

Basic Statistics for Economists

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Last time

Combinatorics

- Choose with or without replacement
- Does order matter or does order not matter? $(0! = 1)$
- Permutations and combinations (faculty e.g. $5! = 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1$)

	Order matters	Order does not matter
With replacement	n^x	$\binom{n+x-1}{x}$
Without replacement	$P_x^n = \frac{n!}{(n-x)!}$	$C_x^n = \binom{n}{x} = \frac{n!}{x!(n-x)!}$

Last time

Probability Theory

- Interpretations of probability
- The postulates in NCT (Kolmogorov's axioms)
- Calculation rules

- Complement rule

$$P(\bar{A}) = 1 - P(A)$$

- Addition rule

$$P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$$

- Conditional probability

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$$

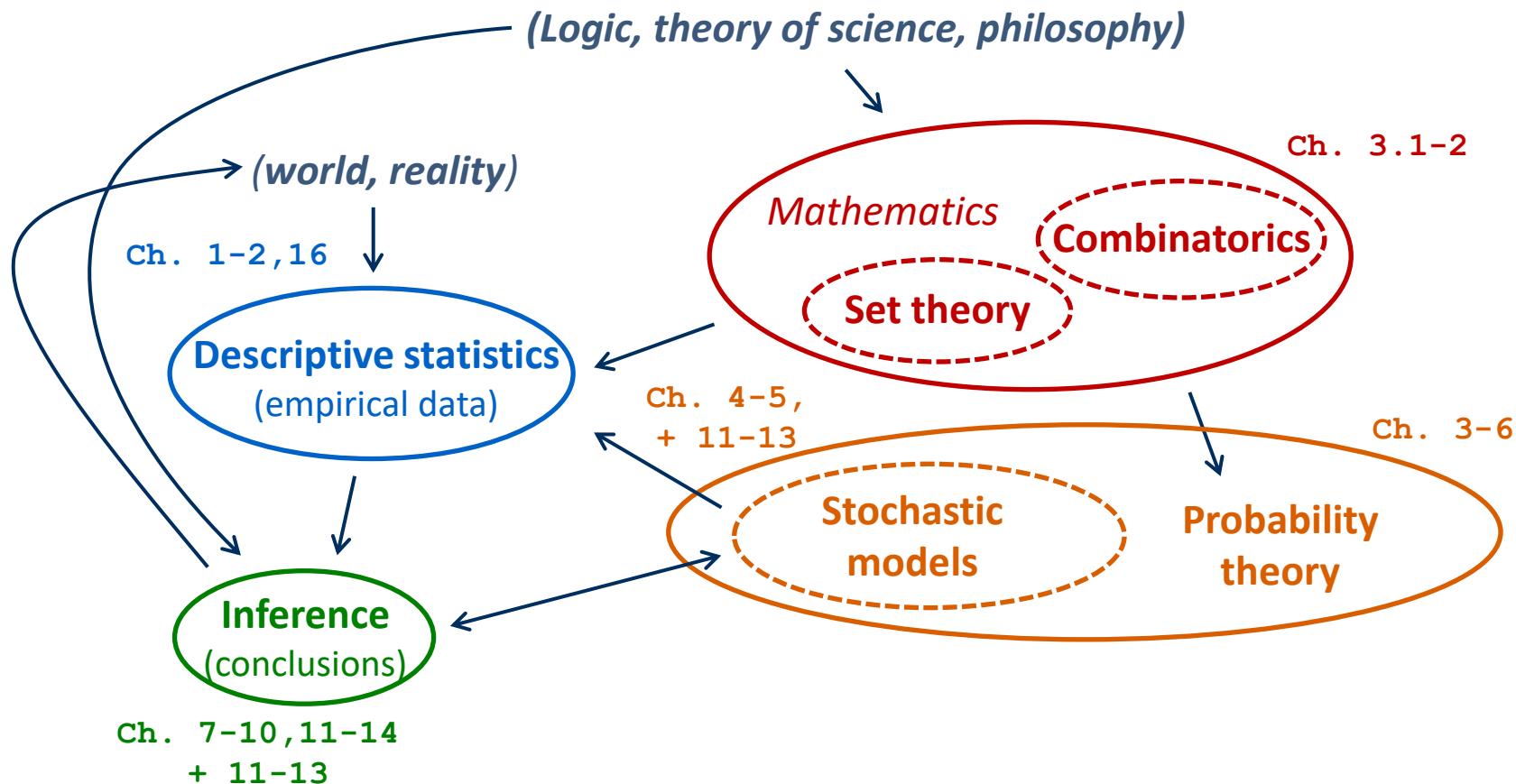
- Multiplication rule

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A|B) \cdot P(B) = P(B|A) \cdot P(A)$$

- Independence

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A) \cdot P(B)$$

Previously



Today

- ***Probability Theory***
 - Bayes' theorem
- ***Random variables (models)***
 - What is a random variable? (abbreviated r.v.)
 - Probability distributions for discrete r.v.
 - Expectation and variance of r.v.
 - Linear transformations
 - A particularly common distribution:

The Binomial Distribution

More on conditioning

- The probability of an intersection maybe unknown, but possible to calculate:

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A|B) \cdot P(B) = P(B|A) \cdot P(A)$$

Multiplication rule
L4 p. 27

- Hence, one can calculate the **reversed conditional probabilities**:

$$P(B|A) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(A)} = \frac{P(A|B) \cdot P(B)}{P(A)}$$

