Week 1 Important formulas Basic Probability

- 1. **Experiment:** Process or phenomenon that we wish to study statistically. Example: Tossing a fair coin.
- 2. **Outcome:** Result of the experiment. Example: head is an outcome on tossing a fair coin.
- 3. Sample space: A sample space is a set that contains all outcomes of an experiment.
 - Sample space is a set, typically denoted S of an experiment.
 - example: Toss a coin: $S = \{ \text{ heads, tails } \}$
- 4. **Event:** An event is a subset of the sample space.
 - Toss a coin: $S = \{ \text{ heads, tails } \}$
 - Events: empty set, {heads}, {tails}, { heads, tails }
 - 4 events
 - An event is said to have "occurred" if the actual outcome of the experiment belongs to the event.
 - One event can be contained in another, i.e. $A \subseteq B$
 - Complement of an event A, denoted $A^C = \{ \text{ outcomes in } S \text{ not in } A \} = (S \setminus A)$.
 - Since events are subsets, one can do complements, unions, intersections.
- 5. **Disjoint events:** Two events with an empty intersection are said to be disjoint events.
 - $\bullet\,$ Throw a die: even number, odd number are disjoint.
 - Multiple events: E_1, E_2, E_3, \dots are disjoint if, for any $i \neq j$, $E_i \cap E_j = \text{empty set.}$
- 6. **De Morgan's laws:** For any two events A and B, $(A \cup B)^C = A^C \cap B^C$ and $(A \cap B)^C = A^C \cup B^C$.
- 7. **Probability:** "Probability" is a unction P that assigns to each event a real number between 0 and 1 and satisfies the following two axioms:
 - (i) P(S) = 1 (probability of the entire sample space equals 1).
 - (ii) If $E_1, E_2, E_3, ...$ are disjoint events (Could be infinitely many),

$$P(E_1 \cup E_2 \cup E_3 \cup ...) = P(E_1) + P(E_2) + P(E_3) + ...$$

• Probability function Assigns a value that represents chance of occurrence of the event.

- Higher value of the probability of an event means higher chance of occurring that event.
- 0 means event cannot occur and 1 means event always occurs.
- 8. Probability of the empty set (denoted ϕ) equals 0. that is

$$P(\phi) = 0$$

9. Let E^C be the complement of Event E. Then,

$$P(E^C) = 1 - P(E)$$

10. If event E is the subset of event F, that is $E \subseteq F$, then

$$P(F) = P(E) + P(F \setminus E)$$

$$\Rightarrow P(E) \le P(F)$$

11. If E and F are events, then

$$P(E) = P(E \cap F) + P(E \setminus F)$$

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12. If E and F are events, then

$$P(E \cup F) = P(E) + P(F) - P(E \cap F)$$

- 13. Equally likely events: assign the same probability to each outcome.
- 14. If sample space S contains the equally likely outcomes, then
 - P(one outcome) =
 - $P(\text{one outcome}) = \frac{1}{\text{Number of outcomes in } S}$ $P(\text{event}) = \frac{\text{Number of outcomes in event}}{\text{Number of outcomes in } S}$

- 15. Conditional probability space: Consider a probability space (S, E, P), where S represents the sample space, E represents the collection of events, and P represents the probability function.
 - Let B be an event in S with P(B) > 0. Now, conditional probability space given B is defined as

 For any event A in the original probability space (P, S, E), the conditional probability of A given B is $\frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$.
 - It is denoted by $P(A \mid B)$. And

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

- 16. Law of total probability:
 - If the events B and B^c partitioned the sample space S such that $P(B_1), P(B_2) \neq 0$, then for any event A of S,

$$P(A) = P(A \mid B)P(B) + P(A \mid B^c)P(B^c).$$

• In general, if we have k events B_1, B_2, \dots, B_k that partition S, then for any event A in S,

$$P(A) = \sum_{i=1}^{k} P(B_i \cap A) = \sum_{i=1}^{k} P(A \mid B_i) P(B_i).$$

17. Bayes' theorem: Let A and B are two events such that P(A) > 0, P(B) > 0.

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

In general, if the events B_1, B_2, \dots, B_k partition S such that $P(B_i) \neq 0$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$, then for any event A in S such that $P(A) \neq 0$,

$$P(B_r \mid A) = \frac{P(B_r)P(A \mid B_r)}{\sum_{i=1}^{k} P(B_i)P(A \mid B_i)}$$

for $r = 1, 2, \dots, k$.

18. Independence of two events: Two events A and B are independent iff

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

• A and B independent $\Rightarrow P(A \mid B) = P(A)$ and $(B \mid A) = P(B)$ for P(A), P(B) > 0.

- Disjoint events are never independent.
- A and B independent \Rightarrow A and B^c are independent.
- A and B independent $\Rightarrow A^c$ and B^c are independent.
- 19. Mutual independence of three events: Events A, B, and C are mutually independent if
 - (a) $P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B)$
 - (b) $P(A \cap C) = P(A)P(C)$
 - (c) $P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B)$
 - (d) $P(A \cap B \cap C) = P(A)P(B)P(C)$
- 20. Mutual independence of multiple events: Events A_1, A_2, \dots, n are mutually independent if, $\forall i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k$,

$$P(A_{i_1} \cap A_{i_2} \cap \cdots \cap A_{i_k} \cap) = P(A_{i_1})P(A_{i_2}) \cdots P(A_{i_k})$$

n events are mutually independent \Rightarrow any subset with or without complementing are independent as well.

- 21. Occurrence of event A in a sample space is considered as *success*.
- 22. Non occurrence of event A in a sample space is considered as failure.
- 23. Repeated independent trials:
 - (a) Bernoulli trials
 - Single Bernoulli trial:
 - Sample space is $\{\text{success, failure}\}\ \text{with P}(\text{success}) = p.$
 - We can also write the sample space S as $\{0,1\}$, where 0 denotes the failure and 1 denotes the success with P(1) = p, P(0) = 1 p. This kind of distribution is denoted by Bernoulli(p).
 - $\bullet\,$ Repeated Bernoulli trials:
 - Repeat a Bernoulli trial multiple times independently.
 - For each of the trial, the outcome will be either 0 or 1.
 - (b) **Binomial distribution:** Perform n independent Bernoulli(p) trials.
 - \bullet It models the number of success in n independent Bernoulli trials.
 - Denoted by B(n,p).
 - Sample space is $\{0, 1, \dots, n\}$.
 - Probability distribution is given by

$$P(B(n,p) = k) = nC_k p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$$

where n represents the total number trials and k represent the number of success in n trials.

