

ST2334 Finals cheatsheet

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Chapter 1: Probability

MORE EVENT OPERATIONS

(a) $A \cap A' = \emptyset$ (b) $A \cap \emptyset = \emptyset$

(c) $A \cup A' = S$ (d) $(A')' = A$

(e) $A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$

(f) $A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$

(g) $A \cup B = A \cup (B \cap A')$

(h) $A = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap B')$

DE MORGAN'S LAW

For any n events A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n ,

(i) $(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_n)' = A_1' \cap A_2' \cap \dots \cap A_n'$

A special case: $(A \cup B)' = A' \cap B'$.

(j) $(A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_n)' = A_1' \cup A_2' \cup \dots \cup A_n'$

A special case: $(A \cap B)' = A' \cup B'$.

AXIOMS OF PROBABILITY

Probability, denoted by $P(\cdot)$, is a **function** on the collection of events of the sample space S , satisfying:

Axiom 1. For any event A ,

$$0 \leq P(A) \leq 1.$$

Axiom 2. For the sample space,

$$P(S) = 1.$$

Axiom 3. For any two mutually exclusive events A and B , that is, $A \cap B = \emptyset$,

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

PROPOSITION 5

For any two events A and B ,

$$P(A) = P(A \cap B) + P(A \cap B').$$

Conditional probability:

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

Bayes Theorem:

Used to flip a conditional probability from $P(A|B)$ to $P(B|A)$

SPECIAL CASE: BAYES' THEOREM

Let us consider a special case of Bayes' Theorem when $n = 2$.

$\{A, A'\}$ becomes a partition of S , and we have

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A)P(B|A)}{P(A)P(B|A) + P(A')P(B|A')}.$$

= P(B)
 Bayes' law of total probability

Law of total probability:

SPECIAL CASE: LAW OF TOTAL PROBABILITY

For any events A and B , we have

$$P(B) = P(A)P(B|A) + P(A')P(B|A').$$

$$P(A \cap B) + P(A' \cap B)$$

Chapter 2: Random variables

Discrete Random Variables(DRV).

Properties of PMF:

PROPERTIES OF THE PROBABILITY MASS FUNCTION

The probability mass function $f(x)$ of a discrete random variable **must** satisfy:

(1) $f(x_i) \geq 0$ for all $x_i \in R_X$;

(2) $f(x) = 0$ for all $x \notin R_X$;

(3) $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} f(x_i) = 1$, or $\sum_{x_i \in R_X} f(x_i) = 1$.

For any set $B \subset \mathbb{R}$, we have

$$P(X \in B) = \sum_{x_i \in B \cap R_X} f(x_i).$$

Continuous Random Variables(CRV).

Properties of PDF:

DEFINITION 4 (PROBABILITY DENSITY FUNCTION)

The **probability density function** of a continuous random variable X , denoted by $f(x)$, is a function that satisfies:

(1) $f(x) \geq 0$ for all $x \in R_X$; and $f(x) = 0$ for $x \notin R_X$;

(2) $\int_{R_X} f(x) dx = 1$;

(3) For any a and b such that $a \leq b$,

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

Properties of CDF:

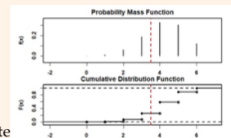
- Non-decreasing in general

Case (discrete random variable)

CDF: DISCRETE RANDOM VARIABLE

If X is a **discrete random variable**, we have

$$\begin{aligned} F(x) &= \sum_{t \in R_X: t \leq x} f(t) \\ &= \sum_{t \in R_X: t \leq x} P(X = t) \end{aligned}$$



The cumulative distribution function of a discrete random variable is a step function.

For any two numbers $a < b$, we have

$$P(a \leq X \leq b) = P(X \leq b) - P(X < a) = F(b) - F(a-),$$

where " $a-$ " represents the "largest value in R_X that is smaller than a ". Mathematically,

$$F(a-) = \lim_{x \uparrow a} F(x).$$

Case (Continuous Random Variable)

CDF: CONTINUOUS RANDOM VARIABLE

If X is a **continuous random variable**,

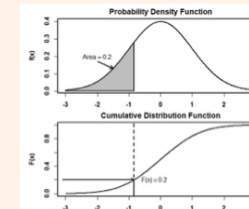
$$F(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(t) dt,$$

and

$$f(x) = \frac{dF(x)}{dx}.$$

Further

$$P(a \leq X \leq b) = P(a < X < b) = F(b) - F(a).$$



Expectation and Variance

DRV: $E(X) = \sum x_i f(x_i)$.

CRV: $\mu_X = E(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f(x) dx = \int_{x \in R_X} x f(x) dx$.