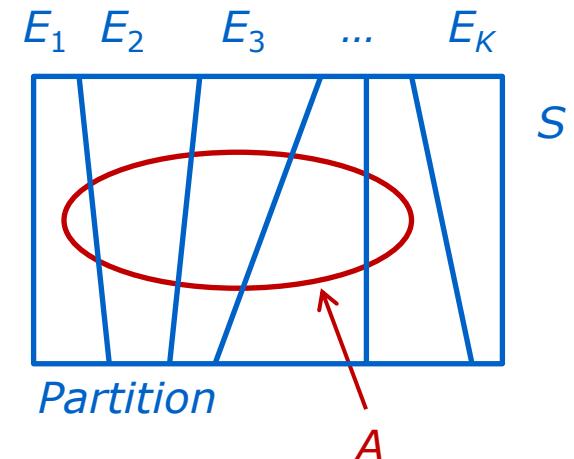
- It is common that stated probabilities are conditional, even though it might not be obvious

The Theorem of Total Probability

- If the events E_1, E_2, \dots, E_K are *disjoint*
- and E_1, E_2, \dots, E_K *cover* S :

$$E_1 \cup E_2 \cup \dots \cup E_K = S$$

- Then the collection E_1, E_2, \dots, E_K is called a **partition** of S .
- Consider an event A and a partition E_1, E_2, \dots, E_K



$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{P}(A) &= \mathbf{P}(A \cap E_1) + \mathbf{P}(A \cap E_2) + \dots + \mathbf{P}(A \cap E_K) \\ &= \mathbf{P}(A|E_1)\mathbf{P}(E_1) + \mathbf{P}(A|E_2)\mathbf{P}(E_2) + \dots + \mathbf{P}(A|E_K)\mathbf{P}(E_K) \\ &= \sum_i \mathbf{P}(A|E_i)\mathbf{P}(E_i) \end{aligned}$$

Exercise: burglary in single family homes

- An insurance company, *Småhusförsäkring*, insures homes in Solna, Danderyd och Ekerö. **What is the probability that a random customer gets their home burglarized.**
- The probability that an insured home is burglarized during 2019 is
 - Solna: 5%
 - Danderyd: 3%
 - Ekerö: 0,5%
- Where the customers live (no customer owns more than one home):
 - 10% live in Solna (E_1)
 - 30% live in Danderyd (E_2)
 - 60% live in Ekerö (E_3)

$\{E_1, E_2, E_3\}$ is a partition of the sample space of all the company's customers. Do you see why?

Solution

- Let A be the event that a given customer's home is burglarized during 2019. The probability that a randomly chosen customer is subject to burglary is then:

$$P(A) = \sum_{i=1}^3 P(A | E_i) P(E_i)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= P(A | E_1) P(E_1) + P(A | E_2) P(E_2) + P(A | E_3) P(E_3) \\ &= 0,05 \cdot 0,10 + 0,03 \cdot 0,30 + 0,005 \cdot 0,60 = 0,017 = 1,7\% \end{aligned}$$

Bayes' theorem (3.15) p. 135

- The events $E_1 \dots E_K$ are disjoint and cover all of S
- You also need an event A
- You have all the probabilities $P(E_i), \dots, P(E_k)$, and the conditional probabilities $P(A|E_1), \dots, P(A|E_k)$
- **Bayes theorem:**

$$P(E_i|A) = \frac{P(E_i \cap A)}{P(A)} = \frac{P(A|E_i)P(E_i)}{P(A)} = \frac{P(A|E_i)P(E_i)}{\sum_k P(A|E_k)P(E_k)}$$

Exercise, Bayes' theorem

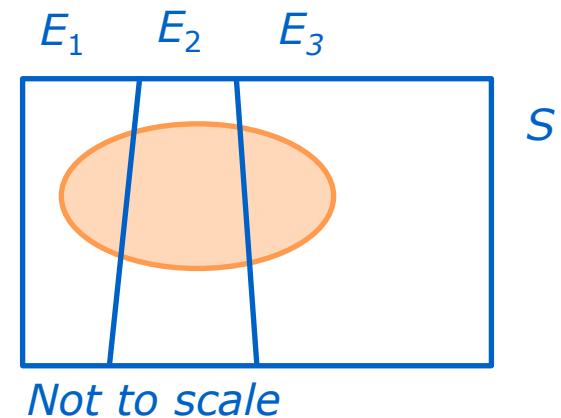
- Returning to the burglary example:
- The probability of burglary during 2018 is
 - Solna: 5%
 - Danderyd: 3%
 - Ekerö: 0,5%
- The customers:
 - 10% live in Solna (E_1)
 - 30% live in Danderyd (E_2)
 - 60% live in Ekerö (E_3)
- One of the customers reports the first burglary of the year. **What is the probability that they live in Solna?**



Solution

$$P(E_i|A) = \frac{P(E_i \cap A)}{P(A)} = \frac{P(A|E_i)P(E_i)}{P(A)} = \frac{P(A|E_i)P(E_i)}{\sum_k P(A|E_k)P(E_k)}$$

- Earlier, we found that $P(A) = 0,017$
- $P(A | E_1) = P(\text{burglary} | \text{the customer lives in Solna}) = 0,05$
- $P(E_1) = P(\text{customer lives in Solna}) = 0,1$
- $P(E_1|A) = \frac{P(A|E_1) P(E_1)}{P(A)} = \frac{0,05 \cdot 0,1}{0,017} \approx 0,29$



