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Part I

Content Before Midterm 1

Chapter 1

Getting Acquainted with Statistics

1.1   Definitions

Empirical Studies are algorithms of the form: *Hypothesi* $\rightarrow$ *Data Collection* $\rightarrow$ *Analysis*. For example, we may ask:

> Can people tell if vinyl sounds better than MP3?

Unit is a single element (i.e. model, entity, person, item, etc) of a population whose characteristics we are interested in.

Population is the universe of all *Unit*s we are interested in.

Variables are a measurement of the characteristic from a unit.

After some class discussion, we change the question to be as follows:

> Can healthy teens tell if vinyl sounds better than mp3?

In this question, here are the different sections:

Population All healthy teens

Unit A single healthy teen

Variable 1 Can the Unit correctly identify the recognized type?

Variable 2 Which recording did the Unit believe sounds better?

We define the following other terms:

Categorial Variable: qualitative variable, belongs to k classes or categories.

Discrete Variable: quantitative, countable variable (Integers).

Continuous Variable: quantitative, non-countable (Reals).

Sample: A subset of the population from which measurements are actually made.

Sample Error: The error introduced by estimating an entire population's characteristics from a *Sample*.

Study Error: A systematic, *unfixable* error through the sample not accurately representing the population.

There are these metrics:

Sample Mean: $\bar{x} = \sum_{i \in 1}^{n} x_i$.

Median: (middle point)

$$x^* = \begin{cases} x_{\frac{n+1}{2}} & : \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \\ \frac{x_{\frac{n+1}{2}} + x_{\frac{n+2}{2}}}{2} & : \text{if } n \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

Sample Variance: $s^2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{n-1}$

Standard Deviation: $s = \sqrt{s^2}$

Range: $x_n - x_1$ (max - min)

There are two different kinds of Statistics:

Descriptive Statistics is summarizing data from a sample both graphically and numerically.

Inferential Statistics uses a sample to generalize results to the entire population.

1.2   Probability

Classic probability is usually defined as:

$$\frac{\text{Number of ways event can occur}}{\text{Total number of equally likely outcomes}}$$

Relative Frequency: the proportion of times outcome occurs as a number of trials approaches infinity.

Subjective Frequency: estimates of probability based on subjective opinion.

Experiment: is a repeatable phenomenon

Trial: is a single instance of an experiment

Sample Space: is the set of distinct outcomes for an experiment or process where only one outcome of the set occurs

>   **Discrete** sample spaces have countable number of simple event
>   **Non-Discrete/Continuous** sample spaces have a non-countable number of simple events

Experiment: Flip a coin 3 times.

1.2.1 Probability Models

$$(\forall A)(0 \le P(A) \le 1)$$

If A and B are *mutually exclusive* events, then:

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

The distribution for finite sample space $S = \{a_1, a_2, a_3, \cdots, a_n\}$ and $P(a_i) = \frac{1}{n}$ is named *uniform distribution*.

Permutations are ordered choices:

$$n^{(r)} = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!}$$

Remember: $0! = 1$

Combinations are unordered choices:

$$\binom{n}{r} = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$$
$$= \binom{n}{(n-r)}$$
$$= \binom{n-1}{r} + \binom{n-1}{r-1} \quad \text{(Pascal's Rule)}$$

Example: 4 digits are selected at random, without replacement from $\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$ to create a number. What is the probability of:

- $A = $ 'a 4-digit number is generated'

  Restriction: first digit is not a zero.

  Let's enumerate the digits:

  1. 9
  2. 9
  3. 8
  4. 7

  Number of combinations is $9x9^{(3)}$.

  Divide by the size of the sample space to get $P(A) = \frac{9x9^{(3)}}{10^{(4)}}$

- 'a 4-digit even number is generated'

1.2.2 Compound Probability

$$S = \{a_1, a_2, ...a_n\}$$
$$C = \{a_3\}$$
$$A = \{a_1, a_2\}$$
$$B = \{a_2, a_n\}$$
$$A \cup B = \{a_1, a_2, a_n\}$$
$$P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(AB)$$

Example: Suppose that for students finishing 2B SE, 24% have an overall average of 80%, 26% finish with a grade of at least 80% in STAT 206, and 15% have both an overall average and STAT 206 mark greater than 90%.

Let A be the event that a random SE has overall average $> 80\%$. Let B be the event a random SE student has STAT206 mark $> 80\%$.

$$P(A) = 0.24$$
$$P(B) = 0.26$$
$$P(A \cap B) = 0.15$$
$$P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$$
$$= 0.24 + 0.26 - 0.15$$
$$= 0.35$$
$$P(A \cap \bar{B}) = P(A) - P(A \cup B)$$
$$= 0.24 - 0.15$$
$$= 0.09$$
$$(A \cap \bar{B}) \cup (A \cap B) = A$$
$$P(A \cap \bar{B}) + P(A \cap B) = P(A)$$

1.2.3 Conditional Probability

The probability of event A, conditional on the occurrence of event B, denoted by $P(A|B)$.

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(AB)}{P(B)}$$
$$P(B) \neq 0$$

Example: Roll 2 dice, 1 red, 1 green,

$A = $ "the sum of the dice is 8".

$B = $ "the red die is a 3".

$$P(A) = \frac{5}{36}$$
$$P(B) = \frac{6}{36}$$
$$= \frac{1}{6}$$
$$P(A \cap B) = \frac{1}{36}$$
$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(AB)}{P(B)}$$
$$= \frac{1}{6}$$

1.2.4   Independence

Two events are said to be independent if and only if (iff):

$$P(AB) = P(A)P(B)$$

With this knowledge, we know the following:

$$P(A|B) = P(A)$$
$$P(B|A) = P(B)$$

Example: Suppose we have 3 events: A, B, C. We know that $P(A) = 0.3$, $P(\bar{C}) = 0.25$, $P(A \cup B) = 0.65$, $P(B \cup \bar{C}) = 0.45$, and that A and C are independent and that A and B are mutually exclusive.

We want to find:

- $P(B)$

- $P(A \cup C)$

- $P(\bar{A}B)$

- $P(B|\bar{C})$

We have:

$$P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(AB)$$
$$= P(A) + P(B)$$
$$= 0.35$$
$$P(A \cup C) = P(A) + P(C) - P(A \cap C)$$
$$= 0.3 + 0.75 - 0.225$$
$$= 0.825$$
$$(\bar{A}B) \cup (AB) = B$$
$$P(\bar{A}B) + P(AB) = P(B)$$
$$P(\bar{A}B) = P(B)$$
$$= 0.35$$
$$P(B|\bar{C}) = \frac{P(B\bar{C})}{P(\bar{C})}$$
$$= \frac{-P(B \cup \bar{C}) + P(B) + P(\bar{C})}{P(\bar{C})}$$
$$= 0.6$$

1.2.5 Law of Total Probability

For events that form a complete cover of the sample space (with no "overlap"), we know this identity:

$$P(B_i B_j) = 0 \iff i \neq j$$
$$\cup_{i \in \{1, \cdots n\}} B_i = S$$
$$P(A) = \sum_{i=1}^{k} P(A|B_i)P(B_i)$$

In other words, given that B_k is mutually exclusive with B_j for any unequal k and j, then $P(A)$ is equal to the sum of $P(A|B_j)$ multiplied by the probability that $P(B_j)$ occurs.

Example: A game is played by first rolling a 6-sided die and then flipping a fair coin the number of times shown on the die. What is the probability that at least one head is flipped?

Let A be the event that at least 1 head is flipped. Let B_i be the event that we roll a 1, where $i = \{1, 2, \cdots, 6\}$. Also, we know that $\bar{A}$ is "no heads".

$$P(\bar{A}) = \sum_{i=1}^{6} P(\bar{A}|B_i)P(B_i)$$
$$= \sum_{i=1}^{6} \frac{1}{6}\frac{1}{2^i}$$
$$= \frac{1}{6}\sum_{i=1}^{6} \frac{1}{2^i}$$

We can reduce this through the finite geometric series to $P(\bar{A}) = \frac{63}{384}$. We get $P(A) = 1 - P(\bar{A}) = 0.84$.[1]

1.2.6 Bayes Theorem

$$P(B|A) = \frac{P(AB)}{P(A)}$$
$$= \frac{P(A|B)P(B)}{P(B)P(A|B) + P(\bar{B})P(A|\bar{B})}$$

Example: Tests used to diagnose medical conditions are often imperfect, and give false positive or false negative results. A fairly cheap blood test for the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) has the following characteristics: the false negative rate is 2% and the false positive rate is 0.5%. Previous studies estimate that around .04% of Canadian males are infected with HIV. What is the probability that a Canadian male who tests positive for HIV, actually has the virus?