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$$P(B=0) + P(B=1) + \dots + P(B=n) = 1$$

 $\Rightarrow (1-p)^n + nC_2p^2(1-p)^{n-2} + \dots + p^n = 1.$

- (c) Geometric distribution: It models the number of failures the first success.
 - Outcomes: Number of trials needed for first success and is denoted by G(p).
 - Sample space: $\{1, 2, 3, 4, \cdots\}$
 - $P(G = k) = P(\text{first } k 1 \text{ trials result in } 0 \text{ and } kth \text{ trial result in } 1.) = (1-p)^{k-1}p.$
 - Identity: $P(G \le k) = 1 (1 p)^k$.

Week 2 Important formulas

- 1. Random variable: A random variable is a function with domain as the sample space of an experiment and range as the real numbers, i.e. a function from the sample space to the real line.
 - Toss a coin, Sample space = $\{H, T\}$
 - Random variable X: X(H) = 0, X(T) = 1
- 2. Random variables and events: If X is a random variable,

 $(X < x) = \{s \in S : X(s) < x\}$ is an event for all real x. So, $(X > x), (X = x), (X \le x), (X \ge x)$ are all events.

- Throw a die, Sample space = $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$
 - $-E = 0 : \text{ event } \{1, 3, 5\}$
 - $-E = 1 : \text{ event } \{2, 4, 6\}$
 - -E < 0: null event
 - $-E \le 1 : \text{event } \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$
- 3. Range of a random variable: The range of a random variable is the set of values taken by it. Range is a subset of the real line.
 - Throw a die, E = 0 if number is odd, E = 1 if number is even
 - $Range = \{0, 1\}$
- 4. **Discrete random variable:** A random variable is said to be discrete if its range is a discrete set.
- 5. **Probability Mass Function (PMF):** The probability mass function (PMF) of a discrete random variable (r.v.) X with range set T is the function $f_X: T \to [0,1]$ defined as

$$f_X(t) = P(X = t)$$
 for $t \in T$.

- 6. Properties of PMF:
 - $\bullet \ 0 \le f_X(t) \le 1$
 - $\sum_{t \in T} f_X(t) = 1$
- 7. Uniform random variable: $X \sim \text{Uniform}(T)$, where T is some finite set.

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- \bullet Range: Finite set T
- PMF: $f_X(t) = \frac{1}{|T|}$ for all $t \in T$
- 8. Bernoulli random variable: $X \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p)$, where $0 \le p \le 1$.
 - Range: $\{0,1\}$
 - PMF: $f_X(0) = 1 p, f_X(1) = p$
- 9. Binomial random variable: $X \sim \text{Binomial}(n, p)$, where n: positive integer, $0 \le p \le 1$.
 - Range: $\{0, 1, 2, \dots, n\}$
 - PMF: $f_X(k) = {}^{n}C_k p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$
- 10. Geometric random variable: $X \sim \text{Geometric}(p)$, where 0 .
 - Range: $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$
 - PMF: $f_X(k) = (1-p)^{k-1}p$
- 11. Negative Binomial random variable: $X \sim \text{Negative Binomial}(r, p)$, where r: positive integer, 0 .
 - Range: $\{r, r+1, r+2, \ldots\}$
 - PMF: $f_X(k) = {}^{k-1}C_{r-1}(1-p)^{k-r}p^r$
- 12. **Poisson random variable:** $X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$, where $\lambda > 0$.
 - Range: $\{0, 1, 2, 3, \ldots\}$
 - PMF: $f_X(k) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^k}{k!}$
- 13. **Hypergeometric random variable:** $X \sim \text{HyperGeo}(N, r, m)$, where N, r, m: positive integers
 - Range: $\{\max(0, m (N r)), \dots, \min(r, m)\}$
 - PMF: $f_X(k) = \frac{{}^rC_k{}^{N-r}C_{m-k}}{{}^NC_m}$
- 14. Functions of a random variable: X: random variable with PMF $f_X(t)$. f(X): random variable whose PMF is given as follows.

$$f_{f(X)}(a) = P(f(X) = a) = P(X \in \{t : f(t) = a\})$$

$$= \sum_{t:f(t)=a} f_X(t)$$

• PMF of f(X) can be found using PMF of X.

Week 3 Notes

Multiple Random Variables

1. **Joint probability mass function:** Suppose X and Y are discrete random variables defined in the same probability space. Let the range of X and Y be T_X and T_Y , respectively. The joint PMF of X and Y, denoted f_{XY} , is a function from $T_X \times T_Y$ to [0,1] defined as

$$f_{XY}(t_1, t_2) = P(X = t_1 \text{ and } Y = t_2), t_1 \in T_X, t_2 \in T_Y$$

- Joint PMF is usually written as table or a matrix.
- $P(X = t_1 \text{ and } Y = t_2)$ is denoted $P(X = t_1, Y = t_2)$
- 2. Marginal PMF: Suppose X and Y are jointly distributed discrete random variables with joint PMF f_{XY} . The PMF of the individual random variables X and Y are called as marginal PMFs. It can be shown that

$$f_X(t_1) = P(X = t_1) = \sum_{t_2 \in T_Y} (f_{XY}(t_1, t_2))$$

$$f_Y(t_2) = P(X = t_2) = \sum_{t_1 \in T_X} (f_{XY}(t_1, t_2))$$

Note: Given the joint PMF, the marginal is unique.

3. Conditional distribution given an event: Suppose X is a discrete random variable with range T_X , and A is an event in the same probability space. The conditional PMF of X given A is defined as the PMF

$$f_{X|A}(t) = P(X = t|A)$$

where $t \in T_X$

We will denote the conditional random variable by X|A. (Note that X|A is a valid random variable with PMF $f_{X|A}$).

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$$f_{X|A}(t) = \frac{P((X=t) \cap A)}{P(A)}$$

• Range of (X|A) can be different from T_X and will depend on A.

