Lecture 1: Review of Basic Probability

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- Random variable
- Transformation etc.
- Ditribution
- Moment inequalities

Outline

- Syllabus
- Brief review of basic probability and statistics
 - Why is a random variable?
 - Transformations; independence; expectation
 - Important distributions
 - Some statistics

Terms

- Sample space; Measure; Random variable
- Transformation; Independence; Expectation; Conditional expectation; Variance retur Standard deviation; Moment Generating Function; Characteristic function
- Common distributions
- Sample mean; Sample variance; Sample distribution
- Moment inequalities

Sample space and Measure

What do we mean by randomness?

- We construct an experiment, yet the result of the experiment has many possibilities.
 - Flip a coin, the result can be either head or tail
- Although we can not know the result beforehand, we do have some information about the result.
 - Approximately, there is equal chance for a head and a tail
- Randomness: the uncertainty of experiment results

Question: How to describe our information?

Sample space and Measure

Information 1. Possible outcomes

Definition 1 (Sample space (Outcome space))

Let Ω be a sample space, which is a set containing all possible outcomes.

- Information 2. Probabilities for these possible outcomes
 - $\sigma field \mathcal{F}$: a set of subsets of Ω which satisfies 3 rules.
 - Measurable space: (Ω, \mathcal{F})
 - ullet Event(measurable sets): element of ${\cal F}$
 - Probability measure P: for any element in the σ -field,assign it a probability, indicating the chance this event will happen
- $(\Omega; \mathcal{F}; P)$ (Probability space, measure space)is our information about the possible outcomes of this experiment.In short, we write it as the sample space Ω with probability P,or just Ω if there is no confusion.

Definition 2 (σ -field)

Let \mathcal{F} be a collection of subsets of a sample space. \mathcal{F} is called a σ -field (or σ -algebra) if and only if it has the following properties.

- The empty set $\phi \in \mathcal{F}$.
- If $A \in \mathcal{F}$, then the complement $A^c \in \mathbb{F}$
- If $A_i \in \mathcal{F}, i = 1, 2, ...$, then their union $\bigcup A_i \in \mathcal{F}$.
- Measurable space: (Ω, \mathcal{F})
- Event (measurable sets): element of \mathcal{F}
- \bullet $\sigma(A) = \{\phi, A, A^c, \Omega\}.$
- Flip a coin, the result can be either head or tail $\Omega = \{H, T\}, \mathcal{F} = \{...\}$

Let Measurable space (Ω, \mathcal{F}) , A be a measurable space. A set function v defined on \mathcal{F} is called a measure if and only if it has the following properties.

- $0 \le v(A) \le \infty$, for any $A \in \mathcal{F}$
- If $A_i \in \mathcal{F}, i = 1, 2, ...$, and A_i 's are disjoint, i.e. $A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset$ for any $i \neq j$, then $v(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} v(A_i)$
- ullet measure space: $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbf{v})$
- probability measure $v(\Omega)=1.$ We usually denote it by P instead of $v,(\Omega,\mathcal{F},P).$
- Flip a coin, the result can be either head or tail $\Omega = \{H, T\}, \mathcal{F} = \{...\}$
 - v(A) = |A| the number of elements in $A \in (F)$.
 - $P(A) = \frac{|A|}{|\Omega|}$

Random Variables

What is of interest?

- Manufacturers Ω : all the combinations of good light bulbs and defective light bulbs. Need: proportion of defective light bulbs from a lot
- Market researchers Ω : survey results of all consumers for one product. Need: preference of all consumers about this product, with a scale 1-10.

Our interest:

- Not the details of Ω , but a special measurable characteristic of the outcomes!
- A random variable, is a mapping from Ω to R, which draws the measurable characteristic of interest

Example: an opinion poll. 50 people;1: agree;0 disagree:

- \bullet Ω has 2^{50} elements.
- interest: the number of people who agree out of 50. X = number of 1s recorded out of 50. $X = \{0, 1, 2, ..., 50\}$

Random Variable

Definition 4 (Random Variable)

- Let (Ω, \mathcal{F}) and $(\mathcal{R}, \mathcal{B})(\mathcal{B}: \mathsf{Borel}\ \sigma\text{-field})$ be measurable spaces
- X is a function from Ω to \mathcal{R} . The function X is called a random variable(r.v.;measurable function)if and only if

$$X^{-1}(B) = \{ \omega \in \Omega : X(\omega) \in B \} \subset \mathcal{F}$$

for any $B \in \mathcal{B}$.