Let T be the event that a randomly selected male tests positive. Let H be the event that a randomly selected male actually has the virus.

A *False negative* is: Given that you do have the virus, the probability that the test tells you don't, is the false negative.

We know:

$$P(H) = 0.0004$$
$$P(\bar{H}) = 0.9996$$
$$P(\bar{T}|H) = 0.02$$
$$P(T|H) = 0.98$$
$$P(T|\bar{H}) = 0.005$$
$$P(\bar{T}|\bar{H}) = 0.995$$
$$P(H|T) = \frac{P(T|H)P(H)}{P(T|H)P(H) + P(T|\bar{H})P(\bar{H})}$$
$$= \frac{(0.98)(0.0004)}{(0.98)(0.0004) + (0.0005)(0.9996)}$$
$$= 0.07\overline{27} \sim 7.3\%$$

1.3 Random Variables

A random variable is a function, X from the sample space to the real number:

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

The **range** of variable X denoted $R(X)$ is the set of possible value it can take[2].

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[1] He assumes knowledge of these geometric series, but it is not necessary to know them. $S_n = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} r^i = \frac{1-r^n}{1-r}$ It's not far from this to see that $\lim_{n \to \infty} S_n = \frac{1}{1-r}$ if $|r| < 1$.

[2]We use upper case variable naming to denote random variables, and lower case for the observed value.

1.3.1   Binary Random Variables

Can take on only the values 0 or 1.

1.3.2   Probability Distribution Function

The Probability Density Function (*pdf*) of a discrete random variable X, denoted $f(x)$ describes the probability that X takes on the value x:

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

We know these properties:

$$f(x) \geq 0$$
$$\sum_x f(x) = 1$$

1.3.3   Cumulative Distribution Function

The cumulative distribution function (*cdf*) of a discrete random variable X, denoted $F(x)$, represents the probability that X takes on a value less than or equal to x:

$$F(X) = P(X \leq x)$$

1.3.4   Mean and Expected Value

The **mean** (μ) or **expected value** ($E(X)$) of a random variable X is defined:

$$\mu = E(X)$$
$$= \sum_x x f(x)$$

The following properties hold:

$$E(g(X)) = \sum_x g(x) f(x)$$
$$E(aX + bY) = aE(X) + bE(Y)$$

The second one holds for any random variables X, Y, and $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$

1.3.5   Variance

The **variance** ($Var(X)$ or σ^2) of a random variable X is the expected squared difference from the mean.

$$Var(X) = E((X - E(X))^2)$$
$$= \sum_x f(x)(x - \mu)^2$$
$$= E(X^2) - E(X)^2$$

We can derive this as follows:

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\begin{aligned}
Var(X) &= E\left((X - E(X))^2\right) \\
&= E(X^2 - 2XE(X) + E(X)^2) \\
&= E(X^2 - E(2E(X)X) + E(E(X)^2)) \\
&= E(X^2) - E(2\mu X) + E(\mu^2) \\
&= E(X^2) - 2\mu E(X) + \mu^2 \\
&= E(X^2) - 2\mu^2 + \mu^2 \\
&= E(X^2) - \mu^2 \\
&= E(X^2) - E(X)^2
\end{aligned}
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Where $E(X^2) = \sum_x x^2 f(x)$.

Example

We can show this with an example about winning the lottery.

Suppose X is the winnings on the lottery, and $R(X) = \{0, 20, 300\}$.

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\begin{aligned}
P(X = 300) &= \frac{1}{\binom{12}{3}} \\
&= \frac{1}{220} \\
P(X = 20) &= \frac{\binom{3}{2}\binom{9}{1}}{\binom{12}{3}} \\
&= \frac{27}{220} \\
P(X = 0) &= 1 - P(X = 300) - P(X = 20) \\
&= \frac{192}{220}
\end{aligned}
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Continuing this example, we can derive expected (average) value of X:

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\begin{aligned}
\mu_X &= E(X) \\
&= \sum_{x \in R(R)} x f(x) \\
&= \ldots \\
&= 3.8181
\end{aligned}
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We can also calculate the variance of the random variable:

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\begin{aligned}
Var(X) &= E(X^2) - E(X)^2 \\
&= 458.6033 - 3.8181^2 \\
&= 443.6033
\end{aligned}
$$

We also know that the standard deviation $\sigma = \sqrt{\sigma^2} = \sqrt{Var(X)}$.

Chapter 2

Discrete Probability Distributions

To describe and infer from data, we generalize problem types and apply probability distributions to solve problem.

2.1 Bernoulli Distribution

For repeated binary trials of an experiment where the probability of success is the same each trial and outcomes are independent, then we can use a Bernoulli Distribution to model the data.

We say that X follows a Bernoulli distribution ($X \sim Bernoulli(p)$) where p is the probability of success:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} p & : \text{if } x = 1 \\ (1-p) & : \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$$

Variance and expected values:

$$E(X) = p$$
$$Var(X) = p(1-p) = p - p^2$$

2.2 Binomial Distribution

We perform a sequence of n independent Bernoulli trials. Each trial has binary outcomes ("success" vs "failure"), and each trial is independent and has the same probability of success.

Let X be the number of successes obtained from n Bernoulli trials, then X follows a Binomial distribution $X \sim Bino(n, p)$.

$$f(x) = \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x}$$
$$x \in [0, 1, \cdots n]$$

Variance and expected values:

$$E(X) = np$$
$$Var(x) = np(1 - p)$$

Example 1

If we are measuring the number of successes,

$$P(\# \text{ of successes}) = P(X = 0)$$
$$= f(0)$$
$$= \binom{n}{0} p^0 (p - 1)^{n-0}$$
$$= (p - 1)^n$$

Example 2

Let X be the number of hard drives which fail.

Suppose we have 30 hard drives, each with an individual probability of failure of 0.05. We can say that $X \sim Bino(n = 30, p = 0.05)$.

We can use this distribution to prove a few things:

$$P(X \geq 6) = 1 - P(X \leq 5)$$
$$= 1 - \sum_{x=0}^{5} \binom{30}{x} 0.05^x (1 - 0.05)^{30-x}$$

2.3   Binomial Theorem

For any integer $n > 0$ and real numbers a and b:

$$(a + b)^n = \sum_{x=0}^{n} \binom{n}{x} a^x b^{n-x}$$

2.4   Exponential Sequences and Series

Sequence representation of e^x:

$$e^x = \lim_{n \to \infty} (1 + \frac{x}{n})^n$$

Maclaurin series expansion:

$$e^x = 1 + \frac{x}{1!} + \frac{x^2}{2!}$$
$$= \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^i}{i!}$$

2.4.1 Gas-Station Example

$$E(X) = np$$
$$= \frac{24}{15}$$
$$= 15$$
$$P(X = 10) = \binom{24}{10} (\frac{15}{24})^{10} (1 - \frac{15}{24})^1 4$$
$$\approx 0.019$$

Let X be the total number of customers. Let Y_i be Bernoulli(p), 1 if there was a customer in the ith hour ($i \in \{1...24\}$).

$$X \sim \sum_{i=1}^{24} Y_i$$

How do we make this more accurate?

- What if we moved from hours to minutes?
  List $Z_i \sim$ Bernoulli$(\frac{15}{1440})$, $i \in \{1...1440\}$.

$$X = \sum_{i=1}^{1440} Z_i$$
$$E(X) = \frac{1440 * 15}{1440}$$
$$= 15$$
$$P(X = 10) = \binom{1440}{10} (\frac{15}{1440})^{10} (\frac{1425}{1440})^{1440-10}$$

I guess that's better. **What if we took the limit?**

$\lambda = 15$ customers per day. $X =$ the number of customers

$$X \sim (n, \frac{\lambda}{n})$$
$$\rightarrow f(x) = \binom{n}{x}(\frac{\lambda}{n})^x(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n})^{n-x}$$
$$\text{so: } \lim_{n \to \infty} \binom{n}{x}(\frac{\lambda}{n})^x(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n})^{n-x}$$
$$= \frac{n!}{x!(n-x)} \frac{\lambda^x}{n^x}(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n})^n(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n})^x$$
$$= \frac{\lambda^x e^{-\lambda}}{x!}$$

2.5   Poisson Distribution

The Poisson Distribution (or Poisson Process) describes a process where we have guaranteed individuality (that events are guaranteed to occur at unique times), and homogeneity (events occur at a uniform rate[1] λ).

