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1 Lecture 1 Basic of Probability 2024.09.12

Theorem 1.1. Basic principle of counting

Suppose there are two experiments. Experiment 1 has n results and experiment 2 has m results.

Then together there are $m \times n$ possible outcomes.

This basic theorem could be extended to many finite experiments by induction.

Definition 1.1. Permutation

Permutation means the different ordered arrangement of objects.

Theorem 1.2. Suppose we have n objects. Then there are $n! = \prod_{i=1}^n (i) = 1 \times 2 \times \cdots \times n$ possible permutations.

Theorem 1.3. There are n objects, of which n_1 are alike, n_2 are alike, \dots, n_r are alike.

Then there are $\frac{n!}{n_1! \times n_2! \times \dots \times n_r!}$ possible outcomes.

Definition 1.2. Combination

Combination refers to selecting items from a set where order does not matter.

Theorem 1.4. If we choose r objects from a total of n different objects at a time, then the # possible combinations of $\binom{n}{r}$

Theorem 1.5. Binomial Theorem

For any positive integer $n \geq 1$

$$(x + y)^k = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} x^k y^{n-k}$$

Definition 1.3. Induction

Mathematical Induction is a proof method for natural numbers, consisting of a base case and an inductive step to show a statement holds for all natural numbers.

Mathematical Induction's basic step:

1. Basic step: The case holds when $n = 1$
2. Inductive step: Assume $n = k$ holds for some $k \geq 1$. Then $n = k + 1$ holds.

Quiz 1.1. From 8 women and 6 men, a committee of 3 men and 3 women is to be formed. How many different committees?

1. 2 of the men refuse to serve together?
2. 2 of the women refuse to serve together?
3. 1 man and 1 woman refuse to serve together?

2 Lecture 2 Probability Space 2024.09.19

Probability Space includes Sample Space, Events and Probability Measure.

Probability Space is a special case of measure theory.

Definition 2.1. Sample Space

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

Definition 2.2. Event

An event is a subset of the sample space S , denoted $E \subset S$

Definition 2.3. Set Operation

Let E, F be two events and S is the sample space.

1. **Union:** $E \cup F = \{x | x \in E \text{ or } x \in F\}$
2. **Intersection:** $E \cap F = \{x | x \in E \text{ and } x \in F\}$
3. **Complement:** $E^c = \{x | x \notin E \text{ and } x \in S\}$
4. **Different:** $E - F = \{x | x \in E \text{ or } x \notin F\}$

Definition 2.4. Extension: σ – algebra

Let \mathcal{X} be a non-empty set. \mathcal{F} is said to be a σ -algebra if:

1. $\mathbb{X} \in \mathbb{F}$
2. If $A \in \mathcal{F}$, $A^c \in \mathcal{F}$
3. If $A_1, A_2 \dots \in \mathcal{F}$, then $\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} (A_i) \in \mathcal{F}$

Theorem 2.1. De Morgan's Law

For each $n \geq 1$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n (E_i)\right)^c &= \bigcap_{i=1}^n (E_i^c) \\ \left(\bigcap_{i=1}^n (E_i)\right)^c &= \bigcup_{i=1}^n (E_i^c) \end{aligned}$$

Axiom 2.1. Axiom of Probability Let S be a sample space. For each event E , the probability $P(E)$ satisfies:

1. $0 \leq P(E) \leq 1$
2. $P(S) = 1$
3. For any sequence of mutually exclusive events E_1, E_2, \dots , we have:

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

Theorem 2.2. Basic corollaries:

1. $P(E) = 1 - P(E^c)$
2. If $E \subset F$, then $P(E) \leq P(F)$
3. $P(E \cup F) = P(E) + P(F) - P(E \cap F)$
4. Inclusion-Exclusion Identity: (Extension of the line above)

$$P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n P(E_i) - \sum_{i_1 < i_2} P(E_{i_1} \cap E_{i_2}) + \dots + (-1)^{n+1} P\left(\bigcap_{i=1}^n (E_i)\right)$$

Quiz 2.1. There are N cards numbered as $1, 2, \dots, N$. Pick 1 card uniformly at random. Write down the number and return the card. Repeat for n times ($n > N, n = N, n < N$), we get a sequence (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) .

1. $P(\text{the sequence is strictly increasing})$
2. $P(\text{the sequence is non-decreasing})$

3 Lecture 3 Conditional Probability and Independence

2024.09.26

Definition 3.1. Conditional Probability

For 2 events E, F such that $P(E) > 0$. The conditional probability F occurs given that E has occurred is denoted by:

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

This definition give a new perspective into the conditional probability:

Theorem 3.1. If each outcome of a finite sample space is equally likely, then we may compute the conditional probability of the form $P(F|E)$ by using E as the reduced sample space.

Theorem 3.2. Multiplication Law

For events E, F, we have:

$$P(E \cap F) = P(E) \times P(F|E)$$

More generally:

$$P(E_1 \cap E_2 \cap \dots \cap E_n) = P(E_1) \times P(E_2|E_1) \times P(E_3|(E_1 \cap E_2)) \dots P(E_n | \bigcap_{i=1}^{n-1} (E_i))$$

Theorem 3.2 is also called **chain rule**, which can be used in induction or some other methods.

Definition 3.2. Independence

For two events E, F. We say E and F are independent if:

$$P(E \cap F) = P(E) \times P(F) \text{ or } P(F|E) = P(F)$$

Theorem 3.3. Total Probability Formula

Let A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n be mutually exclusive with $S = \bigcup_{k=1}^n (A_k)$.

Then \forall event B:

$$P(B) = \sum_{i=1}^n P(B|A_i)P(A_i)$$

Theorem 3.4. Bayes's Theorem

Let A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n be mutually exclusive so that $S = \bigcup_{k=1}^n (A_k)$.

Then \forall event B:

$$P(A_j|B) = \frac{P(B|A_j) \times P(A_j)}{\sum_{i=1}^n P(B|A_i)P(A_i)}$$

Quiz 3.1. A gambler has a fair coin and a two-headed coin in his pocket.

1. He selects one of the coins at random; when he flips it, it shows heads. What is the probability that it is the fair coin?
2. Suppose that he flips the same coin a second time and, again, it shows heads. Now what is the probability that it is fair coin?
3. Suppose that he flips the same coin a third time and it shows tails. Now what is the probability that it is the fair coin?

