1}(y) = x$ has cont. deriv.

If $g(X) = 1/X$ let $y = g(x) \implies g^{-1}(y) = 1/y$

$$f_Y(y) = f_X(g^{-1}(y)) \left| \frac{d}{dy} g^{-1}(y) \right|$$

*Suppose there exists a partition, A_0, A_1, \dots, A_k

s.t. $P(X \in A_0) = 0$ and f is continuous on each A

$$g(x) = g_i(x) \text{ for } x \in A_i, g_i(x) \text{ is monotone on } A_i$$

$g_i^{-1}(y)$ has continuous derivative. Then

$$f_Y(y) = \sum_{i=1}^k f_X(g_i^{-1}(y)) \left| \frac{d}{dy} g_i^{-1}(y) \right|$$

Expected Values

$$Eg(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) f_X(x) dx \text{ if cont.}$$

$$Eg(X) = \sum_x g(x) P(X = x) \text{ if discr.}$$

$$\text{Identity: } x \binom{n}{x} = n \binom{n-1}{x-1}$$

$$E(ag_1(X) + bg_2(X) + c) = aEg_1(X) + bEg_2(X) + c$$

$$\text{If } g_1(x) \geq 0, Eg_1(X) \geq 0$$

$$\text{If } g_1(x) \geq g_2(x), Eg_1(X) \geq Eg_2(X)$$

$$\text{If } a \geq g_1(x) \leq b, a \geq Eg_1(X) \leq b$$

$$EX = \sum_x xP(X = x)$$

$$E[XY] = \sum_x \sum_y xyf(x, y)$$

Moments and mgfs

$$\text{Var}(aX + b) = a^2 \text{Var} X$$

$$\text{Var} X = E(X - EX)^2 = EX^2 - (EX)^2$$

$$\text{Identity: } x^2 \binom{n}{x} = xn \binom{n-1}{x-1}$$

$$M_X(t) = Ee^{tX} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{tx} f_X(x) dx \text{ cont.}$$

$$M_X(t) = Ee^{tX} = \sum_x e^{tx} P(X = x) \text{ discr.}$$

$$EX^n = M_X^{(n)}(0) = \frac{d^n}{dt^n} M_X(t) |_{t=0}$$

$$\text{Binomial formula: } \sum_{x=0}^n \binom{n}{x} u^x v^{n-x} = (u+v)^n$$

Convergence of mgfs implies convergence of cdfs

$$\exp(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{x}{n}\right)^n$$

$$\exp(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$$

$$M_{aX+b} = e^{bt} M_X(at)$$

$$\frac{d}{d\theta} \int_a^b f(x, \theta) dx = \int_a^b \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} f(x, \theta) dx$$

$$\log(1-x) = -\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^k}{k}$$

Var X DNE if the 2nd moment is infinite

Exponential Families

$$f(x|\vec{\theta}) = h(x)c(\vec{\theta}) \exp\left(\sum_{i=1}^k w_i(\vec{\theta}) t_i(x)\right)$$

$$f(x|\eta) = h(x)c^*(\eta) \exp\left(\sum_{i=1}^k \eta_i t_i(x)\right)$$

$$E(t_j(X)) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial \eta_j} \log c^*(\eta)$$

$$\text{Var}(t_j(X)) = -\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \eta_j^2} \log c^*(\eta)$$

Inequalities and Identities

$$P(g(X) \geq r) \leq \frac{Eg(X)}{r}$$

Joint and Marginal Distributions

Refer to properties of pdfs/pmfs

$$f_X(x) = \sum_y f_{X,Y}(x, y)$$

$$f_Y(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(x, y) dx$$

$$Eg(X, Y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x, y) f_{X,Y}(x, y) dx dy$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(x, y) dx dy = 1$$

Conditional Distributions + Indep.

