

Advanced Statistics

Part one: Parametrical Statistics

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Session 1: Introduction

1. Objective of Statist

Objective of statistics: to study the behaviour of a random variable (r.v) in a given *population*

Examples:

To study the performance of a *system* one can choose between different *metrics* as for instance: *system throughput, network bandwidth, response time*.

The metrics are usually the r.v.'s and It is crucial to choose the correct ones and to measure them appropriately.

The systems are going to be the population

1. Objective of Statist

Types of r.v's: **numerical** and **cathegorical**

The numerical ones are divided into:

- **continuous**: values in a given interval
- **discrete**: integer values

1. Objective of Statist. Descriptive

Examples:

- *time of a given workload*
- *number of jobs pocessed in an hour*
- *waiting time in a queue*
- *visits to a given site*
- *number of bits transmited per unit of time*
- *number of bits correctly transmited in a set of 24 bits*
- *time to the first machine collapse*

2. Descriptive Statistics

- X denotes a r.v.
- $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n$ denotes a *sample* from X

That is a set of realizations (observations) of X obtained **independently**

- n is the *sample size*

Descriptive Statistics objective: to describe what is observed in the sample by means of some *measures* and/or *plots*

It has **no error**

2. Descriptive Statistics

- Position measures:

- 1) **sample mean** or **arithmetic mean**

$$\bar{x} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$$

Observation: It minimize the function $f(a) = \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - a)^2$

- 2) **mode**, value that appears more often in the sample

- 3) **median**, central value once the sample has been ordered

Observation: it minimize the function $g(a) = \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - a|$.

2. Descriptive Statistics

- Dispersion measures:

1) **variance**

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

2) **standard deviation** $S = \sqrt{S^2}$,

3) **variation coefficient**

$$CV = 100 \times \frac{S}{\bar{x}}$$

larger than 50 indicates too much variability in the sample.

4) **interquartile range** $Q_3 - Q_1$

where Q_i $i = 1..4$ are the quartiles.

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Denoting by $\mu_k^* = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^k$

1) **skewness**

$$skew = \frac{\mu_3^*}{(\mu_2^*)^{3/2}}$$

Measure of the lack of symmetry . Symmetric data

$$skew = 0$$

2) **kurtosis**

$$kurt = \frac{\mu_4^*}{(\mu_2^*)^2}$$

Measures the intensity of the peak for unimodal distribution.

2. Descriptive Statistics

Important plots:

- **Histogram** (numerical var.)
- **Box-Plot** (numerical var. Useful to identify outliers)
- **Bar plot** (caegorical var.)
- **pie-chart** (categorical var.)
- dispersion plot or **scatterplot** (for two numverical var.)

Outlier: An observation that appears to deviate markedly from the other members of the sample in which it occurs (*The Cambridge Dictionary of Statistis: B.S. Everitt*)

2. Descriptive Statistics

Typical sentences from Descriptive Statistics:

- 4% of the works are processed with less than 5 msec
- 60% of the works last between 10 msec and 1 sec
- just one work takes more than half a minute
- the mean time is 457 msec

2. Descriptive Statistics

Limitations of Descriptive Statistics

It doesn't allow:

- to predict the performance of future works
- to compare two systems
- to determine the optimal value of a parameter

Question: Given two performance techniques and assuming that the *time* is the metric, not always the one with minimum sample mean is the best. Why?

3. Some Special Prob. distributions

- Discrete case: **probability mass function** (pmf)

$$p_k, \quad \forall k \in \mathcal{S}, \quad \text{such that } 0 \leq p_k \leq 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \sum p_k = 1$$

- Continuous case: **density function** $f(x)$ (pdf)

$$0 \leq f(x) \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{S}, \quad \text{such that} \quad \int_{\mathcal{S}} f(x) dx = 1$$

3. Some Special Prob. distributions

Let Y be a r.v.

