

STA 103 (SS2 2025): Formula Sheet 2

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- Expectation formula:

$$\begin{aligned}E(aX + b) &= aE(X) + b \\E(aX + bY) &= aE(X) + bE(Y)\end{aligned}$$

- Variance formula:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{var}(aX + b) &= \text{var}(aX) = a^2 \text{var}(X) \\ \text{var}(aX + bY) &= a^2 \text{var}(X) + b^2 \text{var}(Y) + 2ab \text{cov}(X, Y) \\ \text{var}(aX - bY) &= a^2 \text{var}(X) + b^2 \text{var}(Y) - 2ab \text{cov}(X, Y)\end{aligned}$$

- Covariance properties

$$\begin{aligned}\text{cov}(aX, bY) &= a \cdot b \cdot \text{cov}(X, Y) \\ \text{cov}(X, c) &= \text{cov}(c, X) = 0\end{aligned}$$

X & Y are independent $\implies \text{cov}(X, Y) = 0$

- Continuous probability density functions (PDF): If X has PDF $p(x)$ then

$$\begin{aligned}\Pr(a \leq X \leq b) &= \int_a^b p(x) dx \\ E(X) &= \int_a^b x p(x) dx \\ E(f(X)) &= \int_a^b f(x) p(x) dx\end{aligned}$$

- Uniform Random Variable

– The PDF for $Y \sim \text{Unif}[a, b]$ is:

$$f(y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{(b-a)}, & a \leq y \leq b, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

– Mean and Variance:

$$E(Y) = \frac{a+b}{2}, \quad \text{Var}(Y) = \frac{(b-a)^2}{12}.$$

- Normal Random Variables

– The PDF for $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ is:

$$p(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right).$$

– Mean and Variance:

$$E(X) = \mu, \quad \text{Var}(X) = \sigma^2.$$

- z -scores: For any random variable X we can change units to W via

$$\begin{aligned}W &= \frac{X - a}{b} \\ X &= a + bW.\end{aligned}$$

If we use $a = E(X)$ and $b = \text{sd}(X)$ then W is called a z -score transformation of X and satisfies

$$E(W) = 0 \text{ and } \text{sd}(W) = 1.$$

- Special Normal/Gaussian Cases: If $X \sim \mathcal{N}(a, b)$ then

$$\begin{aligned}E(X) &= a \\ \text{sd}(X) &= \sqrt{b} \\ W &= \frac{X - a}{\sqrt{b}} \sim N(0, 1)\end{aligned}$$

- The central limit theorem (CLT): If X_1, \dots, X_n are independent random variables, all with the same PMF or PDF, then

$$\bar{X} = \frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n}{n} \approx N(a, b)$$

for large n (usually $n > 30$ is good), where $a = E(\bar{X})$ and $b = \text{Var}(\bar{X})$.

- For i.i.d. RVs X_1, \dots, X_n , with $E(X_1) = \mu$ and $\text{Var}(X_1) = \sigma^2$.

$$E(\bar{X}) = E(X_1) = \mu, \quad \text{Var}(\bar{X}) = \frac{\text{Var}(X_1)}{n} = \frac{\sigma^2}{n}.$$

- Bernoulli Distribution

1. $X \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p)$, Parameters: p .

2. PMF:

$$p(x) = \begin{cases} p^x(1-p)^{1-x} & \text{if } x = 0 \text{ or } x = 1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

3. Mean $E(X) = p$, Variance $\text{Var}(X) = p(1-p)$.

- Binomial Distribution $X \sim \text{Binomial}(n, p)$

1. Parameters: n, p .

2. PMF:

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

3. $\binom{n}{x} = \frac{n!}{(n-x)!x!}$

4. Mean $E(X) = np$,
Variance $\text{Var}(X) = np(1-p)$.

5. Using the CLT, if $np \geq 10$ and $n(1-p) \geq 10$, we can approximate $X \sim N(np, np(1-p))$.