When events occur with an average rate of λ per unit of time, we use the random variable X to represent the number of events which occur in t units of time, then $X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda, t)$. We then have:

$$f(x) = \frac{e^{-\lambda t}(\lambda t)^x}{x!}$$
$$E(X) = \lambda t$$
$$Var(x) = \lambda t$$

2.5.1   911 Emergency Example

Suppose that 911 calls follow a Poisson process with an average of 3 calls per minute. Find the probability there will be:

- 6 calls in the next 2.5 minutes

- 2 calls in the next minute, given that 6 calls occur in the next 2.5 minutes

Start with the first one:

Basically, we have:TODO: complete this.

$$\underline{\sum_{i=0}^{6} P(X = i)P(X = 6 - i)}$$

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[1]This rate λ can be assumed to be correct.

2.6 HyperGeometric Distribution

When we have two distinct object types of N objects totaling r successes and $N - r$ failures, we sample n objects without repetition.

For $X \sim Hyper(N, r, n)$, where $R(X) = \{0, \ldots, \min(r, n)\}$, we have:

$$f(x) = \frac{\binom{r}{x}\binom{N-r}{n-x}}{\binom{N}{n}}$$
$$E(X) = \frac{nr}{N}$$
$$Var(X) = \frac{nr(N - r)(N - n)}{N^2(N - 1)}$$

2.7 Geometric Distribution

When we have repeated Bernoulli trials(see Section 2.1) until success, we can define the value of the random variable X as $X \sim Geometric(p)$, where p is the probability of success.

$$R(X) = \{1, \ldots\}$$
$$f(x) = p(1 - p)^{x-1}$$
$$E(X) + \frac{1}{p}$$
$$Var(X) = \frac{1 - p}{p^2}$$
$$P(X \leq x) = 1 - P(X > x)$$
$$= 1 - (1 - p)^x$$

Conceptually, we can describe this as X is the number of trials until the first success. In a string of `ffft`[2], we have $P(X = 4) = (1 - p)(1 - p)(1 - p)p$.

Example

Roll up the rim claims that the probability of winning is $\frac{1}{6}$.

Since every play is an (almost) unrelated Bernoulli trial, and $X \sim Geometric(1/6)$, we can determine the

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[2]This is the case of three failures then a success.

some statistics on prizes.

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\begin{aligned}
P(X = 10) &= p(1-p)^9 \\
&= \frac{1}{6}(\frac{5}{6})^9 \\
&= 0.03 \\
E(X) &= \frac{1}{\frac{1}{6}} \\
&= 6
\end{aligned}
$$

Part II

Content Before Midterm 2

Chapter 3

Continuous Probability Distributions

3.1 Continuous Sample Space

We want to determine the probability of an event occurring in a sample space on intervals (a, b). In equally likely events, the probability of being in the interval is proportional to the length of the interval.

We use the notation $P((a, b))$ to denote the probability that the events occur in the interval.

Example:

Given that $P(S) = P((0, 200)) = 1$, and $0 \leq a < b \leq 200$, we can say:

$$P((a, b)) = \frac{b - a}{200}$$

Similarly, given $0 \leq a < b < c < d$, we can say:

$$P((a, b) \cup (c, d)) = \frac{(b - a) + (d - c)}{200}$$

3.2 Continuous Random Variables

A random variable X is a function from the sample space S to real numbers $X : S \to \mathbb{R}$. Given that the range of X is represented as $R(X)$ is continuous, then individual elements $x \in R(X)$ must have 0 probability:

$$P(X = x) = 0$$
$$P(a \leq X \leq b) = P(a < X < b)$$

Example:

We have a few examples of continuous random variables:

- Radius of a dart from the center of a dart board.

- Height of a randomly selected person[1].

- Time between events during a Poisson process.

- Age of a randomly selected person[2].

3.3   Probability Density Function (PDF)

The probability density function (pdf) of a continuous random variable X denoted $f_X(x)$ describes the probability that X takes on the value in an interval $(a, b) \in R(X)$.

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx = P(a < X < b)$$

Proper PDFs on an interval (a, b) require $\int_a^b f(x)dx = 1$ and $f(x) \geq 0$.

Example 1

Let X be the distance to an accident on a highway.

What is the size of each interval if I preak $(0, 10)$ into N equal intervals?

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{length} &= \Delta x \\
&= \frac{10}{N} \\
P(0 < X < 10) &= P(0 < X < 5) + P(5 < X < 10) \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^{10} P(i - 1 < X < i) \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^{10} \frac{i - (i-1)}{200} \\
&= \sum_{x=1}^{10} \frac{1}{200} \\
&= \frac{10}{200} \\
&= \frac{1}{20} \\
\lim_{N \to \infty} \int_0^{10} \left(\frac{1}{200} \right) dx &= \frac{x}{200} \Big|_0^{10} \\
&= \frac{10}{200}
\end{aligned}$$

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[1] No, this doesn't need to be random
[2] No, this doesn't need to be random

Example 2

Solve for k such that $f(x)$ is a proper pdf:

$$f(x) = kx^3$$
$$R(X) \in (3, 9)$$

We know that the integral must equal 1:

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\begin{aligned}
\int_3^9 f(x)dx = \int_3^9 kx^3 dx \\
= \frac{kx^4}{4}\bigg|_3^9 \\
= \frac{k9^4}{4} - \frac{k3^4}{4} \\
= 1 \\
\implies k = 4
\end{aligned}
$$

3.4   Cumulative Distribution Function (CDF)

The cumulative distribution function (cdf) of a continuous random variable X denoted $F(x)$ describes the probability that:

$$F(x) = P(X < x)$$

The properties exist:

1. $F(-\infty) = 0$

2. $F(\infty) = 1$

3. $F(x)$ is non-decreasing

3.5   Relationship Between PDF and CDF

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\begin{aligned}
\int_a^b f(x)dx = P(a < X < b) \\
= P(X < b) - P(X < a) \\
= F(b) - F(a) \\
\rightarrow \frac{dF(x)}{dx} = f(x)
\end{aligned}
$$

3.6 Expected Value

The **mean** or **expected value** of a continuous random variable X is defined as:

$$E(X) = \int_x x f(x) dx$$
$$= \mu$$

For given real numbers a and b, random variables X and Y, and a function $g(x)$, these two properties hold:

$$E(g(x)) = \int_x g(x) f(x) dx$$
$$E(aX + bY) = aE(X) + bE(Y)$$

3.7 Variance

Variance is the expected difference from the mean:

$$Var(X) = E((X - E(X)^2))$$
$$= \left(\int_x x^2 f(x) dx \right) - \mu^2$$

Given that X_1 and X_2 are independent random variables, and $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$:

$$Var(aX_1 + bX_2) = a^2 Var(X_1) + b^2 Var(X_2)$$

3.8 Uniform Distribution

In a Uniform Distribution, the probability of any subinterval of the range is proportional to the length of the interval. Any two sub-intervals of the same length have the same probability.

For $a < b$, if X is uniformly distributed on the interval (a, b), then we write $X \sim Unif(a, b)$:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{b - a}$$

For the uniform distribution, we know:

$$E(X) = \frac{b + a}{2}$$
$$Var(X) = \frac{(b - a)^2}{12}$$

Example 1

A factory makes 60cm shoelaces. While they are all between 58-62cm, they are required to be between 59-61.5cm.

Let X be the length of randomly cut shoelace $X \sim Unif(58, 62)$ $(b = 62, a = 58)$. Then we have that:

$$P(X = 60) = 0$$
$$f(x) = \frac{1}{b - a}$$
$$= \frac{1}{4}$$
$$P(59 < X < 61.5) = \int_{59}^{61.5} f(x)dx$$
$$= \int_{59}^{61.5} \frac{1}{4}dx$$
$$= \frac{1}{4}\Big|_{59}^{61.5}$$
$$= \frac{2.5}{4}$$

Let Y be the number of shoelaces meeting the specifications. We know that Y is approximated as $Y \sim Bin(n = 100, p = \frac{2.5}{4})$.

3.9 Poisson Distribution

Let T be the time until the next event from a Poisson Process (see Section 2.5) with rate λ. If X_t is the number of events in t units of time, then $X_t \sim Poisson(\lambda t)$.

$$f(t) = \lambda e^{-\lambda t}$$
$$R(T) = \{(0, \infty)\}$$

3.10 Exponential Distribution

This describes situations where events occur according to a Poisson process, and we measure the inter-arrival times between events.