Random Variables

Also: ***stochastic variables***

- Suppose we have an experiment, the possible outcomes of which are ***numbers***
- Variables = something that varies
- Random variables = something that varies randomly
- Denoted by capital letters:

X, Y, Z, \dots

Notation

Earlier:

- Capital letters A, B, C, \dots denoted events
- Probabilities: $P(A), P(A \cup B), P(A|B), \dots$

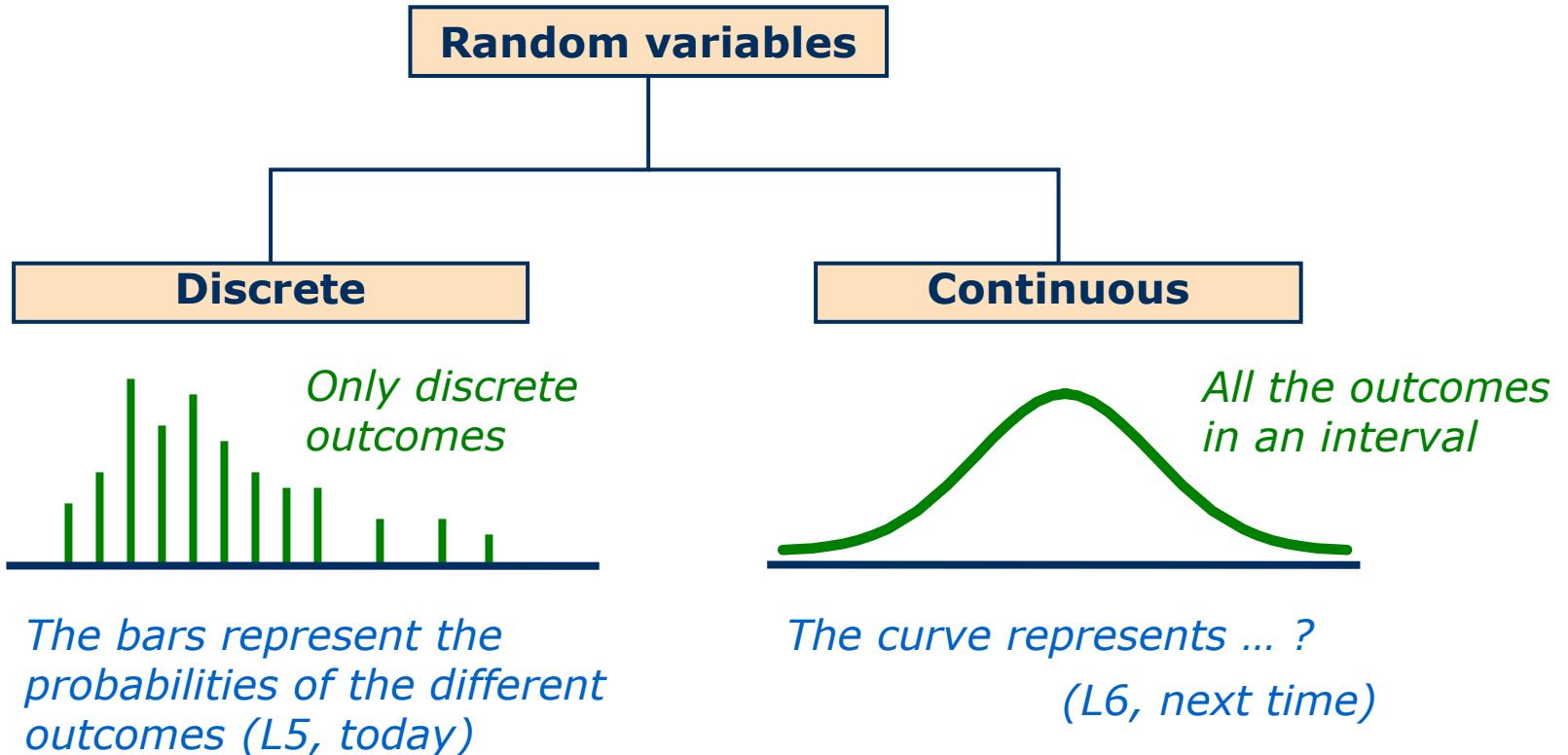
With the notation for a r.v. X we may describe the events in a compact way:

- Events: " $X = 2$ ", " $X > 3$ ", " $X \neq 4$ " , " $X < 2 \cup X > 5$ " ...
- **Probability of events:**
 $P(X = 2), P(X < 2 \cup X > 3), P(X < 2|X < 3) \dots$
- Instead of $P(\text{The die shows less than two or more than three}) \dots$

Conditional
Probability

Random variables, continued

- Two types



Example of a discrete random variable

A customer buys $n = 10$ units of some product

Let X = "the number out of the 10 that malfunctions within a year"

- Sample space: $S_X = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 10\}$
- S_X = elementary disjoint outcomes of the experiment (numbers)
- We may define events as we wish:

$$A = \{0, 1, 2\}$$

$$0 \leq X \leq 2$$

$$X < 3$$

$$\bar{A} = \{3, \dots, 10\}$$

$$2 < X \leq 10$$

$$X \geq 3$$

$$B = \{0, 1, \dots, 9\}$$

$$\bar{B} = \{10\}$$

$$X = 10$$

$$C = \{11\}$$

$$11 \notin S$$

Notice! For discrete r.v. it matters whether the inequality is strict or not.