4 Lecture 4 Discrete Random Variable 2024.10.10

Definition 4.1. Discrete Random Variable

A Random Variable $X : S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

If we take on at most a countable number of possible values is called discrete random R.V.

For example: 80 students, for which 70 are male. Choose 1 uniformly at random. Do this for 4 times. Let $X = \#$ of male students chosen.

Then X is a discrete R.V. taking values of $\{0,1,2,3,4\}$

Moreover:

$$\forall k \in \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}. P(X = k) = \binom{4}{k} \left(\frac{7}{8}\right)^k \left(\frac{1}{8}\right)^{4-k}$$

This is the probability mass functor of X .

Definition 4.2. Probability Mass Functor

For a discrete random variable X , we can define the probability mass functor(p.m.f), where $p(m)$ of X by

$$p(m) = P(X = m)$$

Definition 4.3. Special Random Variable

1. A random variable is said to be a **Bernoulli** random variable with parameter $p \in [0, 1]$ if:

$$P(X = 0) = 1 - p \text{ and } P(X = 1) = p$$

We say $X \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p)$

2. If we toss a coin independently for n times and let $X = \#$ of heads coming up, then X is said to be a **Binomial** random variable with parameter $p \in [0, 1]$
Denoted by $X \sim \text{Bin}(n, p)$

The possible mass functor of $\text{Bin}(n, p)$ is:

$$P(X = k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1 - p)^{n-k}$$

For example: Alice is in a class of 80 students, after 100 independent trials. We count X as the # of times where Alice is picked. Then $X \sim \text{Bin}(100, \frac{1}{80})$

Remark: Binomial R.V. equals n times the addition of Bernoulli R.V.

Definition 4.4. Poisson Random variable

Let $X = \text{Bin}(n, \frac{\lambda}{n})$ for some $\lambda > 0$.

Then let $n \rightarrow \infty$, we can get a new p.m.f, which is the p.m.f of Poisson R.V. :

$$P(X = k) = e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} \quad \forall k \geq 0$$

Denoted by $X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$

Definition 4.5. Geometry Random Variable

There is a coin having probability $p \in (0, 1)$ of coming up heads. Toss the coin until it shows up head. Let $X = \#$ of tosses needed.

Then $X \sim \text{Geometric}(p)$, then p.m.f. of which is :

$$P(X = k) = (1 - p)^{k-1} p \quad \forall k \geq 1$$

Denoted by $X \sim \text{Geometric}(p)$

The definition seems to be different from the Geometry Random Variable in Statistics. But they are actually the same.

Coupon Collector Problem:

Pick one card uniformly at random, record the number and then return the card. Repeat until we collect all the n numbers.

What is the average number of trials needed?

Definition 4.6. Expectation

For a discrete random variable, the expectation of X is defined by:

$$E(X) = \sum_{k=1}^n k P(X = k)$$

Quiz 4.1. Jim is conducting random walk on the real line starting from 0. For each time, independently of anything else, he moves one steps to the right with probability p , and to the left with probability $1 - p$. Let X_n be the position of Jim at time n . Find $P(X_n = k)$ for each $-n \leq k \leq n$

5 Lecture 5 Continuous Random Variable 2024.10.12

Definition 5.1. Probability Density Function

A non-negative function $f : (-\infty, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ is called a probability density function (p.d.f.), if:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = 1$$

Definition 5.2. Continuous Random Variable

A random variable X is called a continuous random variable if exists a p.d.f. f such that:

$$\forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}, P(a \leq X \leq b) = \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

Remark: Let $b = a$ to get:

$$P(X = a) = P(a \leq X \leq a) = \int_a^a f(x) dx = 0$$

Definition 5.3. Uniform Random Variable

A random variable $X \sim \text{Uniform}(\alpha, \beta)$, if the p.d.f. of X is:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\beta - \alpha} 1_{(\alpha, \beta)}(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\beta - \alpha} & \text{if } \alpha < x < \beta \\ 0 & \text{, otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Indicator function:

$$1_A(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x \in A \\ 0 & x \notin A \end{cases}$$

It is also called as characteristic function.

For example: Let $X \sim \text{Unif}(1, 5)$, find $P(X > 3.5)$

Solution:

$$P(X > 3.5) = P(X \geq 3.5)$$

$$P(X \geq 3.5) = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} P(3.5 \leq X \leq b)$$

$$P(X \geq 3.5) = \int_{3.5}^{\infty} f(x) dx = \frac{3}{8}$$

Definition 5.4. Exponential Random Variable

We say a X is an exponential random variable with parameter $\lambda > 0$ if the p.d.f. is:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda x} & x \geq 0 \\ 0 & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

Definition 5.5. Memoryless

We say a random variable is memoryless if:

$$P(X > t + s | X > t) = P(X > s) \quad \forall t, s > 0$$

It is easy to prove that all exponential random variables are memoryless.

Theorem 5.1. If X is memoryless, then $X \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda)$ for some $\lambda > 0$.

Moreover, we proved that memoryless random variable equals to exponential random variable.

For example: Let X be a continuous random variable with p.d.f.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda x} & x \geq 0 \\ 0 & x = 0 \end{cases}$$

Calculate $P(50 \leq X \leq 150)$

Solution:

1. Use $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = 1$, we can get $\lambda = \frac{1}{100}$
2. $P(50 \leq X \leq 150) = P(X \geq 50) - P(X > 150) = e^{-\frac{50}{100}} - e^{-\frac{150}{100}}$

Definition 5.6. Gamma function:

$$\Gamma(\alpha) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-y} y^{\alpha-1} dy$$

Moreover:

$$\text{If } \alpha = n \in \mathbb{N}, \text{ then } \Gamma(n) = (n-1)!$$

Definition 5.7. Gamma Random Variable

Let X be a Gamma Random Variable, denoted by $X \sim \text{Gamma}(n, \lambda)$, then its p.d.f. is:

$$f(x) = \frac{x^{n-1} e^{-x/\lambda}}{\lambda^n \Gamma(n)}, \quad x > 0$$

In fact, if X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n are independent $\text{Exp}(\lambda)$, then

$$X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n \sim \text{Gamma}(n, \lambda)$$

We can understand the Gamma random variable in both two ways.

Definition 5.8. Normal Random Variable

We say a $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ is a normal random variable if the density is:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} \quad \forall -\infty < x < \infty$$

Definition 5.9. Expectation

For a continuous random variable X , the expectation of X is defined by

$$EX = E(X) = E[X] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f(x) dx$$

For any function g , we have:

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

Note: Expectation is actually a integration of a measurement.