If X is the amount of time until the next event in a Poisson process, then $X \sim Exp(\theta)$:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\theta}e^{\frac{-x}{\theta}}, \text{ for } x > 0$$
$$F(x) = 1 - e^{\frac{-x}{\theta}}$$
$$E(X) = \theta$$
$$Var(X) = \theta^2$$

Example 1

Let X be the time until a light bulb burns out (in days) where the number of burnouts is 1 every 7 days.

Since the frequency is $\frac{1}{7}$, we know that the period, θ is 7.

We can say that $X \sim Exp(\theta = 7)$

$$P(X = 2) = 0$$
$$P(X > 30.5) = \int_{30.5}^{\infty} f(x)dx$$
$$= \int_{30.5}^{\infty} \frac{1}{7}e^{\frac{-x}{7}} dx$$
$$= -e^{\frac{-x}{7}} \Big|_{30.5}^{\infty}$$
$$= e^{\frac{-30.5}{7}}$$
$$= 0.0128$$
$$P(X < 1) = \int_{0}^{1} \frac{1}{7}e^{\frac{-x}{7}} dx$$
$$= 0.1331$$

3.11 Generating Random Samples

This section was one he covered in class and did not post notes for.

Suppose $X \sim Bin(3, 0, 7)$. Then $f(x) = \binom{3}{x}0.7^x(1 - 0.7)^{3-x}$. As usual, if we define $F(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{x} f(i)$, we can build a table of different ranges of $F(x)$. By picking random numbers, we can determine which range they fall in and then back-trace to see what the corresponding x-value is.

Chapter 4

Normal Distribution

We say that random variable X has normal distribution $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ if the pdf has the form:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{\frac{-1}{2}\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2}, x \in \mathbb{R}$$
$$E(X) = \mu$$
$$Var(X) = \sigma^2$$

This type of distribution comes up in many different places, this is the BELL CURVE shape.

4.1 Properties

If $X_1 \sim N(\mu_1, \sigma_1^2)$ and $X_2 \sim N(\mu_2, \sigma_2^2)$ are independent, and $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$, the linearity property tells us:

$$Y = aX_1 + bX_2 + c$$
$$Y \sim N(a\mu_1 + b\mu_2 + c, a^2\sigma_1^2 + b^2\sigma_2^2)$$

If $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$:

$$Z = \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma}$$
$$\sim N(0, 1)$$

Example 1

Let X be a random variable representing a randomly selected student such that $X \sim N(0.75, 0.07^2)$.

What is the probability that they have a mark greater than 80%?

In other words, we're looking for $P(X > 0.8)$:

$$P(X > 0.8) = P(X - 0.75 > 0.8 - 0.75)$$

$$Z \sim N(0,1) = P\left(\frac{X - 0.75}{0.07} > \frac{0.8 - 0.75}{0.07}\right)$$

$$= P\left(Z > \frac{0.05}{0.07}\right)$$

$$= 1 - P\left(Z < \frac{0.05}{0.07}\right)$$

$$= 0.2389$$

What's the probability that a randomly selected student has a mark less than 60?

$$P(X < 0.6) = P\left(\frac{X - 0.75}{0.07} < \frac{0.6 - 0.75}{0.07}\right)$$

$$= P(Z < -2.14)$$

$$= P(Z > 2.14)$$

$$= 1 - P(Z < 2.14)$$

$$= 0.0162$$

4.1.1 Standardized Distribution

Generally speaking, Z is the Standardized Distribution of the function.

4.2 Normal Density

The density of a normal $f(x)$ is not integrable for finite limits a, b. We need to look this up in Normal Distribution Tables, one of which is available in Appendix A.

4.3 Independent Normal Variables

Let X be the amount of time that it takes A to do an action, and let Y be the amount of time that it takes B to do an independent action.

We have $X \sim N(50, 100)$ and $Y \sim N(52, 64)$.

By the linearity property, we define $Z = X - Y$:

$$Z \sim N(50 - 52, \sqrt{100}^2 + \sqrt{64}^2)$$

$$= N(-2, 164)$$

Now can start to solve equations like $P(X < Y)$:

$$P(X < Y) = P(X - Y < 0)$$
$$= P(\frac{X - Y - (-2)}{\sqrt{164}} < \frac{0 - (-2)}{\sqrt{164}})$$
$$= P(Z < \frac{2}{\sqrt{164}})$$
$$= P(Z < 0.16)$$
$$= 0.5636$$

4.4 Many Independent Normal Variables

Let the random variable X_i represent the price of the ith painting, where all X_i are independent of X_j. Let the random variable Y represent the monthly total of all paintings sold.

$$Y = X_1 + X_2 + \ldots + X_10$$
$$= \sum_{i=1}^{10} X_i$$

We can say that $X_i \sim N(200, 200^2)$. Thus we can use by the variables independence that:

$$Var(Y) = Var\left(\sum_i X_i\right)$$
$$= \sum_i Var(X_i)$$
$$= 400000$$

We can also say that the expected value is[1]:

$$E(Y) = E\left(\sum_i X_i\right)$$
$$= \sum_i E(X_i)$$
$$= 2000$$

Thus, $Y \sim N(2000, (10)200^2)$.

4.5 Binomial Approximation

For large n, we can approximate the distribution of samples using a binomial method.

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[1]This "unwrapping" operation can always be done.

Specifically, if $np > 5$ and $n(1 - p) > 5$ (i.e. n is large and $0 < p < 1$)[2]. Suppose $X \sim Bin(n, p)$. Then we define the random variable Z expressed in terms of n and p as:

$$Z = \frac{X - np}{\sqrt{np(1 - p)}}$$
$$\sim N(0, 1)$$
$$E(Z) = np$$
$$Var(Z) = np(1 - p)$$

Since we are using a continuous distribution to approximate the discrete Binomial distribution, we need to correct some continuities at edges of the distributions:

$$P(a < X) \approx P\left(\frac{(a + 0.5) - np}{\sqrt{np(1 - p)}} < Z\right)$$
$$P(X < b) \approx P\left(\frac{(b - 0.5) - np}{\sqrt{np(1 - p)}} > Z\right)$$

Example 1

Suppose we have a random variable X defined as $X \sim Bin(200, 0.3$. What is $P(X < 50)$?

Well, we have $np = 60$, $np(1 - p) = 42$. Since $np > 5$ and $np(1 - p) > 5$, we can use the normal approximation!

$$P(X < 50) = P(X < 50.5)$$
$$= P(\frac{X - 60}{\sqrt{np(1 - p)}} < \frac{50.5 - 60}{\sqrt{np(1 - p)}})$$
$$= P(Z < \frac{-9.5}{\sqrt{np(1 - p)}})$$
$$= P(Z < -1.47)$$
$$= 1 - P(Z < 1.47)$$
$$= 0.0708$$

Similarly:

$$P(X > 80) = P(X > 79.5)$$
$$= P(\frac{X - 60}{\sqrt{np(1 - p)}} > \frac{79.5 - 60}{\sqrt{np(1 - p)}})$$
$$= P(Z > 3.0)$$
$$= 1 - P(Z < 3.0)$$
$$= 0.0013$$

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[2]These seem so arbitrary to me. No reason for the number 5 was presented in class.

4.6 Tutorial Content

A STAT 206 tutorial on Oct 24, 2013 yielded this information:

4.6.1 Blackjack Game

We're going to be examining a simplified version of a blackjack game.

Let X be the point-value of a random card. Naturally, $R(X) = \{2, \ldots, 10, 11\}$.

X	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
$f(x)$	$\frac{1}{13}$	$\frac{1}{13}$	$\frac{1}{13}$	$\frac{1}{13}$	$\frac{1}{13}$	$\frac{1}{13}$	$\frac{1}{13}$	$\frac{1}{13}$	$\frac{4}{13}$	$\frac{1}{13}$
$F(x)$	$\frac{1}{13}$	$\frac{2}{13}$	$\frac{3}{13}$	$\frac{4}{13}$	$\frac{5}{13}$	$\frac{6}{13}$	$\frac{7}{13}$	$\frac{8}{13}$	$\frac{12}{13}$	$\frac{13}{13}$

If we find $F^{-1}(u)$, we can generate these card values with even probability.

$$F^{-1}(u) = \begin{cases} 2 & : u \leq \frac{1}{13} \\ 3 & : \frac{1}{13} < u \leq \frac{2}{13} \\ 4 & : \frac{2}{13} < u \leq \frac{3}{13} \\ 5 & : \frac{3}{13} < u \leq \frac{4}{13} \\ 6 & : \frac{4}{13} < u \leq \frac{5}{13} \\ 7 & : \frac{5}{13} < u \leq \frac{6}{13} \\ 8 & : \frac{6}{13} < u \leq \frac{7}{13} \\ 9 & : \frac{7}{13} < u \leq \frac{8}{13} \\ 10 & : \frac{8}{13} < u \leq \frac{11}{13} \\ 11 & : \frac{11}{13} < u \leq \frac{12}{13} \end{cases}$$

Given that dealers stay if hand ≥ 17, we want to find a few probabilities.