The probability distribution function

- Or probability function or probability distribution or just the distribution (*abbreviated: pdf*)
- Denoted $P(X = x)$ or $P(x)$
- If we have many r.v., we may clarify which one you are referring to by using indices, e.g. $P_X(x)$, $P_Y(y)$

$P_X(x)$ represents the probability that X takes the value x . $P_X(x)$ is a function of x .

We will write: $P(X = 5) = P_X(5)$. Lower case x is replaced by a number. The function evaluated at that number gives us a probability.

The probability function, continued

Conditions: the probability of all disjoint, elementary outcomes $x \in S_X$, given by $P_X(x)$ has to be ≥ 0 and sum up to 1:

$$P_X(x) \geq 0 \quad \forall x \in S_X \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{x \in S} P_X(x) = 1$$

cumulative distribution function (abbreviated cdf):

$$F_X(x_0) = P(X \leq x_0) = \sum_{x \leq x_0} P_X(x) \quad \text{Compare to the cumulative frequencies from F2.}$$

The probability that X does not exceed the value x_0 . F_X is a function of x_0 .



Example

- Consider the following probability function:

x	1	2	3	4	Summa
$P_X(x)$	0,25	0,40	0,25	0,10	1,00
$F_X(x)$	0,25	0,65	0,90	1,00	

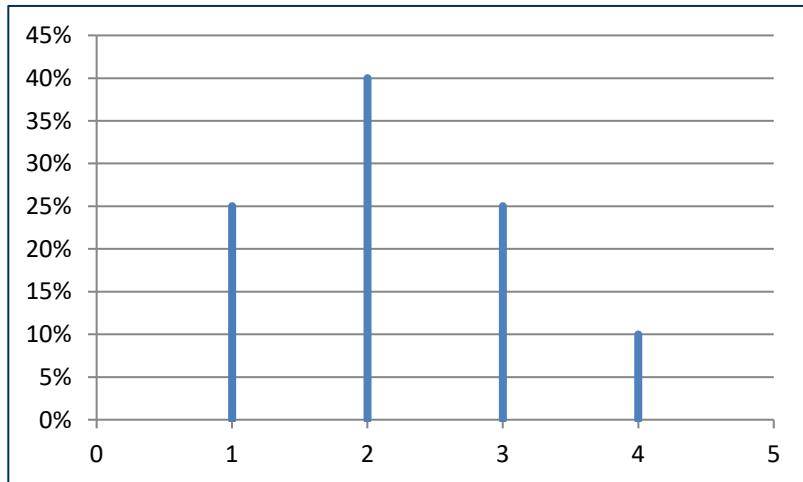
Calculate:

- $P(X = 3) =$ [read directly from the table] = 0,25
- $P(X \leq 3) = F_X(3) =$ [from the table] = 0,90
- $P(X \geq 3) = P_X(3) + P_X(4) = 0,25 + 0,10 = 0,35 = 1 - F_X(2) = 1 - 0,65$
- $P(X > 3) = P_X(4) = 0,10$

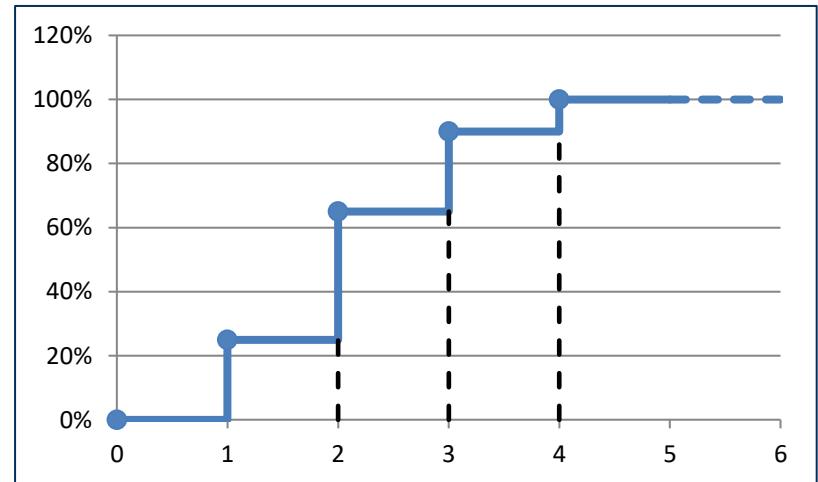
Graphically

- A random variable X with $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$:

The probability function
 $P_X(x) = P(X = x)$



The cumulative probability function
 $F_X(x_0) = P(X \leq x_0)$



Summary measures

- The probability function $P_X(x)$ contains all necessary information about X .
 - *Assumed but not stated: we know what S_X is.*
- **Summary measures** describe some important attributes of a probability function.
- **"Location" – expected value**
 - theoretical average, what we can expect the average to be
- **"Spread" – variance**
 - How spread out the values are



The expected value of a discrete r.v.

Expected value is defined as: $\mu_X = E[X] = \sum_{x \in S_X} x P_X(x)$

- Expected value, mean, average
- The expected value is a **weighted mean** of the elements in S_X where the weights are the probability of each element.
- Compare to the empirical mean in F2:

$$\bar{x} = \sum_{k=0}^c \left(k \cdot \frac{n_k}{n} \right)$$

Proportion with value k

What happens as $n \rightarrow \infty$?