Suppose we have a sample space

$$\Omega = \{\omega_1, ..., \omega_n\}$$

with a probability function P.

- We defined a random variable X with range $\mathbb{X} = \{x_1, ..., x_m\}$.
- We write

$$P_X(X = x_i) = P(\{\omega_j \in \Omega : X(\omega_j) = x_i\})$$

$$P_X(X \in B) = P(\{\omega \in \Omega : X(\omega) \in B\})$$

where P_X is an induced probability function χ .

- Notations:
 - Upper-case letters X, Y, Z... to denote r.v.'s
 - Lower-case letters x, y, z... to denote their possible values.

Example 1.4.3

- Consider the experiment of tossing a coin three times.
- H:Head; T:Tail.
- X:the number of heads obtained in the three tosses.

ω	ННН	HHT	HTH	THH	TTH	THT	HTT	TTT
$X(\omega)$	3	2	2	2	1	1	1	0

• $\mathbb{X} = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$. The induced probability function on χ is given by

X	0	1	2	3
$P_X(x)$	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{1}{8}$

$$P_X(X = 1) = P(\{HTT, THT, TTH\}) = \frac{3}{8}$$

Definition 1.5.1 Cumulative Density Function

The cumulative distribution function (CDF) of a random variable is defined by

$$F(x) = P(X \le x); -\infty < x < \infty$$

For all CDF's; there is

- F(x) is right-continuous.At each $x, \lim_{n\to\infty} F(y_n) = F(x)$ for any sequence $y_n \to x$ with $y_n > x$.
- F(x) is non-decreasing.
- $\lim_{x\to\infty} F(x) = 0$, $\lim_{x\to\infty} F(x) = 1$.

Any F(x) satisfying Properties 1-3 is a CDF for some random variable.

Example 1.5.5

$$F_X(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}}$$

$$\bullet \lim_{x \to -\infty} F_X(x) = 0$$

•
$$\lim_{x\to\infty} F_X(x) = 1$$

•

$$f_X(x) = \frac{d}{dx} F_X(x) = \frac{e^{-x}}{(1 + e^{-x})^2} > 0$$

• If X is discrete, then its probability mass function(pmf) is

$$p_X(x) = p(x) = P(X = x)$$

If X is continuous, then its probability density function(pdf) satisfies

$$P(X \in A) = \int_A f_X(x) dx = \int_A f(x) dx = \int_A dF(x)$$

and
$$f_X(x) = f(x) = F'(x)$$
.

• We say that X and Y have the same distribution(i.e. $X \stackrel{D}{=} Y$) if $P(X \in A) = P(Y \in A)$ for all A. $X \stackrel{D}{=} Y$ if and only if $F_X(t) = F_Y(t)$

Transformation

Given a r.v. X with density function $f_X(\cdot)$, it is often that we are interested in a transformation Y = g(X) which is defined as a known function g (either one-to-to or many-to-one) of X.

- Obviously,the composite function $g \circ X$ defines a new r.v. Y from Ω to R.
- Let Y = g(X).

$$P(Y \in A) = P(g(X) \in A)$$

= $P(X \in g^{-1}(A))$ (1)

where $g^{-1}(A) = x \in R, g(x) \in A$.In particular,

$$F_Y(y) = Pr\{Y \in y\} = P(X \in g^{-1}(-\infty, y])$$

If X has pdf $f_X(x)$, then

$$F_Y(y) = \int_{g^{-1}(-\infty,y]} f_X(x) dx = \int_{\{x:g(x) \le y\}} f_X(x) dx$$

Example 2.1.2

Suppose X has a uniform distribution on the interval $(0,2\pi)$,that is

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} 1/2\pi, & 0 < x < 2\pi, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
 (2)

Consider $Y = sin^2(X)$

$$P(Y \le y) = P(X \le x_1) + P(x_2 \le X \le x_3) + P(X \ge x_4)$$

= $2P(X \le x_1) + 2P(x_2 \le X \le \pi)$ (3)