Variance: $\sigma_X^2 = V(X) = E(X - \mu_X)^2$. OR

$$V(X) = E(X^2) - (E(X))^2$$

Properties:

$$V(aX + b) = a^2 V(X)$$

Chapter 3: Joint Distributions

- Discrete variant

Properties:

PROPERTIES OF THE DISCRETE JOINT PROBABILITY FUNCTION

The joint probability mass function has the following properties:

(1) $f_{X,Y}(x,y) \geq 0$ for any $(x,y) \in R_{X,Y}$.

(2) $f_{X,Y}(x,y) = 0$ for any $(x,y) \notin R_{X,Y}$.

(3) $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(x_i, y_j) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} P(X = x_i, Y = y_j) = 1$.

Equivalently, $\sum_{(x,y) \in R_{X,Y}} f_{X,Y}(x,y) = 1$.

(4) Let A be any subset of $R_{X,Y}$, then

$$P((X,Y) \in A) = \sum \sum_{(x,y) \in A} f_{X,Y}(x,y).$$

- Continuous variant

Properties:

PROPERTIES OF THE CONTINUOUS JOINT PROBABILITY FUNCTION

The joint probability density function has the following properties:

(1) $f_{X,Y}(x,y) \geq 0$, for any $(x,y) \in R_{X,Y}$.

(2) $f_{X,Y}(x,y) = 0$, for any $(x,y) \notin R_{X,Y}$.

(3) $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(x,y) dx dy = 1$.

Equivalently, $\iint_{(x,y) \in R_{X,Y}} f_{X,Y}(x,y) dx dy = 1$.

- Marginal probability distribution

$$f_X(x) = \sum_y f_{X,Y}(x,y). \quad f_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(x,y) dy.$$

Key idea: Ignoring 1 var and do sum/integr on 1 var

Graphing Calculator

$X \sim N(65, 25)$,

$P(47.5 < X \leq 80) \rightarrow \text{normalcdf}(47.5, 80, 65, 5)$

$Z \sim N(0, 1)$ (p-value)

$P(Z > 0.5) \rightarrow \text{normalcdf}(0.5, E99, 0, 1)$

$P(Z < 0.5) \rightarrow \text{normalcdf}(-E99, 0.5, 0, 1)$

$\Phi(c) = x \rightarrow -1 * \text{invNorm}(x, 0, 1, \text{RIGHT})$

• Conditional distribution

$$f_{Y|X}(y|x) = \frac{f_{X,Y}(x,y)}{f_X(x)}$$

Key ideas:

1. **X** and **Y** are independent if

$$f_{X,Y}(x,y) = f_X(x)f_Y(y).$$

2. Covariance:

$$\text{cov}(X,Y) = E[(X - E(X))(Y - E(Y))].$$

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

If **X,Y** are independent, then

$$\text{cov}(X,Y) = 0. \text{ Also,}$$

$$\text{cov}(aX + b, cY + d) = ac \cdot \text{cov}(X,Y).$$

$$\text{cov}(X,Y) = \text{cov}(Y,X);$$

$$\text{cov}(X + b, Y) = \text{cov}(X,Y);$$

$$\text{cov}(aX, Y) = a \text{cov}(X,Y).$$

Regarding variance:

$$V(aX + bY) = a^2V(X) + b^2V(Y) + 2ab \cdot \text{cov}(X,Y).$$

$$V(aX) = a^2V(X);$$

$$V(X + Y) = V(X) + V(Y) + 2\text{cov}(X,Y).$$

Chapter 4: Probability Distributions

DRV:

Bernoulli Trial: 2 possible outcomes

-> Bernoulli random variable

Bernoulli Process: Sequence of

independent and identically

distributed Bernoulli random vars

Negative Binom: Until the **kth** success

Geometric: Until the **1st** success

Poisson: Fixed period of time or fixed

region(eg certain amt of time)

• From 1 day to 2 day -> multiply to lambda

• **Approx to Binom:** when **n** -> **inf**,
p -> **0** and if **n** >= 20 and **p** <= 0.05 **OR**

n >= 100 and **np** <= 10,

where lambda = np

CRV:

Exponential: First success in continuous time

- Memoryless property

Normal:

$$\text{Standardised: } Z = \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma}.$$

- For any **z**, $\Phi(z) = P(Z \leq z) = P(Z \geq -z) = 1 - \Phi(-z);$
- **Normal approx to Binom:**
 - np > 5, n(1-p) > 5
 - when **n** -> **inf**, **p** remain constant
 - **MUST APPLY continuity correction**

CONTINUITY CORRECTION

We apply continuity correction when approximating the binomial using the normal.