Example: The expectation of a Minitriss scratch card

The contribution to the expected value of the 5000 kr winning tickets

Expected value	Number of tickets	Win	P(Win = x)	x·P(Win=x)
	1	100 000	0,000001	0,1
	60	5 000	0,00006	0,3
	3000	100	0,003	0,3
	30000	30	0,03	0,9
	110000	20	0,11	2,2
	110000	10	0,11	1,1
	746939	0	0,746939	0
sum	1000000		1	4,9

The probability of winning 5000kr is calculated as the number of tickets with the prize 5000kr (60), divided by the total number of tickets (one million)

A not-yet-scratched minitriss card has an expected value of 4,90 kr. The cost of a minitriss is 10 kr, so your expected net win if you buy a ticket is: $4,90 - 10 = -5,10$.

Variance of a discrete r.v.

Variance is defined as:

$$\sigma_X^2 = \text{Var}(X) = \sum_{x \in S_X} (x - \mu_X)^2 P_X(x)$$

- A weighted average of the squared distance to the expected value

- Compare to the empirical variance:

$$s_x^2 = \sum_{k=0}^c (k - \bar{x})^2 \frac{n_k}{n-1}$$

- Alternative formula: $\sigma_X^2 = E(X^2) - \mu_X^2 = \left(\sum_{x \in S_X} x^2 P_X(x) \right) - \mu_X^2$

Example

- Return of investment Y in thousands of dollars

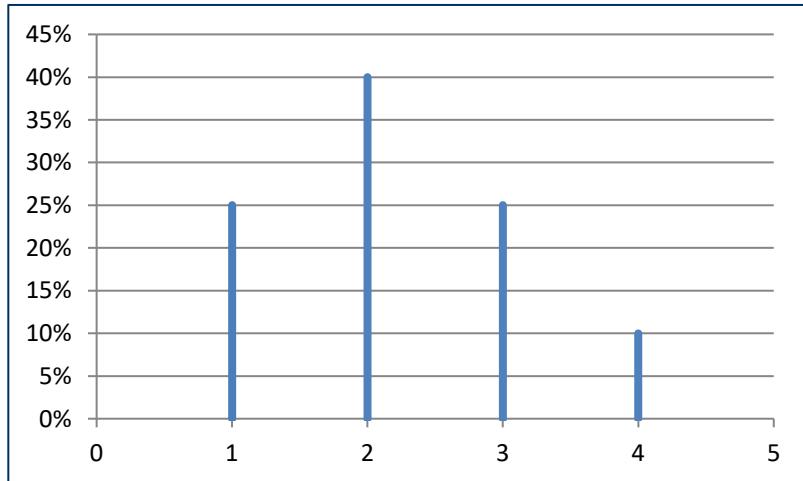
y	$P(y)$	$yP(y)$	$y - \mu$	$(y - \mu)^2$	$(y - \mu)^2 P(y)$
-3	0,25	-0,75	-5	25	6,25
2	0,50	1,00	0	0	0
7	0,25	1,75	5	25	6,25
Sum	1,00	2	0	-	12,5

- $\mu_Y = E(Y) = -3 \cdot 0,25 + 2 \cdot 0,50 + 7 \cdot 0,25 = 2$
- $\sigma_Y^2 = \text{Var}(Y) = (-3 - 2)^2 \cdot 0,25 + (2 - 2)^2 \cdot 0,50 + (7 - 2)^2 \cdot 0,25 = 12,5$

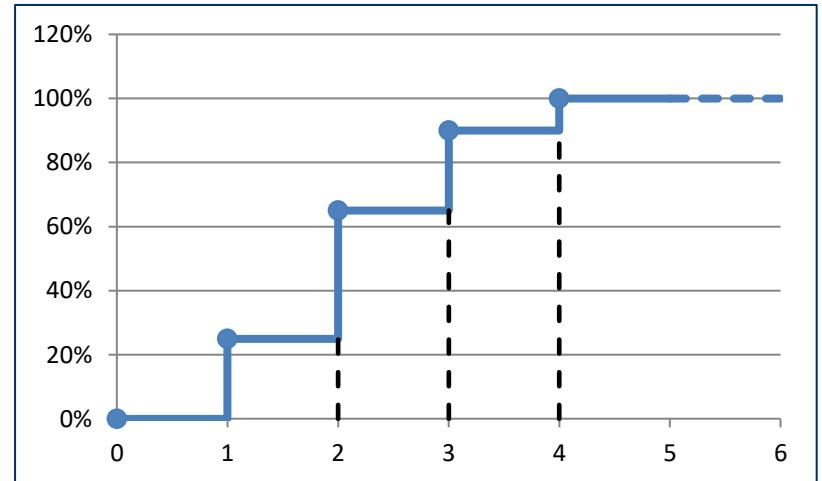
Previous example

- A random variable X with $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$:

Probability function
 $P_X(x) = P(X = x)$



Cumulative probability function
 $F_X(x_0) = P(X \leq x_0)$



Previous example

- The same pdf as in the previous example:

x	1	2	3	4	Sum
$P(x)$	0,25	0,40	0,25	0,10	1,00
$xP(x)$	0,25	0,80	0,75	0,40	2,20

$$\mu_X = 2,20$$

$x - \mu$	-1,20	-0,20	0,80	1,80	
$(x - \mu)^2$	1,44	0,04	0,64	3,24	
$(x - \mu)^2 P(x)$	0,36	0,016	0,16	0,324	0,86

$$\sigma_X^2 = 0,86$$

x^2	1	4	9	16	
$x^2 P(x)$	0,25	1,60	2,25	1,60	5,70

$$\sigma_X^2 = E(X^2) - \mu_X^2 = 5,70 - 2,20^2 = 0,86$$

The expected value of a function of a r.v.

