

1. When a balanced coin is flipped 10,000 times, find the lower bound of the probability that the proportion of heads is obtained will fall between .45 and .55.

$$\mu = 10,000(0.5) = 5,000$$

$$\sigma = \text{SQRT}(10,000(0.5)(0.5)) = 50$$

$$\mu - k\sigma = 5,000 - 10(50) = 4,500 \text{ and } \mu + k\sigma = 5,000 + 10(50) = 5,500$$

$$4,500/10,000 = 0.45 \text{ and } 5,500/10,000 = 0.55$$

Thus we have $\sigma = 50$, we have $k = 10$.

Applying Chebyshev's Inequality: $P(|X - \mu| < k\sigma) \geq 1 - \frac{1}{k^2}$

$$P(|X - 5,000| < 500) \geq 1 - \frac{1}{100} = 0.99$$

2. Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{100} be a random sample from a distribution with pdf

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{3x^2}{2} + x, & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

a) Find the mean of X

b) Find the variance of X

c) Use the Central Limit Theorem to find the probability of $P(0.7 < \bar{X} < 0.75)$

(a)

$$E(X_1) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} xf(x)dx = \int_0^1 \left(\frac{3x^3}{2} + x^2 \right) dx = \left[\frac{3x^4}{8} + \frac{x^3}{3} \right]_0^1 = \frac{3}{8} + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{17}{24}$$

(b)

$$E(X_1^2) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 f(x)dx = \int_0^1 \left(\frac{3x^4}{2} + x^3 \right) dx = \left[\frac{3x^5}{10} + \frac{x^4}{4} \right]_0^1 = \frac{3}{10} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{11}{20}$$

$$\text{Var}(X_1) = E(X_1^2) - [E(X_1)]^2 = \frac{11}{20} - \left(\frac{17}{24} \right)^2 = \frac{139}{2880} = 0.0483$$

(c) By CLT, \bar{X} is approximately

$$N(\mu, \sigma^2/n) = N\left(\frac{17}{24}, (0.0483)/100\right) = \left(\frac{17}{24}, 0.000483\right).$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(0.7 < \bar{X} < 0.75) &\approx P\left(\frac{0.7 - 0.708}{\sqrt{0.000483}} < Z < \frac{0.75 - 0.708}{\sqrt{0.000483}}\right) = P(-0.36 < Z < 1.91) \\ &= \Phi(1.91) - \Phi(-0.36) = 0.9719 - 0.3594 = 0.6125 \end{aligned}$$

3. A quality control manager for a company that manufactures aluminum water pipes believes that the product lengths of one of the pipes produced can be modeled by a uniform probability distribution over the interval 29.50 to 30.05 feet. Set up the correct integral to determine the probability that a pipe produced has length:

a) Less than 29.75 feet

b) Between 29.75 and 29.90 feet

The pdf is $f(x) = \frac{1}{30.05 - 29.5} = \frac{1}{0.55}$

a) $P(X < 29.75) = \int_{29.50}^{29.75} f(x) dx$

b) $P(29.75 < X < 29.90) = \int_{29.75}^{29.90} f(x) dx$

4. The number of gallons of Gatorade consumed by a football team during a game follows a normal distribution with mean 20. The standard deviation is 3.

a) If a game is selected at random, find the probability that the number of gallons consumed will be greater than 23 gallons.

b) If a game is selected at random, find the probability that the number of gallons consumed will be between 22 and 25 gallons.

c) Find the 90th percentile.

a) $z = \frac{23 - 20}{3} = 1.0$

$$P(X > 23) = 1 - P(X \leq 23) = 1 - P(Z \leq 1) = 1 - \Phi(1) = 1 - .8413 = .1587$$

$$b) P(22 < X < 25) = P(.67 < Z < 1.67) = \Phi(1.67) - \Phi(.67) = .9525 - .7486 = .2039$$

$$z = \frac{22-20}{3} = .67 \qquad z = \frac{25-20}{3} = 1.67$$

$$c) \text{ Set } F(x) = .90$$

Use the table in reverse to get $Z = 1.645$, then solve $1.645 = \frac{x-20}{3}$ to get $x = 24.935$

5. Let X be a random variable with cdf

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x < 2 \\ \frac{x-2}{2}, & 2 \leq x < 4 \\ 1, & x \geq 4 \end{cases}$$

a) Find the pdf of X .

b) Find $P(\frac{2}{3} < X < 3)$

c) Find $P(X > 3.5)$

d) Find the 60th percentile

e) Find $P(X=3)$

$$(a) f(x) = F'(x) = \begin{cases} 1/2, & 2 \leq x \leq 4 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$(b) P(2/3 < X < 3) = F(3) - F(2/3) = 1/2 - 0 = 1/2$$

$$(c) P(X > 3.5) = 1 - F(3.5) = 1 - 3/4 = 1/4$$

$$(d) 0.6 = F(x) = (x-2)/2 \Rightarrow x-2 = 1.2 \Rightarrow x = 3.2$$

$$(e) P(X=3) = 0$$

6. The random variables X and Y have the following joint probability distribution.

		X			
f(x,y)		1	2	3	4
Y	1	.1	.05	.04	.01
	2	.2	.05	.15	.04
	3	.15	.05	.10	.06

- Find $P(X + Y \leq 5)$.
- Find the marginal probability distributions $f_1(x)$ and $f_2(y)$.
- Find $P(X < 2 | Y = 3)$.
- Are X and Y independent? Thoroughly explain your answer.
- Find $E(X)$ and $\text{Var}(X)$
- Find the correlation coefficient of X and Y.

a) The X,Y combinations that sum to 5 or less are in red below.

