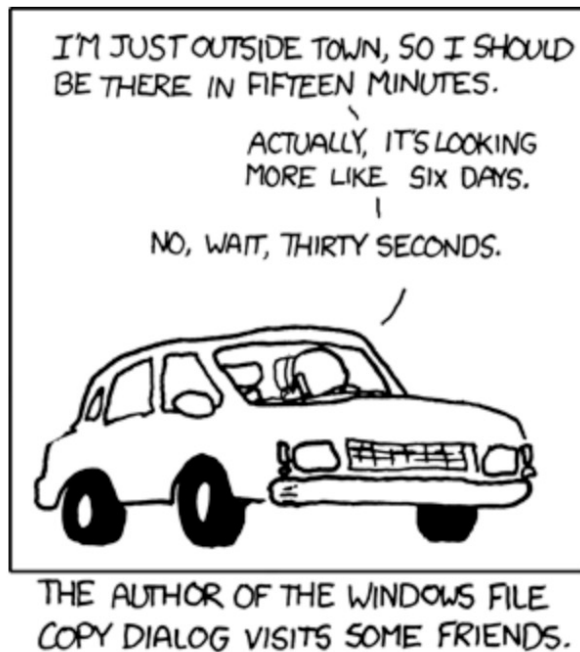


# Stat 88: Probability & Statistics in Data Science



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Lecture 12: 2/24/2022

Indicators, Unbiased estimators, Conditional expectation

Sections 5.3, 5.4, 5.5

## Agenda

- Finish up joint distributions
- 5.3
  - Method of indicators
- 5.4
  - Unbiased Estimators
- 5.5
  - Conditional expectation

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

Joint prob. mass function  
for  $X, Y$

## Joint distributions

- Draw two tickets without replacement from a box that has 5 tickets marked 1, 2, 2, 3, 3. Let  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  represent the values of the tickets drawn on the first and second draws respectively.
- Create a table of all possible outcomes for the pair  $(X_1, X_2)$  (which is also a random variable), and write down the probabilities using the multiplication rule.

	$X_2 = 1$	$X_2 = 2$	$X_2 = 3$	Marginal dsn for $X_1$ $P(X_1 = x)$
$X_1 = 1$	0	$\frac{2}{20}$	$\frac{2}{20}$	$P(X_1 = 1) = \frac{4}{20}$
$X_1 = 2$	$\frac{2}{20}$	$\frac{2}{20}$	$\frac{4}{20}$	$P(X_1 = 2) = \frac{8}{20}$
$X_1 = 3$	$\frac{2}{20}$	$\frac{4}{20}$	$\frac{2}{20}$	$P(X_1 = 3) = \frac{8}{20}$
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$$E(X_1) = \sum_x x \cdot f(x) = 1 \cdot \frac{4}{20} + 2 \cdot \frac{8}{20} + 3 \cdot \frac{8}{20} = \frac{4+16+24}{20} = 2.2$$

Marginal distributions

$$E(X_2) = 1 \cdot \frac{4}{20} + 2 \cdot \frac{8}{20} + 3 \cdot \frac{8}{20} = \frac{4+16+24}{20} = \frac{44}{20} = 2.2$$

- What is  $P(X_1 = 1)$ ? Write down the pmf for  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  done last time

$$\frac{4}{20}$$

- Are they independent? No  $P(X_1=1, X_2=1) = 0 \neq P(X_1=1) \cdot P(X_2=1)$

- Use the table to compute  $P(X_1 + X_2 = 5) = P(X_1=2, X_2=3) + P(X_1=3, X_2=2)$   
 $= \frac{4}{20} + \frac{2}{20} = \frac{6}{20} = \frac{3}{10}$
- Use the table to compute  $E(g(X_1, X_2))$ , where  $g(X_1, X_2) = |X_1 - X_2|$  (the expected distance between the two draws)

$$E(g(X_1, X_2)) = \sum_{(x,y)} g(x,y) f(x,y)$$

$$= 0 \cdot 0 + 1 \cdot \frac{2}{20} + 2 \cdot \frac{2}{20} + 1 \cdot \frac{2}{20} + 0 \cdot \frac{2}{20} + 1 \cdot \frac{4}{20} + 2 \cdot \frac{4}{20} + 1 \cdot \frac{24}{20} + 0 \cdot \frac{2}{20}$$

Exercise

- If  $S = X_1 + X_2$ , find  $E(S)$ .