Theorem 5.2. Properties of expectation

Let X, Y be two random variables:

1. $\forall c \in \mathbb{R}, E(c) = c$
2. If $X \geq 0$, then $EX \geq 0$
3. If $c \in \mathbb{R}, E(cX) = cEX$
4. $E[X + Y] = E[X] + E[Y]$

By properties 3 and 4, we know that expectation is **linear**.

For example: $X \sim Unif(0, 1)$

$$EX = \int_0^1 x f(x) dx = \frac{1}{2}$$

Definition 5.10. Variance

The variance of X is given by:

$$Var(X) = E[(X - EX)^2]$$

Moreover, we could also calculate by:

$$Var(X) = E(X^2) - (EX)^2$$

Quiz 5.1. Prove

$$\mu = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f(x) dx \text{ and } \sigma^2 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - \mu)^2 f(x) dx$$

where:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

6 Lecture 6 Expectation and Variance of special random variable

Theorem 6.1. Expectation and Variance of C.R.V

1. For $X \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda)$, we have:

$$E(X) = \frac{1}{\lambda} \text{ and } \text{Var}(X) = \frac{1}{\lambda^2}$$

2. For $X \sim \text{Gamma}(\alpha, \lambda)$, we have:

$$E(X) = \frac{1}{\lambda} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \text{ and } \text{Var}(X) = \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + 2)}{\Gamma(\alpha)} - \left(\frac{1}{\lambda} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \right)^2$$

3. For $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$, we have:

$$E(X) = \mu \text{ and } \text{Var}(X) = \sigma^2$$

Theorem 6.2. Expectation and Variance of D.R.V

For $X \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p)$, we have:

$$E(X) = p \text{ and } \text{Var}(X) = p(1 - p)$$

For $X \sim \text{Bin}(n, p)$, we have:

$$E(X) = np \text{ and } \text{Var}(X) = np(1 - p)$$

For $X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$, we have:

$$E(X) = \lambda \text{ and } \text{Var}(X) = \lambda$$

For $X \sim \text{Geo}(p)$, we have:

$$E(X) = \frac{1-p}{p} \text{ and } \text{Var}(X) = \frac{1-p}{p^2}$$

Definition 6.1. Cumulative Distribution Function

For a random variable X , the cumulative distribution function(c.d.f.) of X is:

$$F_X(b) = P(X \leq b)$$

We notice that:

1. For discrete random variable:

$$F(b) = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{[b]} P(X = m)$$

2. For continuous random variable:

$$F'(b) = f(b)$$

But random variable have forms instead of these two kinds. See the quiz below:

Quiz 6.1. The cumulative distribution function of X is

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 0 \\ \frac{x}{2} & 0 \leq x < 1 \\ \frac{2}{3} & 1 \leq x < 2 \\ \frac{11}{12} & 2 \leq x < 3 \end{cases}$$

- (i) $P(x < 3)$
- (ii) $P(x = 1)$
- (iii) $P(x > \frac{1}{2})$

Theorem 6.3. 1. If $A_n \subset A_{n+1}, \forall n \geq 1$, then:

$$P\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n\right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(A_n)$$

2. If $B_{n+1} \subset B_n, \forall n \geq 1$, then:

$$P\left(\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n\right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(B_n)$$

Theorem 6.4. Properties of Cumulative Distribution Function:

Let F be a cumulative distribution function.

1. F is a non-decreasing function, i.e.:

$$\forall a < b, F(a) \leq F(b)$$

2. $\lim_{b \rightarrow -\infty} F(b) = 0, \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} F(b) = 1$

3. F is right continuous, i.e.:

$$\forall b \in \mathbb{R}, \forall \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = b, \text{ we have } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F(b_n) = F(b)$$

4. F has left limits, i.e.:

$$\forall b \in \mathbb{R}, \forall \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (a_n) = a, \text{ we have } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F(a_n) = F(a^-) = F(x < a)$$

Use the **theorem6.3**, we could easily prove.

For example, we take $X \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p)$, then:

$$F_X(b) = \begin{cases} 1 & b \geq 1 \\ 1 - p & 0 \leq b < 1 \\ 0, & b < 0 \end{cases}$$

It is a very traditional step function.

7 Lecture 7 Function of Random Varibale 2024.10.17

Theorem 7.1. If $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$, then:

$$Y = aX + b \sim N(a\mu + b, a^2\sigma^2), a, b \in \mathbb{R}$$

Quiz 7.1. If the pdf of X is:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\pi(1+x^2)}, \quad -\infty < x < \infty$$

Show that $Y = \frac{1}{X}$ has the same pdf.

Theorem 7.2. Let X be a continuous random variable with pdf $f_X(x)$. Suppose $g(x)$ is a strictly monotonic (increasingly or decreasing), differentiable function. Then $Y = g(X)$ has a pdf:

$$f_Y(y) = \begin{cases} f_X(g^{-1}(y)) \left| \frac{d}{dy} g^{-1}(y) \right| & \text{if } y = g(x) \text{ for some } x. \\ 0 & \text{if } y \neq g(x), \forall x \end{cases}$$

Proof: $\forall y \in \mathbb{R}, F_Y(y) = P(Y \leq y) = P(g(X) \leq y)$. Assume g is increasing. Then $g(X) \leq y \Leftrightarrow X \leq g^{-1}(y)$. So, $F_Y(y) = P(X \leq g^{-1}(y)) = F_X(g^{-1}(y))$.

Theorem 7.2 isn't useful since it has too many restrictions.

Now we do a summary on how to find a probability density function of $Y = g(X)$

1. Find the cdf of $Y = g(X)$, which means do some simple calculation.
2. Differentiate to find the density.
3. Specify in what region the result holds.

Theorem 7.3. Let $F(x)$ be the cdf of any random variable. Define for each $x \in (0, 1)$:

$$F^{-1}(x) = \sup\{y \in \mathbb{R} : F(y) < x\}$$

8 Lecture 8 Multi-variables 2024.10.24

Definition 8.1. Joint cumulative distribution function:

For any random variables X, Y the joint cumulative distribution function of X and Y is defined by:

$$F(a, b) = P(X \leq a, Y \leq b)$$

Obviously, by the axiom of probability, we should have:

$$\lim_{a, b \rightarrow \infty} (F(a, b)) = 1$$

Notice that:

$$P(X \leq a) = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} (P(X \leq a, Y \leq b))$$

Denote as $P(X \leq a) = F(a, \infty)$, and this is defined as **Marginal Probability Density Function**.