		X				
		f(x,y)	1	2	3	4
Y	1		.1	.05	.04	.01
	2		.2	.05	.15	.04
	3		.15	.05	.10	.06

$$P(X + Y \leq 5) = .1 + .05 + .04 + .01 + .2 + .05 + .15 + .15 + .05 = .80$$

b)

X	1	2	3	4
f ₁ (x)	.45	.15	.29	.11

Y	1	2	3
f ₂ (y)	.2	.44	.36

$$c) P(X < 2 | Y = 3) = .15/.36$$

$$d) \text{Not independent } f(1,1) = .1 \neq f_1(1) f_2(1) = (.45)(.2) = .09$$

$$e) E(X) = 1(.45) + 2(.15) + 3(.29) + 4(.11) = .45 + .30 + .87 + .44 = 2.06$$

X ²	1	4	9	16
f ₁ (x)	.45	.15	.29	.11

$$E(X^2) = 1(.45) + 4(.15) + 9(.29) + 16(.11) = .45 + .60 + 2.61 + 1.76 = 5.42$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = E(X^2) - E(X)^2 = 5.42 - 2.06^2 = 1.176$$

$$\sigma_X = \text{SQRT}(1.176) = 1.084$$

f) Use $\rho = \frac{\text{Cov}(X,Y)}{\sigma_X \sigma_Y}$

$$E(Y) = 1(.2) + 2(.44) + 3(.36) = 2.06$$

Y^2	1	4	9
$f_2(y)$.2	.44	.36

$$E(Y^2) = 1(.2) + 4(.44) + 9(.36) = 5.20$$

$$\text{Var}(Y) = E(Y^2) - E(Y)^2 = 5.02 - 1.98^2 = 0.5344$$

$$\sigma_Y = \text{SQRT}(1.176) = 0.731$$

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

Thus we need to know $E(XY)$, the procedure is the following:

$$P(XY=1)=P(X=1,Y=1)=0.1$$

$$P(XY=2)=P(X=1,Y=2)+ P(X=2,Y=1)=0.2+0.05=0.25$$

$$P(XY=3)=P(X=1,Y=3)+ P(X=3,Y=1)=0.04+0.15=0.19$$

$$P(XY=4)=P(X=4,Y=1)+ P(X=2,Y=2)=0.01+0.05=0.06$$

$$P(XY=6)=P(X=2,Y=3)+ P(X=3,Y=2)=0.05+0.15=0.2$$

$$P(XY=8)=P(X=4,Y=2)=0.04$$

$$P(XY=9)=P(X=3,Y=3)=0.1$$

$$P(XY=12)=P(X=4,Y=3)=0.06$$

$$E(XY)=1(0.1)+2(0.25)+3(0.19)+4(0.06)+6(0.2)+8(0.04)+9(0.1)+12(0.06)=4.55$$

$$\rho = \frac{E(XY) - E(X)E(Y)}{\sigma_X \sigma_Y} = \frac{4.55 - 1.98 * 2.06}{1.084 * 1.10} = 0.1266$$

7. Suppose the random variables X and Y have joint pdf as follows:

$$f(x,y) = \frac{4}{7} \left(x^2 + \frac{xy}{3} \right), \quad 0 < x < 1, 0 < y < 3$$

a) Find the marginal pdf $f_1(x)$ of X, and $f_2(y)$ of Y.

$$f_1(x) = \int_0^3 f(x,y) dy = \int_0^3 \frac{4}{7} \left(x^2 + \frac{xy}{3} \right) dy = \frac{12}{7} x^2 + \frac{6}{7} x$$

$$f_2(y) = \int_0^1 f(x,y) dx = \int_0^1 \frac{4}{7} \left(x^2 + \frac{xy}{3} \right) dx = \frac{12}{7} x^2 + \frac{6}{7} x = \frac{4}{21} + \frac{2}{21} y$$

b) Find the cdf of X and Y.