1. Suppose the dealer gets $(K, 6)$. Find $P(B|(K, G))$. (B is the event where the dealer "busts").

$$P(B|(K, 6)) = \sum_{i=2}^{11} P(B|(K, 6, i))P(i)$$
$$= \left(\sum_{i=2}^{5} 0 P(i) \right) + \sum_{i=6}^{10} 1 P(i)$$
$$= \frac{8}{13}$$

2. Suppose the dealer gets $(J, 4)$. Find... TODO: I don't know what this is asking. Let C be the event of 21 or a blackjack.

$$P(C|(J, 4)) = P(C|J, 4, 7)P(7) + P(C|(J, 4, 2))P(2) + P(C|J, 4, A)P(A)$$
$$= P(7) + P(2)P(5) + P(A) + P(A)P(A)P(5)$$
$$= \frac{1}{13} + \frac{1}{13^2} + \frac{1}{13^2} + \frac{1}{13^3}$$

3. Suppos the player follows the dealer's strategy. What is $P(\text{player wins})$?

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\begin{aligned}
P(w) &= \sum_{i=17}^{21} P(w|p=i)P(P=i) \\
&= \sum_{i=17}^{21} P(p=i)[0.29 + D < i] \\
&= 0.415
\end{aligned}
$$

I'm not sure what happened there either.

4. Players arrive in a Poisson process at a rate of 1 player per minute. After the first player arrives, the dealer either waits 3 minutes or until 5 players sit down. Given that the bet is $1 per person, what is the net winnings of the dealer?

Chapter 5

Sampling Distribution

We want to be able to draw statistical conclusions about a **population**. We are limited to a sample because we do not have resources available to adequately measure the entire population. By wisely selecting a **sample** of the population, and measuring the **variable** interest, we try to build statistical conclusions with reasonable confidence. We use **random sampling** to ensure the sample accurately represents the population.

Statistics are functions of the random sample (RS) which are used to learn about model parameters.

Since sampling is random, the statistics representing them are semi-random as well. We describe this randomness using a **sampling distribution**.

5.1 Simple Random Sampling (SRS)

Simple random sampling is the most basic form of random sampling. It involves querying each unit in the population with an equal probability.

5.2 Stratified Random Sampling

With simple random sampling, we divide a population of size N into K distinct buckets[1], each with N_i items[2] $(i = 1 \ldots K)$

We then take a simple random sample of size n_i from each strata such that:

$$n = \sum_{i=1}^{K} n_i$$

We can select n_i using a few different methods:

Equal Allocation sets $n_i = \frac{N}{K}$ - all strata have equally sized queries.

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[1]We can call these buckets strata.
[2]N_i doesn't need to be the same for all i.

Proportional Allocation sets $n_i = \frac{nN_i}{K}$ - all stratas have queries proportional to their size.

Optimal (Neyman) Allocation is where each sample is weighted by the strata variance.

In stratified sampling, we have increased benefit over simple random sampling when groups are more distinct. This ensures all groups are represented in the sample.

5.3   Cluster Sampling

When a population is divided into M natural clusters that are each justifiably a microcosm of the entire population, and a simple random sample of m clusters is selected. From each selected cluster, a simple random sample of size $n_i = \frac{n}{m}$ is taken.

By only selecting a few clusters, we reduce data acquisition cost, which makes this economically efficient compared to a simple random sampling.

A few examples:

- High-school students would have strata by grade with clusters in every school.

- Voters in federal election would cluster by city or by riding.

- UW Students can be arranged into strata by faculty.

5.4   Probability Distributions

A random sample of size n is taken from an infinite population, it is a set of independent and identically distributed (IID) random variables $\{X_1, \ldots, X_n\}$.

Where each random variable has the same probability distribution $f_i(x)$, mean μ_i and variance σ^2, we can get these statistics:

$$T = h(X_1, \ldots, X_n)$$
$$\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i$$
$$S^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (X_i - \bar{X})^2$$
$$X_{(1)} = \min_i(X_i)$$

Where T is [unknown], $\bar{X}$ is the mean, S^2 is the standard deviation, and $X_{(1)}$ is the minimum.

The sampling distribution of a statistic represents the probability distribution which describes the randomness of the statistic.

Example 1

Let the random variable X_i represent the number of hours that student a randomly sampled student slept last night. Take a simple random sampling of size $n = 3$. We define X_1, X_2, X_3.

The sample mean is also a random variable $\bar{X} = \frac{X_1 + X_2 + X_3}{3}$.

Given $x_1 = 7$, $x_2 = 8$, $x_3 = 8.5$, we have $X_{(1)} = 7$, $\bar{x} = \frac{23.5}{3}$, and $S^2 = 0.58$.

5.4.1 Probability Distributions of Random Samples

For a set of random independent variables X_i being sampled with individual expected value $E(X_i) = \mu$ and individual variance $Var(X_i) = \sigma^2$:

$$E(\bar{X}) = \mu$$

$$Var(\bar{X}) = \frac{\sigma^2}{n}$$

$$\bar{X} \sim N(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{n})$$

Example 1

Suppose we hade bread weight $X_i \sim N(805, 16)$.

Then $n = 5$, $\bar{X} = \sum_{i=1}^{5} \frac{X_i}{5}$, and $\bar{X} \sim N(805, \frac{16}{5})$.

What is the probability that the average bread weight sampled is less than 800g?

$$P(\bar{X} < 800) = P(\frac{\bar{X} - 805}{\sqrt{16/5}} < \frac{800 - 805}{\sqrt{16/5}})$$

$$= P(Z < \frac{-5}{\sqrt{16/5}})$$

$$= 1 - P(Z < 2.8)$$

$$= 0.0026$$

5.4.2 Probability Distributions of Normal Samples

For n IID X_i with $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ distribution:

$$\bar{X} \sim N\left(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{n}\right)$$

5.5 Central Limit Theorem

If X_i is a random variable with $E(X_i) = \mu$ and $Var(X_i) = \sigma^2$, then for large values of n, the number of elements[3]:

$$Z = \frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{X} - \mu)}{\sigma}$$
$$\sim N(0, 1)$$

Example 1

For example, we're going to look at light-bulbs. $X_i \sim Exp(\theta = 7)$ for $i \in [1, 40]$. The light-bulbs have a $\lambda = \frac{1}{7 \text{ days}}$.

$$\theta = \frac{1}{\lambda}$$
$$= 7 \text{ days}$$
$$\implies E(X_i) = \theta$$
$$= 7$$
$$Var(X_i) = \theta^2$$
$$= 7^2$$

By CLT, we know that $Z = \frac{\bar{X} - 7}{7/\sqrt{40}} \sim N(0, 1)$.

What is the probability that 40 light-bulbs will last for a year?

$$P(\sum_{i=1}^{40} X_i > 365) = P(\bar{X} > \frac{365}{40})$$
$$= P(\frac{\bar{X} - 7}{7/\sqrt{40}} > \frac{\frac{365}{40} - 7}{7/\sqrt{40}})$$
$$= P(Z > 1.92)$$
$$= 1 - P(Z < 1.92)$$
$$= 0.0274$$

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[3]As a rule of thumb, this only works for $n > 25$.

How many light bulbs do we need for the probability of them lasting to be 99%?

$$P(\sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i > 365) = P(\bar{X} > \frac{365}{n})$$

$$= P(\frac{\bar{X} - 7}{7/\sqrt{n}} > \frac{\frac{365}{n} - 7}{7/\sqrt{n}})$$

$$= P(Z > \frac{\frac{365}{n} - 7}{7/\sqrt{n}})$$

$$= P(Z > c)$$

$$= 0.99$$

Solving for c by inverting/etc, we get: $c = -2.33$

$$\implies n = 72$$

Chapter 6

Confidence Intervals I

6.1   Point Estimation

Consider a random sample of size $n = \{X_1, \ldots, X_n\}$.