For discrete multi-random variables, we can define:

Definition 8.2. Joint probability mass function: When X, Y are both discrete random variables with p.m.f is given by p_X, p_Y .

The joint probability mass function:

$$p(X, Y) = P(X = x, Y = y)$$

Similar to the definition above, we have **Marginal Probability Mass Function**:

$$p_X(x) = \sum_y P(X = x, Y = y).$$

Similar to a single variable, we can also define independence in multi-variables.

Definition 8.3. Independent random variables

We say X, Y are independent if $\forall A, B \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$P(X \in A, Y \in B) = p(X \in A)P(Y \in B)$$

From the two definitions above, we could induce that:

Theorem 8.1. Two discrete random variables X, Y are independent if and only if $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$p(x, y) = P_X(x)P_Y(y)$$

Definition 8.4. Jointly continuous

We say X and Y are jointly continuous if there exist a function $f(x, y)$ such that

$$\forall C \subset \mathbb{R}^2, P((X, Y) \in C) = \int_{(x,y) \in C} f(x, y) dx dy$$

The function $f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$ is called the **joint probability distribution function** of X and Y .

Definition 8.5. joint cumulative distribution function:

The joint c.d.f. is then given by:

$$F_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^a \int_{-\infty}^b f(x, y) dx dy$$

The definition of independence is still the same as before.

Definition 8.6. Expectation

For any joint p.m.f $p(x, y)$ or joint p.d.f $f(x, y)$, we have a \forall function $g : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$,

$$E(g(X, Y)) = \sum_m \sum_n (g(m, n)p(m, n))$$

For example:

$$g(X, Y) = 1_{X \in A} 1_{Y \in B}$$

$$E[g(X, Y)] = E[1_{X \in A, Y \in B}] = P(X \in A, Y \in B) = \sum_m \sum_n p(m, n)$$

Or, in continuous situations:

$$E[g(X, Y)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(X, Y) f(X, Y) dx dy$$

We need to notice that $1_{X \in A}$ and $1_{Y \in B}$ are beneficial **Characteristic functions**.

Another Example: A man and a woman promised to meet at 12 : 30P.M.. Assume the time they arrive are X and Y independently and satisfy:

$$X \sim \text{Unif}(12 : 15, 12 : 45)$$

$$Y \sim \text{Unif}(12 : 00, 1 : 00)$$

1. Calculate $P(\text{the man arrive first})$

$$X \sim \text{Unif}(-0.5, 0.5) Y \sim \text{Unif}(-1, 1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(X < Y) &= \int 1_{(X < Y)} \cdot f(x, y) dx dy \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{1}{2}} dx \int_x^1 dy \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{1}{2}} (1 - x) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

2. Find the probability that the first to arrive waits no longer than 5 minutes.

$$\begin{aligned} P(|X - Y| < \frac{5}{30}) &= \iint 1_{(|X - Y| < \frac{1}{6})} \cdot f(x, y) dx dy \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{1}{2}} dx \int_{x - \frac{1}{6}}^{x + \frac{1}{6}} dy \\ &= \frac{1}{6} \end{aligned}$$

Quiz 8.1. The joint probability distribution function: of X, Y is :

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} c & \text{if } x^2 + y^2 \leq R^2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- a) Find c
- b) Find the marginal probability distribution functions of $f_X(x)$ and $f_Y(y)$.

This is the uniform distribution in circle plates.

Definition 8.7. Bivariate Normal Distribution

The joint probability of bivariate normal distribution is given by:

$$f(x, y) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_x\sigma_y\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \times \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2(1-\rho^2)^2}\left[\left(\frac{x-\mu_x}{\sigma_x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{y-\mu_y}{\sigma_y}\right)^2 - 2\rho\frac{(x-\mu_x)(y-\mu_y)}{\sigma_x\sigma_y}\right]\right\}$$

We denote it as $(X, Y) \sim N(\mu_x, \mu_y; \sigma_x^2, \sigma_y^2; \rho)$

Definition 8.8. Covariance

The covariance of X, Y is:

$$Cov(X, Y) := E[(X - EX)(Y - EY)]$$

By simple calculation, we know that:

$$Cov(X, X) = E[(X - EX)^2] = Var(X)$$

Now that we have expanded a single variable into bivariable, how can we get higher dimensions?

We could use **Matrix Form** to gain a beautiful expression of any finite dimension normal distribution.

If we let:

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{x} &= (x, y) \\ \vec{\mu} &= (\mu_x, \mu_y) \\ \Sigma &= \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_x^2 & \rho\sigma_x\sigma_y \\ \rho\sigma_x\sigma_y & \sigma_y^2 \end{bmatrix} \\ \Rightarrow \det(\Sigma) &= \sigma_x^2\sigma_y^2(1-\rho^2) \\ \Sigma^{-1} &= \frac{1}{1-\rho^2} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sigma_x^2} & -\frac{\rho}{\sigma_x\sigma_y} \\ -\frac{\rho}{\sigma_x\sigma_y} & \frac{1}{\sigma_y^2} \end{bmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

Then we have:

$$f(x, y) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{\det(\Sigma)}} \cdot \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}(\vec{x} - \vec{\mu})\Sigma^{-1}(\vec{x} - \vec{\mu})^T\right\}$$

This is a very beautiful structure with general form.

Theorem 8.2. In Bivariate Normal Distribution, the X, Y independent are equivalent with:

1. $\rho = 0$
2. $Cov(X, Y) = 0$

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To understand the structure below better, we introduce the convolution of two functions.

Definition 9.1. Convolution: Let f and g be two functions

$$(f * g)(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(\tau)g(t - \tau) d\tau \quad (1)$$

Theorem 9.1. Sum of independent random variables

Let X, Y be independent continuous random variables. And $Z = X + Y$, then we have:

$$F_Z(z) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F_X(z - y)f_Y(y)dy$$

Differentiate to obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} f_Z(z) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(z - y)f_Y(y)dy \\ &= (f_X * f_Y)(z) \end{aligned}$$

Now we compute an example:

$X, Y \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda)$, and they are independent.

