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3 Visual and Numerical Summaries

3.1 Visualization

3.1.1 The histogram

Definition. A **histogram** partitions the range of a sample into **bins** and shows what number of data points in each bin. Rather than frequency, the amount shown can also be relative frequency or density.

3.1.2 Empirical CDF

Definition. The indicator function is defined as I(false) := 0 and I(true) = 1.

Definition. The empirical cumulative distribution function of a sample is

$$F_n(x) := \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n I(x_i \le x)$$

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3.2 Summary Statistics

3.2.1 Measures of Location

Definition. The arithmetic mean is $\bar{x} := \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i$.

Definition. The geometric mean is $x_G := (\prod_{i=1}^n x_i)^{\frac{1}{n}}$.

Definition. The harmonic mean is $x_H := n \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{x_i} \right)^{-1}$

Definition. The *i*th order statistic, written $x_{(i)}$, is the *i*th smallest value of the sample. For non-integer values of the form $i + \alpha$ with $\alpha \in (0, 1)$, we define

$$x_{(i+\alpha)} := (1-\alpha)x_{(i)} + \alpha x_{(i+1)}$$

Definition. The median is $x_{(\frac{n+1}{2})}$.

Definition. The **mode** is the most frequently occurring value. If there are multiple then the sample is **multimodal**.

3.2.2 Measures of Dispersion

Definition. The mean square or sample variance is

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

Definition. The root mean square or sample standard deviation is

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

Definition. The range is $x_{(n)} - x_{(1)}$.

Definition. The first quartile is $x_{\left(\frac{1}{4}(n+1)\right)}$. The third quartile is $x_{\left(\frac{3}{4}(n+1)\right)}$. The interquartile range is the difference between the third and first quartiles.

3.2.3 Covariance and Correlation

Definition. For a sample where each data point is an (x_i, y_i) pair, the **covariance** is

$$s_{xy} := \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y}) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i y_i}{n} - \bar{x}\bar{y}$$

Definition. For a sample as above, the **correlation** is

$$r_{xy} := \frac{s_{xy}}{s_x s_y}$$

3.2.4 Skewness

Definition. The skewness is $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left(\frac{x_i - \bar{x}}{s} \right)^3$.

3.3 One more visualization: the box-and-whisker plot

Definition. A box-and-whisker plot shows the median, first and third quartiles, points within $\frac{3}{2} \times IQR$ of the quartiles, and any outliers.

4 Probability

4.1 The formal structure

4.1.1 σ -algebras

Definition 4.1.1. A σ -algebra associated with S is a set \mathcal{F} of subsets of S where $S \in \mathcal{F}$, \mathcal{F} is closed under complements with respect to S, and \mathcal{F} is closed under countable unions.

Proposition. $\emptyset \in \mathcal{F}$. \mathcal{F} is also closed under countable intersections.

4.1.2 Probability measure

Definition 4.1.2. A probability measure is a function $P : \mathcal{F} \to \mathbb{R}$ where $P(E) \geq 0$ for any E, P(S) = 1, and for countably many disjoint sets E_i ,

$$P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(E_i)$$

. A triple (S, \mathcal{F}, P) as previously defined is a **probability space**.

4.2 Interpretations of the probability space

4.3 Interpretation of the σ -algebra

4.3.1 The sample space (S)

Definition. The sample space S is the set of all possible outcomes of an experiment.

4.3.2 The event space (\mathcal{F})

Definition. An **event** is a subset $E \subset S$. \mathcal{F} is the set of all possible events being considered (which may not include all possible combinations of outcomes).

Definition. E_1 and E_2 are **mutually exclusive** iff $E_1 \cap E_2 = \emptyset$ i.e. they cannot both happen at once.

4.4 Interpretations of the probability measure (P)

4.4.1 Classical interpretation

Definition. In the classical interpretiation, S consists of finitely many equally likely elementary events and $P(E) = \frac{|E|}{|S|}$. For an infinite S, this can still be applied by replacing cardinality above with a different measure.

4.4.2 Frequentist interpretation

Definition. In the frequentist interpretation, when an experiment is repeated infinitely many times, the proportion of trials in which E occurs approaches P(E).

4.4.3 Subjective interpretation

Definition. In the subjective interpretation, P(E) is the degree of belief a person has that E occurs.

4.5 A few derivations from the axioms

Proposition. For $E, F \in \mathcal{F}$,

- $P(\emptyset) = 0$
- $P(E) \le 1$
- $P(\overline{E}) = 1 P(E)$
- $P(E \cup F) = P(E) + P(F) P(E \cap F)$
- $P(E \cap \overline{F}) = P(E) P(E \cap F)$
- $E \subseteq F \implies P(E) \le P(F)$

4.6 Conditional Probability

Definition 4.6.1. For P(F) > 0 the conditional probability of E given F is

$$P(E \mid F) := \frac{P(E \cap F)}{P(F)}$$

Proposition. For P(F) > 0,

- For any $E \in \mathcal{F}$, $P(E \mid F) \geq 0$
- P(F | F) = 1
- For $E_1, \ldots, E_n \in \mathcal{F}$ pairwise disjoint, $P(\bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i \mid F) = \sum_{i=1}^n P(E_i \mid F)$

4.7 Independent Events

Definition 4.7.1. $E, F \in \mathcal{F}$ are independent iff $P(E \cap F) = P(E)P(F)$. $E_1, \ldots E_n$ are independent iff for any subset E_{i_1}, \ldots, E_{i_l} we have $P\left(\bigcap_{j=1}^l E_{i_j}\right) = \prod_{j=1}^l P(E_{i_j})$.

