

INTRODUCTION

1.0 STATISTICS

Statistics: This is concerned with the collection, ordering and analysis of data

Data: This consists of sets of recorded observations or values.

Statistic or Sample Statistic: Any quantity obtained from a sample for the purpose of estimating a population parameter.

Variable: Any quantity that can have a number of values. It may be discrete or continuous. A variable is any characteristic, number, or quantity that can be measured or counted. A variable may also be called a data item.

Discrete Variable: This is a variable that can be counted, or for which there is a fixed set of values. For example, the number of components in a machine.

Continuous Variable: This is a variable that can be measured on a continuous scale, the result depending on the precision of the measuring instrument, or the accuracy of the observer. E.g. the speed of rotation of a shaft, temperature of a coolant etc.

A statistical exercise normally consists of four stages:

1. Collecting of data, by counting or measurement [my addition: or webscraping or interviews etc.]
2. Ordering and presentation of data in a convenient form.
3. Analysis of the collected data.
4. Interpretation of the results and conclusions formulated

1.2 SAMPLING THEORY

In practice, we are interested in drawing valid conclusions about a large group of individuals or objects. Instead of examining the entire group, called the population, which may be difficult or impossible to do, we may examine only a small part of this population, which is called a sample.

CURRICULUM

PART A:

1. Measures of Central Tendency
2. Measures of Dispersion
3. Measures of Partition
4. Data Representation

PART B

1. Random Variables
2. Probability Distribution
3. Expectation of Random Variables
4. Moment Generating Functions
5. Discrete Distribution
6. Continuous Distribution
7. Joint Probability

PART C

1. Probability

PART D

1. R Programming.

NOTES

1.0 RANDOM VARIABLES

A random variable is a quantity that can be assigned a numerical value. A random variable is a variable that takes on numerical values according to a chance process. Random variables are ways to map outcomes of random processes to numbers. If you have a random process (like rolling a dice), you're mapping outcomes of that to numbers (quantifying the outcomes).

Suppose we are about to roll a die 4 times and record the number of sixes. The number of sixes in 4 rolls is random variable that will eventually take on a value. One of these values could be 0,1,2,3,4

There are two types of random variables

1. The Discrete Random Variable (DRV)
2. The Continuous Random Variable (CRV)

1. Discrete Random Variable: This is a random variable that can be assigned (distinct) whole number values i.e. They can take on a countable number of possible values. e.g. given a

random variable X , its value is 1 when the tossed coin is heads and its value is 0 when the tossed coin is tails. Number of lottery tickets purchased until the first winning ticket. Number of courses a randomly selected university student is taking.

2. Continuous Random Variables: These are random variables that exist between intervals. Decimal numbers exist here. e.g. Y = exact mass of a random animal selected at the VI zoo. The time until a newly released website gets its first hit. Height of a randomly selected adult Canadian male.

QUESTIONS

Approximately 3% of the US adult population is under correctional supervision. Suppose we randomly sample 2 US adults. Let X represent the number of adults in our sample that are under correctional supervision.

List the possible values of X and their probability of occurring.

The probability of someone in correctional supervision is 0.03 and the probability of not is 0.97

Possibilities: NN, NC, CN, CC

Values of X : 0 1 1 2

Probabilities: 0.97 times 0.97, 0.97 times 0.03, 0.03 times 0.97, 0.03 times 0.03

Probabilities: 0.9409, 0.0291, 0.0291, 0.0009

$P(X=0) = 0.9409$

$P(X=x) \Rightarrow P(x)$

PROBABILITY DISTRIBUTION

The probability distribution for a random variable X is a listing of all possible values of X and their probabilities of occurring. This could be a table or some formula with a graphical representation.

1. Discreted Distribution
2. Continuous Distribution

Let X be the number of "heads" after 3 flips of a fair coin

HHH

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HTH
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TTH
TTT

$P(X=0) = \frac{1}{8}$ // Means probability of getting 0 heads
 $P(X=1) = \frac{3}{8}$
 $P(X=2) = \frac{3}{8}$
 $P(X=3) = \frac{1}{8}$

Now how do we distribute it?

On our graph, the vertical is the probability (from 0 to 1)

On the horizontal, we have the outcomes.

Then for each value, we draw a bar (like a histogram)

1. Discrete Distribution: These are distributions that are characterised by discrete random variables. Examples include:

a. Bernoulli Distribution

b. Binomial Distribution

c. Poisson Distribution

Multinomial distribution

Negative binomial distribution

Geometric distribution

Hypergeometric distribution

All discrete probability distributions must satisfy

1. $0 \leq p(x) \leq 1$, for all x

2. $\sum p(x) = 1$

PROBABILITY DENSITY FUNCTION

This is a function that helps in calculating probabilities

The PDF of a discrete distribution is a table.

x	1	3	4
P(x)	1/6	1/3	1/2
$P(x=1)=1/6$			
$P(x=3)=1/3$			
$P(x=4)=1/2$			

AXIOMS (RULES)

$p(x) \geq 0$

$p(x) \leq 1$

$\sum p(x) = 1$

EXPECTATION OF A RANDOM VARIABLE

The expected value of a random variable is the theoretical mean of the random variable. It is not based on sample data it is based on distribution.

$$E(X) = \mu = \sum X P(X)$$

It is the expected value from a discrete distribution. This is also the mean

x	1	2	3
P(x)	1/6	1/3	1/2

$$\sum x P(x) = 1\left(\frac{1}{6}\right) + 2\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) + 3\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$\sum x P(x) = \frac{1}{6} + \frac{4}{6} + \frac{9}{6}$$

$$\sum x P(x) = \frac{14}{6}$$

$$\text{mean}(\mu) = \frac{7}{3}$$

EXPECTATION OF A FUNCTION g(X)

$$E[g(X)] = \sum g(X) p(X)$$

PROPERTIES OF EXPECTATION

The expectation of a random variable (x) is:

1. $E(x) = \mu$
2. $E(x+y) = E(x) + E(y)$
3. $E(ax) = aE(x)$ where a is a constant
4. $E(a) = a$ e.g. $E(6) = 6$
5. $E(xy) = E(x) \cdot E(y)$. x and y must be independent.