$$f(y|x) = P(Y = y|X = x) = \frac{f(x, y)}{f_X(x)}$$

$$E(g(Y)|x) = \sum_y g(y) f(y|x) \text{ disc.}$$

$$E(g(Y)|x) = \int_y g(y) f(y|x) dy \text{ cont.}$$

$$E[E[Y|X]] = \int_y E[Y|x] f_X(x) dx \text{ cont.}$$

$$\text{If Indep. } f(x, y) = f_X(x) f_Y(y)$$

$$\text{Indep. iff } f(x, y) = g(x) h(y)$$

$$\text{If indep. } E(g(X)h(Y)) = (Eg(X))(Eh(Y))$$

Covariance and Correlation

$$EX = E(E(X|Y))$$

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = E((X - \mu_X)(Y - \mu_Y))$$

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = EXY - \mu_X \mu_Y$$

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

$$\text{If indep. } \text{Cov}(X, Y) = 0, \rho_{XY} = 0$$

$$\text{Var}(aX + bY) =$$

$$a^2 \text{Var} X + b^2 \text{Var} Y + 2ab \text{Cov}(X, Y)$$

Some integrals

$$\Gamma(\alpha) = \int_0^{\infty} t^{\alpha-1} e^{-t} dt$$

$$\int_0^{\infty} e^{-z^2/2} dz = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}}$$

$$B(\alpha, \beta) = \int_0^1 x^{\alpha-1} (1-x)^{\beta-1} dx$$

$$\int e^{ax} dx = (1/a)e^{ax} + C$$

$$\int u dv = uv - \int v du$$

$$\int x^n dx = (x^{n+1})/(n+1)$$

Additional Identities

$$\sum_{x=1}^{\infty} a^{x-1} = \frac{1}{1-a}$$

$$\Gamma(\alpha+1) = \alpha \Gamma(\alpha)$$

$$\Gamma(n) = (n-1)!$$

$$B(\alpha, \beta) = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha) \Gamma(\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)}$$

$$\lim_x \rightarrow 0^+ \log_b(x) = -\infty$$

$$\log(xy) = \log(x) + \log(y)$$

$$\log(x/y) = \log(x) - \log(y)$$

$$\log(x^y) = y \log x$$

$$a^n / a^m = a^{n-m}$$

$$a^n a^m = a^{n+m}$$

Notes

$$\text{COV}(X, Y) = 0 \nRightarrow \text{Independence}$$

$$E[X] = 0 \text{ if } f(x) \text{ symmetric about } 0$$

$$P(X < Y) \implies \text{line at } X=Y \text{ w up. reg. shaded}$$

$$P(X > Y) \implies \text{line at } X=Y \text{ w low. reg. shaded}$$

$$\text{Even function: } f(-x) = f(x)$$

Not indep. if the support of (X,Y) is NOT a rect.

but being rect. DNI independence

Remember that

$$p(x, y) = P(X = x \cap Y = y)$$

Random Sample and Sums of Random Variables

A random sample is iid
 $f(x_1, \dots, x_n | \theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i | \theta)$ mutual indep.
Rand. samp. from a finite pop. w/o rep. not indep.
if N is large compared to n then nearly indep.

$P(X_1 > 2, \dots, P(X_n > 2)) = [P(X_1 > 2)]^n$
$$\min_a \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - a)^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2$$
$$(n-1)^2 s^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - n\bar{x}^2$$
$$\mathbb{E} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n g(X_i) \right) = n \mathbb{E}(g(X_1))$$
$$\text{Var} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n g(X_i) \right) = n \text{Var}(g(X_1))$$

$\mathbb{E}(\bar{X}) = \mu$
 $\text{Var} \bar{X} = \sigma^2/n$
 $ES^2 = \sigma^2$
 $M_{\bar{X}}(t) = [M_X(t/n)]^2$
 $Z_i \sim \text{Cauchy}(0, 1) \implies \sum Z_i \sim \text{Cauchy}(0, n)$
 $\bar{Z} \sim \text{Cauchy}(0, 1)$
Sampling from loc-scale families: $\bar{X} = \sigma \bar{Z} + \mu$