Proposition. E and F are independent \implies E and \overline{F} are independent.

Proposition. E and F are independent $\iff P(E \mid F) = P(E)$.

4.7.1 More Examples

4.7.2 Conditional Independence

Definition. For $E_1, E_2, F \in \mathcal{F}$, E_1 and E_2 are conditionally independent given F iff $P(E_1 \cap E_2 \cap F) = P(E_1 \mid F)P(E_2 \mid F)$.

4.7.3 Joint Events

Definition. When combining multiple independent experiments, a **probability table** can be used to show the probabilities of all elementary events (i.e. combinations of an elementary event in each experiment).

4.8 Bayes's Theorem

Theorem 4.9. (Bayes's) For $E, F \in \mathcal{F}$ with P(E) > 0 and P(F) > 0,

$$P(E \mid F) = \frac{P(F \mid E)P(E)}{P(F)}$$

Theorem 4.10. (The Law of Total Probability) For a partition E_1, \ldots of S, and any $F \in \mathcal{F}$, $P(F) = \sum_i P(F \mid E_i) P(E_i)$.

Theorem 4.11. (Bayes's applied to a partition) For a partition E_1, \ldots of S with $P(E_i) > 0$ for all i and $F \in \mathcal{F}$ with P(F) > 0,

$$P(E_i \mid F) = \frac{P(F \mid E_i)P(E_i)}{\sum_{j} P(F \mid E_j)P(E_j)}$$

4.12 More Examples

5 Discrete Random Variables

5.1 Random Variables

Definition 5.1.1. A random variable is a measurable mapping $X: S \to \mathbb{R}$ where $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \{s \in S: X(s) \leq x\} \in \mathcal{F}.$

Definition 5.1.2. The range of X is \mathbb{X} , the image of S under X.

Definition. The probability distribution of X is

$$P_X(X \in B) := P(\{s \in S : X(S) \in B\})$$

where $B \subseteq \mathbb{R}$.

Notation. For brevity we write $\{X \in B\} := \{s \in S : X(s) \in B\}$ (TODO: doesn't this make P and P_X interchangeable?) and $\{a < X \le b\} := \{X \in (a,b]\}$ etc.

5.1.1 Cumulative Distribution Function

Definition 5.1.3. The cumulative distribution function of X is $F_X : \mathbb{R} \to [0,1]$ where $F_X(x) = P_X(X \le x)$.

Definition. A function f is **right-continuous** iff for any decreasing sequence $x_i \to x$ we have $f(x_i) \to f(x)$.

Proposition. A CDF is right-continuous.

Proposition. F_X is a CDF iff all the following hold:

- F_X is right-continuous
- $F_X(\mathbb{R}) \subseteq [0,1]$
- F_X is monotonically increasing
- $\lim_{x\to-\infty} F_X(x) = 0$
- $\lim_{x\to\infty} F_X(x) = 1$

5.2 Discrete Random Variables

Definition 5.2.1. A random variable is **discrete** iff its range is finite or countably infinite.

Definition 5.2.2. For a DRV X, the **probability mass function** $p_X : \mathbb{R} \to [0,1]$ is $p_X(x) = P_X(X = x)$ for $x \in \mathbb{X}$ and $p_X(x) = 0$ for $x \notin \mathbb{X}$.

Definition. The support of X is $\{x \in \mathbb{R} : p_X(x) > 0\}$. Usually this is X.

5.2.1 Properties of Mass Function p_X

Proposition. An arbitrary function p_X can be a PMF for X iff $\forall x \in \mathbb{X}$, $p_X(x) \geq 0$ and $\sum_{x \in \mathbb{X}} p_X(x) = 1$.

5.2.2 Discrete Cumulative Distribution Function

Definition. The cumulative distribution function of a DRV X is $F_X(x) = P(X \le x)$ (TODO: is this not what it always is?).

5.2.3 Connection between F_X and p_X

Proposition. For $X = \{x_1, \ldots\}$ with the $x_i \leq x_{i+1}$ for all i,

$$F_X(x) = \sum_{x_i \le x} p_X(x_i)$$

Equivalently,

$$\forall i \ge 1, \ p_X(x_i) = F_X(x_i) - F_X(x_{i-1})$$

5.2.4 Properties of Discrete CDF F_X

Proposition. We have

- $\lim_{x\to-\infty} F_X(x)=0$
- $\lim_{x\to\infty} F_X(x) = 1$
- $\lim_{h\to 0^+} F_X(x+h) = F_X(x)$
- $a < b \implies F_X(a) < F_X(b)$
- For a < b, $P(a < X \le b) = F_X(b) F_X(a)$

5.3 Functions of a discrete random variable

Proposition. For a DRV X and $g: \mathbb{X} \to \mathbb{R}$, Y = g(X) is also a DRV. We have

$$p_Y(y) = \sum_{x \in \mathbb{X}: g(x) = y} p_X(x)$$

5.4 Mean and Variance

Notation. All the functions defined in this section are of type $\mathbf{RV} \to \mathbb{R}$.

5.4.1 Expectation

Definition 5.4.1. The expected value or mean of a DRV X is

$$E_X(X) := \sum_{x \in \mathbb{X}} x p_X(x)$$

It is often abbreviated to E(X). For the case $E_Y(X)$ with $Y \neq X$, see below.