Compute the p.d.f. of $X + Y$:

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} f_{X+Y}(z) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(z - y)f_Y(y) dy \\ &= \int_0^z \lambda e^{\lambda(z-y)} \times \lambda e^{-\lambda y} dy \\ &= \lambda^2 e^{-\lambda z} z \end{aligned}$$

By observation, we can easily notice that $X + Y \sim \text{Gamma}(2, \lambda)$

Quiz 9.1. If the joint p.d.f. of (X, Y) is :

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}(x + y)e^{-(x+y)}, & 0 < x, y < \infty \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Find the p.d.f. of $Z = X + Y$.

10 Lecture 10 Conditional Distribution 2024.11.07

We begin with some easy conclusions:

Theorem 10.1. Here we discuss the sum of independent discrete random variables.

1. **Poisson:** If $X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda_1)$ and $Y \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda_2)$ are two independent discrete random variables, then $X + Y \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)$
2. **Binomial:** If $X \sim \text{Bin}(n, p)$ and $Y \sim \text{Bin}(m, p)$ are two independent discrete random variables, then $X + Y \sim \text{Bin}(n + m, p)$

Proof:

1. For Poisson:

$$\begin{aligned} P(X + Y = n) &\stackrel{?}{=} \frac{(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)^n}{n!} \cdot e^{-(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)} \\ [\text{Total Probability}] &= \sum_{k=0}^n P(X + Y = n | X = k) \cdot P(X = k) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^n P(Y = n - k) \cdot P(X = k) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{\lambda_2^{n-k}}{(n-k)!} \cdot e^{-\lambda_2} \cdot \frac{\lambda_1^k}{k!} \cdot e^{-\lambda_1} \\ &= e^{-(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)} \cdot \frac{1}{n!} \cdot \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} \lambda_1^k \lambda_2^{n-k} \\ &= \frac{(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)^n}{n!} \cdot e^{-(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)} \end{aligned}$$

2. For Binomial:

$$\forall 0 \leq N \leq n + m$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(X + Y = N) &= \sum_{k=0}^{N \wedge n} P(Y = N - k | X = k) P(X = k) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{N \wedge n} \binom{m}{N-k} p^{N-k} (1-p)^{m-(N-k)} \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{N \wedge n} \binom{m}{N-k} \binom{n}{k} p^N (1-p)^{m+n-N} \end{aligned}$$

Since we don't know the specific value of N , we need to do a classification discussion.

(a) $0 \leq N \leq n \wedge m$

$$\sum_{k=0}^N \binom{m}{N-k} \binom{n}{k} p^N (1-p)^{m+n-N} = \binom{m+n}{N} p^N (1-p)^{m+n-N}$$

(b) $n \vee m \leq N \leq n + m$

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{m}{N-k} \binom{n}{k} p^N (1-p)^{m+n-N} = \binom{m+n}{N} p^N (1-p)^{m+n-N}$$

(c) $n \wedge m \leq N \leq n \vee m$ Similar hence omitted.

Definition 10.1. Conditional probability mass function:

If X, Y are two discrete random variables, we define the conditional probability mass function of X given $Y = y$:

$$\begin{aligned} P_{X|Y}(x|y) &= P(X = x | Y = y) \\ &= \frac{p(x, y)}{P_Y(y)} \end{aligned}$$

For example:

Suppose the $p(x, y)$ of (X, Y) is:

$$\begin{aligned} p(0, 0) &= 0.4 & p(0, 1) &= 0.2 \\ p(1, 0) &= 0.1 & p(1, 1) &= 0.3 \end{aligned}$$

Find the conditional distribution of X given $Y = 1$.

proof:

$$\begin{aligned} p(Y = 1) &= p(0, 1) + p(1, 1) = 0.5 \\ P(X = 0 | Y = 1) &= \frac{P(X=0, Y=1)}{P(Y=1)} = \frac{p(0,1)}{0.5} = \frac{2}{5} \\ P(X = 1 | Y = 1) &= \frac{P(X=1, Y=1)}{P(Y=1)} = \frac{p(1,1)}{0.5} = \frac{3}{5} \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we can also define:

Definition 10.2. Conditional cumulative distribution function: If X, Y are two discrete random variables, we define the conditional cumulative distribution function of X given $Y = y$:

$$\begin{aligned} F_{X|Y}(x|y) &= P(X \leq x | Y = y) \\ &= \sum_{m \leq x} P(X = m | Y = y) \\ &= \sum_{m \leq x} \frac{P(m, y)}{P(Y = y)} \end{aligned}$$

For example:

If X and Y are independent R.V.s with $X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda_1)$, $Y \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda_2)$, calculate the conditional distribution of X given $X + Y = n$.

proof: $\forall 0 \leq k \leq n$:

$$\begin{aligned} P(X = k | X + Y = n) &= \frac{P(X = k, X + Y = n)}{P(X + Y = n)} \\ &= \frac{e^{-\lambda_1} \cdot \frac{\lambda_1^k}{k!} \cdot e^{-\lambda_2} \cdot \frac{\lambda_2^{n-k}}{(n-k)!}}{e^{-(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)} \cdot \frac{(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)^n}{n!}} \\ &= \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} \cdot \left(\frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2} \right)^k \cdot \left(\frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2} \right)^{n-k} \\ &= \binom{n}{k} \cdot \left(\frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2} \right)^k \cdot \left(1 - \frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2} \right)^{n-k} \\ &\sim \text{Bin}(n, \frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2}) \end{aligned}$$

Quiz 10.1. Joint probability density function of (X, Y) is:

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} xe^{-x(y+1)} & 0 < x, y < \infty \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

1. Find $f_{X|Y}(x|y)$
2. Find $f_{Y|X}(y|x)$

Now we can see the **Total Probability Formula** from a new perspective.