- mean

$$\mu = E(Y) = \sum_{k \in S} k p_k, \quad \mu = E(Y) = \int_S x f(x) dx$$

- variance

$$\sigma^2 = Var(Y) = \sum_{k \in S} (k - \mu)^2 p_k, \quad \sigma^2 = Var(Y) = \int_S (x - \mu)^2 f(x) dx$$

Observation: $Var(Y) = E(Y^2) - (E(Y))^2$

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If Y is a r.v. with a given prob. distribution,

Also important:

- **cumulative probability function (cpf) or distribution function**

$$F(m) = P(Y \leq m) = \sum_{k \in S, k \leq m} p_k \quad F(m) = \int_l^m f(x) dx$$

- **survival function (sf)**

$$S(m) = P(Y > m) = 1 - F(m)$$

Observation: In the continuous case, $F'(x) = f(x)$

3. Some Special Prob. distributions

The most important parameters of a distribution are the mean (μ) and the variance (σ^2).

It is very important to clearly distinguish the theoretical or *population parameters* and the *sample parameters*.

By *statistic* one understands a numerical characteristic of a sample (The Cambridge Dictionary of Statistics. B.S. Everitt)

For example, the sample mean and sample variance. Which are good estimations of the population mean and variance respectively.

$$\hat{\mu} = \bar{x}, \quad \hat{\sigma}^2 = S^2$$

3. Some Special Prob. distributions

Discrete Uniform

A r.v. $Y \sim \text{Uniform}$ in $\{m, m+1, \dots, n\}$ if and only if

$$\Pr\{Y = x\} = \frac{1}{n - m + 1}$$

The cdf is equal to:

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x < m \\ \frac{x-m+1}{n-m+1} & \text{if } m \leq x < n \\ 1 & \text{if } n \leq x \end{cases}$$

3. Some Special Prob. distributions

$$\mu = \frac{n + m}{2}, \quad \sigma^2 = \frac{(n - m + 1)^2 - 1}{12}$$

EXAMPLES:

- *The track numbers for seeks on a disk*
- *The I/O device number selected for the next I/O*
- *The source and destination node for the next packet on a network*

3. Some Special Prob. distributions

Continuous Uniform

$$f(y) = \frac{1}{b-a} \quad \forall y \in (a, b)$$

The cdf is equal to:

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x < a \\ \frac{x-a}{b-a} & \text{if } a \leq x < b \\ 1 & \text{if } b \leq x \end{cases}$$

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$$\mu = \frac{a + b}{2}, \quad \sigma^2 = \frac{(b - a)^2}{12}$$

EXAMPLES:

- *Distance between source and destinations of messages in a network*
- *Seek time on a disk*

Comment: Specially interesting the Uniform in $(0, 1)$. It allows to generate observations from other prob. distributions using the **Inversion Method**

3. Some Special Prob. distributions

Bernouilli

A r.v. $Y \sim B(p)$ (*Bernouilli*), $0 \leq p \leq 1$ if and only if takes just values 0 y 1 with probabilities:

$$\Pr\{Y = 1\} = p \text{ y } \Pr\{Y = 0\} = 1 - p.$$

$$\mu = p, \quad \sigma^2 = p(1 - p)$$

EXAMPLES:

- *A computer system is up or down*
- *a packet in a computer network reaches or does not reach the destination*
- *a bit in the packet is affected by noise and arrives in error*

3. Some Special Prob. distributions

Binomial

A r.v $Y \sim \text{Bin}(n,p)$ (*Binomial*) with parameters $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $0 \leq p \leq 1$, if and only if takes values in $\{0, 1, 2, \dots, n\}$ with probabilities:

$$\Pr\{Y = k\} = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1 - p)^{n-k}, \quad \forall k \in \{0, 1, \dots, n\}.$$

Is the distribution of the number of successes in n **independent** trials with the **same probability** of succes.

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$$\mu = n p \text{ and } \sigma^2 = n p (1 - p).$$

EXAMPLES:

- *number of processors that are up in a multiprocessor system*
- *number of items in a batch that have certain characteristics*
- *number of bits in a packet that are not affected by noise*

Comment: If $n = 1$ the Bernoulli distribution is obtained.

If y is a realization of Y , $\hat{p} = y/n$.

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Multinomial

A r. vector $Y = (Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_N)$ follows a $\text{Multi}(N, p_1, p_2, \dots, p_N)$ if and only if

$$P(Y = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_N)) = \binom{N}{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_N} p_1^{y_1} p_2^{y_2} \cdots p_N^{y_N}$$

Important: $Y_i \sim \text{Bin}(N, p_i)$ and $\text{corr}(Y_i, Y_j) = -Np_i p_j$.

