

## Relationships & Convolution

- **Sum of Binomials:**  $X_i \sim \text{Bin}(n_i, p) \Rightarrow \sum X_i \sim \text{Bin}(\sum n_i, p)$
- **Sum of Poissons:**  $X_i \sim \text{Pois}(\lambda_i) \Rightarrow \sum X_i \sim \text{Pois}(\sum \lambda_i)$
- **Sum of Gammas:**  $X_i \sim \text{Gamma}(\alpha_i, \beta) \Rightarrow \sum X_i \sim \text{Gamma}(\sum \alpha_i, \beta)$   
– Note: Same scale  $\beta$  required.
- **Sum of Chi-Squares:**  $X_i \sim \chi^2_{(r_i)} \Rightarrow \sum X_i \sim \chi^2_{(\sum r_i)}$
- **Sum of Normals:**  $X_i \sim N(\mu_i, \sigma_i^2) \Rightarrow \sum a_i X_i \sim N(\sum a_i \mu_i, \sum a_i^2 \sigma_i^2)$   
– Sample Mean:  $\bar{X} \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2/n)$

## Key Distributions Properties

**Binomial** ( $n, p$ ): (# successes in  $n$  iid Bernoulli trials)

- **PMF:**  $P(X = x) = \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x}$ , for  $x = 0, \dots, n$
- **Mean:**  $np$ , **Var:**  $np(1-p)$ , **MGF:**  $((1-p) + pe^t)^n$
- $n \rightarrow \infty, p \rightarrow 0, np = \lambda : \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$

**Poisson** ( $\lambda$ ): (count of rare events in time/space)

- **PMF:**  $P(X = x) = \frac{\lambda^x e^{-\lambda}}{x!}$ , for  $x = 0, 1, 2, \dots$
- **Mean:**  $\lambda$ , **Var:**  $\lambda$ , **MGF:**  $e^{\lambda(e^t - 1)}$

**Gamma**( $\alpha, \beta$ ): (waiting time for  $\alpha$  events; sum of  $\alpha$  Exp( $\beta$ ))

- **PDF:**  $f(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)\beta^\alpha} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-x/\beta}$ , for  $x > 0$
- **Mean:**  $\alpha\beta$ , **Var:**  $\alpha\beta^2$ , **MGF:**  $(1-\beta t)^{-\alpha}$  for  $t < 1/\beta$
- **Gamma- $\chi^2$ :**  $\chi^2_{(r)} = \text{Gamma}(r/2, 2)$ ; if  $X \sim \text{Gamma}(\alpha, \beta)$ , then  $\frac{2X}{\beta} \sim \chi^2_{(2\alpha)}$
- $\text{Exp}(\beta) = \text{Gamma}(1, \beta)$

**Chi-Square** ( $\chi^2_r$ ): (sum of  $r$  squared standard normals)

- **PDF:**  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2^{r/2}\Gamma(r/2)} x^{r/2-1} e^{-x/2}$ , for  $x > 0$
- **Mean:**  $r$ , **Var:**  $2r$ , **MGF:**  $(1-2t)^{-r/2}$

**Normal** ( $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ ): (symmetric bell curve; CLT limit)

- **PDF:**  $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-(x-\mu)^2/(2\sigma^2)}$ , for  $-\infty < x < \infty$
- **Mean:**  $\mu$ , **Var:**  $\sigma^2$ , **MGF:**  $\exp(\mu t + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 t^2)$

**Discrete Uniform** ( $1, N$ ): (all  $N$  outcomes equally likely)

- **PMF:**  $P(X = x) = \frac{1}{N}$ , for  $x = 1, 2, \dots, N$
- **Mean:**  $\frac{N+1}{2}$ , **Var:**  $\frac{(N+1)(N-1)}{12}$

**Bernoulli** ( $p$ ): (single binary trial: success/failure)

- **PMF:**  $P(X = x) = p^x (1-p)^{1-x}$ , for  $x = 0, 1$
- **Mean:**  $p$ , **Var:**  $p(1-p)$ , **MGF:**  $(1-p) + pe^t$

**Geometric** ( $p$ ): (# trials until 1st success)

- **PMF:**  $P(X = x) = p(1-p)^{x-1}$ , for  $x = 1, 2, \dots$
- **Mean:**  $1/p$ , **Var:**  $(1-p)/p^2$ , **MGF:**  $\frac{pe^t}{1-(1-p)e^t}$

**Negative Binomial** ( $s, p$ ): (# trials until  $s$  successes)

- **PMF:**  $P(X = x) = \binom{x-1}{s-1} p^s (1-p)^{x-s}$ , for  $x = s, s+1, \dots$
- **Mean:**  $s/p$ , **Var:**  $s(1-p)/p^2$
- $\text{NegBin}(1, p) = \text{Geometric}(p); \lambda = s(1-p), s \rightarrow \infty : \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$