Sampling from the Normal distribution

Let X_1, \dots, X_n be a rand. samp. from $n(\mu, \sigma^2)$
 \bar{X} and S^2 are indep.
 $\bar{X} \sim n(\mu, \sigma^2/n)$
 $(n-1)S^2/\sigma^2 \sim \chi_{n-1}^2$
 $Z \sim n(0, 1) \implies Z^2 \sim \chi_1^2$
 $X_i \sim \chi_{p_i}^2 \implies \sum X_i \sim \chi_{p_1, \dots, p_n}^2$
 $\bar{X} - \mu/(\sigma/\sqrt{n}) \sim n(0, 1)$
 $\bar{X} - \mu/(\sigma/\sqrt{n})/(\sqrt{S^2/\sigma^2}) \implies$
numerator is $n(0,1)$ and denom. is $\sqrt{\chi_{n-1}^2/n-1}$
 $\bar{X} - \mu/(S/\sqrt{n}) \sim t_{n-1}$
 $(S_X^2/\sigma_X^2)/(S_Y^2/\sigma_Y^2) \sim F_{n-1, m-1}$
 $X \sim F_{p,q} \implies 1/X \sim F_{q,p}$
 $X \sim t_q \implies X^2 \sim F_{1,q}$
 $X \sim F_{p,q} \implies (p/q)X/(1+(p/q)X) \sim \text{beta}(p/2, q/2)$

Order statistics

If (iid) $X_i \sim F(x|\theta) \implies P(X_{(n) \leq x}) = [F(x|\theta)]^n$
and $P(X_{(1)} \leq x) = 1 - [1 - F(x|\theta)]^n$
 $F_X(x)$ is right-continuous: $\lim_{x \downarrow x_0} F(x) = F(X_0)$
Outside of the exp. fam. it is rare to have a suff. stat.
smaller than the dim. of the size of the sample

Baye’s Estimation

$f(\theta|x) = f(x|\theta)f(\theta)/f(x) \implies$
 $f(\theta|x) \propto f(x|\theta)f(\theta)$

Delta Method

Y_n a seq. satisfies $\sqrt{n}(Y_n - \theta) \rightarrow n(0, \sigma^2)$
 $\sqrt{n}[g(Y_n) - g(\theta)] \rightarrow n(0, \sigma^2[g'(\theta)]^2)$

Convergence Concepts

Convergence in probability:
 Z_1, \dots (seq. of r.v.s) as n grows large, $Z_n \rightarrow c$
 $Z_n \in (c - \epsilon, c + \epsilon)$
 $P(|Z_n - c| < \epsilon)$ as n grows, $P(|Z_n - c| < \epsilon) = 1$
n grows, need: $\mathbb{E}(Z_n) \rightarrow c$ and $\text{Var}(Z_n) \rightarrow 0$
Convergence in distribution:
If $Z_n \sim F_n(z)$ we have cov. in dist. if
 $F_n(z) \rightarrow F(z) \forall z \in \mathbb{R}$ F is cont. then
 $Z_n \rightarrow Z$ in dist.
 $\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \mu)/\sigma$ limiting st. norm. (CLT)
 $\mathbb{E}(Z_n) \approx \mathbb{E}(Z)$
 $\text{Var}(Z_n) \approx \text{Var}(Z)$
 $P(a < Z_n < b) \approx P(a < Z < b)$
WLLN: conv. in p. $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(|\bar{Z}_n - \mu| < \epsilon) = 1$
SLLN: alm. surely $P(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |\bar{Z}_n - \mu| < \epsilon) = 1$
Slutsky’s THM: if $X_n \rightarrow X$ in dist.
and $Y_n \rightarrow a \implies Y_n X_n \rightarrow aX$ in dist.
and $\implies Y_n + X_n \rightarrow a + X$ in dist.

