

## Probability

- Concepts and terminology: random process, sample space, event, mutually exclusive, subset, union = "or", intersection = "and", independence, etc.
- Counting principles: Bijection Principle, Multiplication Principle, Inclusion-Exclusion Principle (See Table 2.3, p. 49)
- assigning probability
  - empirically
  - according to the assumption of equal likelihood
  - axioms of probability
- Further rules
  - complement rule
  - multiplication:  $\Pr(A \text{ and } B) = \Pr(A | B)\Pr(B)$
  - addition:  $\Pr(A \text{ or } B) = \Pr(A) + \Pr(B) - \Pr(A \text{ and } B)$
  - law of total probability:  
 $\Pr(A) = \Pr(A \text{ and } B) + \Pr(A \text{ and } B^c) = \Pr(A | B)\Pr(B) + \Pr(A | B^c)\Pr(B^c)$
  - Bayes' Theorem

## Discrete distributions

- Random variables
- Roles of pmf and cdf; the relationship between them
- mean and variance
  - ways they are calculated
  - relationships of mean and variance if  $Y = aX + b$ , or  $Z = X + Y$
- Meaning of quantile/percentile/median
- Named families: Bernoulli, binomial, negative binomial, geometric, Poisson, hypergeometric
  - context and assumptions that make one applicable over another
  - ability to turn questions into a query of pmf or cdf
  - writing accurate R commands that return answers relevant to the scenario

### Hypothesis testing

- Be able to write hypotheses relevant to a problem description
- Be able to define and identify Type I/II errors
- Be able to describe and write commands to calculate the  $P$ -value
- Understand how  $\alpha$  and Type I error relate
- Understand how  $\beta = \Pr(H_0 \text{ not rejected} \mid H_0 \text{ is false})$ , Type II error, and power, are related, as well as the issues involved in calculating these
- Binomial testing

### Joint distributions

- use and relations between joint pmfs, marginal distributions, and conditional distributions
- independence of variables: definition and implications on distributions
- meaning of covariance; how it appears in calculation of  $\text{Var}(X + Y)$

### Continuous distributions

- Random variables
  - computing moments, expected value, variance, moment generating function, all from the definitions
  - using integration to evaluate probabilities, find cdf
  - using differentiation to find pdf
  - functions of r.v.s, and the effect on mean and variance
- Distributional families
  - Named ones: uniform, exponential, normal
  - working with tools provided in R

Along with certain proofs appearing in homework, study proofs of

- Lemma 2.2.12
- Theorems 2.5.8 and 3.2.3
- Lemma 2.5.9
- Theorem 2.6.8  $E(X+Y)=E(X)+E(Y)$  etc.
- Lemma 2.6.12
- Lemma 2.6.13
- Lemma 3.2.6
- Theorem 3.3.6