EXAMPLES

1. Solve $E(x+\mu)^2$

$$E(x^2 + 2x\mu + \mu^2)$$

$$E(x^2) + E(2x\mu) + E(\mu^2)$$

$$E(x^2) + 2\mu E(x) + \mu^2$$

$$E(x) = \mu$$

$$E(x^2) + 2\mu \cdot \mu + \mu^2$$

$$E(x^2) + 3\mu^2$$

2. $E(x-\mu)^3$

$$\text{Answer: } E(x^3) - 3\mu E(x^2) + 2\mu^3$$

VARIANCE

Variance is the average squared distance from the mean

The general formula for variance is:

$$\text{Var}(x) = E(x - \mu)^2$$

$$\text{Var} = E(x^2) - \mu^2$$

$$\text{Var} = \sum x^2 P(x) - \mu^2$$

Generally, the variance of X is

$$\text{Var}(x) = E[X - \mu]^2 = \sum (x - \mu)^2 p(X)$$

Variance $\text{Var}(X)$ can also be represented as σ^2

Practice Questions

1. Find the variance of the discrete distribution

x	4	8	12
P(x)	1/4	1/4	1/2

$$\text{Var}(x) = E(x - \mu)^2$$

$$\text{Var}(x) = \sum (x - \mu)^2 P(x)$$

$$\mu = 24/3$$

$$\mu = 8$$

$$\text{Var}(x) = (4 - 8)^2 \left(\frac{1}{4}\right) + (8 - 8)^2 \left(\frac{1}{4}\right) + (12 - 8)^2 \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)$$

$$\text{Var}(x) = \frac{16}{4} + 0 + \frac{16}{4}$$

$$\text{Var}(x) = 8$$

PROPERTIES OF VARIANCE

$$1. \text{Var}(x) = E(x - \mu)^2$$

$$2. \text{When simplified, } \text{Var}(x) = E(x^2) - \mu^2$$

$$3. \text{Variance of a constant is } 0, \text{Var}(a) = 0, \text{Var}(5) = 0$$

Independent Events

$$4. \text{Var}(x+y)$$

$$\text{Var}(x) + \text{Var}(y)$$

E.g.

$$\text{Var}(x+2)$$

$$\text{Var}(x) + \text{Var}(2)$$

$$\text{Var}(x) + 0$$

$$5. \text{Var}(x+a) = \text{Var}(x)$$

Dependent Events

$$6. \text{Var}(x+y)$$

$$\text{Var}(x) + \text{Var}(y) + 2\text{Cov}(x, y)$$

QUESTIONS

1. Suppose 60% of American adults approve of the way the president is handling his job. Randomly sample 2 American adults. Let X represent the number that approve.

INTRODUCTION TO DISCRETE RANDOM VARIABLES.

CONTINUOUS DISTRIBUTION

The values are characterised by intervals

e.g. $P(x < 2)$

$P(x > 2)$

$P(0 < x < 2)$

PROBABILITY DENSITY FUNCTION

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$$P(x) = \frac{e^{2x}}{10}$$

$$P(x) = \frac{x^{2-4x}}{100}$$

Find the probability from $P(x) = (0 < x < 2)$

$$P(0 < x < 2) = \int_0^2 \frac{x^{2-4x}}{100} dx$$

AXIOMS OF PROBABILITY

$$0 \leq P(x) \leq 1$$

That means $0 \leq \int_a^b P(x) dx \leq 1$

PIECEWISE

$$P(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{81-t^2}{100} : 0 < t < 9 \\ 0 : otherwise \end{cases}$$

Example 1. Find C if

$$P(x) = \begin{cases} cx^2 : |x| \leq 1 \\ 0 : otherwise \end{cases}$$

Solution

Convert the absolute value

$$|x| \leq 1$$

$$-1 \leq x \leq 1$$

Applying the axiom

$$\int_a^b P(x) dx = 1$$

$$\int_{-1}^1 Cx^2 dx = 1$$

$$C = \frac{3}{2}$$

Use this to solve questions 2 and 3

$$P(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{3x^2}{2} : -1 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 0 : otherwise \end{cases}$$

2.

$$P\left(x \geq \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

The boundary of the above probability is $\frac{1}{2} \rightarrow \infty$

$$\int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 \frac{3x^2}{2} dx = 0.4375$$

$$3. P(x \leq 0.6)$$

The range of the probability is $-\infty \rightarrow 0.6$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{0.6} \frac{3x^2}{2} dx$$

EXPECTATION (MEAN)

$$E(x) = \mu$$

$$E(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x P(x) dx$$

VARIANCE

$$\text{Var}(x) = E(x - \mu)^2 = E(x)^2 - \mu^2$$

$$\text{Var}(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 P(x) dx - \mu^2$$

MOMENT GENERATING FUNCTION (FOR PIECEWISE FUNCTION)

$$m_T = E(e^{tx}) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{tx} P(x) dx$$

4. Find the mean, variance and moment generating function of

$$P(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{3x^2}{2} : -1 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 0 : \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{i. } E(x) = 0$$

$$\text{ii. } \text{Var}(x) = 0.6$$

$$\text{iii. } m_T$$

CUMULATIVE DISTRIBUTION FUNCTION

Step 1: $x < -\infty$, $f = 0$

Step 2: $x > \infty$, $f = 1$

Step 3: $-\infty \rightarrow x$