**Hypergeometric** ( $N, M, n$ ): (sampling w/o replacement)

- **PMF:**  $P(X = x) = \frac{\binom{M}{x} \binom{N-M}{n-x}}{\binom{N}{n}}$
- **Mean:**  $\frac{nM}{N}$ , **Var:**  $\frac{N-n}{N-1} \cdot n \cdot \frac{M}{N} (1 - \frac{M}{N})$
- As  $N \rightarrow \infty$ , Hypergeom  $\rightarrow$  Binomial

**Uniform**  $[a, b]$ : (all values in  $[a, b]$  equally likely)

- **PDF:**  $f(x) = \frac{1}{b-a}$ , for  $a \leq x \leq b$ ; **CDF:**  $F(x) = \frac{x-a}{b-a}$
- **Mean:**  $\frac{a+b}{2}$ , **Var:**  $\frac{(b-a)^2}{12}$ , **MGF:**  $\frac{e^{bt}-e^{at}}{t(b-a)}$

**Exponential** ( $\beta$ ): (waiting time; memoryless lifetime)

- **PDF:**  $f(x) = \frac{1}{\beta} e^{-x/\beta}$ , for  $x \geq 0$ ; **CDF:**  $F(x) = 1 - e^{-x/\beta}$
- **Mean:**  $\beta$ , **Var:**  $\beta^2$ , **MGF:**  $(1-\beta t)^{-1}$  for  $t < 1/\beta$
- $\text{Exp}(\beta) = \text{Gamma}(1, \beta)$

**Weibull** ( $\gamma, \beta$ ): (lifetime with aging/wear-out effect)

- **PDF:**  $f(x) = \frac{\gamma}{\beta} x^{\gamma-1} e^{-x^{\gamma}/\beta}$ , for  $x > 0$ ; **CDF:**  $F(x) = 1 - e^{-x^{\gamma}/\beta}$
- **Mean:**  $\beta^{1/\gamma} \Gamma(1+1/\gamma)$
- Weibull( $\gamma = 1, \beta$ ) = Exp( $\beta$ )

**Beta** ( $a, b$ ): (natural model for probabilities on  $(0, 1)$ )

- **PDF:**  $f(x) = \frac{1}{B(a,b)} x^{a-1} (1-x)^{b-1}$ , for  $0 < x < 1$
- **Mean:**  $\frac{a}{a+b}$ , **Var:**  $\frac{ab}{(a+b)^2(a+b+1)}$
- $B(a, b) = \frac{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)}{\Gamma(a+b)}$
- Beta( $1, 1$ ) = Uniform( $0, 1$ )

**Lognormal** ( $\mu, \sigma^2$ ): (right-skewed; lifetime, income)

- If  $\log Y \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ , then  $Y \sim \text{Lognormal}$
- **PDF:**  $f(y) = \frac{1}{y\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-(\log y - \mu)^2/(2\sigma^2)}$ , for  $y > 0$
- **Mean:**  $e^{\mu+\sigma^2/2}$ , **Var:**  $e^{2(\mu+\sigma^2)} - e^{2\mu+\sigma^2}$ , **Median:**  $e^\mu$

**Cauchy** ( $\theta$ ): (heavy-tailed; ratio of two std normals)

- **PDF:**  $f(x) = \frac{1}{\pi[1+(x-\theta)^2]}$
- **Median:**  $\theta$
- Moments do not exist
- Standard Cauchy =  $t_1$  distribution

## Joint & Marginal

- Discrete:  $p_X(x) = \sum_y p(x,y)$  Continuous:  $f_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x,y) dy$
- Expectation:  $E[g(X,Y)] = \iint g(x,y)f(x,y)dxdy$

## Conditional Distributions

- Discrete:  $p_{X|Y}(x|y) = \frac{p(x,y)}{p_Y(y)}$  Continuous:  $f_{X|Y}(x|y) = \frac{f(x,y)}{f_Y(y)}$
- Properties:
  - $E[E(Y|X)] = E(Y)$  (Law of Total Expectation)
  - $Var(Y) = E[Var(Y|X)] + Var(E[Y|X])$
  - $E[XY | X] = X \cdot E[Y | X]$

Independence  $X \perp Y$  iff:

- $f(x,y) = f_X(x)f_Y(y)$
- iff  $f(x_1, x_2) \equiv g(x_1)h(x_2)$  for nonneg. functions  $g, h$ .
- Range is rectangular (support doesn't depend on each other).
- $M(t_1, t_2) = M_X(t_1)M_Y(t_2)$
- $Cov(X, Y) = 0$  (Necessary but NOT sufficient, unless Bivariate Normal).
- If  $E[u(X)], E[v(Y)]$  exist, then  $E[u(X)v(Y)] = E[u(X)] \cdot E[v(Y)]$ .