EXAMPLES:

- *Number of claims for each one of the N types*
- *Type of web page visited for the N considered types*

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Poisson

A r.v. $Y \sim \text{Po}(\lambda)$, $\lambda > 0$, if and only if takes values in \mathbb{Z}^+ with pmfs:

$$\Pr\{Y = k\} = e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!}, \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{Z}^+.$$

$$\mu = \lambda, \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma^2 = \lambda$$

From where the **dispersion index**

$$I(Y) = \frac{\text{Var}(Y)}{E(Y)} = 1$$

3. Some Special Prob. distributions

The Poisson appears as limit of Binomial distributions

If $X_n \sim \text{Bin}(n, p_n)$ and it is verified that:

- 1) $n \rightarrow +\infty$
- 2) $p_n \rightarrow 0$ cuando $n \rightarrow +\infty$
- 3) $n \cdot p_n \rightarrow \lambda$ cuando $n \rightarrow +\infty$

then $X_n \rightarrow Y$, donde $Y \sim \text{Po}(\lambda)$.

Comment: That's why it is known as *law of rare events*

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EXAMPLES:

- *Number of requests in a server for a given time interval*
- *Number of component failures per unit time*
- *Number of queries to a database system over t seconds*
- *Number of typing errors per form*

If \bar{x} is the sample mean of a Poisson random sample, $\hat{\lambda} = \bar{x}$

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Exponential

A r.v. $Y \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda)$, $\lambda > 0$, if and only if takes values in \mathbb{R}^+ and

$$f(y) = \lambda e^{-\lambda y} \quad \forall y \in (0, +\infty)$$

The cdf is equal to:

$$F(y) = 1 - e^{-\lambda y}$$

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$$\mu = \frac{1}{\lambda}, \quad \sigma^2 = \frac{1}{\lambda^2}$$

EXAMPLES:

- *time between successive requests arrivals to a device*
- *time between failures of a device*

Comment: Very important in *queuing theory* since arrival times and waiting times are often assumed to be exponential.

3. Some Special Prob. distributions

The Poisson related to other probability distributions

- 1) **Multinomial** If $Y = (Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n)$, Y_i i.i.d $Y_i \sim Po(\lambda_i)$
then

$$Y \mid \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i = N \sim \text{Multinomial}(N, p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n)$$

with $p_i = \frac{\lambda_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i}$.

- 2) **Exponential** Fixed an interval of time $(0, t)$, if T is the r.v. corresponding to the time between two consecutive independent successes, and Y corresponds to the number of successes in $(0, t)$, one has

$$T \sim \text{Exponential}(\lambda) \iff Y \sim \text{Po}(\lambda t)$$

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If $X \sim \text{Zipf}(\alpha)$ its pmf is equal to:

$$P(X = x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^{-\alpha}}{\zeta(\alpha)} & \text{if } x = 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots \\ 0 & \text{otherwise;} \end{cases}$$

where $\alpha > 1$ and $\zeta(\alpha)$ is the Riemann Zeta function,

$$\zeta(\alpha) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^{-\alpha}.$$

It is also known as: Discrete Pareto distribution, Riemann distribution or Power law distribution.

Zipf, G. K., (1932) "Selected studies of the principle of relative frequency in language", Cambridge: Harvard university Press

3. Some Special Prob. distributions

Main properties:

- Large probability at one.
- Skewed.
- Linear in the log-log scale: $\ln P(X = x) = -\alpha \ln x - \ln \zeta(\alpha)$.
- It is an exponential family.
- If x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m is a r. s. from X , the m.l.e. for α is obtained solving:

$$E(\log(X)) = m^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^m \log(x_i)$$

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Applications

It is used to fit data corresponding to **frequencies of frequencies** or **ranked data**.

- In **Linguistics**: *number of occurrence of words in a given text.*
- In **Ecology**: *number of species per genus of mammals.*
- In **Bioinformatics**: *degree of proteins in a partially known protein-interaction network.*
- In **Social networking** *number of links in a given website or the number of visits in a given website.*

Observation: for many data sets, the m.l.e of α , $\hat{\alpha}$ lies in $(0, 1)$.

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Suitable to fit **frequencies of frequencies** and **ranking data**.