- We can calculate the expected value of any function $g(x)$:

$$E[g(X)] = \sum_x g(x)P(x)$$

 *g(x) instead of just x*

- Example:

$$E[\ln(X)] = \sum_x (\ln(x) \cdot P(x))$$

$$E(X^2) = \sum_x (x^2 \cdot P(x))$$

- But observe that in general $E[g(X)] \neq g(E[X]) = g(\mu)$

Special case – Linear combinations

- A function of the type $Y = g(X) = a + bX$ is called a **linear combination**
- Suppose $E(X) = \mu_X$ and $\text{Var}(X) = \sigma_X^2$

Then:

$$\mu_Y = E(Y) = E(a + bX) = a + b\mu_X$$

$$\sigma_Y^2 = \text{Var}(Y) = \text{Var}(a + bX) = b^2 \sigma_X^2$$

Notice! **b** squared, **b^2**

- If you have a linear function $Y = g(X)$ you may calculate expected value and variance of Y directly.

Example

X = temperature in Celsius and Y = temperature in Fahrenheit

- Linear function:
$$Y = 32 + \frac{9}{5}X \quad a = 32 \text{ and } b = \frac{9}{5}$$
- Suppose that the average temperature is $\mu_X = 20$ and $\sigma_X^2 = 5$
$$\mu_Y = a + b\mu_X = 32 + \frac{9}{5} \cdot 20 = 68 \quad \sigma_Y^2 = b^2 \sigma_X^2 = \frac{81}{25} \cdot 5 = 16,2$$

Standardization

Standardization **IMPORTANT!**

Suppose

$$Z = \frac{X - \mu_X}{\sigma_X} = -\frac{\mu_X}{\sqrt{\sigma_X^2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{\sigma_X^2}} \cdot X$$

$$\mu_Z = -\frac{\mu_X}{\sqrt{\sigma_X^2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{\sigma_X^2}} \cdot \mu_X = 0 \quad \sigma_Z^2 = b^2 \sigma_X^2 = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\sigma_X^2}}\right)^2 \cdot \sigma_X^2 = 1$$

Bernoulli experiment

- A simple experiment with only **two** possible outcomes:
Yes or No, Success or Failure, ...
- Let $X = 1$ if success and $X = 0$ if failure; $S_X = \{0, 1\}$
- Suppose that $P(X = 1) = P_X(1) = P$ where $0 \leq P \leq 1$

x	$P_X(x)$	$xP_X(x)$	$x - \mu$	$(x - \mu)^2$	$(x - \mu)^2 P_X(x)$
1	P	P	$1 - P$	$(1 - P)^2$	$(1 - P)^2 P$
0	$1 - P$	0	$-P$	P^2	$P^2(1 - P)$

- $\mu_X = 1 \cdot P + 0 \cdot (1 - P) = P$
- $\sigma_X^2 = (1 - P)^2 P + P^2(1 - P) = P(1 - P)(1 - P + P) = P(1 - P)$



Bernoulli distribution

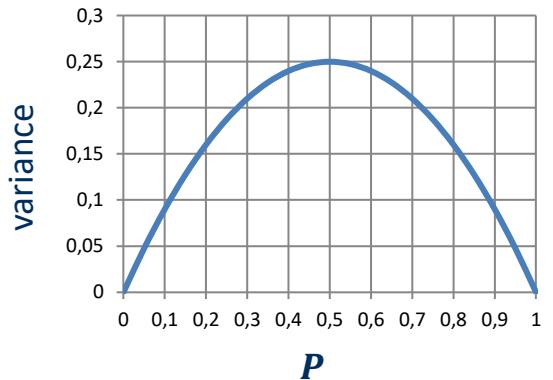
- P is called the **parameter** of the distribution
 - The value of P determines everything: probabilities, expected value and variance
 - We get a family of distributions depending on the choice of P
- For different values of P , what is $\sigma_X^2 = P(1 - P)$:

$$P = 0 \Rightarrow P(1 - P) = 0 \quad P = 1 \Rightarrow P(1 - P) = 0$$

- For what value of P is σ_X^2 greatest?
 - Set the derivative w.r.t. P to zero

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial P} P(1 - P) = 1 - 2P = 0 \Rightarrow P = 0.5$$

$$\Rightarrow P(1 - P) = 0.25$$



The probability function for Bernoulli

- A summary formula, a function of x
- Calculate the probabilities for all the possible outcomes of the Bernoulli distribution
- $P(x) = P^x(1 - P)^{1-x}$ for $x = 0$ eller 1
- Plug in:
 $x = 0 \Rightarrow P^0(1 - P)^{1-0} = 1 \cdot (1 - P) = 1 - P$
 $x = 1 \Rightarrow P^1(1 - P)^{1-1} = P \cdot 1 = P$
- ***This confirms what we knew. Not exciting, but wait! This will get more exciting...***

Many Bernoulli experiments

- Imagine that we repeat the Bernoulli experiment n times
 - **Independent** trials and the **same value of P** each time
- IMPORTANT!** **IMPORTANT!**
- For each trial, we record whether the result was 0 or 1
 - $X_i = 1$ if success and $X_i = 0$ if failure for trial number i , $i = 1, \dots, n$
 - Define r.v. $X = \text{"number of 1's after } n \text{ trials"}$
 - Observe that $X = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n$
 - What is the distribution of X ? How do you calculate $P(X = x)$?