Theorem 5.5. For a function of interest $g: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$, we have

$$E_X(g(X)) = \sum_{x \in \mathbb{X}} g(x) p_X(x)$$

This is the only situation where we can have $E_X(Y)$ with $X \neq Y$.

Proposition. E is linear.

Definition 5.5.1. For a DRV X, the **variance** of X is

$$Var_X(X) := E_X ((X - E_X(X))^2) = E(X^2) - E(X)^2$$

Proposition. For $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$, $Var(aX + b) = a^2 Var(X)$

Definition 5.5.2. For a DRV X, the standard deviation of X is

$$\operatorname{sd}(X) := \sqrt{\operatorname{Var}_X(X)}$$

Definition 5.5.3. For a DRV X, the skewness of X is

$$\gamma_1 := \frac{E_X((X - E_X(X))^3)}{\mathrm{sd}_X(X)^3}$$

5.5.1 Sums of Random Variables

Proposition. For $X_1, ... X_n$ (possibly with different distributions, not necessarily independent) with sum S_n , we have

$$E(S_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n E(X_i)$$

and

$$E\left(\frac{S_n}{n}\right) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n E(X_i)$$

Proposition. For $X_1, \ldots X_n$ independent with sum S_n , we have

$$\operatorname{Var}(S_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n \operatorname{Var}(X_i)$$

and

$$\operatorname{Var}\left(\frac{S_n}{n}\right) = \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \operatorname{Var}(X_i)$$

Proposition. For $X_1, ... X_n$ independent and identically distributed with sum S_n , $E(X_i) = \mu$ and $Var(X_i) = \sigma^2$, we have

$$E\left(\frac{S_n}{n}\right) = \mu$$

and $\operatorname{Var}\left(\frac{S_n}{n}\right) = \frac{\sigma^2}{n}$

5.6 Some Important Discrete Random Variables

X	X	$p_X(x)$	E(X)	Var(X)	γ_1
$X \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p)$	$\{0, 1\}$	$p^x(1-p)^{1-x}$	p	p(1-p)	$\frac{1-2p}{\sqrt{p(1-p)}}*$
$X \sim \text{Binomial}(n, p)$	$\{0, \dots n\}$	$\binom{n}{x}p^x(1-p)^{n-x}$	np	np(1-p)	$\frac{\sqrt[4]{1-2p}}{\sqrt{np(1-p)}}$
$X \sim \operatorname{Geometric}(p)$	$\{1,2,\ldots\}$	$p(1-p)^{x-1}$	$\frac{1}{p}$	$\frac{1-p}{p^2}$	$\frac{\sqrt{\frac{2-p}{1-p}}}{\sqrt{1-p}}$
$X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$	$\{0,1,\ldots\}$	$\frac{e^{-\lambda}\lambda^x}{x!}$	λ	λ	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}}$
$X \sim \mathrm{U}(\{1,\ldots,n\})$	$\{1,\ldots,n\}$	$\frac{1}{n}$	$\frac{n+1}{2}$	$\frac{n^2-1}{12}$	0

*: The skewness of the Bernoulli distribution is not given in the official notes.

5.6.1 Bernoulli Distribution

 $X \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p)$ chooses between 1 and 0 where P(X=1) = p.

5.6.2 Binomial Distribution

 $X \sim \text{Binomial}(n, p)$ is the total number of successes after n Bernoulli trials with probability p.

5.6.3 Geometric Distribution

 $X \sim \text{Geometric}(p)$ is the number of Bernoulli trials with probability p it will take to have the first success.

5.6.4 Poisson Distribution

 $X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$ is the number of occurrences of an event that occurs at a rate of λ .

5.6.5 Discrete Uniform Distribution

 $X \sim U(\{1,\ldots,n\})$ is a random value out of $\{1,\ldots n\}$.

6 Continuous Random Variables

Definition 6.0.1. A random variable X is absolutely **continuous** iff there exists a measurable non-negative function $f_X : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ (the **probability density function**) where

$$\forall B \subseteq \mathbb{R}, \ P(X \in B) = \int_{x \in B} f_X(x) dx$$

6.0.1 Continuous Cumulative Distribution Function

Definition 6.0.2. The cumulative distribution function of a CRV X is $F_X(x) = P(X \le x)$ (as for any RV).

Proposition. For a CRV X, $F_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f_X(x')dx'$

6.0.2 Properties of Continuous F_X and f_X

Proposition. For a CRVX,

- $\lim_{x\to-\infty} F_X(x) = 0$
- $\lim_{x\to\infty} F_X(x) = 1$
- If F_X is differentiable at x then $f_X(x) = F'_X(x)$
- $\forall a \in \mathbb{R}, \ P(X=a) = 0$
- For a < b, $P(a < X \le b) = F_X(b) F_X(a)$
- $f_X(X)$ is not a probability, so we do not require $f_X(x) \leq 1$
- X is uniquely defined by f_X

Proposition. An arbitrary function f_X is a PDF for a CRV iff $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$, $f_X(x) \geq 0$ and $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x) dx = 1$ (f_X is **normalised**).

