

STAT 400 Study Guide

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Definition 0.1. An ordered range of r distinct things is called a permutation. The number of ways to number r objects in n positions is

$${}_nP_r \quad (1)$$

Definition 0.2. The number of methods for partitioning n objects in r groups is

$$\binom{n}{n_1 \ n_2 \ \dots} = \frac{n!}{n_1!n_2!\dots} \quad (2)$$

Definition 0.3. The number of ways to take n objects out of r total is

$$C_r^n \quad (3)$$

Definition 0.4. The conditional probability of event A given event B is

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} \quad (4)$$

Bayes theorem looks into partitions of an event space S . For example, a person can drive. The person can also drink. The event space of driving can be divided up by probabilities of drinking. The partitions must be mutually exclusive and encompassing over S . Bayes rule states

$$P[A] = \sum_{i=1}^m P(B_i \cup A) \quad (5)$$

This is just summing over the event space. Using equation (4),

$$P[A] = \sum_{i=1}^m P(B)P(A|B) \quad (6)$$

Definition 0.5. Given Y is a random variable, then

1. The domain of Y is the outcome space
2. The range of Y is the space

Definition 0.6. The support of X is the domain that doesn't map to 0.

Definition 0.7. A Bernoulli Experiment is when an outcome is binary. If a random variable distributes like a Bernoulli distribution, then we say

$$X \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p) \quad (7)$$

It has the following equation

$$f(x) = p^x(1-p)^{1-x} \quad x = \{0, 1\} \quad (8)$$

Where x dictates how many times an event of probability p occurred. Note,

$$E[X] = p \quad (9)$$

$$\text{Var}[X] = p(1-p) \quad (10)$$

Definition 0.8. A Binomial Distribution is repeated Bernoulli experiment. That is, we calculate the probability of an event of probability p occurring r out of n tries. Note,

$$E[X] = np \quad (11)$$

$$\text{Var}[X] = np(1 - p) \quad (12)$$

We say

$$X \sim \text{Binomial}(n, p) \quad (13)$$

Where n is the total number of trials and p is the probability of this event occurring. Implicitly, x is the number of times the event has occurred.

Definition 0.9. A Geometric Distribution is the number of trials that must occur before the first success occurs. This is analogous to the inverse of the Bernoulli Experiment. We say that

$$X \sim \text{Geom}(p) \quad (14)$$

Note,

$$E[X] = \frac{1}{p} \quad (15)$$

$$\text{Var}[X] = \frac{1 - p}{p^2} \quad (16)$$

There are two types of equations,

$$f(x) = p(1 - p)^{x-1} \quad (17)$$

means a total of x trials. In R studio, $x - 1$ would be replaced with x' where x' is the number of failures before the first success is observed.

Definition 0.10. A Negative Binomial Distribution is a generalization of the Geometric Distribution. That is, the number of trials needed until we observe r successes. Note, the pmf of this distribution is a function of the number of trials. We say that

$$X \sim \text{NB}(r, p) \quad (18)$$

Where r is the number of successes. Note,

$$E[X] = \frac{r}{p} \quad (19)$$

$$\text{Var}[X] = \frac{r(1 - p)}{p^2} \quad (20)$$

Note that there are a number of x trials, with $r - 1$ failures distributed over $x - 1$ trials. In R studio, we say

$$\text{dnbinom}(x, r, p)$$

Where x is the number of failures, and r is the number of successes. Note $x + r$ is the total number of trials.

Definition 0.11. In R studio, the prefixes mean

1. d : Calculate pmf (NOT CDF)
2. p : Calculate cdf (NOT PMF, this is confusing)

Definition 0.12. A Hypergeometric distribution describes the number of successes in a sample of size n , where the sampling is done without replacement. Note

$$E[X] = n \frac{r}{N} \quad (21)$$

Where r is the maximum number of successes, n is size of the sample, N is the size of the population. Note x is the number of actual observed successes.

Definition 0.13. A Poisson Distribution is used in scenarios when we count the number of occurrences given a certain rate λ . Note,

$$E[X] = \lambda \quad (22)$$

$$\text{Var}[X] = \lambda \quad (23)$$

We say that

$$X \sim \text{Pois}(\lambda) \quad (24)$$

Where x is the number of occurrences of an event.