Definition 10.3. Total Probability Formula:

Let A_1, \dots, A_n be mutually exclusive and $S = \bigcup_{k=1}^n A_k$. Then:

$$P(B) = \sum_{i=1}^n P(B|A_i)P(A_i)$$

The continuous version:

$$P(B) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P(B|Y = y) f_Y(y) dy$$

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Definition 11.1. Continuous version of total probability formula:

$$P(B) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P(B|Y = y) \cdot f_Y(y) dy$$

$$\left(f_Y(y) = \frac{P(B \cap \{Y = y\})}{P(Y = y)} \right)$$

$P(B|Y)$ is a P.V. of Y .

$$P(B) = E[P(B|Y)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P(B|Y = y) \cdot f_Y(y) dy$$

Now recall the Bivariate Normal Distribution:

$$f(x, y) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_x\sigma_y\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2(1-\rho^2)} \left[\left(\frac{x-\mu_x}{\sigma_x} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{y-\mu_y}{\sigma_y} \right)^2 - 2\rho \frac{(x-\mu_x)(y-\mu_y)}{\sigma_x\sigma_y} \right] \right\}$$

Let:

$$\begin{cases} X \sim \mathcal{N}((\mu_x, \sigma_x^2)) \\ Y \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_y, \sigma_y^2) \end{cases}$$

Given $Y = y$, the conditional pdf of X is:

$$\begin{aligned} f_{X|Y}(x|y) &= \frac{f(x, y)}{f_Y(y)} = \frac{f(x, y)}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_y^2}} \cdot e^{-\frac{(y-\mu_y)^2}{2\sigma_y^2}}} \\ &\sim N\left(\mu_x + \rho \cdot \frac{\sigma_x}{\sigma_y}(y - \mu_y), \sigma_x^2(1 - \rho^2)\right) \end{aligned}$$

If $\rho = 0$, then $X \sim \mathcal{N}((\mu_x, \sigma_x^2))$, $Y \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_y, \sigma_y^2)$. i.e. They are independent.

Quiz 11.1. The joint pdf of (X, Y) is:

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} 2xe^{x^2-y} & 0 < x < 1, y > x^2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Find $f_{Y|X}(y|x)$ and $P(Y \geq \frac{1}{4}|X = x)$

proof:

1.

$$f_{Y|X}(y|x) = \frac{f(x, y)}{f_X(x)} = e^{x^2-y}$$

2.

$$P(Y \geq \frac{1}{4}|X = x) = \int_{x^2 \vee \frac{1}{4}}^{\infty} f_{Y|X}(y|x) dy = \begin{cases} e^{x^2 - \frac{1}{4}} & , 0 < x < \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 & , \frac{1}{2} < x < 1 \end{cases}$$

Now we introduce a important method in solving integral problems.

Theorem 11.1. Multiple Substitution:

Let $U = g(X, Y)$ and $V = h(X, Y)$.

The joint pdf of $(U, V) = (g(X, Y), h(X, Y))$ is

$$f_{UV}(u, v) = |J(u, v)| \cdot f_{XY}(q(u, v), r(u, v))$$

For example:

Suppose (X, Y) are independent $N(0, 1)$.

$$f(x, y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot e^{-\frac{y^2}{2}}$$

Let

$$\begin{cases} X = R \cdot \cos\theta \\ Y = R \cdot \sin\theta \end{cases}, (R, \theta) \in \mathbb{R}^+ \times [0, 2\pi)$$

Consider (X, Y) jointly continuous R.V. with joint pdf $f(x, y)$.

Define:

$$\begin{cases} U = g(X, Y) \\ V = h(X, Y) \end{cases}$$

Let $K = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2, f(x, y) > 0\}$

Set $G = \{(g(x, y), h(x, y)) \in \mathbb{R}^2, (x, y) \in K\} = \{(U, V)\}$

$$K = \mathbb{R}^2, G = [0, \infty) \times [0, 2\pi)$$

The map from K to G is bijective.

Solve

$$\begin{cases} u = g(x, y) \\ v = h(x, y) \end{cases}$$

To get

$$\begin{cases} x = q(u, v) \\ y = r(u, v) \end{cases}$$

Let

$$J(u, v) = \begin{vmatrix} x_u & x_v \\ y_u & y_v \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial q(u, v)}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial q(u, v)}{\partial v} \\ \frac{\partial r(u, v)}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial r(u, v)}{\partial v} \end{vmatrix}$$

Theorem: The joint pdf of $(U, V) = (g(X, Y), h(X, Y))$ is

$$f_{UV}(u, v) = |J(u, v)| \cdot f_{XY}(q(u, v), r(u, v))$$

Hence we have:

$$f_R(R) = R \cdot e^{-\frac{R^2}{2}}$$

$$f_\Theta(\Theta) = \frac{1}{2\pi}$$

$\Rightarrow \Theta \sim \text{Unif}(0, 2\pi)$ Independent.

Definition 11.2. Box-Muller Algorithm:

Let U_1, U_2 be independent $\text{Unif}(0, 1)$. Note that:

$$F_R(r) = \int_0^r R \cdot e^{-\frac{R^2}{2}} dR = 1 - e^{-\frac{r^2}{2}}$$

Then $F_R^{-1}(u) = \sqrt{-2 \ln(1 - u)}$

By letting

$$V_1 = \sqrt{-2 \ln(1 - U_1)} \quad (or = \sqrt{-2 \ln(U_1)})$$

we get: $V_1 \stackrel{d}{=} R$

$$V_2 = 2\pi U_2 \sim \text{Unif}(0, 2\pi) \Rightarrow V_2 \stackrel{d}{=} \Theta$$

Then:

$$(V_1, V_2) \sim (R, \Theta)$$

So:

$$\begin{cases} X = V_1 \cos \cdot V_2 \\ Y = V_1 \sin \cdot V_2 \end{cases}$$

Independent $X, Y \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$

This algorithm comes from the idea of solving Gauss Integral and give a clear way of how to transform uniform random variables into normal distributed random variables.

Definition 11.3. General Form of Expectation:

For a discrete R.V. X , the expectation of X is:

$$EX = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} m \cdot P(X = m)$$

given $E|X| < \infty$.

$$E|X| = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} |m| \cdot P(X = m) < \infty$$

For a continuous R.V. X , the expectation is:

$$EX = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \cdot f(x) dx$$

Given:

$$E|X| = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x| \cdot f(x) dx < \infty$$

$$Var(X) = E[(X - EX)^2] = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} (m - EX)^2 \cdot P(X = m)$$

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Definition 12.1. Order Statistic:

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be independent identically distributed random variables with a common probability density function f and commutative density function F
Then we define an ordered sequence of X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n

$$X_{(1)} < X_{(2)} < \dots < X_{(n)}$$

Theorem 12.1. The joint probability density function of $X_{(1)}, X_{(2)}, \dots, X_{(n)}$ is:

$$f_{X_{(1)}, X_{(2)}, \dots, X_{(n)}}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = n! \times f(x_1)f(x_2) \dots f(x_n) \times 1_{x_1 < x_2 < \dots < x_n}$$

Proof:

