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## Statistics

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Compiled below are a list of useful properties, general formula manipulation, etc.

## 1 General

- a)  $\frac{d}{dy} \sum f(x) = \sum \frac{d}{dy} f(x)$
- b)  $\prod f(x)^{1/y} = f(x)^{\sum 1/y}$
- c)
- d)
- e)

## 2 Graphs

- a) Tail of a graph is the smaller end that (possibly) can stretch for a while
- b) Negatively Skewed = Skewed to the left = Tail on left (small left end) = Mean less than median
- c) Positively Skewed = Skewed to the right = Tail on right (small right end) = Mean greater than median
- d) Correlation is measure of **linear** dependency

## 3 Basics

### 3.1 Expectation(Mean)

- a)  $E(X) = \sum_{all x} x f(x)$  discrete random variable X, probability function f(x)
- b)  $E(g(X)) = \sum_{all x} g(x) f(x)$
- c) Positively Skewed = Skewed to the right = Tail on right (small right end) = Mean greater than median
- d) Correlation is measure of **linear** dependency

### 3.2 Variance

- a)

### 3.3 Gamma Function

- a)  $\gamma(\alpha) = (\alpha - 1)!$
- b)  $\gamma(\alpha) = (\alpha - 1)\gamma(\alpha - 1)$
- c)  $\gamma(0.5) = \sqrt{\pi}$
- d)  $\gamma(-1) = \sqrt{2}$

### 3.4 Ln Function

- $\ln(x * y) = \ln(x) + \ln(y)$
- $\ln(x/y) = \ln(x) - \ln(y)$
- $\ln(x^y) = y * \ln(x)$
- $f(x) = \ln(x) \Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{1}{x}$
- $\int \ln(x)dx = x * (\ln(x) - 1) + C$
- $\ln(x)$  is undefined when  $x \leq 0$
- $\ln(1) = 0$
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \ln(x) = +\infty$
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \ln(x) = -\infty$

### 3.5 Definite/Indefinite Integrals

If  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  are defined and continuous on  $[a, b]$ , except maybe at a finite number of points and  $c \in [a, b]$ :

- $\int_a^b (f(x) + g(x))dx = \int_a^b f(x)dx + \int_a^b g(x)dx$  \*same for indefinite
- $\int_a^b (f(x) - g(x))dx = \int_a^b f(x)dx - \int_a^b g(x)dx$  \*same for indefinite
- $\int_a^b \alpha f(x)dx = \alpha \int_a^b f(x)dx$  for any arbitrary constant  $\alpha$  \*same for indefinite
- $\int_c^c f(x)dx = 0$
- $\int_a^b f(x)dx = \int_a^c f(x)dx + \int_b^c f(x)dx$
- $\int_b^a f(x)dx = -\int_a^b f(x)dx$
- $\int x^n dx = \frac{1}{n+1}x^{n+1} + C \forall n \neq -1$
- $\int e^x dx = e^x + C$

## 4 Linear Combinations

### 4.1 Independence

- a) If  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent then  $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = 0$

### 4.2 Linear Combinations

Note  $E(X) = \mu$  and  $\text{Var}(X) = \sigma^2$

- a) Suppose random variables  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent. Then, if  $g(X)$  and  $f(Y)$  are any two functions.  $E[g(X)f(Y)] = E[g(X)]E[f(Y)]$
- b)  $E(aX + bY) = aE(X) + bE(Y)$ , when  $a$  and  $b$  are constants
- c)  $E(X + Y) = E(X) + E(Y)$
- d)  $E(X - Y) = E(X) - E(Y)$
- e)  $E(\sum a_i X_i) = \sum a_i E(X_i)$
- f)  $E(\sum X_i) = \sum E(X_i)$
- g) Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be random variables which have mean  $\mu$ . The sample mean is  $\bar{X} = \left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i}{n}\right)$
- h)  $\text{Var}(aX + bY) = a^2\text{Var}(X) + b^2\text{Var}(Y) + 2ab\text{Cov}(X, Y)$
- i)  $\text{Var}(X + Y) = \text{Var}(X - Y) = \text{Var}(X) + \text{Var}(Y)$  if  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent.
- j)  $\sum a_i^2 \sigma_i^2 + 2 \sum_{i < j} a_i a_j \text{Cov}(X_i, X_j)$
- k)  $\text{Var}(\sum a_i X_i) = \sum a_i^2 \text{Var}(X_i)$  if  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are independent
- l)  $\text{Var}(\bar{X}) = \frac{\sigma^2}{n}$

## 5 Continuity Correction

Only apply continuity correction when approximating from discrete to continuous

- If  $P(x = n)$  use  $P(n - 0.5 < X < n + 0.5)$  (eg.  $P(x = 5)$  want values around 5)
- If  $P(x > n)$  use  $P(X > n + 0.5)$  (eg.  $P(x > 5)$  we don't want the 5)
- If  $P(x \leq n)$  use  $P(X < n + 0.5)$  (eg.  $P(x \leq 5)$  we do want the 5)
- If  $P(x < n)$  use  $P(X < n - 0.5)$
- If  $P(x \geq n)$  use  $P(X > n - 0.5)$

## 6 Confidence Intervals

### 6.1 Two-sided Intervals

In general use  $P(Z < c) = \frac{(1-100p\%)}{2} + 100p\%$

- For 99% confidence use  $z = 2.58$
- For 98% confidence use  $z = 2.326$
- For 95% confidence use  $z = 1.96$
- For 90% confidence use  $z = 1.645$

### 6.2 One-sided Intervals

- For 95% confidence use  $[-\infty, 1.645]$

### 6.3 General

- $\hat{\mu} \pm c * \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$

## 7 Z, t, Chi Calculations

Let  $n$  represent some number

- If  $P(Z < -n)$  use  $1 - P(Z < n)$  (so that we can use table)
- If  $P(Z > -n)$  use  $P(Z < n)$
- If  $P(Z > n)$  use  $1 - P(Z < n)$
- If  $P(-n < Z < n) = 2P(Z < n) - 1$  (if you have to rearrange then add 1 first)