6.0.3 Transformations

Proposition. For Y = g(X) with g strictly monotonically increasing, we have

$$F_Y(y) = F_X(g^{-1}(y))$$

and

$$f_Y(y) = f_X(g^{-1}(y)) g^{-1'}(y)$$

Proposition. For Y = g(X) with g strictly monotonically decreasing, we have

$$F_Y(y) = 1 - F_X(g^{-1}(y))$$

and

$$f_Y(y) = -f_X(g^{-1}(y))g^{-1'}(y)$$

6.1 Mean, Variance and Quantiles

6.1.1 Expectation

Definition 6.1.1. The **mean** or **expectation** of a CRV X is

$$E(X) := \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_X(x) dx$$

Definition. For any measurable function of interest $g: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ we have

$$E(g(X)) := \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) f_X(x) dx$$

Proposition. E is linear.

6.1.2 Variance

Definition 6.1.2. The variance of a CRV X is

$$Var_X(X) = E((X - E(X))^2) = E(X^2) - E(X)^2$$

Proposition. For $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$, $Var(aX + b) = a^2 Var(X)$

6.1.3 Quantiles

Definition 6.1.3. For $\alpha \in [0,1]$, we α -quantile of a CRV X is

$$Q_X(\alpha) := F_X^{-1}(\alpha)$$

so that $P(X \leq Q_X(\alpha)) = \alpha$.

6.2 Some Important Continuous Random Variables

X	X	$f_X(x)$	$F_X(x)$	E(X)	Var(X)
$X \sim \mathrm{U}(a,b)$	(a,b)	$\begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a} & a < x < b \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$	$\begin{cases} 0 & x \le a \\ \frac{x-a}{b-a} & a < x < b \\ 1 & x \ge b \end{cases}$	$\frac{a+b}{2}$	$\frac{(b-a)^2}{12}$
$X \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda)$	$[0,\infty)$	$\lambda e^{-\lambda x}$	$1 - e^{-\lambda x}$	$\frac{1}{\lambda}$	$\frac{1}{\lambda^2}$
$X \sim \mathbb{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$	\mathbb{R}	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}}e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \int_{-\infty}^x e^{-\frac{(t-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} dt$	μ	σ^2

6.2.1 Continuous Uniform Distribution

 $X \sim \mathrm{U}(a,b)$ or $X \sim \mathrm{Uniform}(a,b)$ is uniformly distributed on the interval (a,b) and 0 elsewhere.

Definition. Tht **standard uniform** is Uniform(0, 1).

Proposition. $X \sim \text{Uniform}(0,1) \implies (a + (b-a)X) \sim \text{Uniform}(a,b).$

6.2.2 Exponential Distribution

 $X \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda)$ is the time until an event occurring at rate λ occurs.

Proposition. $X \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda)$ exhibits the **Lack of Memory Property**:

$$\forall x, t > 0, \ P(X > t + x \mid X > t) = P(X > x)$$

Proposition. If the number of events occurring in an interval of size x is $N_x \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda x)$ then the separation between two events is $X \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda)$.

6.2.3 Normal (Gaussian) Distribution

 $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ has no obvious interpretation.

Definition. $X \sim N(0,1)$ is the standard normal distribution or unit normal distribution. It has the PDF

$$\phi(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}x^2\right)$$

and the CDF

$$\Phi(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{x} \exp\left(-\frac{t^2}{2}\right) dt$$

Proposition. $X \sim N(0,1) \implies (\sigma X + \mu) \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$

Theorem 6.3. (Central Limit Theorem) For X_1, \ldots, X_n independent and identically distributed with mean μ and variance σ^2 ,

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i - n\mu}{\sqrt{n}\sigma} \sim N(0, 1)$$

6.4 Further examples

7 Joint Random Variables

Definition 7.0.1. For RVs X and Y with the same sample space, the **joint probability** distribution is $P_{XY}(B_X, B_Y) := P(X^{-1}(B_X) \cap Y^{-1}(B_Y))$ where $B_X, B_Y \subseteq \mathbb{R}$.

7.0.1 Joint Cumulative Distribution Function

Definition 7.0.2. The joint cumulative distribution function is

$$F_{xy}(x,y) := P_{XY}(X \le x, Y \le y).$$

Proposition. $F_X(x) = F_{XY}(x, \infty)$ and $F_Y(y) = F_{XY}(\infty, y)$.

7.0.2 Properties of Joint CDF F_{XY}

Proposition. And arbitrary function F_{XY} is a valid joint CDF iff the following hold:

- $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}, \ F_{XY}(x, y) \in [0, 1]$
- $\forall x_1, x_2, y \in \mathbb{R}, \ x_1 < x_2 \implies F_{XY}(x_1, y) \le F_{XY}(x_2, y)$
- $\forall x, y_1, y_2 \in \mathbb{R}, \ y_1 < y_2 \implies F_{XY}(x, y_1) \le F_{XY}(x, y_2)$
- $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}, \ F_{XY}(x, -\infty) = F_{XY}(-\infty, y) = 0$
- $F_{XY}(\infty,\infty)=1$

7.0.3 Joint Probability Mass Functions

Definition 7.0.3. For DRVs X, Y, the **joint probability mass function** is $p_{XY}(x, y) := P_{XY}(X = x, Y = y)$.

Proposition. $p_X(x) = \sum_{y \in \mathbb{Y}} p_{XY}(x,y)$ and $p_Y(y) = \sum_{x \in \mathbb{X}} p_{XY}(x,y)$

Proposition. An arbitrary function p_{XY} is a valid joint PMF iff $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}, p_{XY}(x, y) \in [0, 1]$ and $\sum_{y \in \mathbb{Y}} \sum_{x \in \mathbb{X}} p_{XY}(x, y) = 1$.