$$P(X = k) \approx P(k - 1/2 < X < k + 1/2)$$

$$P(a \leq X \leq b) \approx P(a - 1/2 < X < b + 1/2)$$

$$P(a < X \leq b) \approx P(a + 1/2 < X < b + 1/2)$$

$$P(a \leq X < b) \approx P(a - 1/2 < X < b - 1/2)$$

$$P(a < X < b) \approx P(a + 1/2 < X < b - 1/2)$$

$$P(X \leq c) = P(0 \leq X \leq c) \approx P(-1/2 < X < c + 1/2)$$

$$P(X > c) = P(c < X \leq n) \approx P(c + 1/2 < X < n + 1/2)$$

* capture equality watch out for the rules

length of confidence interval = $2(z_{\alpha/2} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}})$

$$n \geq \left(\frac{z_{\alpha/2} \cdot \sigma}{E_0} \right)^2$$

$n \geq 30$: large

5. **F-distribution** - Used when population is normal, sample size **n** < 30

If $T \sim t(n)$, then $E(T) = 0$ and $V(T) = n/(n-2)$ for $n > 2$.

$$t = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{S/\sqrt{n}}$$

6. **F-distribution** - Used when looking at the distribution of sample statistic/sample statistic and sample statistic follows a **chi-square** distribution.

$$F = \frac{U/m}{V/n}$$

Chapter 6: Estimation

1. Maximum error of estimate - with probability (1 - alpha), error **E** = $E = z_{\alpha/2} \cdot \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$.

2. Minimum sample size - so that with probability (1 - alpha), error is at most **E**.

DIFFERENT CASES

	Population	σ	n	Statistic	E	n for desired E_0 and α
I	Normal	known	any	$Z = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}}$	$z_{\alpha/2} \cdot \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$	$\left(\frac{z_{\alpha/2} \cdot \sigma}{E_0} \right)^2$
II	any	known	large	$Z = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}}$	$z_{\alpha/2} \cdot \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$	$\left(\frac{z_{\alpha/2} \cdot \sigma}{E_0} \right)^2$
III	Normal	unknown	small	$T = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{s/\sqrt{n}}$	$t_{n-1, \alpha/2} \cdot \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}$	$\left(\frac{t_{n-1, \alpha/2} \cdot s}{E_0} \right)^2$
IV	any	unknown	large	$Z = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{s/\sqrt{n}}$	$z_{\alpha/2} \cdot \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}$	$\left(\frac{z_{\alpha/2} \cdot s}{E_0} \right)^2$

(estimate sigma)

3. Equal variance - $s_1/s_2 \approx [1/2, 2]$

4. Paired data, **D** = Difference

$$T = \frac{\bar{D} - \mu_D}{s_D/\sqrt{n}}, \text{ where } \bar{D} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n D_i}{n}, \quad s_D^2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (D_i - \bar{D})^2}{n-1}.$$

CONFIDENCE INTERVALS: PAIRED DATA

For **paired data**, if **n** is **small** ($n < 30$) and the population is **normally distributed**, a $(1 - \alpha)100\%$ confidence interval for μ_D is

$$\bar{d} \pm t_{n-1, \alpha/2} \cdot \frac{s_D}{\sqrt{n}}.$$

If **n** is **large** ($n \geq 30$), a $(1 - \alpha)100\%$ confidence interval for μ_D is

$$\bar{d} \pm z_{\alpha/2} \cdot \frac{s_D}{\sqrt{n}}.$$

Chapter 7: Hypothesis Test

HOW TO DO A HYPOTHESIS TEST

There are five main steps to hypothesis testing.

Step 1: Set your competing hypotheses: null and alternative.

Step 2: Set the level of significance.

Step 3: Identify the test statistic, its distribution and the rejection criteria

Step 4: Compute the observed test statistic value, based on your data.

Step 5: Conclusion.

- If $p\text{-value} < \alpha$, reject H_0 ; else
- If $p\text{-value} \geq \alpha$, do not reject H_0 .

	Do not reject H_0	Reject H_0
H_0 is true	Correct Decision	Type I error
H_0 is false	Type II error	Correct Decision

Chapter 5: Sampling and sampling dist

1. For random samples of size **n** taken from population with mean μ and variance σ^2 , sample has mean = μ , var = σ^2/n
2. **Central Limit Theorem** - Sampling distribution of sample mean is approximately normal if **n** is large
3. **Law of Large Numbers** - Sample mean converges to population mean when **n** increases, because σ^2/n decreases.
4. **Chi-Square distribution** - Used for the square of a random variable(eg. sample variance)

PROPERTIES OF χ^2 DISTRIBUTIONS

1. If $Y \sim \chi^2(n)$, then $E(Y) = n$ and $V(Y) = 2n$.
2. For large **n**, $\chi^2(n)$ is approximately $N(n, 2n)$.
3. If Y_1 and Y_2 are **independent** χ^2 random variables with **m** and **n** degrees of freedom respectively, then $Y_1 + Y_2$ is a χ^2 random variable with **m + n** degrees of freedom.
4. The χ^2 distribution is a family of curves, each determined by the degrees of freedom **n**. All the density functions have a long right tail.

Special case: Sample variance distribution

THEOREM 12

If S^2 is the variance of a random sample of size **n** taken from a **normal population** having the variance σ^2 , then the random variable

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

has a χ^2 distribution with **n - 1** degrees of freedom.