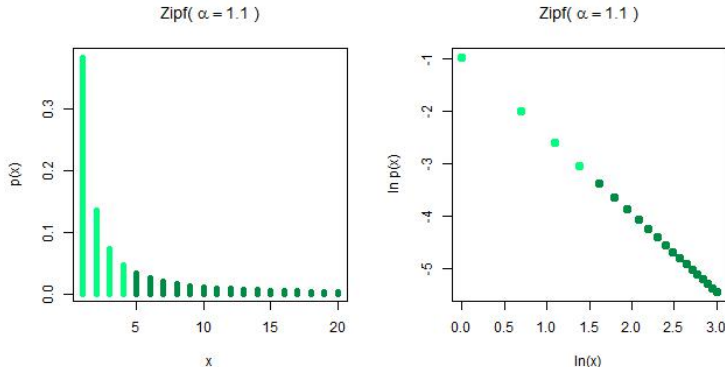
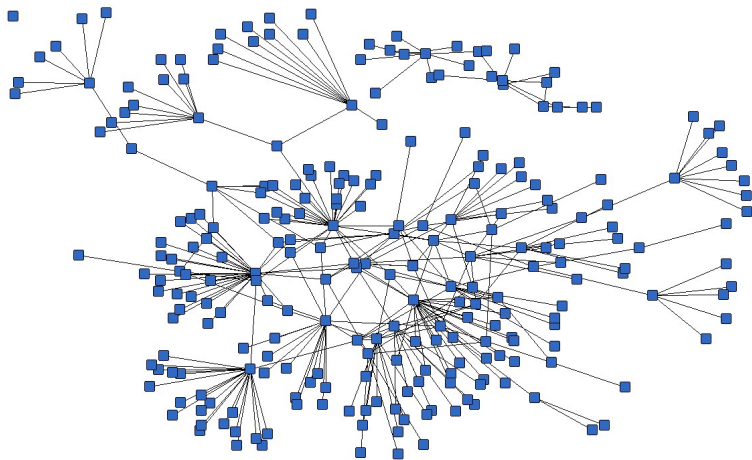


Figure : Zipf. distribution for $\alpha = 1.5$. On the right in the log-log scale.

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Weak points

From an **analytical** point of view:

- with just one parameter it is not flexible enough.

From a **practical** point of view, sometimes

- it is not able to adapt the empirical probability of the first values,
- the log-log linearity is only observed for values larger than x_{min} ,
- the empirical distribution is not log-log linear in the tail.

4. Normal and related distrib.

Normal o Gauss ($N(\mu, \sigma^2)$)

$$f(y) = \frac{1}{\sigma \sqrt{2\pi}} e^{\frac{-(y-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} \quad y \in (-\infty, \infty)$$

$$\mu = \mu, \quad \sigma^2 = \sigma^2$$

When $\mu = 0$ and $\sigma^2 = 1$ one has the *standard normal distribution*.

4. Normal and related distrib.

EXAMPLES:

- *Errors in measurement in general*
- *Processing time*
- *Weight and Height of human beings*
- *Astronomical distances*

4. Normal and related distrib.

Chi-square with n degrees of freedom

Defined as the sum of the square of n independent $N(0, 1)$ r.v's.

$$X^2 = X_1^2 + X_2^2 + \cdots X_n^2,$$

with $X_i \sim N(0, 1)$.

$$\mu = n \quad \sigma^2 = 2n$$

EXAMPLE:

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

$$\frac{(n-1) S^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi_n^2$$

4. Normal and related distrib.

Students-t

Defined as:

$$T = \frac{Z}{\sqrt{\chi^2/n}}$$

EXAMPLE: It is the distribution of the statistic used to compare two means of Normal distributed r.v.'s when the variances are equal and different

4. Normal and related distrib.

F of Fisher-Snedecor

Defined as:

$$F = \frac{X_1}{X_2}$$

where $X_i \sim \chi_{n_i}^2$ and X_1 and X_2 independent.

EXAMPLES: Useful to compare variances of two Normal distributed r.v's.

5. Central limit theorem

Central limit Theorem

If x_i $i = 1, \dots, n$ is a random sample from a r.v. X with mean μ and variance σ^2 , then

$$\frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{x} - \mu)}{\sigma} \sim_{approx} N(0, 1)$$

Comment: It is true for any n if X is Normal distributed. Otherwise, the n value needs to be large enough.