Binomial distribution

Let X = the sum of n independent Bernoulli distributed r.v. with constant value for P .

Then X is **Binomially distributed** r.v. with pdf:

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

The probability P and the number of trials n is the **parameters** of the distribution. We write $X \sim \text{Bin}(n, P)$.

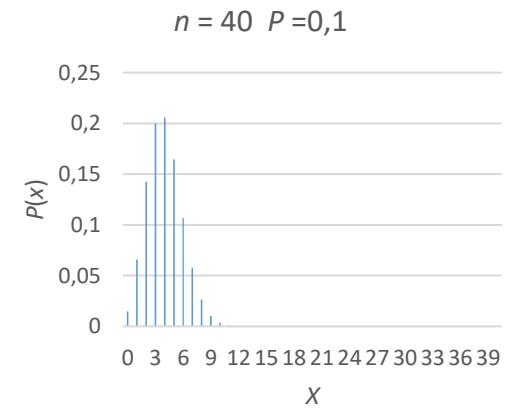
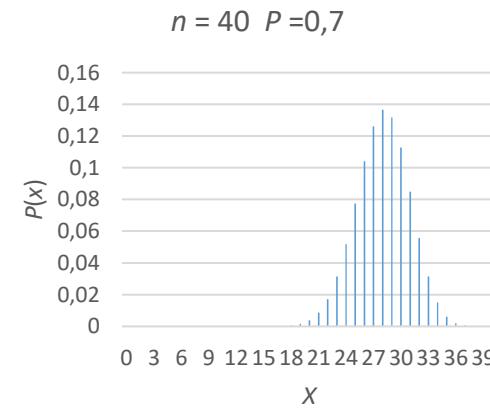
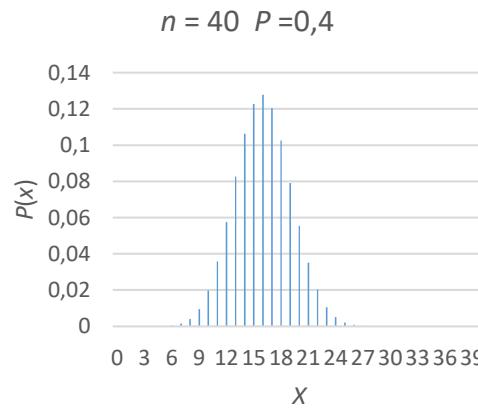
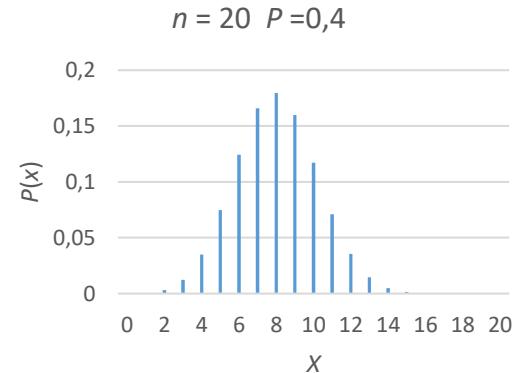
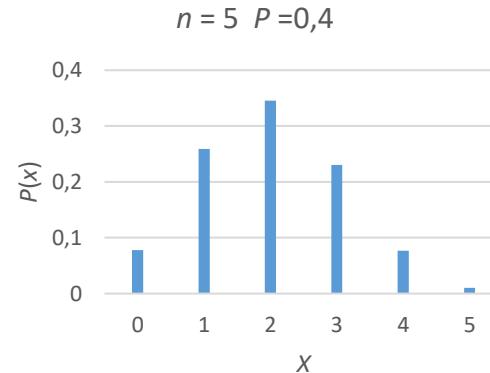
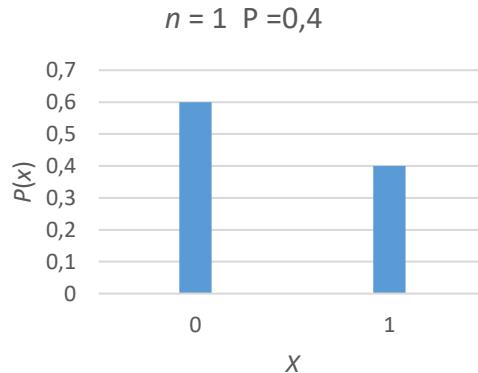
Sample space: $S_X = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n\}$

Expected value: $\mu_X = nP$ Variance: $\sigma_X^2 = nP(1 - P)$



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Some Binomial distributions



Example

In a population of elderly people, 30% suffer from high blood pressure. We randomly choose $n = 5$ people from this population and we let X be the number of people from our sample who were found to have high blood pressure.

- The variable X is binomially distributed with $n = 5$ and $P = 0.3$.
- X can take the values 0,1,2,3,4 or 5.
- What is the probability that $X = 2$, i.e. $P(X = 2)$?
 - i.e. what is the probability of two 1's and three 0's?
- What is the probability of $X \leq 2$, i.e. $P(X \leq 2)$?