7.0.4 Joint Probability Density Functions

Definition. CRVs X and Y are jointly continuous iff $\exists f_{XY} : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ where

$$\forall B_{XY} \subseteq \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}, \ P_{XY}(B_{XY}) = \int_{(x,y) \in B_{XY}} f_{XY}(x,y) dx dy$$

Then f_{XY} is the **joint probability density function** of X and Y.

Proposition. For jointly continuous CRVs, we have

$$F_{XY}(x,y) = \int_{t=-\infty}^{y} \int_{s=-\infty}^{x} f_{XY}(s,t) ds dt$$

Definition 7.0.4. (Not actually a definition) The joint PDF is

$$f_{XY} = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial y} F_{XY}(x, y)$$

Proposition. $f_X(x) = \int_{y=-\infty}^{\infty} f_{XY}(x,y) dy$ and $f_Y(y) = \int_{x=-\infty}^{\infty} f_{XY}(x,y) dx$

Proposition. An arbitrary function f_{XY} is a valid joint PDF iff $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}$, $f_{XY}(x, y) \geq 0$ and $\int_{y=-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{x=-\infty}^{\infty} f_{XY}(x, y) dx dy = 1$.

7.1 Independence, Conditional Probability, Expectation

7.1.1 Independence and conditional probability

Definition. RVs X and Y are independent iff $\forall B_X, B_Y \subseteq \mathbb{R}$, $P_{XY}(B_X, B_Y) = P_X(B_X)P_Y(B_Y)$.

Definition 7.1.1. CRVs X and Y are **independent** iff $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}$, $f_{XY}(x, y) = f_X(x) f_Y(y)$.

Definition 7.1.2. For RVs X and Y, the conditional probability distribution is

$$P_{Y|X}(B_Y \mid B_X) := \frac{P_{XY}(B_X, B_Y)}{P_X(B_X)}$$

Proposition. X and Y are independent $\iff \forall B_X, B_Y \subseteq \mathbb{R}, \ P_{Y|X}(B_Y \mid B_X) = P_Y(B_Y).$

Definition 7.1.3. For CRVs X and Y, the **conditional probability density function** is

$$f_{Y|X}(y \mid x) := \frac{f_{XY}(x,y)}{f_X(x)}$$

Proposition. X and Y are independent $\iff \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}, \ f_{Y|X}(y \mid x) = f_Y(y).$

7.1.2 Expectation

Definition 7.1.4. For DRVs X and Y:

$$E_{XY}(g(X,Y)) := \sum_{y \in \mathbb{Y}} \sum_{x \in \mathbb{X}} g(x,y) p_{XY}(x,y)$$

Definition 7.1.5. For CRVs X and Y:

$$E_{XY}(g(X,Y)) := \int_{y=-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{x=-\infty}^{\infty} g(x,y) f_{XY}(x,y) dx dy$$

Proposition. Both versions of E are linear.

Proposition. $E_{XY}(g_1(X) + g_2(Y)) = E_X(g_1(X)) + E_Y(g_2(y))$. If X and Y are independent then $E_{XY}(g_1(x)g_2(y)) = E_X(g_1(x))E_Y(g_2(y))$.

7.1.3 Conditional Expectiation

Definition 7.1.6. The conditional expectation of Y given X = x is

$$E_{Y\mid X}(Y\mid X=x):=\sum_{y\in\mathbb{Y}}yp(y\mid x)$$

or

$$E_{Y\mid X}(Y\mid X=x) := \int_{y=-\infty}^{\infty} yf(y\mid x)dy$$

Definition. The **covariance** of X and Y is

$$\sigma_{XY} = \text{Cov}(X, Y) := E_{XY}((X - E_X(X))(Y - E_Y(Y)))$$

Definition 7.1.7. The **correlation** of X and Y is

$$\rho_{XY} = \operatorname{Cor}(X, Y) := \frac{\sigma_{XY}}{\sigma_{X}\sigma_{Y}}$$

Proposition. X and Y are independent $\implies \sigma_{XY} = \rho_{XY} = 0$.

7.2 Examples

7.3 Multivariate Transformations

7.3.1 Convolutions (sums of random variables)

Theorem 7.4. (Convolution Theorem) For independent RVs X and Y and Z = X + Y,

$$p_Z(z) = \sum_{x \in \mathbb{X}} p_X(x) p_Y(z - x)$$

or

$$p_Z(z) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} f_X(x) f_Y(z - x) dx$$

Theorem 7.5. If $X \sim N(\mu_X, \sigma_X^2)$ and $Y \sim N(\mu_Y, \sigma_Y^2)$ are independent then $X + Y \sim N(\mu_X + \mu_Y, \sigma_X^2 + \sigma_Y^2)$.

7.5.1 General Bivariate Transformations

Proposition. For DRVs X and Y with $U = g_1(X, Y)$ and $V = g_2(X, Y)$,

$$p_{UV}(u,v) = \sum_{(x,y)\in A} p_{XY}(x,y)$$

where

$$A := \{(x, y) : (g_1(x, y), g_2(x, y)) = (u, v)\}$$

Proposition. For CRVs X and Y with $U = g_1(X,Y)$ and $V = g_2(X,Y)$, and given $u := g_1(x,y)$ and $v := g_2(x,y)$,

$$f_{UV}(u,v) = f_{XY}(x,y) \left| \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} - \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} \right|$$

where

$$A := \{(x, y) : (g_1(x, y), g_2(x, y)) = (u, v)\}$$

Definition. The Gamma function is $\Gamma(\alpha) = \int_0^\infty t^{\alpha-1} e^{-t} dt$, defined for $\alpha \in (0, \infty)$.