$$F_1(x) = \int_0^x f_1(t) dt = \frac{4}{7} x^3 + \frac{3}{7} x^2, \text{ for } 0 \leq x \leq 1$$

$$\text{Thus } F_1(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x < 0 \\ \frac{4}{7} x^3 + \frac{3}{7} x^2, & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 1, & x > 1 \end{cases}$$

$$F_2(y) = \int_0^y f_2(t) dt = \frac{4}{21} y + \frac{1}{21} y^2, \text{ for } 0 \leq y \leq 3$$

$$\text{Thus } F_2(y) = \begin{cases} 0, & y < 0 \\ \frac{4}{21} y + \frac{1}{21} y^2, & 0 \leq y \leq 3 \\ 1, & y > 3 \end{cases}$$

c) Find $P(Y < 2)$

$$P(Y < 2) = F_2(2) = \frac{12}{21}$$

d) Find $P\left(X > \frac{1}{2}, Y < 1\right)$

$$P\left(X > \frac{1}{2}, Y < 1\right) = \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 \int_0^1 f(x,y) dy dx = \frac{17}{84}$$

e) Find the conditional pdf $f_2(y | x)$

$$f_2(y|x) = \frac{f(x,y)}{f_1(x)} = \frac{\frac{4}{7} \left(x^2 + \frac{xy}{3} \right)}{\frac{12}{7} x^2 + \frac{6}{7} x} = \frac{6x+2y}{18x+9} \text{ (after simplifying)}$$

8. Let X and Y be independent random variables representing the lifetime (in 100 hours) of type A and B lightbulbs, respectively. Both variables have exponential distributions, and the mean of X is 2 and the mean of Y is 3.

a) Find the joint pdf $f(x,y)$ of X and Y.

b) Find the conditional pdf $f_2(y | x)$

c) Given the probability that a type A bulb fails at 200 hours, find the probability that a type B bulb fails lasts longer than 300 hours.

a) By independence, $f(x,y)=f_1(x)f_2(y)=\{(1/6)e^{-x/2-y/3}, x \geq 0, y \geq 0$
 $0, \text{ otherwise}$

b) By independence, $f_2(y|x)=f_2(y)=1/3e^{-y/3}, y \geq 0$

c) By independence, $P(Y>3|X=2)=P(Y>3)=1-F_2(3)=1 - (1- e^{-3/3}) = e^{-1} = 0.3679$

9. Three random variables X, Y and Z are independent. Each has a binomial distribution with success probability 0.3 and 5 trials.

a) Find the joint probability distribution function $f(x,y,z)$.

b) Find the probability $P(Z > Y > X > 1)$.

a) X, Y and Z are all binomial(5, 0.3), so

$$f(x,y,z) = \binom{5}{x} 0.3^x \cdot 0.7^{5-x} \binom{5}{y} 0.3^y \cdot 0.7^{5-y} \binom{5}{z} 0.3^z \cdot 0.7^{5-z}$$

b) Add the probabilities for (x,y,z) in $\{(2,3,4), (2,3,5), (2,4,5), (3,4,5)\}$

10. The weight of adult bottlenose dolphins was found to follow a normal distribution with a mean of 550 pounds and a standard deviation of 50 pounds.

a) What percentage of bottlenose dolphins weigh from 400 to 600 pounds?

b) If \bar{X} represents the mean weight of a random sample of 9 adult dolphins, what is

$P(500 < \bar{X} < 580)$?

c) In a random sample of 9 adult bottlenose dolphins, what is the probability that 5 of them are heavier than 560 pounds?

(a) Let X be the weight of an adult bottlenose dolphin. Then

$$\begin{aligned} P(400 < X < 600) &= P\left(\frac{400 - 550}{50} < Z < \frac{600 - 550}{50}\right) = P(-3 < Z < 1) \\ &= \Phi(1) - \Phi(-3) = 0.8413 - 0.0013 = 0.84 \end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned} P(500 < \bar{X} < 580) &= P\left(\frac{500 - 550}{\frac{50}{\sqrt{9}}} < Z < \frac{580 - 550}{\frac{50}{\sqrt{9}}}\right) = P(-3 < Z < 1.8) \\ &= \Phi(1.8) - \Phi(-3) = 0.9641 - 0.0013 = 0.9628 \end{aligned}$$

(c)

$$P(X > 560) = P\left(Z > \frac{560 - 550}{50}\right) = P(Z > 0.2) = 1 - \Phi(0.2) = 1 - 0.5793 = 0.4207$$

Let Y be the number of dolphins which are heavier than 600 pounds out of the sample of 9. Then $Y \sim \text{Bin}(9, 0.4207)$.

$$P(Y = 5) = \binom{9}{5} (0.4207)^5 (0.5793)^4 = 0.1870$$

11. If the variance of a normal population is 4, what is the probability that the variance of a random sample of size 10 exceeds 6.526?

a) Find the probability using the distribution table.

b) Not on test but just for fun, find the probability using R or Excel

$$\chi^2 = \frac{(n-1)S^2}{\sigma^2} = \frac{9S^2}{4} \text{ is distributed as } \chi^2 \text{ with 9 degrees of freedom.}$$

$$(a) \quad \chi^2 = \frac{9(6.526)}{4} = 14.6835$$

$$P(S^2 > 6.526) = P(\chi^2 > 14.6835) = 0.10$$

(b)

>1-pchisq(9*6.526/4, 9)
0.1000047