

# summary

## ② probability

sample space ( $\Omega$ ) =  $\{HH, HT, TH, TT\}$  (1)

event =  $\{HH, HT\} \subset \Omega$  ( $2^n$  possible)

cardinality = set's size

disjoint =  $A \cap B = \emptyset$  - mutually exclusive

exhaustive =  $A \cup B = \Omega$

$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$  (B is known to occur)

$P(A \cap B) = P(A|B) \cdot P(B) = P(B|A) \cdot P(A) \rightarrow$  if they are independent  $\rightarrow P(A \cap B) = P(A) \cdot P(B)$

\* mutually independent does not mean that they are disjoint

\* A and  $\bar{A}$  are not independent,  $A \cdot \bar{A} \neq A \cap \bar{A}$

## ③ discrete random variables

$P(x)$  = probability mass function (pdf)

$F(x)$  = cumulative distribution function (cdf), always between 0 and 1, non-decreasing,  $\sum \text{PDF}$

\* (joint distribution)  $P(x, y) = P(x) \cdot P(y)$  (marginal distribution)  $\rightarrow$  if they are independent

expectation ( $\mu$ ) =  $\sum x \cdot P(x)$

variance ( $\sigma^2$ ) =  $\sum (x - \mu)^2 P(x) \geq 0 = E[(x - \mu)^2] = E(x^2) - \mu^2 = E(x - E(x))^2$

standard deviation ( $\sigma$ ) =  $\sqrt{\text{var}(x)}$

covariance ( $\sigma_{xy}$ ) = strength of a relationship between two:  $E(xy) - E(x) \cdot E(y)$

$\hookrightarrow$  if x and y are independent  $\rightarrow \text{cov}(x, y) = 0$  (reverse is not always true)

correlation = standardized/normalized covariance to the  $[-1, 1]$

## ③.1 discrete distributions

bernoulli = random variable with two possible outcomes

binomial = number of successes in a sequence of bernoulli trials

geometric = number of bernoulli trials to get first success

negative binomial = number of bernoulli trials to get k successes

poisson = number of rare events occurring within a fixed time

$\hookrightarrow$  poisson approximation of binomial distribution  $n \geq 30, p \leq 0.05, \lambda \rightarrow np$

$P(x)$   $E(x)$   $V(x)$

$p$   $p$   $pq$

$\binom{n}{x} p^x q^{n-x}$   $np$   $npq$

$p q^{x-1}$   $\frac{1}{p}$   $\frac{1-p}{p^2}$

$\binom{x-1}{k-1} \frac{p^k q^{x-k}}{p^k}$   $\frac{k}{p}$   $\frac{k(1-p)}{p^2}$

$e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^x}{x!}$   $\lambda$   $\lambda$

$q = 1 - p$

$\rightarrow \sum P(x) = 1$  (geometric sum)

## ④ continuous variables

probability mass function = 0 (always) =  $\frac{1}{\infty}$

$P(x)$  = probability density function (pdf) = derivative of cdf =  $F'(x)$

$F(x)$  = cumulative distribution function (cdf)  $\rightarrow$  non-decreasing,  $[0, 1]$ , without jumps, continuous func.  $\int \text{PDF}$

expectation ( $\mu$ ) =  $\int x f(x) dx$

variance ( $\sigma^2$ ) =  $\int x^2 f(x) dx - \mu^2$

## ④.1 continuous distributions

uniform = generating a random number from a given interval

standard uniform =  $[0, 1]$ ,  $x = [a, b] \rightarrow y = \frac{x-a}{b-a}$

exponential = the waiting time for the next event (like geometric d.)

density

$P(x)$   $E(x)$   $V(x)$   $\text{cdf } F(x)$

$\frac{1}{b-a}$   $\frac{a+b}{2}$   $\frac{(b-a)^2}{12}$

1  $\frac{1}{2}$   $\frac{1}{12}$

$\frac{\lambda}{e^{\lambda x}}$   $\frac{1}{\lambda}$   $\frac{1}{\lambda^2}$   $1 - \frac{1}{e^{\lambda x}}$

$\lambda^x e^{-\lambda x} - \lambda$   $a$   $x$

gamma = the total time of observing  $\lambda$  events each with exponential waiting times  $f(x) = e^{-\lambda} \lambda^x / x!$

normal (gaussian) = bell-shaped curve, symmetric, centered at  $\mu$  (location parameter), spread controlled by  $\sigma$  (scale parameter)

standard normal =  $Z = \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma}$   $\mu = 0$   $\sigma = 1$  pdf  $\rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{z^2}{2}}$  ( $\Phi$ )

central limit theorem = sum of random independent variables from same distribution (any distribution)

$$S_n \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\frac{S_n}{n} \rightarrow \frac{\sigma^2}{n} \rightarrow 0$$

$n \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow$  the standardized sum converges to standard normal variable as long as  $n > 30$  (large), it can be applied to any distribution

$$\frac{S_n - E(S_n)}{\text{std}(S_n)} = \frac{S_n - n\mu}{\sigma \sqrt{n}} \rightarrow P \left\{ \frac{S_n - n\mu}{\sigma \sqrt{n}} \leq z \right\} \rightarrow \Phi(z)$$

normal approximation to binomial distribution =  $0.05 \leq p \leq 0.95$   $n \rightarrow \text{large}$  } binomial( $n, p$ )

$\Rightarrow \approx \text{normal}(\mu = np, \sigma = \sqrt{np(1-p)})$

$\hookrightarrow$  continuity correction =  $P(a \leq X \leq b) \xrightarrow{\text{by } 0.5} P(a - 0.5 < x < b + 0.5)$

if  $P(y < x + 1) = P(y \leq x)$   
 $= P(y < x + 0.5)$

\* exponential and geometric distributions are memoryless

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