Proposition. We have:

- $\forall \alpha > 1, \ \Gamma(\alpha) = (\alpha 1)\Gamma(\alpha)$
- $\Gamma(1) = 1$
- $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \ \Gamma(n) = (n-1)!$
- $\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \sqrt{\pi}$

Definition. The **Gamma** distribution $X \sim \text{Gamma}(\alpha, \beta)$ with $\alpha, \beta > 0$ has the following properties:

- $f_X(x) := \frac{\beta^{\alpha}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-\beta x}$
- $\mathbb{X} = (0, \infty)$
- $E(X) = \frac{\alpha}{\beta}$
- $Var(X) = \frac{\alpha}{\beta^2}$

Definition. The **Beta function** is $B(\alpha, \beta) := \int_0^1 x^{\alpha-1} (1-x)^{\beta-1} dx = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)}$.

Definition. The **Beta distribution** $X \sim \text{Beta}(\alpha, \beta)$ has PDF $f_X(x) := \frac{1}{B(\alpha, \beta)} x^{\alpha-1} (1 - x)^{\beta-1}$ and $\mathbb{X} = (0, 1)$

Theorem 7.6. If $X \sim \text{Gamma}(\lambda, \beta)$ and $Y \sim \text{Gamma}(\xi, \beta)$ are independent then $X + Y \sim \text{Gamma}(\lambda + \xi, \beta)$

8 Estimation

Notation. In this section we consider random variables which are known to have a distribution depending on an unknown parameter (so that $X \sim DIST(\theta)$ where DIST is some distribution). Θ is the set of all possible values of θ . For properties of X which depend only on the distribution (essentially all of them), we use the notation $|\theta|$ to indicate this dependence. For instance, we write $P_{X|\theta}(x|\theta)$ to mean whatever P(X) would be if the missing parameter of the distribution were θ . Note that this is entirely unrelated to all previous uses of the symbol |u| in this document.

8.1 Estimators

Notation. Throughout this section, we consider a set of n independent and identically distributed random variables $\underline{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$.

Definition 8.1.1. A **statistic** is a random variable T which depends on \underline{X} . The corresponding lowercase letter $t: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}$ is used to represent a realised value of T.

Definition. An **estimator** is a statistic used to compute unknown parameters θ of the distribution of \underline{X} . Its realised values are called **estimates**.

8.1.1 Point estimates

Definition. A **point estimate** is an estimator which estimates a single unknown parameter θ . The official notes call this an estimate even though, according to the previous definition, it is an estimator rather than an estimate. The distribution of the point estimate, $P_{T|\theta}$, will depend on the same unknown parameter θ .

8.1.2 Bias, Efficiency, Consistency

Definition. The bias of an estimator T for a parameter θ is

$$bias(T, \theta) := E(T - \theta \mid \theta) = E(T \mid \theta) - \theta$$

Definition. T is unbiased $\iff \forall \theta \in \Theta, \text{ bias}(T, \theta) = 0.$

Proposition. For any distribution, the mean of a sample is an unbiased estimator for the mean of the distribution.

Definition. The bias-corrected sample variance of X is

$$S_{n-1}^2 := \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \overline{X})^2$$

This is an unbiased estimator for the variance of any distribution.

Definition. Given two unbiased estimators for the same parameter, $\widehat{\Theta}$ and $\widehat{\Psi}$, $\widehat{\Theta}$ is more efficient than $\widehat{\Psi}$ iff

$$\left(\forall \theta \in \Theta, \ \operatorname{Var}\left(\widehat{\Theta} \mid \theta\right) \leq \operatorname{Var}\left(\widehat{\Psi} \mid \theta\right)\right) \wedge \left(\exists \theta \in \Theta : \operatorname{Var}\left(\widehat{\Theta} \mid \theta\right) < \operatorname{Var}\left(\widehat{\Psi} \mid \theta\right)\right)$$

 $\widehat{\Theta}$ is **efficient** iff it is more efficient than all other estimators.

Definition. $\widehat{\Theta}$ is **consistent** iff it converges in probability to θ , that is to say

$$\forall \theta \in \Theta, \ \forall \varepsilon > 0, \ \lim_{n \to \infty} P_{\widehat{\Theta} \mid \theta} \left(\left| \left(\widehat{\Theta} \mid \theta \right) - \theta \right| > \varepsilon \right) = 0$$

Proposition. $\widehat{\Theta}$ is unbiased $\Longrightarrow \widehat{\Theta}$ is consistent.

8.1.3 Maximum Likelihood Estimation

Definition. The likelihood function is

$$L(\theta \mid \underline{x}) := \prod_{i=1}^{n} p_{X|\theta}(x_i)$$

or

$$L(\theta \mid \underline{x}) := \prod_{i=1}^{n} f_{X\mid\theta}(x_i)$$

where $\underline{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ is a sample of \underline{X} . Note that this is yet another different usage of |.

Definition. The maximum likelihood estimate is $\widehat{\theta}_{MLE} := \operatorname{argmax}_{\theta \in \Theta} L(\theta \mid \underline{x})$.

Definition. The log-likelihood function is $\ell(\theta \mid \underline{x}) := \log L(\theta \mid \underline{x})$

Definition. The **maximum likelihood estimator** is defined like the maximum likelihood estimate and uses the same notation, but uses the RVs \underline{X} instead of a specific sample \underline{x} .