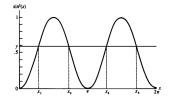


Figure 2.1.1. Graph of the transformation $y = \sin^2(x)$ of Example 2.1.2

• If g is increasing,

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

• If g is decreasing,

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

Theorem 2.1.5

Let X have probability distribution function(pdf) $f_X(x)$ and Y = g(X),where g is a monotone function.Let

$$\mathcal{Y} = \{ y : g^{-1}(y) \text{ is a possible value of } X \}$$

. Suppose $f_X(x)$ is continuous and that $g^{-1}(y)$ has a continuous derivative on \mathcal{Y} . Then the pdf on Y is given by

$$f_{Y}(y) = \begin{cases} f_{X}(g^{-1}(y)) | \frac{d}{dy} g^{-1}(y) |, & y \in \mathcal{Y}, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
 (4)

 $X \sim f_X(x) = 1I(0 < x < 1), F_X(x) = x, Y = g(x) = -\log x, \text{find its}$ distribution.

Example 2.1.4

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Proof:

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$$Y = g(x) = -\log x \Rightarrow x = e^{-y}, g^{-1}(y) = e^{-y}$$

• g is decreasing function.

$$\frac{d}{dx}g(x) = \frac{d}{dx}(-logx) = \frac{-1}{x} < 0, 0 < x < 1$$

•

$$F_Y(y) = P_Y(Y \le y) = P_X(g(x) \le y)$$

$$= P_X(X \ge g^{-1}(y))$$

$$= 1 - P_X(X \le g^{-1}(y))$$

$$= 1 - e^{-y}$$

Let

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{(n-1)!\beta^n} x^{n-1} e^{-x/\beta}, 0 < x < \infty$$

be the Gamma pdf Y = 1/X. Find the pdf of Y

Example 2.1.6

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Proof. $g^{-1}(y)=1/y, \mathcal{Y}=(0,\infty), |\frac{d}{dy}g^{-1}(y)|=1/y^2.$ Therefore for all y>0,

$$f_{Y}(y) = f_{X}(g^{-1}(y)) \left| \frac{d}{dy} g^{-1}(y) \right|$$

$$= \frac{1}{(n-1)!\beta^{n}} \left(\frac{1}{y} \right)^{n-1} e^{-1/(\beta y)} \frac{1}{y^{2}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(n-1)!\beta^{n}} \left(\frac{1}{y} \right)^{n+1} e^{-1/(\beta y)}$$
(5)

• A special case of a pdf known as the inverted Gamma distribution.

Theorem 2.1.8

Let X have pdf $f_X(x)$,let Y = g(X). Suppose there exists a partition A_0, A_1, \dots, A_k such that $P(X \in A_0) = 0$ and $f_X(x)$ is continuous on each A_i .

$$P(X \in \cup_{i=1}^k A_i) = 1.$$

Futher, we have $g(\cdot)$ is monotone if restricted to A_i , $i=1,2,\cdots,k$. Let

$$g_i^{-1}(y) = \{x \in A_i : g(x) = y\}$$

and assume $g_i^{-1}(y)$ has continuous derivative on \mathcal{Y} for each i. Then

$$f_Y(y) = \begin{cases} \sum_{i=1}^k f_X(g_i^{-1}(y)) \left| \frac{d}{dy} g_i^{-1}(y) \right|, & y \in \mathcal{Y}, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

 Remark Unfortunately,I found the above Theorem has very little practical use. Let $X \sim N(0,1)$, $Y = X^2$, we may use the above theorem to find the pdf of Y.

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Proof:

•
$$g(x) = x^2$$
 is monotone on $(-\infty, 0)$ and on $(0, \infty)$.

•
$$\mathcal{Y} = (0, \infty)$$
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$$A_0 = \{0\}$$

$$A_1 = (-\infty, 0), g_1(x) = x^2 \cdot g_1^{-1}(y) = -\sqrt{y}$$

$$A_2 = (0, \infty), g_2(x) = x^2, g_1^{-1}(y) = \sqrt{y}$$

The pdf Y is

$$f_Y(y) = \frac{d}{dy}F_Y(y) = \Phi(\sqrt{y})\frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{\sqrt{y}} + \Phi(-\sqrt{y})\frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{\sqrt{y}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{y}}\phi(\sqrt{y})$$

Theorem 2.1.10 Probability integral transform

Let X have continuous cdf $F_X(x)$ and define the random variable Y as $Y = F_X(X)$. Then Y is uniformly distributed on (0,1), that id

$$P(Y \le y) = y, 0 < y < 1.$$

•
$$F_X^{-1}(\tau) = \inf\{x : F_X(x) \ge \tau\}$$

Proof:

$$P_Y(Y \le y) = P_X(F_X(x) \le y)$$

$$= P_X(F_X^{-1}[F_X(x)] \le F_X^{-1}(y))$$

$$= P_X(X \le F_X^{-1}(y))$$

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

$$= y$$

Two r.v.'s X and Y are independent if and only if

$$P(X \in A; Y \in B) = P(X \in A)P(Y \in B)$$

for all A and B.