4. Conditional distribution of one random variable given another:

Suppose X and Y are jointly distributed discrete random variables with joint PMF f_{XY} . The conditional PMF of Y given X = t is defined as the PMF

$$f_{Y|X=x}(y) = \frac{P(X=x,Y=y)}{P(X=x)} = \frac{f_{XY}(x,y)}{f_X(x)}$$

We will denote the conditional random variable by Y|(X=x). (Note that Y|(X=x) is a valid random variable with PMF $f_{Y|(X=x)}$.

- Range of (Y|X=t) can be different from T_Y and will depend on t.
- $f_{XY}(x,y) = f_{Y|X=x}(x,y).f_X(x) = f_{X|Y=y}(x,y).f_Y(y)$
- $\sum_{y \in T_Y} f_{Y|X=x}(y) = 1$

5. Joint PMF of more than two discrete random variables:

Suppose $X_1, X_2, ..., X_n$ are discrete random variables defined in the same probability space. Let the range of X_i be T_{X_i} . The joint PMF of X_i , denoted by $f_{X_1X_2...X_n}$, is a function from $T_{X_1} \times T_{X_2} \times ... \times T_{X_n}$ to [0, 1] defined as

$$f_{X_1X_2...X_n}(t_1, t_2, ..., t_n) = P(X_1 = t_1, X_2 = t_2, ..., X_n = t_n); t_i \in T_{X_i}$$

6. Marginal PMF in case of more than two discrete random variables:

Suppose $X_1, X_2, ..., X_n$ are jointly distributed discrete random variables with joint PMF $f_{X_1X_2...X_n}$. The PMF of the individual random variables $X_1, X_2, ..., X_n$ are called as marginal PMFs. It can be shown that

$$f_{X_1}(t_1) = P(X_1 = t_1) = \sum_{t_2 \in T_{X_2}, t_3 \in T_{X_3}, \dots, t_n \in T_{X_n}} f_{X_1 X_2 \dots X_n}(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n)$$

$$f_{X_2}(t_2) = P(X_2 = t_2) = \sum_{t_1 \in T_{X_1}, t_3 \in T_{X_3}, \dots, t_n \in T_{X_n}} f_{X_1 X_2 \dots X_n}(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n)$$

$$f_{X_n}(t_n) = P(X_n = t_n) = \sum_{t_1 \in T_{X_1}, t_2 \in T_{X_2}, \dots, t_{n-1} \in T_{X_{n-1}}} f_{X_1 X_2 \dots X_n}(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n)$$

7. **Marginalisation:** Suppose $X_1, X_2, ..., X_n$ are jointly distributed discrete random variables with joint PMF $f_{X_1X_2...X_n}$. The joint PMF of the random variables $X_{i_1}, X_{i_2}, ..., X_{i_k}$, denoted by $f_{X_{i_1}X_{i_2}...X_{i_k}}$ is given by

$$f_{X_{i_1}X_{i_2}...X_{i_k}}(t_{i_1},t_{i_2},\ldots t_{i_k}) = \sum f_{X_1X_2...X_n}(t_1,\ldots t_{i_1-1},t_{i_1},t_{i_1+1},\ldots t_{i_k-1},t_{i_k},t_{i_k+1},\ldots t_n)$$

• Sum over everything you don't want.

8. Conditioning with multiple discrete random variables:

- A wide variety of conditioning is possible when there are many random variables. Some examples are:
- Suppose $X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4 \sim f_{X_1 X_2 X_3 X_4}$ and $x_i \in T_{X_i}$, then

$$- f_{X_1|X_2=x_2}(x_1) = \frac{f_{X_1X_2}(x_1, x_2)}{f_{X_2}(x_2)}$$

$$- f_{X_1,X_2|X_3=x_3}(x_1, x_2) = \frac{f_{X_1X_2X_3}(x_1, x_2, x_3)}{f_{X_3}(x_3)}$$

$$- f_{X_1|X_2=x_2,X_3=x_3}(x_1) = \frac{f_{X_1X_2X_3}(x_1, x_2, x_3)}{f_{X_2X_3}(x_2, x_3)}$$

$$- f_{X_1X_4|X_2=x_2,X_3=x_3}(x_1, x_4) = \frac{f_{X_1X_2X_3X_4}(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)}{f_{X_2X_3}(x_2, x_3)}$$

9. Conditioning and factors of the joint PMF:

Let
$$X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4 \sim f_{X_1 X_2 X_3 X_4}, X_i \in T_{X_i}$$
.

$$f_{X_1X_2X_3X_4}(t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4) = P(X_1 = t_1 \text{ and } (X_2 = t_2, X_3 = t_3, X_4 = t_4))$$

$$= f_{X_1|X_2 = t_2, X_3 = t_3, X_4 = t_4}(t_1)P(X_2 = t_2 \text{ and } (X_3 = t_3, X_4 = t_4))$$

$$= f_{X_1|X_2 = t_2, X_3 = t_3, X_4 = t_4}(t_1)f_{X_2|X_3 = t_3, X_4 = t_4}(t_2)P(X_3 = t_3 \text{ and } X_4 = t_4)$$

$$= f_{X_1|X_2 = t_2, X_3 = t_3, X_4 = t_4}(t_1)f_{X_2|X_3 = t_3, X_4 = t_4}(t_2)f_{X_3|X_4 = t_4}(t_3)f_{X_4}(t_4).$$

• Factoring can be done in any sequence.

10. Independence of two random variables:

Let X and Y be two random variables defined in a probability space with ranges T_X and T_Y , respectively. X and Y are said to be independent if any event defined using X alone is independent of any event defined using Y alone. Equivalently, if the joint PMF of X and Y is f_{XY} , X and Y are independent if

$$f_{XY}(x,y) = f_X(x)f_Y(y)$$

for $x \in T_X$ and $y \in T_Y$

• X and Y are independent if

$$f_{X|Y=y}(x) = f_X(x)$$

$$f_{Y|X=x}(y) = f_Y(y)$$

for $x \in T_X$ and $y \in T_Y$

• To show X and Y independent, verify

$$f_{XY}(x,y) = f_X(x)f_Y(y)$$

for all $x \in T_X$ and $y \in T_Y$

 \bullet To show X and Y dependent, verify

$$f_{XY}(x,y) \neq f_X(x)f_Y(y)$$

for some $x \in T_X$ and $y \in T_Y$

- Special case: $f_{XY}(t_1, t_2) = 0$ when $f_X(t_1) \neq 0, f_Y(t_2) \neq 0$.