## MGF for Multivariate RVs

- Joint MGF:  $M_{X,Y}(t_1, t_2) = E[e^{t_1X+t_2Y}]$
- Marginal MGF from Joint:  $M_X(t_1) = M_{X,Y}(t_1, 0)$ ,  $M_Y(t_2) = M_{X,Y}(0, t_2)$
- Product Moments:  $E[X^jY^k] = \left. \frac{\partial^{j+k}}{\partial t_1^j \partial t_2^k} M_{X,Y}(t_1, t_2) \right|_{t_1=t_2=0}$

## Covariance & Correlation

- $Cov(X, Y) = E[(X - \mu_X)(Y - \mu_Y)] = E[XY] - E[X]E[Y]$
- $Cov(U + V, W) = Cov(U, W) + Cov(V, W)$
- $\rho = \frac{Cov(X, Y)}{\sigma_X \sigma_Y}$ ,  $-1 \leq \rho \leq 1$
- $Var(aX + bY) = a^2Var(X) + b^2Var(Y) + 2abCov(X, Y)$

## Bivariate Normal

- If  $(X, Y) \sim \text{BVN}$ , then  $X \perp Y \iff \rho = 0$ .
- Marginals are Normal.
- Conditionals are Normal.

## Bivariate Transformations ( $U = g_1(X, Y), V = g_2(X, Y)$ )

1. Solve for  $x = h_1(u, v), y = h_2(u, v)$ .
2. Jacobian  $J(u, v) = \det \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $|J(u, v)| = |J(x, y)|^{-1}$
3.  $f_{U,V}(u, v) = f_{X,Y}(h_1(u, v), h_2(u, v))|J(u, v)|$
4. Find joint support  $\mathcal{T}$ .

## Linear Combinations (Matrix Form)

- If  $\mathbf{X} \sim N_n(\mu, \Sigma)$  and  $\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{AX} + \mathbf{b}$ :  $\mathbf{Y} \sim N_m(\mathbf{A}\mu + \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{A}\Sigma\mathbf{A}^\top)$

## Statistics

- Sample Mean:  $\bar{X}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum X_i$
- Sample Variance:  $S^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum (X_i - \bar{X}_n)^2$

## Sampling from Normal $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$

If  $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ :

1.  $\bar{X}_n \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2/n)$
2.  $\bar{X}_n \perp S^2$  (Independent!)
3.  $\frac{(n-1)S^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi_{n-1}^2$
4.  $T = \frac{\bar{X}_n - \mu}{S/\sqrt{n}} \sim t_{n-1}$  (Student's t)

## Types of Convergence

1. **In Probability** ( $X_n \xrightarrow{P} X$ ):  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(|X_n - X| < \epsilon) = 1$ 
  - Implies  $X_n \xrightarrow{D} X$ .
  - WLLN:  $\bar{X}_n \xrightarrow{P} \mu$  (if i.i.d, finite var).
2. **In Distribution** ( $X_n \xrightarrow{D} X$ ):  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_n(x) = F(x)$  at continuity points.
  - CLT:  $\frac{\bar{X}_n - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \xrightarrow{D} N(0, 1)$
  - MGF Technique:  $M_{X_n}(t) \rightarrow M_X(t) \implies X_n \xrightarrow{D} X$ .

## Key Theorems

- **Chebyshev's Inequality**: For any  $k > 0$ ,  $P(|X - \mu| \geq k\sigma) \leq \frac{1}{k^2}$  or equivalently  $P(|X - \mu| \geq t) \leq \frac{\sigma^2}{t^2}$
- **Slutsky's Theorem**: If  $X_n \xrightarrow{D} X$  and  $Y_n \xrightarrow{P} c$  (const):
  - $X_n + Y_n \xrightarrow{D} X + c$ ,  $X_n Y_n \xrightarrow{D} cX$ ,  $X_n / Y_n \xrightarrow{D} X/c$  (if  $c \neq 0$ )
- **Continuous Mapping**: If  $X_n \xrightarrow{D} X$  and  $g$  continuous,  $g(X_n) \xrightarrow{P} g(X)$ . (Also holds for  $\xrightarrow{D}$ ).
- Estimator  $T_n$  is **consistent** for  $\theta$  if  $T_n \xrightarrow{P} \theta$ .
- Estimator  $T$  is **unbiased** for  $\theta$  if  $E[T] = \theta$ .

## Order Statistics

For i.i.d sample  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  with pdf  $f$  and cdf  $F$ :

- **Minimum**  $X_{(1)}$ :  $f_{min}(x) = n[1 - F(x)]^{n-1}f(x)$
- **Maximum**  $X_{(n)}$ :  $f_{max}(x) = n[F(x)]^{n-1}f(x)$

## Important Integral/Sum Tricks

- **Gamma Integral**:  $\int_0^{\infty} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-x/\beta} dx = \Gamma(\alpha)\beta^{\alpha}$
- **Binomial Sum**:  $\sum_{x=0}^n \binom{n}{x} a^x b^{n-x} = (a+b)^n$
- **Geometric Series**:  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} r^k = \frac{1}{1-r}$  ( $|r| < 1$ )
- **Exp Expansion**:  $e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$