8.2 Confidence Intervals

8.2.1 Normal Distribution with Known Variance

Definition. The $(1 - \alpha)$ confidence interval for the mean μ given a known variance σ^2 is

$$\left[\overline{x} - z_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}, \overline{x} + z_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}\right]$$

where z_{α} is the α -quantile of N(0,1). Then a sample of size n with this distribution should have \overline{x} within this range $1-\alpha$ of the time.

8.2.2 Normal Distribution with Unknown Variance

Proposition. If μ and σ^2 are both unknown then

$$\frac{\overline{X} - \mu}{S_{n-1}/\mu} \sim \text{Student}(n-1)$$

where

$$S_{n-1} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (X_i - \overline{X})^2}{n-1}}$$

Then the $(1-\alpha)$ confidence level for μ is

$$\left[\overline{x} - t_{n-1,1-\frac{\alpha}{2}} \frac{s_{n-1}}{\sqrt{n}}, \overline{x} + t_{n-1,1-\frac{\alpha}{2}} \frac{s_{n-1}}{\sqrt{n}}\right]$$

where $t_{\nu,\alpha}$ is the α -quantile of Student(ν).

8.2.3 Another way to view the confidence interval: Neyman construction

Definition. The **Neyman construction** is a graph with values of the estimator along the horizontal axis and values of the parameter along the vertical axis. For each value of the parameter, indicate a belt of values in which the estimator is expected to lie for that value. Draw a vertical line at the observed estimate. Then the range of parameter values whos belts intersect this lane is the confidence interval.

9 Hypothesis Testing

Definition. To test an unknown parameter $\theta \in \Theta$, partition Θ into Θ_0 and Θ_1 . The **null hypothesis** is $H_0: \theta \in \Theta_0$ (usually chosen to represent the absence of a finding - no correlation, the change has no effect on the data etc). The **alternative hypothesis** is $H_1: \theta \in \Theta_1$. From now on, we use the | notation from the last chapter with H_0 and H_1 instead of individual values of θ .

Definition. To perform a hypothesis test, choose a **rejection region** $R \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ such that $P(T \in R \mid H_0) = \alpha$ is low. This α is the **significance level** of the test. Given an observed value $t(\underline{x})$, reject the null hypothesis iff $t \in R$. The *p*-value of a test is the significance level that lies on the boundary between rejecting and not rejecting the null hypothesis.

9.0.1 Error Rates and Power of a Test

Definition. Type I error occurs when H_0 is rejected, but is actually true. The probability of this is α by definition. **Type II error** occurs when H_0 is not rejected, but actually H_1 is true. Its probability is $\beta := P(T \notin R \mid \theta \in \Theta_1)$.

Definition 9.0.1. The **power** of a hypothesis test is $1 - \beta = P(T \in R \mid \theta \in \Theta_1)$.

Definition. A simple hypothesis or point hypothesis has the form $\theta = \theta_0$. A composite hypothesis has the form $\theta < \theta_0$ or $\theta > \theta_0$. A two-sided test tests a simple hypothesis against its negation. A **one-sided test** tests a composite hypothesis against its negation (usually the case $\theta = \theta_0$ is included in H_0).

Dist(s)	H_0	Test Stat	R
$N(\mu, \sigma^2)$	$\mu = \mu_0$	$\frac{\overline{X} - \mu_0}{\sigma / \sqrt{n}}$	$\{z\mid z >z_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}}\}$
$N(\mu,\sigma^2)^\star$	$\mu = \mu_0$	$\frac{\overline{X} - \mu}{S_{n-1}/\mu}$	$\{t\mid t >t_{n-1,1-\frac{\alpha}{2}}\}$
$N(\mu_X, \sigma_X^2), \ N(\mu_Y, \sigma_Y^2)$	$\mu_X = \mu_Y$	$\frac{\overline{X} - \overline{Y}}{\sqrt{\frac{\sigma_X^2}{n_1} + \frac{\sigma_Y^2}{n_2}}}$	$\{z\mid z >z_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}}\}$
$N(\mu_X, \sigma^2), \ N(\mu_Y, \sigma^2)^*$	$\mu_X = \mu_Y$	$\frac{\overline{X} - \overline{Y}}{S_{n_1 + n_2 - 2} \sqrt{\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}}}$	$\{t \mid t > t_{n_1 + n_2 - 2, 1 - \frac{\alpha}{2}}\}$
$\theta \in \mathbb{R}^m, \mathbb{X} = k$	$\theta = \theta_0$	$\sum_{i=1}^{k} \frac{(O_i - E_i)^2}{E_i}^{\dagger}$	$\{x^2 \mid x^2 > \chi^2_{k-m-1,1-\alpha}\}$
$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{X} &= k, \\ \mathbb{Y} &= \ell \end{aligned}$	X and Y independent	$\sum_{j=1}^{\ell} \sum_{i=1}^{k} \frac{(O_{ij} - E_{ij})^2}{E_{ij}}^{\ddagger}$	$\{x^2 \mid x^2 > \chi^2_{(k-1)(\ell-1),1-\alpha}\}$

 $[\]star$: σ^2 is not known.