An appropriate probability model is selected for the experiment.

Given that the probability function for X_i depends on an unknown parameter $\hat{\theta}$, an estimator of θ is a statistic defined as a function of the random sample:

$$\hat{\theta} = h(X_1, \ldots, X_n)$$

6.2   Unbiased Estimator

Since some estimators are biased, the standard deviation of an estimator is called its standard error:

$$SE(\hat{\theta}) = \sqrt{Var(\theta)}$$

Estimators are unbiased if the expected value is the parameter being estimated. This means:

$$E(\hat{\theta}) = \theta$$
$$SE(\hat{\theta}) = 0$$

6.2.1   Proving the Normal Distribution

Suppose that $X_i \sim N(\mu, \sigma)$, show that the sample mean $\bar{X}$ and sample variance S^2 are unbiased estimators of μ and σ^2.

$$\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i$$

$$S^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (X_i - \bar{X})^2$$

6.3   Statistical Inference

In order to statistically infer things, we need to quantify the sample error first.

We do this using confidence intervals, and hypothesis tests.

6.3.1   Confidence Interval

We can define the probability α as the probability that a random interval doesn't contain the true value of the parameter.

Then $(1-\alpha)\%$ is the confidence in an interval for a parameter θ. This confidence is calculated by observing a random interval $(L(X), U(X))$ such that:

$$P(L(X) < \theta < U(X)) = 1 - \alpha$$

It's important that this ends on the interval $(L(X), U(X))$ which are random.

We generally set $L(X)$ and $U(X)$, then observe the value of the parameter over the interval.

After observing the interval $L(X)$ and $U(X)$, our confidence of the interval is $1 - \alpha$.

6.3.2   Normal Confidence Interval for Known σ and Unknown μ

For normally distributed identically distributed sample of size n, $X_i \sim N(\mu, \sigma_0^2)$, with a known σ_0^2 and unknown μ.

The pivotal quantity:

$$Z = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sigma_0/\sqrt{n}}$$
$$\sim N(0, 1)$$

A $(1-\alpha)\%$ confidence interval for μ is given by:

$$\mu = \bar{x} \pm z_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}} \frac{\sigma_0}{\sqrt{n}}$$

Where z_α is the α-quantile - a value such that $P(Z < z_\alpha) = \alpha$.

The **margin of error** for the confidence interval is the distance between the point estimated and the ends of the interval. It's effectively measured by how "off" a confidence interval can be. In the $1 - \alpha$ case a few lines prior, the confidence interval is:

$$z_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}} \frac{\sigma_0}{\sqrt{n}}$$

It is important to note that when solving for a size n that gives a requested confidence interval, it is important to round up (and be over-precise) than to round down (and be under-precise).

Example 1

Suppose we have $\sigma_0^2 = 1500000$, and want a 95% confidence interval. We have measured $\bar{x} = 70000$ across $n = 100$ samples.

Since $1 - \alpha = .95$, we must have $\alpha = 0.05$.

Then we have $z_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}} = z_{0.95}$. Plugging into $P(Z < z_{0.95}) = 0.95$, we get $z_{0.95} = 1.645$.

We have the margin of error as $1.645\sqrt{\frac{1500000}{100}} = 201.47$.

That means that a 90% confidence interval for the measured variable is given by $(70000 - 201.97, 70000 + 201.97) = (69798.03, 70201.97)$.

6.3.3 Binomial Confidence Interval

When $X_i \sim Bin(n, p)$[1], we know that $E(X_i) = p$ and the variance is $Var(X_i) = p(1 - p)$.

We can estimate the probability of success as:

$$\hat{p} = \frac{X}{n}$$
$$= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i}{n}$$
$$= \bar{\alpha}$$
$$\implies E(\hat{p}) = p$$
$$Var(\hat{p}) = \frac{Var(X_i)}{n}$$
$$= \frac{p(1-p)}{n}$$

Using the binomial approximation, if $n\hat{p} > 5$ and $n(1 - \hat{p}) > 5$, then by the central limit theorem (see Section 5.5):

$$Z = \frac{\hat{p} - p}{\sqrt{p(1-p)/n}}$$
$$\sim N(0, 1)$$

An approximate $(1 - \alpha)\%$ confidence interval for the percentage p is given by:

$$\hat{p} \pm z_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}} \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1 - \hat{p})}{n}}$$

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[1]My notes say when $X \sim Bernoulli(p)$ as well, which makes sense since Binomial distributions are just repeated Bernoulli trials.

Example 1

Given that $X = 18$ students prefer smarties over M&Ms out of the $n = 87$ asked, and we want to have $\alpha = 0.1$, we have:

$$\hat{p} = \frac{18}{87}$$
$$= 0.2$$

Solving for $z_{...}$:

$$z_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}} = z_{0.95}$$
$$= 1.645$$

Thus, our bounds of p within $\alpha = 1$ is:

$$p \in (0.2 - 1.645\sqrt{\frac{(0.2)(0.8)}{87}}, 0.2 + 1.645\sqrt{\frac{(0.2)(0.8)}{87}})$$
$$= (13, 27)$$

Thus $(13, 27)\%$ of students prefer smarties over M&Ms.

6.4 Chi-Squared Distribution

If $X_1, \ldots, X_k$ are independent, standard normal random variables $\sim N(0,1)$, then the sum of their squares $Q = \sum_{i=1}^{k} Z_i^2$ is distributed according to the chi-squared distribution with k degrees of freedom:

$$Q \sim \chi^2[k]$$

Since the pdf of $\chi^2[k]$ is not integrable, we use the χ^2 table to calculate probabilities. See Appendix B for the table.

When $R \sim \chi^2[n]$, then:

$$E(R) = n$$
$$Var(R) = 2n$$

If $R_1 \sim \chi^2[n_1]$ is independent of $R_2 \sim \chi^2[n_2]$, then:

$$R_1 + R_2 \sim \chi^2[n_1 + n_2]$$

That is, the sum of two random independent variables is equal to the sum of their probability distribution functions.

6.5 Sample Variance

If $X_1, \ldots, X_n$ are independent, standard normal random variables $\sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$, and the sample variance is:

$$S^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (X_i - \bar{X})^2$$

For S^2 is independent of $\bar{X}$, we have:

$$\frac{(n-1)S^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi^2[n-1]$$

6.6   Normal Confidence Intervals for known σ^2 and Unknown μ

Using χ^2 distributions, we can help find the variance in a distribution.

For a normally distributed iid with $X_i \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ of size n, we have:

The Pivotal Quantity:

$$\frac{(n-1)S^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi^2[n-1]$$

A $(1-\alpha)\%$ confidence interval for σ^2 is given by:

$$\sigma^2 = \left(\frac{(n-1)S^2}{\chi^2_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}}[n-1]}, \frac{(n-1)S^2}{\chi^2_{\frac{\alpha}{2}}[n-1]} \right)$$

Where $\chi^2_\alpha[n-1]$ is the value from the Chi-Squared table (See Appendix B) such that $P(S < \chi^2_\alpha[n-1]) = \alpha$.

6.7   Student t-Distribution

If $Z \sim N(0,1)$ is independent of $S \sim \chi^2[n]$, and

$$T = \frac{Z}{\sqrt{\frac{S}{n}}}$$

Then T has a Students t-distribution with n degrees of freedom.

$$T \sim t[n]$$

The pdf of the $t[n]$ distribution is not integrable, so we use the t-table to calculate probabilities. This can be found in Appendix C.

6.8   Normal Confidence Intervals for Unknown σ and Known μ

In the case that an iid sample $X_i \sim N(\mu, \sigma)$, with σ unknown.

$$T = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\frac{S}{\sqrt{n}}}$$
$$\sim t[n-1]$$

A $(1-\alpha)\%$ confidence interval for μ is given by:

$$\mu = \bar{x} \pm t_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}}[n-1] \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}$$

Where $t_\alpha[n-1]$ is the α-quantile of the $t-$distribution with $n-1$ degrees of freedom, $P(T < t_\alpha[n-1]) = \alpha$.

Example 1

In a public transit system, we have $n = 50$, $\bar{x} = 44$, $s^2 = 25$ and a α specified as 0.05.

Let X_i be the time it takes the ith person to commute. Assume $X_i \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$.