Example: using the probability function

- Random variable: $X \sim Bin(5; 0,3)$ $\mu = np = 1,5$
- Parameter values: $n = 5; p = 0,3$ $\sigma^2 = np(1 - p) = 1,05$
- Sample space: $S_X = \{0,1,2,3,4,5\}$
- Probability function: $P(x) = \binom{5}{x} \cdot 0,3^x \cdot 0,7^{5-x}$
- Plugging in values, we get:
 1. $P(2) = \binom{5}{2} 0,3^2 0,7^3 = 10 \cdot 0,09 \cdot 0,343 = \mathbf{0,30870}$
 2. $P(X \leq 2) = F(2) = P(0) + P(1) + P(2)$
 $= \binom{5}{0} 0,3^0 0,7^5 + \binom{5}{1} 0,3^1 0,7^4 + \binom{5}{2} 0,3^2 0,7^3$
 $= 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 0,16807 + 5 \cdot 0,3 \cdot 0,2401 + 10 \cdot 0,09 \cdot 0,343 = \mathbf{0,83692}$

Another way: use the table

- Random variable $X \sim Bin(5; 0,3)$
- Parameter values: $n = 5$ $p = 0,3$
- Identify where in the table you can find the values

Notice that the table gives us values for $P(X \leq x) = F(x)$
not for $P(X = x) = P(x)$

For a value of $P(x)$, find $F(x)$ and $F(x - 1)$ and use

$$P(x) = F(x) - F(x - 1)$$

TABELL 7. Binomial-fördelningen; $n = 2 - 9$

$P(X \leq x)$ där $X \in \text{Bin}(n, p)$. För $p > 0,5$, utnyttja att $P(X \leq x) = P(Y \geq n-x)$ där $Y \in \text{Bin}(n, 1-p)$

n	x	$p = 0,05$	0,1	0,15	0,2	0,25	0,3	0,35	0,4	0,45	0,5
2	0	0,90250	0,81000	0,72250	0,64000	0,56250	0,49000	0,42250	0,36000	0,30250	0,25000
	1	0,99750	0,99000	0,97750	0,96000	0,93750	0,91000	0,87750	0,84000	0,79750	0,75000
3	0	0,85738	0,72900	0,61413	0,51200	0,42188	0,34300	0,27463	0,21600	0,16638	0,12500
	1	0,99275	0,97200	0,93925	0,89600	0,84375	0,78400	0,71825	0,64800	0,57475	0,50000
4	0	0,81451	0,65610	0,52201	0,40960	0,31641	0,24010	0,17851	0,12960	0,09151	0,06250
	1	0,98598	0,94770	0,89048	0,81920	0,73828	0,65170	0,56298	0,47520	0,39098	0,31250
5	0	0,77378	0,59049	0,44371	0,32768	0,23730	0,16807	0,11603	0,07776	0,05033	0,03125
	1	0,97741	0,91854	0,83521	0,73728	0,63281	0,52822	0,42842	0,33696	0,25622	0,18750
6	0	0,73509	0,53144	0,37715	0,26214	0,17798	0,11765	0,07542	0,04666	0,02768	0,01563
	1	0,96723	0,88574	0,77648	0,65536	0,53394	0,42018	0,31908	0,23328	0,16357	0,10938
7	0	0,70000	0,50000	0,33333	0,21429	0,12500	0,06250	0,03125	0,01563	0,00781	0,00391
	1	0,99991	0,99873	0,99411	0,98304	0,96240	0,92953	0,88258	0,82080	0,74474	0,65625

Example: using the table

2. Read from the table:

$$P(X \leq 2) = F(2) = \mathbf{0,83692}$$

1. Read from the table:

$$P(X = 2) = P(X \leq 2) - P(X \leq 1) = [Draw!]$$

$$= F(2) - F(1)$$

$$= 0,83692 - 0,52822 = \mathbf{0,30870}$$

Summary

- Bayes' theorem – to flip the conditioning
- Random variable, discrete random variables
- Expected value and variance
 - Theoretical versions of the mean and variance of a sample
- Linear combinations and standardizing - important!
- Bernoulli experiments – the simple case
- Binomial distribution – very common and useful
 - When we can use it
 - its parameters, expected value and variance
 - How you calculate probabilities

Some things that we did not mention

The table can be used for $P \leq 0,50$.

- What if $P > 0,5$?
- Read section 4.4, we will return to this during the exercises.

Tip:

- Define $Y = n - X =$ number of failures, number of 0's.
- What is the distribution of Y ?

The table can be used for $n \leq 20$.

- What if $n > 20$?
- Read section 5.4, we will return to this during L8

Exercise (do at home)

- In a corporation, 60% of the employees are positive to a particular change.
- Suppose that we have a random sample of four people and that we wish to measure the number of people who are positive to the change in our sample.
 - a) Construct the probability function for r.v. X = "Number of positive people in the sample."
 - b) Calculate expected value and variance of X .
 - c) What is the probability of (exactly) two positive in the sample?
 - d) What is the probability of at least two positive?



Next time

Continuous random variables

- The probability function and the density function
- Expected values, variances, linear combinations

The Normal distribution

- The most common and most useful continuous distribution
- How to use the normal table and calculate probabilities
- Seeing Theory: <https://seeing-theory.brown.edu/>