†:
$$O_i = (\text{freq}(\underline{X}, x_i), E_i = np_X(x_i))$$

$$\ddagger: O_{ij} = \operatorname{freq}\left(\underline{(X,Y)}, (x_i, y_j)\right), E_{ij} = \operatorname{freq}(\underline{X}, x_i) \operatorname{freq}(\underline{Y}, y_j)$$

9.1 Testing for a population mean

9.1.1 Normal Distribution with Known Variance

Proposition. For n variables i.i.d with distribution $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ with μ unknown and σ^2 known and a hypothesis $H_0: \mu = \mu_0$, use the test statistic

$$Z = \frac{\overline{X} - \mu_0}{\sigma / \sqrt{n}} \sim \Phi$$

and the rejection region $R = (-\infty, -z_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}}) \cup (z_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}}, \infty) = \{z \mid |z| > z_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}}\}$ has significance level α . The p-value is $2(1 - \Phi(|z|))$.

9.1.2 Normal Distribution with Unknown Variance

Proposition. If σ^2 is also unknown then we use

$$T = \frac{\overline{X} - \mu}{S_{n-1}/\mu} \sim \text{Student}(n-1)$$

and the rejection region $R = (-\infty, -t_{n-1, 1-\frac{\alpha}{2}}) \cup (t_{n-1, 1-\frac{\alpha}{2}}, \infty) = \{t \mid |t| > t_{n-1, 1-\frac{\alpha}{2}}\}.$

Proposition. $\chi^2(k)$ has mean k and variance 2k.

9.2 Testing for differences in population means

9.2.1 Two Sample Problems

Notation. In this section we have a sample $\underline{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_{n_1})$ i. i. d with distribution P_X and another sample $\underline{Y} = (Y_1, \dots, Y_{n_2})$ i. i. d with distribution P_Y with μ_X and μ_Y unknown and the samples independent from each other. In the special case where \underline{X} and \underline{Y} are **paired**, $n_1 = n_2$ and each pair (X_i, Y_i) is possibly dependent.

9.2.2 Normal Distributions with Known Variances

Proposition. If $P_X = N(\mu_X, \sigma_X^2)$ with μ_X unknown and $P_Y = N(\mu_Y, \sigma_Y^2)$ with μ_Y unknown, we can test $H_0: \mu_X = \mu_Y$ using the test statistic

$$Z = \frac{\overline{X} - \overline{Y}}{\sqrt{\frac{\sigma_X^2}{n_1} + \frac{\sigma_Y^2}{n_2}}} \sim \Phi$$

and the rejection region $R = \{z \mid |z| > z_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}}\}.$

9.2.3 Normal Distributions with Unknown Variances

Definition. If $\sigma_X^2 = \sigma_Y^2 = \sigma^2$ unknown, the bias-corrected pooled sample variance is

$$\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n_1} (X_i - \overline{X})^2 + \sum_{i=1}^{n_2} (Y_i - \overline{Y})^2}{n_1 + n_2 - 2}$$

This is an unbiased estimator for σ^2 .

Proposition. In the situation above, test $H_0: \mu_X = \mu_Y$ using

$$T = \frac{\overline{X} - \overline{Y}}{S_{n_1 + n_2 - 2} \sqrt{\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}}} \sim \text{Student}(n_1 + n_2 - 2)$$

and $R = \{t \mid |t| > t_{n_1 + n_2 - 2, 1 - \frac{\alpha}{2}}\}$

9.3 Goodness of Fit

9.3.1 Count Data and Chi-Square Tests

Notation. In this section, we have \underline{X} with range $\{x_1, \ldots x_k\}$ and pmf $p_X(j) = P(X = x_j \mid \theta)$ where $\theta \in \mathbb{R}^m$ (there are m unknown parameters which we express as an m-vector). We write $p_j \equiv p_X(j)$ for brevity. Consider the observed frequencies $\underline{O} = (O_1, \ldots, O_k)$ with $O_j = |\{i \in \{1, \ldots, n\} \mid X_i = x_j\}|$ We will not be referring to \underline{X} directly after this, so just ignore the fact that x_i can we can't express extracting values from a sample \underline{x} right now because the notation is the same as the values in the range. For a hypothesis $H_0: \theta = \theta_0$, we can compute the expected probabilites $\{p_1, \ldots, p_k\}$ and thus the expected frequencies $\underline{E} = (E_1, \ldots E_k)$ with $E_j = np_j$.

Proposition. In this situation, test $H_0: \theta = \theta^n$ using the **chi-squared statistic**

$$\chi^2 = \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{(O_i - E_i)^2}{E_i} \sim \chi^2_{k-m-1}$$

and $R = \{x^2 \mid x^2 > \chi^2_{k-m-1,1-\alpha}\}$

9.3.2 Proportions

9.3.3 Model Checking

9.3.4 Independence

Proposition. For two DRVs X and Y with ranges $\{x_1, \ldots x_k\}$ and $\{y_1, \ldots, y_\ell\}$, test $H_0: X$ and Y are independent by creating a **contingency table**:

where the n_{ij} are the observed frequencies and the numbers at the end of each row and column are the sums of those frequencies. Let the expected frequency at each i, j be $\frac{n_{i\bullet}n_{\bullet j}}{n}$ and perform a chi-squared test on these observations and expectations. Use the rejection region $\{x^2 \mid x^2 > \chi^2_{(k-1)(\ell-1),1-\alpha}\}$.

9.3.5 The χ^2 distribution and degrees of freedom

Proposition. The parameter of the χ^2 distribution represents the size of the sample minus the number of ways in which the expectations depend on the sample.

10 Convergence Concepts