11. Independence of multiple random variables:

Let X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_n be random variables defined in a probability space with range of X_i denoted T_{X_i} . X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_n are said to be independent if events defined using different X_i are mutually independent. Equivalently, X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_n are independent iff

$$f_{X_1X_2...X_n}(t_1, t_2, ..., t_n) = f_{X_1}(x_1)f_{X_2}(x_2)...f_{X_n}(x_n)$$

for all $x_i \in T_{X_i}$

• All subsets of independent random variables are independent.

12. Independent and Identically Distributed (i.i.d.) random variables:

Random variables X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n are said to be independent and identically distributed (i.i.d.), if

- (i) they are independent.
- (ii) the marginal PMFs f_{X_i} are identical.

Examples:

- Repeated trials of an experiment creates i.i.d. sequence of random variables
 - Toss a coin multiple times.
 - Throw a die multiple times.
- Let $X_1, X_2, ... X_n \sim \text{i.i.d.} X$ (Geometric(p)). X will take values in $\{1, 2, ...\}$ $P(X = k) = p^{k-1}p$

Since X_i 's are independent and identically distributed, we can write

$$P(X_1 > j, X_2 > j, \dots, X_n > j) = P(X_1 > j)P(X_2 > j) \dots P(X_n > j)$$

= $[P(X > j)]^n$

$$P(X > j) = \sum_{k=j+1}^{\infty} (1-p)^{k-1} p$$

$$= (1-p)^{j} p + (1-p)^{j+1} p + (1-p)^{j+2} p + \dots$$

$$= (1-p)^{j} p [1 + (1-p) + (1-p)^{2} + \dots]$$

$$= (1-p)^{j} p \left(\frac{1}{1-(1-p)}\right)$$

$$= (1-p)^{j}$$

$$\Rightarrow P(X_1 > j, X_2 > j, \dots, X_n > j) = [P(X > j)]^n = (1 - p)^{jn}$$

13. Function of random variables $(g(X_1, X_2, ..., X_n))$:

Suppose X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_n have joint PMF $f_{X_1 X_2 \ldots X_n}$ with T_{X_i} denoting the range of X_i . Let $g: T_{X_1} \times T_{X_2} \times \ldots \times T_{X_n} \to R$ be a function with range T_g . The PMF of $X = g(X_1, X_2 \ldots, X_n)$ is given by

$$f_X(t) = P(g(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n) = t) = \sum_{\substack{(t_1, \dots, t_n) : g(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n) = t}} f_{X_1 X_2, \dots, X_n}(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n)$$

• Sum of two random variables taking integer values:

$$X, Y \sim f_{XY}, Z = X + Y.$$

Let z be some integer,

$$P(Z = z) = P(X + Y = z)$$

$$= \sum_{x = -\infty}^{\infty} P(X = x, Y = z - x)$$

$$= \sum_{x = -\infty}^{\infty} f_{XY}(x, z - x)$$

$$= \sum_{y = -\infty}^{\infty} f_{XY}(z - y, y)$$

- Convolution: If X and Y are independent, $f_{X+Y}(z) = \sum_{x=-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x) f_Y(z-x)$
- Let $X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda_1), Y \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda_2)$
 - -X and Y are independent.

$$-Z = X + Y, z \in \{0, 1, 2, \ldots\}$$

$$f_Z(z) \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)$$

$$(X = k \mid Z = n) \sim \text{Binomial}\left(n, \frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2}\right), (Y = k \mid Z = n) \sim \text{Binomial}\left(n, \frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2}\right)$$

14. CDF of a random variable:

Cumulative distribution function of a random variable X is a function $F_X : R \to [0, 1]$ defined as

$$F_X(x) = P(X \le x)$$

15. Minimum of two random variables:

Let $X, Y \sim f_{XY}$ and let $Z = \min\{X, Y\}$, then

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$$f_Z(z) = P(Z = z) = P(\min\{X, Y\} = z)$$

$$= P(X = z, Y = z) + P(X = z, Y > z) + P(X > z, Y = z)$$

$$= f_{XY}(z, z) + \sum_{t_2 > z} f_{XY}(z, t_2) + \sum_{t_1 > z} f_{XY}(t_1, z)$$

 $F_Z(z) = P(Z \le z) = P(\min\{X, Y\} \le z)$ = 1 - P(\min\{X, Y\} > z) = 1 - [P(X > z, Y > z)]

16. Maximum of two random variables:

Let $X, Y \sim f_{XY}$ and let $Z = \max\{X, Y\}$, then

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$$f_Z(z) = P(Z = z) = P(\max\{X, Y\} = z)$$

$$= P(X = z, Y = z) + P(X = z, Y < z) + P(X < z, Y = z)$$

$$= f_{XY}(z, z) + \sum_{t_2 < z} f_{XY}(z, t_2) + \sum_{t_1 < z} f_{XY}(t_1, z)$$

ullet

$$F_Z(z) = P(Z \le z) = P(\max\{X, Y\} \le z)$$
$$= [P(X \le z, Y \le z)]$$

17. Maximum and Minimum of n i.i.d. random variables

• Let $X \sim \text{Geometric}(p), Y \sim \text{Geometric}(q)$ X and Y are independent. $Z = \min(X, Y)$

$$Z \sim \text{Geometric}(1 - (1 - p)(1 - q))$$

• Maximum of 2 **independent** geometric random variables is not geometric.

Important Points:

- 1. Let $N \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$ and $X|N = n \sim \text{Binomial}(n, p)$, then $X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda p)$
- 2. Memory less property of Geometric(p) If $X \sim \text{Geometric}(p)$, then

$$P(X > m + n | X > m) = P(X > n)$$

- 3. Sum of n independent Bernoulli(p) trials is Binomial(n, p).
- 4. Sum of 2 independent Uniform random variables is not Uniform.
- 5. Sum of **independent** Binomial(n, p) and Binomial(m, p) is Binomial(n + m, p).

- 6. Sum of r i.i.d. Geometric(p) is Negative-Binomial(r, p).
- 7. Sum of **independent** Negative-Binomial(r, p) and Negative-Binomial(s, p) is Negative-Binomial(r + s, p)
- 8. If X and Y are independent, then g(X) and h(Y) are also independent.