- F(x,y) = F(x)F(y) for any x and y, f(x,y) = f(x)f(y) or p(x,y) = p(x)p(y)
- When X and Y are independent, h(x) and g(Y) are also independent, if h and g are well-defined functions.

Definition:

$$E(X) = \sum_{x} x p(x)$$

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

- Properties:
 - $E(g(X)) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x)f(x)dx$
 - $E(g(X,Y)) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x,y) f(x,y) dxdy$
 - If $X_1, ..., X_n$ are independent, then

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

$$X \sim exp(\lambda)$$
,

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\lambda} e^{-x/\lambda} x > 0.$$

Then $E[X] = \lambda$.

• Example 2.2.3

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

$$f_X(x) = \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x} \quad x = 0, 1, \cdots.$$

Then E[X] = np.

• Example 2.2.4

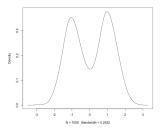
 $X \sim \text{Cauchy}$,

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \cdot \frac{1}{1 + x^2} - \infty < x < \infty.$$

Then E[X] is not defined!(or do not exist).

Mixed normal distribution

$$X = 0.5N(-1, 0.5^2) + 0.5N(1, 0.5^2)$$



- for any functions $g_1(x)$ and $g_2(x)$ whose expecations exist.
 - (1) $E[ag_1(X) + bg_2(X) + c] = aE[g_1(X)] + b[g_2(X)] + c$
 - (2) If $g_1(x) \ge 0$ for all x, then $E[g_1(X)] \ge 0$.
 - (3) If $g_1(x) \ge g_2(x)$ for all x,then $E[g_1(X)] \ge E[g_2(X)]$
 - (4) If $a \le g_1(x) \le b$ for all x, then $a \le E[g_1(x)] \le b$
- Example 2.2.6

E(X) is the "center" of a distribution(or its r.v.) in the sense that

$$\min_{b} E(X - b)^{2} = E[X - EX]^{2}.$$

Homework

$$\min_b E \rho_\tau(X-b)$$

Remark:
$$\rho_{\tau}(t) = \tau t I(t \ge 0) + (\tau - 1) t I(t \le 0)$$
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Variance & Standard Deviation

- Motivation:Describe the "spread" of r.v.
- Definition. $Var(x) = E[(x \mu)^2]$, where $\mu = E(X)$, $sd(X) = \sqrt{Var(x)}$.
- Properties.
 - $Var(X) = E(X^2) [E(X)]^2$
 - If $X_1, ..., X_n$ are independent, then

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

The covariance is

$$Cov(X, Y) = E[(X - E(X))(Y - E(Y))] = E(XY) - E(X)E(Y)$$

and the correlation coefficient is

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

For any two r.v.s with variance existed,

$$Var(X + Y) = Var(X) + Var(Y) + 2Cov(X, Y)$$

- Conditional Expectation of X when Y is given as y is that
 - $\mathbf{E}(X|Y=y) = \sum_{x} x p_{X|Y}(x|y)$ for discrete r.v.
 - $\mathbf{E}(X|Y=y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X|Y}(x|y) dx$ for cont. r.v.
 - Interpretation: Note that X|Y=y is a new r.v., $\mathbf{E}(X|Y=y)$ is the expectation on this r.v.
- Law of Total Expectation

$$\mathbf{E}[\mathbf{E}(X|Y)] = \mathbf{E}(X)$$

Law of Total Variance

$$Var(X) = Var[\mathbf{E}(X|Y)] + \mathbf{E}[Var(X|Y)]$$

if X and Y are any two r.v.s, then

$$\mathbf{E}(X) = \mathbf{E}\big[\mathbf{E}(X|Y)\big]$$

Theorem 4.4.3

if X and Y are any two r.v.s, then

$$\mathbf{E}(X) = \mathbf{E}\big[\mathbf{E}(X|Y)\big]$$

Proof:

$$\mathbf{E}X = \int \int x f(x, y) dx dy$$

$$= \int \left[\int x f(x|y) dx \right] f_Y(y) dy$$

$$= \int \mathbf{E}(X|y) f_Y(y) dy = \mathbf{E} \Big[\mathbf{E}(X|Y) \Big]$$

In general, the conditional expectation $\mathbf{E}[X|Y]$ can by defined as a r.v. g(Y) such that

$$\mathbf{E}[(X-g(Y))^2] = \inf_{\text{among all reasonable function } h} \mathbf{E}[(X-h(Y))^2]$$

or $\mathbf{E}[X|Y]$ is the function of Y which is "closest" to X in terms of mean square error.

