

Uncertainty and Expected Value

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Uncertainty

Definition

Uncertainty is the *error in predicted compared to observed* values of some event.

- Measures of uncertainty
 - Confidence, standard deviation, IQR, etc.
- High levels of uncertainty associated with greater variability in outcomes.

Expected Value

Definition

The *expected outcome* based on some *repeated trail* of a statistical experiment.

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

Note: the upper bound of the expected value sum is the number of all possible statistical outcomes