Week 4 Notes

Expected value

• Expected value of a random variable

<u>Definition</u>: Suppose X is a discrete random variable with range T_X and PMF f_X . The expected value of X, denoted E[X], is defined as

$$E[X] = \sum_{t \in T_X} tP(X = t)$$

assuming the above sum exists.

Expected value represents "center" of a random variable.

1. Consider a constant c as a random variable X with P(X = c) = 1.

$$E[c] = c \times 1 = c$$

2. If X takes only non-negative values, i.e. $P(X \ge 0) = 1$. Then,

$$E[X] \ge 0$$

• Expected value of a function of random variables

Suppose $X_1 cdots X_n$ have joint PMF $f_{X_1 cdots X_n}$ with range of X_i denoted as T_{X_i} . Let

$$g: T_{X_1} \times \ldots \times T_{X_n} \to \mathbb{R}$$

be a function, and let $Y = g(X_1, \ldots, X_n)$ have range T_Y and PMF f_Y . Then,

$$E[g(X_1, \dots, X_n)] = \sum_{t \in T_Y} t f_Y(t) = \sum_{t_i \in T_{X_i}} g(t_1, \dots, t_n) f_{X_1 \dots X_n}(t_1, \dots, t_n)$$

• Linearity of Expected value:

- 1. E[cX] = cE[X] for a random variable X and a constant c.
- 2. E[X + Y] = E[X] + E[Y] for any two random variables X, Y.

• Zero mean Random variable:

A random variable X with E[X] = 0 is said to be a zero-mean random variable.

• Variance and Standard deviation:

<u>Definition</u>: The variance of a random variable X, denoted by Var(X), is defined as

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

Variance measures the spread about the expected value. Variance of random variable X is also given by $Var(X) = E[X^2] - E[X]^2$

The standard deviation of X, denoted by SD(X), is defined as

$$SD(X) = +\sqrt{\operatorname{Var}(X)}$$

Units of SD(X) are same as units of X.

• Properties: Scaling and translation

Let X be a random variable. Let a be a constant real number.

- 1. $Var(aX) = a^2 Var(X)$
- 2. SD(aX) = |a| SD(X)
- 3. Var(X + a) = Var(X)
- 4. SD(X + a) = SD(X)

• Sum and product of independent random variables

- 1. For any two random variables X and Y (independent or dependent), E[X+Y] = E[X] + E[Y].
- 2. If X and Y are independent random variables,
 - (a) E[XY] = E[X]E[Y]
 - (b) Var(X + Y) = Var(X) + Var(Y)

• Standardised random variables:

- 1. <u>Definition:</u> A random variable X is said to be standardised if E[X] = 0, Var(X) = 1.
- 2. Let X be a random variable. Then, $Y = \frac{X E[X]}{SD(X)}$ is a standardised random variable.

Covariance:

<u>Definition</u>: Suppose X and Y are random variables on the same probability space. The covariance of X and Y, denoted as Cov(X,Y), is defined as

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

It summarizes the relationship between two random variables. Properties:

- 1. Cov(X, X) = Var(X)
- 2. Cov(X, Y) = E[XY] E[X]E[Y]

- 3. Covariance is symmetric if Cov(X, Y) = Cov(Y, X)
- 4. Covariance is a "linear" quantity.
 - (a) Cov(X, aY + bZ) = aCov(X, Y) + bCov(X, Z)
 - (b) Cov(aX + bY, Z) = aCov(X, Z) + bCov(Y, Z)
- 5. Independence: If X and Y are independent, then X and Y are uncorrelated, i.e. $\overline{\text{Cov}(X,Y)} = 0$
- 6. If X and Y are uncorrelated, they may be dependent.

• Correlation coefficient:

<u>Definition</u>: The correlation coefficient or correlation of two random variables X and Y, denoted by $\rho(X,Y)$, is defined as

$$\rho(X,Y) = \frac{\operatorname{Cov}(X,Y)}{SD(X)SD(Y)}$$

- 1. $-1 \le \rho(X, Y) \le 1$.
- 2. $\rho(X,Y)$ summarizes the trend between random variables.
- 3. $\rho(X,Y)$ is a dimensionless quantity.
- 4. If $\rho(X,Y)$ is close to zero, there is no clear linear trend between X and Y.
- 5. If $\rho(X,Y) = 1$ or $\rho(X,Y) = -1$, Y is a linear function of X.
- 6. If $|\rho(X,Y)|$ is close to one, X and Y are strongly correlated.

• Bounds on probabilities using mean and variance

1. Markov's inequality: Let X be a discrete random variable taking non-negative values with a finite mean μ . Then,

$$P(X \ge c) \le \frac{\mu}{c}$$

Mean μ , through Markov's inequality: bounds the probability that a non-negative random variable takes values much larger than the mean.

2. Chebyshev's inequality: Let X be a discrete random variable with a finite mean μ and a finite variance σ^2 . Then,

$$P(\mid X - \mu \mid \ge k\sigma) \le \frac{1}{k^2}$$

Other forms:

(a)
$$P(|X - \mu| \ge c) \le \frac{\sigma^2}{c^2}, P((X - \mu)^2 > k^2 \sigma^2) \le \frac{1}{k^2}$$

(b)
$$P(\mu - k\sigma < X < \mu + k\sigma) \ge 1 - \frac{1}{k^2}$$

Mean μ and standard deviation σ , through Chebyshev's inequality: bound the probability that X is away from μ by $k\sigma$.

Week 5 Notes

Continuous Random Variables

1. Cumulative distribution function:

A function $F: \mathbb{R} \to [0,1]$ is said to be a Cumulative Distribution Function (CDF) if

- (i) F is a non-decreasing function taking values between 0 and 1.
- (ii) As $x \to -\infty$, $F \to 0$
- (iii) As $x \to \infty$, $F \to 1$
- (iv) Technical: F is continuous from the right.