 $Y \sim$ Number of eggs lay by a mother fish,and $X \sim$ Number of survivors(young fish).On the average,how many eggs will survive?

Then it is reasonable to assume

$$Y \sim Poisson(\lambda)$$

$$X|Y \sim Binomial(Y, p)$$

So,

$$EX = E[E(X|Y)]$$
$$= E(pY)$$
$$= p\lambda$$

$$X|Y \sim Binomial(Y, p)$$

 $Y|A \sim Poisson(\Lambda)$
 $\Lambda \sim exponential(\beta)$

Proof:

$$E[X] = E[E(X|Y)]$$

$$= pE(Y)$$

$$= pE[E(Y|\Lambda)]$$

$$= pE[\Lambda]$$

$$= p\beta.$$

For any two random variables X and Y

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Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} Var(X) &= \mathbf{E} \Big\{ [X - \mathbf{E}(X|Y) + \mathbf{E}(X|Y) - \mathbf{E}]^2 \Big\} \\ &= \mathbf{E} \Big\{ [X - \mathbf{E}(X|Y)]^2 + [\mathbf{E}(X|Y) - \mathbf{E}X]^2 \\ &+ 2[X - \mathbf{E}(X|Y)][\mathbf{E}(X|Y) - \mathbf{E}X] \Big\} \\ &= \mathbf{E} \{ [X - \mathbf{E}(X|Y)]^2 \} + \mathbf{E} \{ [\mathbf{E}(X|Y) - \mathbf{E}X]^2 \} \\ &= \mathbf{E} [Var(X|Y)] + Var[\mathbf{E}(X|Y)] \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{E}\Big\{2[X - \mathbf{E}(X|Y)][\mathbf{E}(X|Y) - \mathbf{E}X]\Big\} = \mathbf{E}[\mathbf{E}(Z|Y)]$$

Moment Generating Function(MGF)

- Definition: $M_X(t) = E(e^{tX})$:a function of t,not r.v.
- If $Y = aX + b, M_Y(t) = e^{bt} M_X(at)$
- If X and Y are independent, then $M_{X+Y}(t) = M_X(t)M_Y(t)$

Characteristic Function

- Definition: $\phi_X(t) = E[e^{itX}]$:a function of t; $i = \sqrt{-1}$.
- Bounded: $|\phi(t)| \leq 1$
- If X and Y are independent, then $\phi_{X+Y}(t) = \phi_X(t)\phi_Y(t)$.

An example of two distribution functions but with the same moments.

Example 2.3.10

Consider the two pdfs given by

$$f_1(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}x} e^{-(\log x)^2/2}, 0 \le x < \infty,$$

$$f_2(x) = f_1(x)[1 + \sin(2\pi \log x)], 0 \le x < \infty.$$

Then it can be shown if $X_1 \sim f_1(x)$,

$$E[X_1^r] = e^{r^2/2}, r = 0, 1, ...$$

Now suppose that $X_2 \sim f_2(x)$, we have for r = 0, 1, ...

$$E[X_2^r] = \int_0^\infty x^r f_1(x) [1 + \sin(2\pi \log x)] dx$$
$$= E[X_1^r] + \int_0^\infty x^r f_1(x) \sin(2\pi \log x) dx$$

$$\int_{0}^{\infty} x^{r} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi x}} 2e^{-(\log x)^{2}} \sin(2\pi \log x) dx \quad y = \log x - r$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{(y+r)r} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-(y+r)^{2}/2} \sin(2\pi (y+r)) dy$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(y^{2}-r^{2})} \sin(2\pi y) dy \cdot \cos(2\pi r)$$

$$+ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(y^{2}-r^{2})} \cos(2\pi y) dy \cdot \sin(2\pi r)$$

$$= 0 \quad r = 0, 1, \dots$$

since $e^{-\frac{1}{2}(y^2-r^2)}sin(2\pi y)$ is an odd function.