Sufficient Statistics

T(X) is a suff. stat. for θ if the conditional
distribution of the sample does not dep. on θ
Factorization THM: $f(\vec{x}|\theta) = g(T(\vec{x}|\theta)h(\vec{x}))$
 $f(x|\theta) = h(x)c(\theta) \exp \left(\sum_{i=1}^k w_i(\theta)t_i(x) \right)$
 $T(X) = \left(\sum_{j=1}^n t_1(X_j), \dots, \sum_{j=1}^n t_k(X_j) \right)$
 $f(x|\theta) = L(\theta|\vec{x}) = \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i|\theta)$
An unbiased estimator: $E(\hat{\theta}) = \theta$
M.o.M: set $(1/n) \sum_{i=1}^n x_i = E[X] = \mu$
 $(1/n) \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 = E[X^2] = \sigma^2 + \mu^2$

Bias = $E[\tilde{\theta}] - \theta$
 $MSE(\tilde{\theta}) = \text{var}(\tilde{\theta}) + \text{Bias}^2(\tilde{\theta})$
If $MSE(\hat{\theta}) < MSE(\tilde{\theta})$ prefer $\hat{\theta}$
MLEs may be unbiased but
they will have min. var.
then you turn them into MVUE

Hypothesis Testing

$P(\text{Type I Error}) = P(\text{Rej } H_0 | H_0 \text{ is T}) = \alpha$
 $P(\text{Type II Error}) = P(\text{not rej } H_0 | H_0 \text{ is F}) = \beta$
as α goes down β goes up
as n goes up β goes down
 $\text{power} = 1 - \beta = P(\text{rej } H_0 | H_0 \text{ is F})$
Piv. quant. : a test stat. that doesn’t dep. on θ
 $H_0: \mu = \mu_0$ vs. $H_1: \mu > \mu_0$
 $T = (\bar{X} - \mu_0)/(\sigma/\sqrt{n}) \sim n(0, 1)$
Rej. if $T > Z_\alpha$ if lower tail $T < -Z_\alpha$
If two tailed: rej when $|T| > z_{\alpha/2}$
When sig-sqrd is unk: $T = (\bar{X} - \mu_0)/(S/\sqrt{n}) \sim t_{n-1}$
If $n > 30 \implies t_{n-1} \rightarrow n(0, 1)$
For $H_0: \sigma^2 = \sigma_0^2$ vs. $H_1: \sigma^2 > \sigma_0^2$
 $T = (n-1)S^2/\sigma_0^2 \sim \chi_{n-1}^2$
If any other test, use CLT and standard error.

LRT and UMP

Neyman-Pearson Lemma: use for simple hypotheses.
 $H_0: \theta = \theta_0$ vs $H_1: \theta = \theta_1$
If $\exists k > 0$ and a region c s.t.
 $P[(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in RR | \theta = \theta_0] = \alpha$
 $L(\theta_0)/L(\theta_1) \leq k$ for $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in RR$
 $L(\theta_0)/L(\theta_1) \geq k$ for $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \notin RR$
Then c is a best (UMP) RR of size α

Notes

When samples are equally likely to be drawn:
Prob. that some set becomes a samp.: $1/\binom{N}{n}$
When samples are drawn iid:
Prob. that some set j becomes a samp.: n/N
Prob. that some set i and j becomes a samp.:
 $(n/N)/(n-1/N-1)$
 $X, Y \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda) \implies X + Y \sim \text{Poisson}(2\lambda)$
 $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(|X - \mu| > \epsilon) \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \text{Var}(\bar{X}/\epsilon^2)$
Standard deviation or st. error:
 $\bar{X} \quad \sigma/\sqrt{n} \quad s/\sqrt{n}$
 $p \quad \sqrt{P(1-P)/n} \quad \sqrt{p(1-p)/n}$
 $\bar{X}_1 - \bar{X}_1 \quad \sqrt{\sigma_1^2/n_1 + \sigma_2^2/n_2} \quad \sqrt{s_1^2/n_1 + s_2^2/n_2}$
 $p_1 - p_2 \quad \sqrt{P_1(1-P_1)/n_1 - P_2(1-P)/n_2}$