2. CDF of a random variable:

Cumulative distribution function of a random variable X is a function $F_X : R \to [0, 1]$ defined as

$$F_X(x) = P(X \le x)$$

Properties of CDF

- $F_X(b) F_X(a) = P(a < X \le b)$
- F_X is a non-decreasing function of x.
- F_X takes non-negative values.
- As $x \to -\infty$, $F_X(x) \to 0$
- As $x \to \infty$, $F_X(x) \to 1$

3. Theorem: Random variable with CDF F(x)

Given a valid CDF F(x), there exists a random variable X taking values in \mathbb{R} such that

$$P(X \le x) = F(x)$$

• If F is not continuous at x and F(X) rises from F_1 to F_2 at x (jump at x), then

$$P(X=x) = F_2 - F_1$$

• If F is continuous at x, then

$$P(X=x)=0$$

4. Continuous random variable:

A random variable X with CDF $F_X(x)$ is said to be a continuous random variable if $F_X(x)$ is continuous at every x.

Properties of continuous random variables

- CDF has no jumps or steps.
- P(X = x) = 0 for all x.

• Probability of X falling in an interval will be nonzero

$$P(a < X \le b) = F(b) - F(a)$$

• Since P(X = a) = 0 and P(X = b) = 0, we have

$$P(a \le X \le b) = P(a < X \le b) = P(a \le X < b) = P(a < X < b)$$

5. Probability density function (PDF):

A continuous random variable X with CDF $F_X(x)$ is said to have a PDF $f_X(x)$ if, for all x_0 ,

$$F_X(x_0) = \int_{-\infty}^{x_0} f_X(x) dx$$

- CDF is the integral of the PDF.
- Derivative of the CDF (wherever it exists) is usually taken as the PDF.
- Value of PDF around $f_X(x_0)$ is related to X taking a value around x_0 .
- Higher the PDF, higher the chance that X lies there.
- 6. For a random variable X with PDF f_X , an event A is a subset of the real line and its probability is computed as

$$P(A) = \int_{A} f_X(x) dx$$

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$$P(a < X < b) = F_X(b) - F_X(a) = \int_a^b f_X(x) dx$$

7. Density function:

A function $f: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ is said to be a density function if

- (i) $f(x) \ge 0$ (ii) $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x) dx = 1$
- (iii) f(x) is piece-wise continuous
- 8. Given a density function f, there is a continuous random variable X with PDF as f.

9. Support of random variable X

Support of the random variable X with PDF f_X is

$$\operatorname{supp}(X) = \{x : f_X(x) > 0\}$$

• supp(X) contains intervals in which X can fall with positive probability.

10. Continuous Uniform distribution:

- $X \sim \text{Uniform}[a, b]$
- PDF:

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a} & a < x < b \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

• CDF:

$$F_X(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x \le a \\ \frac{x-a}{b-a} & a < x < b \\ 1 & x \ge b \end{cases}$$

11. Exponential distribution:

- $X \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda)$
- PDF:

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda x} & x > 0\\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

• CDF:

$$F_X(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x \le 0\\ 1 - e^{-\lambda x} & x > 0 \end{cases}$$

12. Normal distribution:

- $X \sim \text{Normal}[\mu, \sigma^2]$
- PDF:

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(\frac{-(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \qquad -\infty < x < \infty$$

• CDF:

$$F_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f_X(u) du$$

- CDF has no closed form expression.
- Standard normal: Z = Normal(0, 1)

- PDF:
$$f_Z(z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(\frac{-z^2}{2}\right)$$
 $-\infty < z < \infty$

13. Standardization:

If $X \sim \text{Normal}(\mu, \sigma^2)$, then

$$\frac{X - \mu}{\sigma} = Z \sim \text{Normal}(0, 1)$$

14. To compute the probabilities of the normal distribution, convert probability computation to that of a standard normal.

15. Functions of continuous random variable:

Suppose X is a continuous random variable with CDF F_X and PDF f_X and suppose $g: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ is a (reasonable) function. Then, Y = g(X) is a random variable with CDF F_Y determined as follows:

- $F_Y(y) = P(Y \le y) = P(g(X) \le y) = P(X \in \{x : g(x) \le y\})$
- To evaluate the above probability
 - Convert the subset $A_y = \{x : g(x) \leq y\}$ into intervals in real line.
 - Find the probability that X falls in those intervals.
 - $-F_Y(y) = P(X \in A_Y) = \int_{A_Y} f_X(x) dx$
- If F_Y has no jumps, you may be able to differentiate and find a PDF.

16. Theorem: Monotonic differentiable function

Suppose X is a continuous random variable with PDF f_X . Let g(x) be monotonic for $x \in \text{supp}(X)$ with derivative $g'(x) = \frac{dg(x)}{dx}$. Then, the PDF of Y = g(X) is

$$f_Y(y) = \frac{1}{|g'(g^{-1}(y))|} f_X(g^{-1}(y))$$

• Translation: Y = X + a

$$f_Y(y) = f_X(y - a)$$

• Scaling: Y = aX

$$f_Y(y) = \frac{1}{|a|} f_X(y/a)$$

• Affine: Y = aX + b

$$f_Y(y) = \frac{1}{|a|} f_X((y-b)/a)$$

• Affine transformation of a normal random variable is normal.

17. Expected value of function of continuous random variable:

Let X be a continuous random variable with density $f_X(x)$. Let $g: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ be a function. The expected value of g(X), denoted E[g(X)], is given by

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

whenever the above integral exists.

• The integral may diverge to $\pm \infty$ or may not exist in some cases.

18. Expected value (mean) of a continuous random variable:

Mean, denoted E[X] or μ_X or simply μ is given by

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

19. Variance of a continuous random variable:

Variance, denoted $\operatorname{Var}[X]$ or σ_X^2 or simply σ^2 is given by

$$Var(X) = E[(X - E[X])^2] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - \mu)^2 f_X(x) dx$$

- \bullet Variance is a measure of spread of X about its mean.
- $\operatorname{Var}(X) = E[X^2] E[X]^2$

X	E[X]	Var(X)
Uniform $[a, b]$	$\frac{a+b}{2}$	$\frac{(b-a)^2}{12}$
$\operatorname{Exp}(\lambda)$	$\frac{1}{\lambda}$	$\frac{1}{\lambda^2}$
$Normal(\mu, \sigma^2)$	μ	σ^2

20. Markov's inequality:

If X is a continuous random variable with mean μ and non-negative supp(X) (i.e. P(X < 0) = 0), then

$$P(X > c) \le \frac{\mu}{c}$$

21. Chebyshev's inequality:

If X is a continuous random variable with mean μ and variance σ^2 , then

$$P(|X - \mu| \ge k\sigma) \le \frac{1}{k^2}$$

Week 6 Notes

1. **Marginal density:** Let (X,Y) be jointly distributed where X is discrete with range T_X and PMF $p_X(x)$.