Using [Infinitesimal Method](#): $\forall \epsilon > 0$ small, note

$$\begin{aligned} & P(X_{(1)} \in (x_1 - \frac{\epsilon}{2}, x_1 + \frac{\epsilon}{2}), \dots, X_{(n)} \in (x_n - \frac{\epsilon}{2}, x_n + \frac{\epsilon}{2})) \quad \forall x_1 < x_2 < \dots < x_n \\ &= \int_{t_1 \in (x_1 - \frac{\epsilon}{2}, x_1 + \frac{\epsilon}{2})} t_1 \cdot \int_{t_2 \in (x_2 - \frac{\epsilon}{2}, x_2 + \frac{\epsilon}{2})} t_2 \cdot \int \dots \int t_n \\ &\approx f(x_1, \dots, x_n) \cdot \epsilon^n + o(\epsilon^n) \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned}
LHS &= n! P(X_{(1)} \in (x_1 - \frac{\epsilon}{2}, x_1 + \frac{\epsilon}{2}), \dots, X_{(n)} \in (x_n - \frac{\epsilon}{2}, x_n + \frac{\epsilon}{2})) \\
&= n! \prod_{k=1}^n P(X_k \in (x_k - \frac{\epsilon}{2}, x_k + \frac{\epsilon}{2})) \\
&\approx n! \prod_{k=1}^n [f(x_k)\epsilon]
\end{aligned}$$

Hence:

$$f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = n! \prod_{k=1}^n f(x_k)$$

For example:

If X_1, \dots, X_n are i.i.d. Unif(0,1), then:

$$f_{X_{(1)}, X_{(2)}, \dots, X_{(n)}}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = n! \quad 0 < x_1 < x_2 < \dots < x_n < 1$$

For any $1 \leq j \leq n$, the marginal pdf of $X_{(j)}$ is:

$$\begin{aligned}
f_{X_{(j)}}(x) &= \frac{n!}{(n-j)!(j-1)!} \cdot P(X_1, \dots, X_{j-1} < x, X_j = x, X_{j+1}, \dots, X_n > x) \\
&= \frac{n!}{(n-j)!(j-1)!} \cdot x^{j-1}(1-x)^{n-j} \\
P(X_1 < x) &= x \quad P(X_1 > x) = 1-x \quad P(X_1 = x) \approx 1
\end{aligned}$$

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For example:

$$X \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1), E|X|^\alpha$$

For example: If $X, Y \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$, independent, find $E(|X^2 + Y^2|^\alpha)$ for $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
E(|X^2 + Y^2|^\alpha) &= \iint (x^2 + y^2)^\alpha \cdot f_{XY}(x, y) xy \\
&= \iint (x^2 + y^2)^\alpha \cdot \frac{1}{2\pi} \cdot e^{-\frac{1}{2}(x^2+y^2)} xy \\
&= \int_0^\infty rr \cdot \int_0^{2\pi} \theta \cdot (r^2)^\alpha \cdot \frac{1}{2\pi} \cdot e^{-\frac{1}{2}r^2} \\
&= \int_0^\infty r^{2\alpha+1} \cdot e^{-\frac{1}{2}r^2} r \\
&\stackrel{t=\frac{1}{2}r^2}{=} \int_0^\infty e^{-t} \cdot (\sqrt{2\pi})^{2\alpha+1} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \\
&= \begin{cases} 2^\alpha \cdot \Gamma(\alpha+1) & \forall \alpha > -1 \\ \infty & \forall \alpha \leq -1 \end{cases}
\end{aligned}$$

Theorem 13.1. Properties of Expectation:

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be R.V.s such that $E|X_i| < \infty, \forall i$.

1. If $c_0, c_1, \dots, c_n \in \mathbb{R}$, then:

$$E[c_0 + c_1 X_1 + \dots + c_n X_n] = c_0 + c_1 E X_1 + \dots + c_n E X_n$$

2. If X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n are independent, then $\forall g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n$, we have:

$$E\left[\prod_{k=1}^n g_k(X_k)\right] = \prod_{k=1}^n E[g_k(X_k)]$$

Remark: $g_1(X_1), \dots, g_n(X_n)$ are also independent.

For example:

A group of n men and n women is lined up at random.

1. Find the expectation number of men who have a women next to them.

Solution:

Let:

$$X_i = \begin{cases} 1 & , \text{If man } i \text{ has a woman next to him.} \\ 0 & , \text{Otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$EX_{total} = E[X_1 + \dots + X_n] = \sum_{k=1}^n EX_k = nEX_1$$

$$\begin{aligned} EX_1 &= P(X_1 = 1) = \frac{1}{2n} \cdot \frac{n}{2n-1} + \frac{1}{2n} \cdot \frac{n}{2n-1} + (2n-2) \cdot \frac{1}{2n} \cdot \left(1 - \frac{(n-1)(n-2)}{(2n-1)(2n-2)}\right) \\ &\Rightarrow EX_1 = \frac{3n-1}{4n-2} \\ &\Rightarrow EX_{total} = \frac{n(3n-1)}{4n-2} \end{aligned}$$

2. Repeat part 1°, but assuming that the group is randomly seated at a round table.

$$EX_{table} = n \times 2n \times \frac{1}{2n} \cdot \left(1 - \frac{(n-1)(n-2)}{(2n-1)(2n-2)}\right) = \frac{3n^2}{4n-2}$$

For example:

20 individuals, 10 married couples, 5 tables.

1. If the seating is at random, find the expected number of couples that are seated at the same table.

$$EX_{total} = 10EX_1 = 10 \times \frac{3}{19} = \frac{30}{19}$$

2. If 2 men and 2 women are randomly chosen to be seated at each table, repeat 1°

$$EX_{total} = 10EX_1 = 10 \times \frac{2}{10} = 2$$

Quiz 13.1. Suppose there are n people coming to a party, they take turns to sit, for each table it has p probability not sitting it, if there is no table for him to sit, he will start a new table.

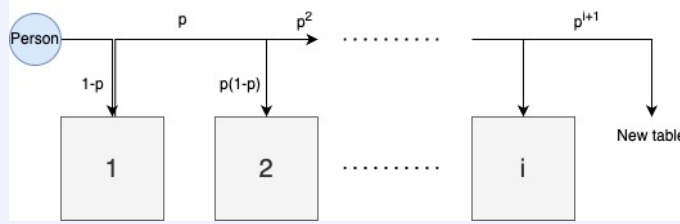


Figure 1: Quiz 13.1

What is the expectation of the numbers of table when all n people have taken their seats.