However, we have the following theorem.

Theorem 2.3.11

Let $F_X(x)$ and $F_Y(y)$ be two cdfs all of whose moments exist.

- If F_X and F_Y have bounded support, then $F_X(u) = F_Y(u)$ for all u iff $EX^r = EY^r$ for all $r = 0, 1, 2, \cdots$
- If the moment generating functions functions exist and $M_X(t) = M_Y(t)$ for all t in some neighborhood of 0,then $F_X(u) = F_Y(u)$ for all u.

If a, b are finite and $f(x, \theta)$ is differential with respect to θ . Then we have

$$\frac{d}{d\theta} \int_{a}^{b} f(x,\theta) dx = \int_{a}^{b} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} f(x,\theta) dx$$

But in statistics,we often need to evaluate $\frac{d}{d\theta}\int_{-\infty}^{\infty}f(x,\theta)dx$,which may or may not be $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty}\frac{\partial}{\partial\theta}f(x,\theta)dx$.

Theorem 2.4.2

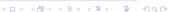
Suppose the function h(x,y) is continuous at y_0 for each x, and there exists a function g(x) satisfying

a)
$$|h(x,y)| \le g(x)$$
, for all x and y ;

b)
$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) dx < \infty$$
.

Then

$$\lim_{y \to y_0} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(x, y) dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \lim_{y \to y_0} h(x, y) dx$$



Apply the above Thheorem to the differentiation case, then we have

• Theorem 2.4.3 Suppose $f(x, \theta)$ is differentiale at $\theta = \theta_0$, and there exists a function $g(x, \theta_0)$ and a constant $\delta > 0$ such that a) $\left|\frac{f(x,\theta_0+\Delta)-f(x,\theta_0)}{\Delta}\right| \leq g(x,\theta_0)$, for all x and $|\Delta| \leq \delta$; b) $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x, \theta_0) dx < \infty$. Then

$$\frac{d}{d\theta}f(x,\theta)dx|_{\theta=\theta_0} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}f(x,\theta)|_{\theta=\theta_0}\right]dx \tag{*}$$

• Corollary Suppose that there exists $\delta > 0$ and function $g(x, \theta)$ such that $\left|\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}f(x,\theta)\right|_{\theta=\theta'} \leq g(x,\theta)$, for all θ' with $|\theta'-\theta| < \delta$, and $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x,\theta) dx < \infty. \text{Then } (*) \text{ holds.}$

- Remark Finding bound $g(x,\theta)$ is cumbersome. We need to know that differentiating under the integral sign is not always automatic. In most situations, we just do it!!
- Example 2.4.6 $X \sim N(\mu, 1)$,

$$M_X(t) = E(e^t X) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{tx} e^{-(x-\mu)^2/2} dx,$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} M_X(t) = \frac{d}{dt} E(e^{tX}) = E(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} e^{tX}) = E(Xe^{tX}).$$

For the exchange of operation of differentiation and summation, we have

- Theorem 2.4.8 Suppose that the series $\sum_{x=0}^{\infty} h(\theta, x)$ converges for all θ in an interval (a, b) and

 - ② $\sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta} h(\theta, x)$ converges uniformly on every closed bounded subinterval of (a, b).

Then

$$\frac{d}{d\theta} \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} h(\theta, x) = \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} h(\theta, x)$$

• Theorem 2.4.10 Suppose that the series $\sum_{x=0}^{\infty} h(\theta, x)$ converges uniformly on [a, b] and that,for each $x, h(\theta, x)$ is a continuous function of θ . Then

$$\int_{a}^{b} \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} h(\theta, x) d\theta = \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \int_{a}^{b} h(\theta, x) d\theta$$

Important Distribution

- Discrete distributions:
 - Bernoulli r.v.: $X \sim Bernoulli(p), p(1) = p, p(0) = 1 p, p(x) = 0$ if $x \neq 0$ and $x \neq 1$.It can be written as $p^{x}(1-p)^{1-x}$ for x = 0, 1.
 - Binomial r.v.: $X \sim Binomial(n, p), p(x) = \binom{n}{x} p^x q^{n-x}, x = 0, 1, 2, ..., n$. Summation of n Bernoulli random variables.
 - Poisson r.v.: $X \sim Pois(\lambda), p(x) = \frac{\lambda^x}{x!} e^{-\lambda}, x = 0, 1, 2, ..., n.$
- Continuous distribution
 - Uniform r.v.: $X \sim Unif(a,b), f(x) = \frac{1}{b-a}, x \in (a,b)$
 - Exponential r.v.: $X \sim Exp(\lambda), f(x) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x}$
 - Normal r.v.: $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2), f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} exp(-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2})$