For each $x \in T_X$, we have a continuous random variable Y_x with density $f_{Y_x}(y)$. $f_{Y_x}(y)$: conditional density of Y given X = x, denoted $f_{Y|X=x}(y)$.

 \bullet Marginal density of Y

$$- f_Y(y) = \sum_{x \in T_X} p_X(x) f_{Y|X=x}(y)$$

2. Conditional probability of discrete given continuous: Suppose X and Y are jointly distributed with $X \in T_X$ being discrete with PMF $p_X(x)$ and conditional densities $f_{Y|X=x}(y)$ for $x \in T_X$. The conditional probability of X given $Y = y_0 \in \text{supp}(Y)$ is defined as

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$$P(X = x \mid Y = y_0) = \frac{p_X(x)f_{Y|X=x}(y_0)}{f_Y(y_0)}$$

- 3. **Joint density:** A function f(x,y) is said to be a joint density function if
 - $f(x,y) \ge 0$, i.e. f is non-negative.

•
$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dx dy = 1$$

4. **2D uniform distribution:** Fix some (reasonable) region D in \mathbb{R}^2 with total area |D|. We say that $(X,Y) \sim \text{Uniform}(D)$ if they have the joint density

$$f_{XY}(x,y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{|D|} & (x,y) \in D\\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- 5. Marginal density: Suppose (X,Y) have joint density $f_{XY}(x,y)$. Then,
 - X has the marginal density $f_X(x) = \int_{y=-\infty}^{y=\infty} f_{XY}(x,y)dy$.
 - Y has the marginal density $f_Y(y) = \int_{x=-\infty}^{x=\infty} f_{XY}(x,y)dx$.
 - In general the marginals do not determine joint density.

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6. Independence: (X,Y) with joint density $f_{XY}(x,y)$ are independent if

- $f_{XY}(x,y) = f_X(x)f_Y(y)$
 - If independent, the marginals determine the joint density.
- 7. Conditional density: Let (X, Y) be random variables with joint density $f_{XY}(x, y)$. Let $f_X(x)$ and $f_Y(y)$ be the marginal densities.
 - For a such that $f_X(a) > 0$, the conditional density of Y given X = a, denoted as $f_{Y|X=a}(y)$, is defined as

$$f_{Y|X=a}(y) = \frac{f_{XY}(a,y)}{f_X(a)}$$

• For b such that $f_Y(b) > 0$, the conditional density of X given Y = b, denoted as $f_{X|Y=b}(x)$, is defined as

$$f_{X|Y=b}(x) = \frac{f_{XY}(x,b)}{f_Y(b)}$$

- 8. Properties of conditional density: Joint = Marginal × Conditional, for x = a and y = b such that $f_X(a) > 0$ and $f_Y(b) > 0$.
 - $f_{XY}(a,b) = f_X(a)f_{Y|X=a}(b) = f_Y(b)f_{X|Y=b}(a)$

Important results

Discrete random variables:

Distribution	PMF $(f_X(k))$	$CDF(F_X(x))$	E[X]	Var(X)
Uniform(A) $A = \{a, a + 1, \dots, b\}$	$ \frac{1}{n}, x = k $ $ n = b - a + 1 $ $ k = a, a + 1, \dots, b $	$\begin{cases} 0 & x < 0 \\ \frac{k-a+1}{n} & k \le x < k+1 \\ & k = a, a+1, \dots, b-1, b \\ 1 & x \ge n \end{cases}$	$\frac{a+b}{2}$	$\frac{n^2-1}{12}$
Bernoulli(p)	$\begin{cases} p & x = 1 \\ 1 - p & x = 0 \end{cases}$	$\begin{cases} 0 & x < 0 \\ 1 - p & 0 \le x < 1 \\ 1 & x \ge 1 \end{cases}$	p	p(1-p)
Binomial(n, p)	${}^{n}C_{k}p^{k}(1-p)^{n-k},$ $k=0,1,\ldots,n$	$\begin{cases} 0 & x < 0 \\ \sum_{i=0}^{k} {}^{n}C_{i}p^{i}(1-p)^{n-i} & k \le x < k+1 \\ & k = 0, 1, \dots, n \\ 1 & x \ge n \end{cases}$	np	np(1-p)
Geometric(p)	$(1-p)^{k-1}p,$ $k=1,\ldots,\infty$	$\begin{cases} 0 & x < 0 \\ 1 - (1 - p)^k & k \le x < k + 1 \\ & k = 1, \dots, \infty \end{cases}$	$\frac{1}{p}$	$\frac{1-p}{p^2}$
$\operatorname{Poisson}(\lambda)$	$\frac{e^{-\lambda}\lambda^k}{k!},$ $k = 0, 1, \dots, \infty$	$\begin{cases} 0 & x < 0 \\ e^{-\lambda} \sum_{i=0}^{k} \frac{\lambda^{i}}{i!} & k \le x < k+1 \\ & k = 0, 1, \dots, \infty \end{cases}$	λ	λ

Continuous random variables:

Distribution	PDF $(f_X(k))$	$CDF(F_X(x))$	E[X]	Var(X)
$\mathrm{Uniform}[a,b]$	$\frac{1}{b-a}, \ a \le x \le b$	CDF $(F_X(x))$ $\begin{cases} 0 & x \le a \\ \frac{x-a}{b-a} & a < x < b \\ 1 & x \ge b \end{cases}$	$\frac{a+b}{2}$	$\frac{(b-a)^2}{12}$
$\operatorname{Exp}(\lambda)$	$\lambda e^{-\lambda x}, x > 0$	$\begin{cases} 0 & x \le 0 \\ 1 - e^{-\lambda x} & x > 0 \end{cases}$	$\frac{1}{\lambda}$	$\frac{1}{\lambda^2}$
$\mathrm{Normal}(\mu, \sigma^2)$	$\frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}}\exp\left(\frac{-(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right),$ $-\infty < x < \infty$	No closed form	μ	σ^2
$\operatorname{Gamma}(\alpha,\beta)$	$\frac{\beta^{\alpha}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} x^{\alpha - 1} e^{-\beta x}, \ x > 0$		$\frac{\alpha}{\beta}$	$\frac{\alpha}{\beta^2}$
$\operatorname{Beta}(\alpha,\beta)$	$ \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)} x^{\alpha - 1} (1 - x)^{\beta - 1} $ $0 < x < 1 $		$\frac{\alpha}{\alpha + \beta}$	$\frac{\alpha\beta}{(\alpha+\beta)^2(\alpha+\beta+1)}$