For example, this question has been discussed in lecture 4.

(Coupon - Collection problem) Suppose there are N different types of coupons, and each time it is equally likely to be any of the N types. Find expected number of coupons needed before obtaining a complete set of all the N types.

Solution:

Define X_i , $0 \leq i \leq N - 1$ to be the number of additional coupons that needed to obtain after i distinct types have been collected.

$$X_{total \ number} = X_0 + X_1 + \cdots + X_{N-1}$$

$$P(X_i = k) = \left(\frac{i}{N}\right)^{k-1} \cdot \frac{N-i}{N} \Rightarrow X_i \sim Geometric\left(\frac{N-i}{N}\right)$$

$$EX_{total \ number} = \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} EX_i = \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} E\left(Geometric\left(\frac{N-i}{N}\right)\right) = N \cdot \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{k} \approx N \cdot \ln N$$

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Theorem 14.1.

$$P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i\right) = \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{k+1} \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \cdots < i_k \leq n} P\left(\bigcap_{j=1}^k E_{i_j}\right)$$

Let:

$$X_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } E_i \text{ occurs} \\ 0 & \text{if not} \end{cases}$$

Then it is easy to prove.

The variance of X is given by:

$$\text{Var}(X) = E[(X - EX)^2] = \begin{cases} \sum_{m=-\infty}^n (m - \mu)P(X = m) \\ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - \mu)f(x) dx \end{cases}$$

Now we introduce some properties of variance:

Theorem 14.2. Properties of variance:

1. If $EX = \mu$, $\text{Var}(X) < \infty$, then:

- (a) $\text{Var}(a + bX) = b^2\text{Var}(X)$, $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}$
- (b) $\text{Var}(X) = E((x - \mu)^2) < E((x - c)^2)$, $\forall c \in \mathbb{R} \neq \mu$

2. Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be random variables with $\text{Var}(X_i) < \infty$, then:

- (a) $\text{Var}(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n [E(X_i X_j) - \mu_i \mu_j]$
- (b) If X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n are independent.

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

Proof:

1.a Easy to prove.

1.b

$$\begin{aligned} E[(x - c)^2] &= E[(x - \mu + \mu - c)^2] \\ &= E[(x - \mu)^2] + 2E[(x - \mu)(\mu - c)] + (\mu - c)^2 \\ &= E[(x - \mu)^2] + (\mu - c)^2 \\ &> E[(x - \mu)^2] \end{aligned}$$

2.a

$$\begin{aligned} LHS &= E[(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i - E(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i))^2] \\ &= E[(\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu_i))^2] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n E(X_i X_j) - \mu_i EX_j - \mu_j EX_i + \mu_i \mu_j \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n [E(X_i X_j) - \mu_i \mu_j] \end{aligned}$$

2.b Easy to prove by definition.

Definition 14.1. Corelation:

Let X, Y be two random variables.

$$\rho = \frac{Cov(X, Y)}{\sqrt{Var(X)}\sqrt{Var(Y)}}$$

To prove it, we introduce a well-known theory.

Theorem 14.3. Cauchy-Schwartz Theorem:

For all random variables X, Y :

$$|E(XY)| \leq E(|XY|) \leq \sqrt{EX^2 \times EY^2}$$

Proof:

Let X, Y be two random variables. Consider: $E[aX + Y]$ as a function of a

$$\begin{aligned} E[(aX + Y)^2] &= E[a^2X^2 + 2aXY + Y^2] \\ &= E[X^2]a^2 + 2E[XY]a + E[Y^2] \\ &\geq 0 \forall a \in \mathbb{R} \end{aligned}$$

So:

$$\Delta = (2E[XY])^2 - 4EX^2EY^2 \geq 0$$

Now we can prove $\rho \in [-1, 1]$.

Definition 14.2. Uncorrelated:

If $\rho = 0$, or $Cov(X, Y) = 0$, we say X and Y are uncorrelated.

It is obvious that if X, Y are independent, then they must be uncorrelated.

Quiz 14.1. Joint probability density function of X, Y is:

$$f(x, y) = \frac{1}{y} e^{-y - \frac{x}{y}}, x > 0, y > 0$$

Find $EX, EY, Cov(X, Y)$

Recall the conditional probability density function of X given $Y = y$ is:

$$f_{X|Y} = \frac{f(x, y)}{f_Y(y)}$$

Now we can define:

Definition 14.3. Conditional expectation:

Let X and Y be two random variables:

$$E(X|Y = y) = \int x f_{X|Y}(x|y) dx = \int x \frac{f(x, y)}{f_Y(y)} dx$$

Theorem 14.4. Total formula of probability:

If X, Y be two continuous random variables, then:

$$E(X) = \int E(X|Y = y) f_Y(y) dy$$

A Answer for Quizes

1. Quiz 1

- (a) 896
- (b) 1000
- (c) 910

2. Quiz 2

- (a) $\frac{\binom{N}{n}}{N^n}$
- (b) $\frac{\binom{N+n-1}{n}}{N^n}$

3. Quiz 3

- (a) $\frac{1}{3}$
- (b) $\frac{1}{5}$
- (c) 1

4. Quiz 4

$$P(X_n = k) = \begin{cases} \binom{n}{\frac{n+k}{2}} p^{\frac{n+k}{2}} (1-p)^{\frac{n-k}{2}} & \text{if } n+k \text{ odd} \\ 0 & \text{if } n+k \text{ even} \end{cases}$$

5. Quiz 5

6. Quiz 6

- (i) $\frac{11}{12}$
- (ii) $\frac{1}{6}$
- (iii) $\frac{3}{4}$

7. Quiz 7

8. Quiz 8

- (a) $c \frac{1}{\pi R^2}$
- (b) $f_X(x) = \frac{2}{\pi R^2} \sqrt{R^2 - x^2}$; $f_Y(y) = \frac{2}{\pi R^2} \sqrt{R^2 - y^2}$

9. Quiz 9 $f_Z(z) = \frac{1}{2} z^2 e^{-z}$

10. Quiz 10

- (a) $f_{X|Y}(x|y) = (y+1)^2 x e^{-x(y+1)}$
- (b) $f_{Y|X}(y|x) = x e^{-xy}$

11. Quiz 11

12. Quiz 12

13. Quiz 13

14. **Quiz 14**

(a) $EX = 1$

(b) $EY = 1$

(c) $Cov(X, Y) = 1$

B Extension Problem

References