Show that  $E(X_1 + X_2) = E(X_1) + E(X_2)$

$$S = X_1 + X_2$$

$X_1 \backslash X_2$	1	2	3
1	0 $\frac{2}{20}$	1 $\frac{3}{20}$	2 $\frac{4}{20}$
2	1 $\frac{3}{20}$	0 $\frac{4}{20}$	1 $\frac{5}{20}$
3	2 $\frac{4}{20}$	1 $\frac{5}{20}$	0 $\frac{6}{20}$

$$g(X_1, X_2) = |X_1 - X_2|$$

(g)

Let  $X, Y$  be r.v.

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

Marginal dsn of  $X$  is denoted by  $P(X=x) = f_X(x)$

Marginal dsn for  $Y$  is  $f_Y(y) = P(Y=y)$

$$f_X(x)P(X=x) = \sum_y P(X=x, Y=y) = \sum_y f(x, y)$$

$$f_Y(y) = P(Y=y) = \sum_x P(X=x, Y=y) = \sum_x f(x, y)$$

We say that  $X$  &  $Y$  are independent if

$$f(x, y) = f_X(x) \cdot f_Y(y) \quad \left. \vphantom{f(x, y)} \right\} \textcircled{\star}$$

for every possible pair  $(x, y)$

And if  $\textcircled{\star}$  is true then  $X$  &  $Y$  are independent.

### Example

A joint p.m.f for 2 r.v.  $M, S$

is given below.

① Find  $E(M)$

② Are  $M$  &  $S$  indep.

$S \backslash M$	$M=2$	$M=3$	$f_s(s)$
$S=2$	0	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{3}$
$S=3$	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{2}{3}$
$P(M=m)$	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{2}{3}$	

$$\textcircled{1} \quad E(M) = 2 \cdot f_M(2) + 3 \cdot f_M(3) = 2 \cdot \frac{1}{3} + 3 \cdot \frac{2}{3} = \frac{8}{3}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad P(M=2, S=2) = 0 \neq P(M=2)P(S=2)$$

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### Indicators

A r.v.  $I_A$  is called the

Indicator function for an event  $A$  if

$$I_A = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } A \text{ is true} \\ 0 & \text{if } A \text{ is false} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} E(I_A) &= 1 \cdot P(A) + 0 \cdot P(A^c) \\ &= P(A) \end{aligned}$$

## Method of indicators



- **Additivity of Expectation:** This is a very useful property - no matter what the joint distribution of  $X$  and  $Y$  may be, we have:

$$E(X + Y) = E(X) + E(Y)$$


- Whether  $X$  and  $Y$  are dependent or independent, this additivity property holds, making it enormously useful.
- We also have linearity:  $E(aX + bY) = aE(X) + bE(Y)$
- Recall that we talked about “**classifying and counting**” - that is, we divide up the outcomes into those that we are interested in (successes), and everything else (failures), and then count the number of successes.
- We can represent these outcomes as 0 and 1, where 1 marks a success and 0 and failure, so if we model the trials as **draws from a box**, we can count the number of success by counting up the number of times we drew a 1.
- We can represent each draw as a Bernoulli trial, where  $p = P(S)$

$I_A$ ,  $\mathbb{1}_A \rightarrow 1$  b/c indicator is 1 if  $A$  is true

## Using indicators and additivity

- For example, say we roll a die 10 times, and success is rolling a 1. 
- Then  $p = 1/6$ , and we can define a Bernoulli rv as  $X = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{w.p. } 5/6 \\ 1, & \text{w.p. } 1/6 \end{cases}$  
- We can also define an event  $A$ : let  $A$  be the event of rolling a 1 and define a rv  $I_A$  aka  $\mathbf{1}_A$  that takes the value 1 if  $A$  occurs and 0 otherwise.
- This is a Bernoulli rv, what is its expectation (in terms of  $A$ )?

$$P(A)$$

- Now let  $X \sim \text{Bin}(10, \frac{1}{6})$ , so  $X$  counts the number of successes in 10 rolls. Let's find  $E(X)$  using additivity and indicators: 

Let  $A_1$  be the event of rolling  on 1st roll

Let  $A_2$  " " "  " 2nd roll

Let  $A_k$  " " "  "  $k^{\text{th}}$  roll

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$$1 \leq k \leq 10$$

$$X = I_{A_1} + I_{A_2} + \dots + I_{A_{10}}$$

$$E(X) = \sum_{k=1}^{10} E(I_{A_k}) = 10 \cdot \frac{1}{6}$$

$$E(I_{A_1} + I_{A_2} + \dots + I_{A_{10}}) = E(I_{A_1}) + E(I_{A_2}) + \dots + E(I_{A_{10}})$$



$$E(X) = \sum_x x \cdot f(x)$$

$$X \sim \text{Bin}(n, p)$$

Using indicators to compute expected value

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

- Binomial

$$E(X) = \sum_{x=0}^n \left[ \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x} \right] x$$