Multivariate Normal Distribution

• The d random vector $X \sim N(\mu, \Sigma)$,

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{d/2} |\Sigma|^{\frac{1}{2}}} exp\Big(-\frac{1}{2} (x - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x - \mu) \Big)$$

- $AX + b \sim N(A\mu + b, A\Sigma^{-1}A^T)$
- Conditional distribution.

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mu = \begin{pmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_{11} & \Sigma_{12} \\ \Sigma_{21} & \Sigma_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

then

$$X_1|X_2 \sim N(\mu_1 + \Sigma_{11}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}(X_2 - \mu_2), \Sigma_{11} - \sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}\Sigma_{21})$$

Statistics

- Sample mean $\bar{X}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$
- Sample variance: $S_n^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i \bar{X_n})^2$
- Sampling distribution of \bar{X}_n : $G_n(t) = P(\bar{X}_n \leq t)$

When it is normal:

• If $X \sim N(\mu, \Sigma^2)$, then $\bar{X_n}$ and S_n^2 are independent,

$$ar{X_n} \sim N\left(\mu, rac{\sigma^2}{n}
ight) \ rac{(n-1)S_n^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi_{n-1}^2$$

official inequalities

Lemma 4.7.1

Let a and b be any two positive numbers, and let p and q be any positive numbers satisfying

$$\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$$

. Then

$$\frac{1}{p}a^p + \frac{1}{q}b^q \ge ab$$

with equality holds if and only if $a^p = b^q$.

• Proof: Consider for fixed b(ora),

$$g(a) = \frac{1}{p}a^p + \frac{1}{q}b^q - ab$$

with equality if and only if $a^p = b^q$.

Let X and Y be any two random variables.Let p and q be any positive numbers satisfying

$$\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$$

Then

$$|E(XY)| \le E|XY| \le (E|X|^p)^{\frac{1}{p}} (E|Y|^q)^{\frac{1}{q}}$$

Proof:In the inequality (1),let

$$a = \frac{|X|}{(E|X|^p)^{\frac{1}{p}}}, b = \frac{|Y|}{(E(Y)^q)^{\frac{1}{q}}}$$

After some simplification, and take expectation on the two sides of the inequality. The result can been obtained.

• Theorem 4.7.3(Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality)

For any two random variables X and Y,

$$|E(XY)| \le E|XY| \le (E|X|^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} (E|Y|^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

• Example 4.7.4 (Covariance Inequality))

If X and Y have means μ_X and μ_Y , and variances σ_X^2 and σ_Y^2 , respectively.We can apply the Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality to get

$$(Cov(X,Y))^2 \le \sigma_X^2 \dot{\sigma}_Y^2$$

Example

Let p > 1, then apply Holders Inequality. For any random variables X,

$$E|X| \le \{E|X|^p\}^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

If 1 < r < s, we have (Liapounovs Inequality)

$$(E|X|^r)^{\frac{1}{r}} \leq (E|X|^s)^{\frac{1}{s}}$$

• Proof Let q be such that $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$, then

$$E|X| = E|X|\dot{1} \le (E|X|^p)^{\frac{1}{p}} \dot{(E1^q)}^{\frac{1}{q}} = (E|X|^p)^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

• Proof Let s be such that s = pr, then s > 1.

$$E(|X|^r) \le (E|X|^r)^p)^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

Theorem 4.7.5(Minkowskis Inequality)

Let X and Y be any two random variables. Then for 1

$$[E|X + Y|^p]^{\frac{1}{p}} \le (E|X|^p)^{\frac{1}{p}} + (E|Y|^p)^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

Proof:

$$E|X + Y|^{p} = E(|X + Y||X + Y|^{p-1})$$

$$\leq E(|X||X + Y|^{p-1}) + E(|Y||X + Y|^{p-1})$$
(6)