- Find $(1 - \alpha) = 95\%$ confidence interval for μ, the mean commute time:

$$\mu = \bar{x} \pm t_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}}[n-1]\frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}$$
$$= \left(44 \pm 2.01\left(\frac{5}{\sqrt{50}}\right)\right)$$
$$= (44 \pm 1.42)$$

Thus, a 95% confidence interval for μ is $(42.58, 45.42)$.

- Find a $(1 - \alpha) = 95\%$ confidence interval for commute time variance:

$$\sigma^2 = \left(\frac{(n-1)S^2}{\chi^2_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}}[n-1]}, \frac{(n-1)S^2}{\chi^2_{\frac{\alpha}{2}}[n-1]}\right)$$
$$= \left(\frac{(n-1)S^2}{67.5}, \frac{(n-1)S^2}{34.8}\right)$$
$$= (18.15, 35.2)$$

Therefore, a 90% confidence interval for σ is[2] $(4.26, 5.93)$.

6.9 Summary

For known σ_0^2, we have the confidence interval on μ:

$$\bar{x} \pm z_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}}\frac{\sigma_0}{\sqrt{n}}$$

For unknown σ_0^2, we have the confidence interval on μ:

$$\bar{x} \pm t_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}}[n-1]\frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}$$

The confidence interval of σ^2:

$$\left(\frac{(n-1)S^2}{\chi^2_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}}[n-1]}, \frac{(n-1)S^2}{\chi^2_{\frac{\alpha}{2}}[n-1]}\right)$$

Confidence interval for $\hat{p}$:

$$\hat{p} \pm z_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}}\sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{n}}$$

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[2]Note that we are not talking about σ^2

Chapter 7

Confidence Intervals II

We can do more than just the confidence interval of one mean. We can extract exact confidence intervals for dependent observations, and approximate confidence intervals for independent observations.

7.1 Confidence Intervals for Differences of Means

With paired observations (x_i, y_i), where $X \sim N(\mu_X, \sigma_X^2)$ and $Y \sim N(\mu_Y, \sigma_Y^2)$ are two random variables measured from the same unit of the population.

We want to define a new variable $D = X - Y \sim N(\mu_D, \sigma_D^2)$ with the observation that:

$$d_i = x_i - y_i$$
$$\implies E(D) = E(X - Y) = E(X) - E(Y)$$
$$= \mu_X - \mu_Y$$

Using single mean methods, we get $(1 - \alpha)\%$ confidence interval:

$$\mu_d = \bar{d} \pm t_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}}[n-1]\frac{s_d}{\sqrt{n}}$$

A $(1 - \alpha)\%$ confidence interval for $\mu_X - \mu_Y$ is given by:

$$\mu_X - \mu_Y = (\bar{x} - \bar{y}) \pm t_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}}[n-1]\frac{s_d}{\sqrt{n}}$$

Where s_d^2 is defined as:

$$s_d^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{(d_i - \bar{d})^2}{n-1}$$
$$\bar{d} = \bar{x} - \bar{y}$$

7.2 Confidence Intervals for Independent Observations

When we observe random variables X_i and Y_i independently n_X and n_Y times each.

Suppose that $E(X_i) = \mu_X$, $Var(X_i) = \sigma_X^2$, $E(Y_i) = \mu_Y$, and $Var(Y_i) = \sigma_Y^2$.

By central limit theorem, the pivotal quantity is (for large n_X, n_Y):

$$Z = \frac{(\bar{X} - \bar{Y}) - (\mu_X - \mu_Y)}{\sqrt{\frac{\sigma_X^2}{n_X} + \frac{\sigma_Y^2}{n_Y}}} \sim N(0,1)$$

An approximate $(1 - \alpha)\%$ confidence interval for $\mu_X - \mu_Y$ is:

$$\mu_X - \mu_Y = (\bar{x} - \bar{y}) \pm z_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}} \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_X^2}{n_X} + \frac{\sigma_Y^2}{n_Y}}$$

7.3 Summary

For $X_i \sim N(\mu, \sigma)$:

$$\mu = \bar{x} \pm t_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}}[n-1] \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}$$

$$\sigma^2 = \left(\frac{(n-1)S^2}{\chi^2_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}}[n-1]}, \frac{(n-1)S^2}{\chi^2_{\frac{\alpha}{2}}[n-1]} \right)$$

For $X_i \sim N(\mu_X, \sigma_X^2)$, $Y_i \sim N(\mu_Y, \sigma_Y^2)$:

Define s_d as the standard deviation of the difference of two means,

For paired (dependent) observations:

$$\mu_d = \mu_X - \mu_Y$$
$$= (\bar{x} - \bar{(y)}) \pm t_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}}[n-1] \frac{s_d}{\sqrt{n}}$$

With large sample sizes, we can use the central limit theorem to show the distribution. We can also estimate the standard error this way.

We can get the approximate $(1 - \alpha)\%$ confidence interval for binomial proportions:

$$\hat{p} \pm z_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}} \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{n}}$$

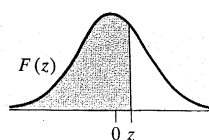We can get the approximate confidence interval for the difference between two means:

$$\mu_X - \mu_Y = (\bar{x} - \bar{y}) \pm z_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}} \sqrt{\frac{S_X^2}{n_X} + \frac{S_Y^2}{n_Y}}$$

Appendix A

Normal Distribution Table

Standard Normal Distribution Function

$$F(z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{z} e^{-t^2/2}\, dt$$

$F(z)$

z	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.07	0.08	0.09
0.0	0.5000	0.5040	0.5080	0.5120	0.5160	0.5199	0.5239	0.5279	0.5319	0.5359
0.1	0.5398	0.5438	0.5478	0.5517	0.5557	0.5596	0.5636	0.5675	0.5714	0.5753
0.2	0.5973	0.5832	0.5871	0.5910	0.5948	0.5987	0.6026	0.6064	0.6103	0.6141
0.3	0.6179	0.6217	0.6255	0.6293	0.6331	0.6368	0.6406	0.6443	0.6480	0.6517
0.4	0.6554	0.6591	0.6628	0.6664	0.6700	0.6736	0.6772	0.6808	0.6844	0.6879
0.5	0.6915	0.6950	0.6985	0.7019	0.7054	0.7088	0.7123	0.7157	0.7190	0.7224
0.6	0.7257	0.7291	0.7324	0.7357	0.7389	0.7422	0.7454	0.7486	0.7517	0.7549
0.7	0.7580	0.7611	0.7642	0.7673	0.7704	0.7734	0.7764	0.7794	0.7823	0.7852
0.8	0.7881	0.7910	0.7939	0.7967	0.7995	0.8023	0.8051	0.8078	0.8106	0.8133
0.9	0.8159	0.8186	0.8212	0.8238	0.8264	0.8289	0.8315	0.8340	0.8365	0.8389
1.0	0.8413	0.8438	0.8461	0.8485	0.8508	0.8531	0.8554	0.8577	0.8599	0.8621
1.1	0.8643	0.8665	0.8686	0.8708	0.8729	0.8749	0.8770	0.8790	0.8810	0.8830
1.2	0.8849	0.8869	0.8888	0.8907	0.8925	0.8944	0.8962	0.8980	0.8997	0.9015
1.3	0.9032	0.9049	0.9066	0.9082	0.9099	0.9115	0.9131	0.9147	0.9162	0.9177
1.4	0.9192	0.9207	0.9222	0.9236	0.9251	0.9265	0.9279	0.9292	0.9306	0.9319
1.5	0.9332	0.9345	0.9357	0.9370	0.9382	0.9394	0.9406	0.9418	0.9429	0.9441
1.6	0.9452	0.9463	0.9474	0.9484	0.9495	0.9505	0.9515	0.9525	0.9535	0.9545
1.7	0.9554	0.9564	0.9573	0.9582	0.9591	0.9599	0.9608	0.9616	0.9625	0.9633
1.8	0.9641	0.9649	0.9656	0.9664	0.9671	0.9678	0.9686	0.9693	0.9699	0.9706
1.9	0.9713	0.9719	0.9726	0.9732	0.9738	0.9744	0.9750	0.9756	0.9761	0.9767
2.0	0.9772	0.9778	0.9783	0.9788	0.9793	0.9798	0.9803	0.9808	0.9812	0.9817
2.1	0.9821	0.9826	0.9830	0.9834	0.9838	0.9842	0.9846	0.9850	0.9854	0.9857
2.2	0.9861	0.9864	0.9868	0.9871	0.9875	0.9878	0.9881	0.9884	0.9887	0.9890
2.3	0.9893	0.9896	0.9898	0.9901	0.9904	0.9906	0.9909	0.9911	0.9913	0.9916
2.4	0.9918	0.9920	0.9922	0.9925	0.9927	0.9929	0.9931	0.9932	0.9934	0.9936
2.5	0.9938	0.9940	0.9941	0.9943	0.9945	0.9946	0.9948	0.9949	0.9951	0.9952
2.6	0.9953	0.9955	0.9956	0.9957	0.9959	0.9960	0.9961	0.9962	0.9963	0.9964
2.7	0.9965	0.9966	0.9967	0.9968	0.9969	0.9970	0.9971	0.9972	0.9973	0.9974
2.8	0.9974	0.9975	0.9976	0.9977	0.9977	0.9978	0.9979	0.9979	0.9980	0.9981
2.9	0.9981	0.9982	0.9982	0.9983	0.9984	0.9984	0.9985	0.9985	0.9986	0.9986
3.0	0.9987	0.9987	0.9987	0.9988	0.9988	0.9989	0.9989	0.9989	0.9990	0.9990
3.1	0.9990	0.9991	0.9991	0.9991	0.9992	0.9992	0.9992	0.9992	0.9993	0.9993
3.2	0.9993	0.9993	0.9994	0.9994	0.9994	0.9994	0.9994	0.9995	0.9995	0.9995
3.3	0.9995	0.9995	0.9995	0.9996	0.9996	0.9996	0.9996	0.9996	0.9996	0.9997
3.4	0.9997	0.9997	0.9997	0.9997	0.9997	0.9997	0.9997	0.9997	0.9997	0.9998
3.5	0.9998									
4.0	0.99997									
5.0	0.9999997									