Define  $A_1$  to the event of a S in 1st trial  $\rightarrow I_{A_1}$ ,  $E(I_{A_1}) = 1 \cdot p + 0(1-p) = p$   
 $A_2$  " " " S in 2nd trial  $\rightarrow I_{A_2}$

$$X = I_{A_1} + I_{A_2} + I_{A_3} + \dots + I_{A_n}$$

$$E(X) = E(I_{A_1} + I_{A_2} + \dots + I_{A_n}) = \sum_{k=1}^n E(I_{A_k}) = \sum_{k=1}^n p = n \cdot p$$

- Hypergeometric: Did we use the independence of the trials for the binomial? If not, we can use the same method to compute the expected value of a hypergeometric rv:

$$X \sim \text{HG}(N, G, n)$$

$$\text{Again let } X = I_{A_1} + I_{A_2} + \dots + I_{A_n}$$

$$I_{A_k} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if S on } k^{\text{th}} \text{ draw} \\ 0 & \text{o/w} \end{cases} = G/N$$

$$\text{Show } E(X) = n \cdot G/N$$


## Using indicators

**Exercise 5.7.6:** A die is rolled 12 times. Find the expectation of:

- a) the number of times the face with five spots appears
- b) the number of times an odd number of spots appears
- c) the number of faces that don't appear
- d) the number of faces that do appear

(a) Let  $X = \#$  of times a  is rolled in 12 rolls

Want  $E(X)$  .  $X \sim \text{Bin}(12, 1/6)$   $E(X) = 2 = 12 \cdot \frac{1}{6}$

Exercise Find  $E(X)$  using indicator functions  
Let  $A_k$  be the event of rolling  on  $k^{\text{th}}$  roll.

(c) A die is rolled 12 times. Want the expected # of faces that don't appear.

Let  $X = \#$  of faces that don't appear.

Let  $A_k$  be the event that  $k^{\text{th}}$  face <sup>does not</sup> appears,  $k=1,2,\dots,6$

$$I_{A_k} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } A_k \text{ is true} \\ 0, & \text{o/w} \end{cases} \quad \begin{array}{l} A_1 \text{ is true.} \\ \square \text{ does not appear} \end{array}$$

$$P(A_1) = \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^{12}, \quad P(A_k) = \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^{12}$$

$$X = I_{A_1} + I_{A_2} + \dots + I_{A_6}$$

$$E(X) = E(I_{A_1}) + E(I_{A_2}) + \dots + E(I_{A_6})$$

$$= 6 \cdot \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^{12} \quad \begin{array}{l} \nwarrow \text{\# of faces} \\ \nearrow \text{\# of rolls} \end{array}$$

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(d)  $I_{A_1} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \square \text{ appears at least once} \\ 0 & \text{o/w} \end{cases}$

## Example

- Let  $X$  be the number of spades in 7 cards dealt with replacement from a well shuffled deck of 52 cards containing 13 spades. Find  $E(X)$ .

- Write down what  $X$  is

$$X = \# \text{ of spades in 7 cards.}$$

- Define an indicator for the  $k$ th trial:  $I_k$

$$I_k = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } k^{\text{th}} \text{ draw is } \spadesuit \\ 0 & \text{o/w} \end{cases} \quad P(I_k = 1) = \frac{1}{4} = \frac{13}{52}$$

- Find  $p = P(I_k = 1) = \frac{1}{4}$

- Write  $X$  as a sum of indicators

$$X = I_1 + I_2 + I_3 + I_4 + I_5 + I_6 + I_7$$

- Now compute  $E(X)$  using additivity

$$E(X) = 7 \cdot \frac{1}{4} = 7/4$$

- Do the same thing if we deal 7 cards **without replacement**.

Same as above, by symmetry.

## Missing classes

- We can use indicators to compute the chance that something *doesn't* occur.
- For example, say we have a box with balls that are red, white, or blue, with 35% being red, 30% being white, and 35% blue. If we draw  $n$  times with replacement from this box, what is the expected number of colors that *don't* appear in the sample?

## Examples

1. An instructor is trying to set up office hours during RRR week. On one day there are 8 available slots: 10-11, 11-noon, noon-1, 1-2, 2-3, 3-4, 4-5, and 5-6. There are 6 GSIs, each of whom picks one slot. Suppose the GSIs pick the slots at random, independently of each other. Find the expected number of slots that no GSI picks.

## Examples

- A building has 10 floors above the basement. If 12 people get into an elevator at the basement, and each chooses a floor at random to get out, independently of the others, at how many floors do you expect the elevator to make a stop to let out one or more of these 12 people?