

First exam - March 3

Second exam - April

We will cheat sheet for exams $\frac{1}{3}$, final

are model that realize in different states

Ex.

Let X be a random variable (rv), let x be a realization from the N . Let $\text{Supp}[X]$ denote the support of the rv. This is a set of all possible values that could be realized thus x belongs to this set.

represent all the states; all the probability that are acceptable in that model. X will be one value from realization

- Discrete r.v's
- $|\text{Supp}[X]| \leq |\mathbb{N}| \leftrightarrow$ (finite or if infinite, it is countably infinite)
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(Support of random variable)
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measure size of support
- $p(x) := P(X = x)$ Probability mass function (PMF)
def.
- $p: \text{Supp}[X] \rightarrow [0, 1] \quad \sum_{x \in \text{Supp}[X]} p(x) = 1$
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mapping
- $F(x) = P(X \leq x) \rightarrow$ cumulative distribution function (cdf)
- $F: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, 1] \quad$ Another formula: $\{P(Y) = \sum_{y: y \in \text{Supp}[Y] \wedge y \leq x}\}$
 \circ is legal

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$$= \sum_{y=-\infty}^x p(y)$$

why this is wrong?

The value in $\text{supp}[X]$ don't have to be spaced by 1.

- Continuous random variable (rvs) (also known as countable ranges)
the size of real # that are:
 $\sum p(x) = 1, x \in \text{supp}[X]$
won't work
- $|\text{Supp}[X]| = |\mathbb{R}|$ uncountably infinite ex. $[0, 1]$

The CDF definition remains the same. The PMF doesn't exist. And we define $f(x) := F'(x)$ the probability density function (PDF)

$$P(X \in [a, b]) = F(b) - F(a) = \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

such that

$$\text{Supp}[X] = \{x : f(x) > 0\}$$

PDF is not a negative probability is not always negative it can never go down.

It's not a probability. It's a derivative

$$\text{pdf} \quad \int_a^b f(x) dx = 1$$

$$f : \text{Supp}[X] \rightarrow (0, \infty) \quad \text{Supp}[X]$$

- * Random variables are identified by their CDF / PMF (discrete) or CDF / PDF (continuous)

short for Bernoulli Function

$$X \sim \text{Bern}(p) = p^x (1-p)^{1-x} \quad \downarrow \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{supp}[X] = \{0, 1\}$$

$$X \sim \text{Binom}(n, p) = \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x} \quad \uparrow \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{supp}[X] = \{0, 1, \dots, n\}$$

Binomial Function

$$X \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{supp}[x] = (0, \infty)$$

$$X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} \quad \uparrow \quad \text{supp}[x] = \mathbb{R}$$

continuous

$$\rightarrow P(1) = p^1 (1-p)^{1-1} = p$$

$$P(0) = p^0 (1-p)^{1-0} = 1-p$$

$$P(\frac{1}{2}) = p^{\frac{1}{2}} (1-p)^{1-\frac{1}{2}}$$

The problem is
he didn't specify
the $\text{supp}[x]$

what is p ?

\rightarrow This is a success probability.

What is n ? What is λ and μ ?

\rightarrow They are "tuning knobs", which are called parameters. p controls how often 0's or 1's occur in the Bernoulli random variable.

What are the legal values for p ? What are values that "make sense" for the Bernoulli random variable? What value respects its support?



Ans. = $P \in (0, 1)$ The parameter space for the Parameter p .

Ans. Why not negative or greater than 1?
→ They are not probabilities.
Why not 0 or 1?

Ex. $X \sim \text{Bern}(1) = 1^x (1-1)^{1-x} = p(x) = \text{Deg}(1) = 1$

$$P(0) = 1^0 (1-1)^{1-0} = 1 \cdot 0^1 = 0$$

$$P(1) = 1^1 (1-1)^{1-1} = 1 \cdot 0^0 = 1$$



* The degenerate random variable which is technically a random variable but not interesting because it's not "random" it is oxymoronic

* As a convention (standard), degenerate parameter values are not considered part of the parameter space.

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Let θ denote unknown parameters. And let θ vector ($\vec{\theta}$) denote multiple unknown parameters. And let Θ denote the parameter space. $\theta \in \Theta$

* $X \sim \text{Bern}(\theta)$, $\Theta = (0, 1)$

* $X \sim \text{Binomial } (\theta_2, \theta_1) = \binom{\theta_2}{X} \theta_1^X (1-\theta_1)^{\theta_2-X}$
 (you're estimating the p_j ;
 it's two dimensional) n P , $\Theta = (0, 1) \times N$

* $F_{\text{Ber}} = \left\{ \theta^x (1-\theta)^{1-x}; \theta \in (0, 1) \right\}$ All possible Bernoulli
 $P(\theta|x) = \uparrow$ random variable
 all possible PMF a "parametric model"

* $F = \left\{ p(x) : \vec{\theta} \in \Theta \right\}$
 \uparrow $M = \left\{ P(x; \vec{\theta}) : \theta \in \Theta \right\}$
 theta parameter(s)

$P(X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots, X_n; \theta)$ joint mass function

$f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n; \theta)$
 independent $\rightarrow = p(x_1; \theta) \cdot (p(x_2; \theta) \dots p(x_n; \theta))$

"Multiplication Rule"

$\rightarrow = F(x_1; \theta) \cdot F(x_2; \theta) \dots F(x_n; \theta)$