Appendix B

Chi-Squared Table

Quantiles for a χ_n^2 distribution with n degrees of freedom

n/p	0.001	0.01	0.01	0.05	0.5	0.9	0.95	0.99	0.995	0.999
1	1.57×10^{-6}	0.000157	0.000157	0.00393	0.455	2.71	3.84	6.63	6.63	10.8
2	0.002	0.0201	0.0201	0.103	1.39	4.61	5.99	9.21	9.21	13.8
3	0.0243	0.115	0.115	0.352	2.37	6.25	7.81	11.3	11.3	16.3
4	0.0908	0.297	0.297	0.711	3.36	7.78	9.49	13.3	13.3	18.5
5	0.21	0.554	0.554	1.15	4.35	9.24	11.1	15.1	15.1	20.5
6	0.381	0.872	0.872	1.64	5.35	10.6	12.6	16.8	16.8	22.5
7	0.598	1.24	1.24	2.17	6.35	12	14.1	18.5	18.5	24.3
8	0.857	1.65	1.65	2.73	7.34	13.4	15.5	20.1	20.1	26.1
9	1.15	2.09	2.09	3.33	8.34	14.7	16.9	21.7	21.7	27.9
10	1.48	2.56	2.56	3.94	9.34	16	18.3	23.2	23.2	29.6
11	1.83	3.05	3.05	4.57	10.3	17.3	19.7	24.7	24.7	31.3
12	2.21	3.57	3.57	5.23	11.3	18.5	21	26.2	26.2	32.9
13	2.62	4.11	4.11	5.89	12.3	19.8	22.4	27.7	27.7	34.5
14	3.04	4.66	4.66	6.57	13.3	21.1	23.7	29.1	29.1	36.1
15	3.48	5.23	5.23	7.26	14.3	22.3	25	30.6	30.6	37.7
16	3.94	5.81	5.81	7.96	15.3	23.5	26.3	32	32	39.3
17	4.42	6.41	6.41	8.67	16.3	24.8	27.6	33.4	33.4	40.8
18	4.9	7.01	7.01	9.39	17.3	26	28.9	34.8	34.8	42.3
19	5.41	7.63	7.63	10.1	18.3	27.2	30.1	36.2	36.2	43.8
20	5.92	8.26	8.26	10.9	19.3	28.4	31.4	37.6	37.6	45.3
25	8.65	11.5	11.5	14.6	24.3	34.4	37.7	44.3	44.3	52.6
30	11.6	15	15	18.5	29.3	40.3	43.8	50.9	50.9	59.7
35	14.7	18.5	18.5	22.5	34.3	46.1	49.8	57.3	57.3	66.6
40	17.9	22.2	22.2	26.5	39.3	51.8	55.8	63.7	63.7	73.4
45	21.3	25.9	25.9	30.6	44.3	57.5	61.7	70	70	80.1
50	24.7	29.7	29.7	34.8	49.3	63.2	67.5	76.2	76.2	86.7
55	28.2	33.6	33.6	39	54.3	68.8	73.3	82.3	82.3	93.2
60	31.7	37.5	37.5	43.2	59.3	74.4	79.1	88.4	88.4	99.6
70	39	45.4	45.4	51.7	69.3	85.5	90.5	100	100	112
80	46.5	53.5	53.5	60.4	79.3	96.6	102	112	112	125
90	54.2	61.8	61.8	69.1	89.3	108	113	124	124	137
100	61.9	70.1	70.1	77.9	99.3	118	124	136	136	149

Appendix C

Student-T Reference Table

Quantiles for a t_n distribution with n degrees of freedom

df/p	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.95	0.975	0.99	0.995	0.9995
1	0.325	0.727	1.38	3.08	6.31	12.7	31.8	63.7	637.
2	0.289	0.617	1.06	1.89	2.92	4.30	6.96	9.92	31.6
3	0.277	0.584	0.978	1.64	2.35	3.18	4.54	5.84	12.9
4	0.271	0.569	0.941	1.53	2.13	2.78	3.75	4.60	8.61
5	0.267	0.559	0.920	1.48	2.02	2.57	3.36	4.03	6.87
6	0.265	0.553	0.906	1.44	1.94	2.45	3.14	3.71	5.96
7	0.263	0.549	0.896	1.41	1.89	2.36	3.00	3.50	5.41
8	0.262	0.546	0.889	1.40	1.86	2.31	2.90	3.36	5.04
9	0.261	0.543	0.883	1.38	1.83	2.26	2.82	3.25	4.78
10	0.260	0.542	0.879	1.37	1.81	2.23	2.76	3.17	4.59
11	0.260	0.540	0.876	1.36	1.80	2.20	2.72	3.11	4.44
12	0.259	0.539	0.873	1.36	1.78	2.18	2.68	3.05	4.32
13	0.259	0.538	0.870	1.35	1.77	2.16	2.65	3.01	4.22
14	0.258	0.537	0.868	1.35	1.76	2.14	2.62	2.98	4.14
15	0.258	0.536	0.866	1.34	1.75	2.13	2.60	2.95	4.07
16	0.258	0.535	0.865	1.34	1.75	2.12	2.58	2.92	4.01
17	0.257	0.534	0.863	1.33	1.74	2.11	2.57	2.90	3.97
18	0.257	0.534	0.862	1.33	1.73	2.10	2.55	2.88	3.92
19	0.257	0.533	0.861	1.33	1.73	2.09	2.54	2.86	3.88
20	0.257	0.533	0.860	1.33	1.72	2.09	2.53	2.85	3.85
21	0.257	0.532	0.859	1.32	1.72	2.08	2.52	2.83	3.82
22	0.256	0.532	0.858	1.32	1.72	2.07	2.51	2.82	3.79
23	0.256	0.532	0.858	1.32	1.71	2.07	2.50	2.81	3.77
24	0.256	0.531	0.857	1.32	1.71	2.06	2.49	2.80	3.75
25	0.256	0.531	0.856	1.32	1.71	2.06	2.49	2.79	3.73
26	0.256	0.531	0.856	1.31	1.71	2.06	2.48	2.78	3.71
27	0.256	0.531	0.855	1.31	1.70	2.05	2.47	2.77	3.69
28	0.256	0.530	0.855	1.31	1.70	2.05	2.47	2.76	3.67
29	0.256	0.530	0.854	1.31	1.70	2.05	2.46	2.76	3.66
30	0.256	0.530	0.854	1.31	1.70	2.04	2.46	2.75	3.65
40	0.255	0.529	0.851	1.30	1.68	2.02	2.42	2.70	3.55
50	0.255	0.528	0.849	1.30	1.68	2.01	2.40	2.68	3.50
100	0.254	0.526	0.845	1.29	1.66	1.98	2.36	2.63	3.39
> 100	0.253	0.525	0.842	1.28	1.65	1.96	2.33	2.58	3.30

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