Using Holder's Inequality,

$$E(|X||X+Y|^{p-1}) \le (E|X|^p)^{\frac{1}{p}} [E|X+Y|^{q(p-1)}]^{\frac{1}{q}}$$
 (7)

where q is such that $\frac{1}{p}+\frac{1}{q}=1$ or $\frac{1}{q}=1-\frac{1}{p}$, i.e. $q=\frac{p}{p-1}$ or q(p-1)=p. Similarly,

$$E(|Y||X+Y|^{p-1}) \le (E|Y|^p)^{\frac{1}{p}} [E|X+Y|^{q(p-1)}]^{1/q} \tag{8}$$

So combine () and () with (),divide through by $[E(|X+Y|^{q(p-1)})]^{1/q}$,we have

$$E|X+Y|^p \leq (E|X+Y|^p)^{\frac{p-1}{p}} [(E|X|^p)^{\frac{1}{p}} + (E|Y|^p)^{\frac{1}{p}}]$$

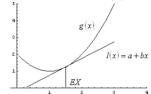
Theorem 4.7.7(Jensens Inequality)

For any random variable X, if g(x) is a convex function, then

$$Eg(X) \ge g(EX)$$

- Equality holds if and only if, for any line a + bx that is tangent to g(x) at x = EX, P(g(X) = a + bX) = 1.
- If g(x) is linear, g(EX) = a + bEX = Eg(X).

Remark For any twice differentiable function g(x), it is convex if g''(x) 0



for all x.

Example 1 (An inequality for means)

Let a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n be *n* non-negative numbers. Define

$$a_{A} = \frac{1}{n}(a_{1} + a_{2} + \dots + a_{n})$$

$$a_{G} = [a_{1}a_{2} \cdots a_{n}]^{1/n}a_{H} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{n}(\frac{1}{a_{1}} + \dots + \frac{1}{a_{n}})}$$

An inequality relating these means is

$$a_H \leq a_G \leq a_A$$

RemarkThe above inequality gives a reason for Maximum Likelihood Estimation(MLE).

Let X be a random variable with range $a_1, ..., a_n$

and $P(X = a_i) = 1/n, n = 1, ..., n$. Since logx is a concave function, $E \log X < \log(EX)$, hence

$$\log a_G = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \log a_i = E \log X \le \log(EX)$$
$$= \log \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n a_i\right) = \log a_A$$

So, $a_G < a_A$. Furthermore,

$$\log \frac{1}{a_H} = \log \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{a_i} \right) = E \log \frac{1}{X} \ge E \left(\log \frac{1}{X} \right) = -\log(EX)$$
$$= -\log a_G = \log \left(\frac{1}{a_G} \right).$$

 $So.a_G > a_H$.



Markovs Inequality

Theorem 5 (Markovs(Chebyshevs) Inequality)

- If g is strictly increasing and positive on $(0, \infty)$, g(x) = g(-x).
- ullet X is a r.v. such that $E[g(X)]<\infty$, then for each a >0

$$P(|X| \ge a) \le \frac{E[g(X)]}{g(a)}$$

Proof:

$$E[g(X)] \ge E[g(X)I_{\{g(X) \ge g(a)\}}]$$

$$\ge g(a)E[g(X)I_{\{g(X) \ge g(a)\}}]$$

$$= g(a)E[I_{|X| \ge a}]$$

$$= g(a)P(|X| \ge a)$$

Some special cases: Markovs Inequality

$$g(x) = |x| \Rightarrow P(|X| \ge a) \le \frac{E|X|}{a}$$

$$g(x) = x^p \Rightarrow P(|X| \ge a) \le \frac{E|g(X^p)|}{a^p}$$

$$g(x) = x^2 \Rightarrow P(|X - EX| \ge a) \le \frac{Var(X)}{a^2}$$

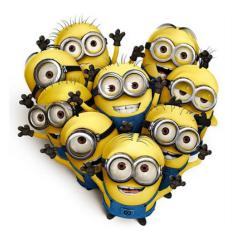
$$g(x) = e^{t|x|} \Rightarrow P(|X| \ge a) \le \frac{E[e^{t|X|}]}{a^{ta}}$$

for some constant t > 0

• If $\mu = \textit{EX} \ge 0$ and $0 \le \lambda \le 1$,then

$$P(X > \lambda \mu) \ge \frac{(1-\lambda)^2 \mu^2}{EX^2}$$

Consequently, if $E|Y|=1, P(|Y|>\lambda)\geq (1-\lambda)^2/EY^2$ (This gives a lower bound complementing Chebyshevs inequality.)



Thanks!