1. Markov's inequality: Let X be a discrete random variable taking non-negative values with a finite mean μ . Then,

$$P(X \ge c) \le \frac{\mu}{c}$$

2. Chebyshev's inequality: Let X be a discrete random variable with a finite mean μ and a finite variance σ^2 . Then,

$$P(\mid X - \mu \mid \ge k\sigma) \le \frac{1}{k^2}$$

3. Weak Law of Large numbers: Let $X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_n \sim \text{iid } X \text{ with } E[X] = \mu, \text{Var}(X) = \sigma^2$.

Define sample mean $\overline{X} = \frac{X_1 + X_2 + \ldots + X_n}{n}$. Then,

$$P(|\overline{X} - \mu| > \delta) \le \frac{\sigma^2}{n\delta^2}$$

4. Using CLT to approximate probability: Let $X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_n \sim \text{iid } X \text{ with } E[X] = \mu, \text{Var}(X) = \sigma^2$.

Define $Y = X_1 + X_2 + ... + X_n$. Then,

$$\frac{Y - n\mu}{\sqrt{n}\sigma} \approx \text{Normal}(0, 1).$$

• Test for mean Case (1): When population variance σ^2 is known (z-test)

Test	H_0	H_A	Test statistic	Rejection region
right-tailed	$\mu = \mu_0$	$\mu > \mu_0$	$T = \overline{X}$ $Z = \frac{\overline{X} - \mu_0}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}}$	$\overline{X} > c$
			$T = \overline{X}$ $Z = \frac{\overline{X} - \mu_0}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}}$	$\overline{X} < c$
two-tailed			$T = \overline{X}$ $Z = \frac{\overline{X} - \mu_0}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}}$	$ \overline{X} - \mu_0 > c$

Case (2): When population variance σ^2 is unknown (t-test)

Test	H_0	H_A	Test statistic	Rejection region
right-tailed	$\mu = \mu_0$	$\mu > \mu_0$	$T = \overline{X}$ $t_{n-1} = \frac{\overline{X} - \mu_0}{\frac{S}{\sqrt{n}}}$	$\overline{X} > c$
left-tailed	$\mu = \mu_0$	$\mu < \mu_0$	$T = \overline{X}$ $t_{n-1} = \frac{\overline{X} - \mu_0}{S/\sqrt{n}}$	$\overline{X} < c$
			$T = \overline{X}$ $t_{n-1} = \frac{\overline{X} - \mu_0}{\frac{S}{\sqrt{n}}}$	$ \overline{X} - \mu_0 > c$

• χ^2 -test for variance:

Test	H_0	H_A	Test statistic	Rejection region
right-tailed	$\sigma = \sigma_0$	$\sigma > \sigma_0$	$T = \frac{(n-1)S^2}{\sigma_0^2} \sim \chi_{n-1}^2$	$S^2 > c^2$
left-tailed	$\sigma = \sigma_0$	$\sigma < \sigma_0$	$T = \frac{(n-1)S^2}{\sigma_0^2} \sim \chi_{n-1}^2$	$S^2 < c^2$
two-tailed	$\sigma = \sigma_0$	$\sigma \neq \sigma_0$	$T = \frac{(n-1)S^2}{\sigma_0^2} \sim \chi_{n-1}^2$	$S^2 > c^2$ where $\frac{\alpha}{2} = P(S^2 > c^2)$ or $S^2 < c^2$ where $\frac{\alpha}{2} = P(S^2 < c^2)$

\bullet Two samples z-test for means:

Test	H_0	H_A	Test statistic	Rejection region
right-tailed	$\mu_1 = \mu_2$	$\mu_1 > \mu_2$	$T = \overline{X} - \overline{Y}$ $\overline{X} - \overline{Y} \sim \text{Normal}\left(0, \frac{\sigma_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{\sigma_2^2}{n_2}\right) \text{ if } H_0 \text{ is true}$	$\overline{X} - \overline{Y} > c$
left-tailed	$\mu_1 = \mu_2$	$\mu_1 < \mu_2$	$T = \overline{Y} - \overline{X}$ $\overline{Y} - \overline{X} \sim \text{Normal}\left(0, \frac{\sigma_2^2}{n_2} + \frac{\sigma_1^2}{n_1}\right) \text{ if } H_0 \text{ is true}$	$\overline{Y} - \overline{X} > c$
two-tailed	$\mu_1 = \mu_2$	$\mu_1 \neq \mu_2$	$T = \overline{X} - \overline{Y}$ $\overline{X} - \overline{Y} \sim \text{Normal}\left(0, \frac{\sigma_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{\sigma_2^2}{n_2}\right) \text{ if } H_0 \text{ is true}$	$ \overline{X} - \overline{Y} > c$

\bullet Two samples F-test for variances

Test	H_0	H_A	Test statistic	Rejection region
one-tailed	$\sigma_1 = \sigma_2$	$\sigma_1 > \sigma_2$	$T = \frac{S_1^2}{S_2^2} \sim F_{(n_1 - 1, n_2 - 1)}$	$\frac{S_1^2}{S_2^2} > 1 + c$
			$T = \frac{S_1^2}{S_2^2} \sim F_{(n_1 - 1, n_2 - 1)}$	
two-tailed	$\sigma_1 = \sigma_2$	$\sigma_1 \neq \sigma_2$	$T = \frac{S_1^2}{S_2^2} \sim F_{(n_1 - 1, n_2 - 1)}$	$\frac{S_1^2}{S_2^2} > 1 + c_R \text{ where } \frac{\alpha}{2} = P(T > 1 + c_R) \text{ or } $ $\frac{S_1^2}{S_2^2} < 1 - c_L \text{ where } \frac{\alpha}{2} = P(T < 1 - c_L)$

• χ^2 -test for goodness of fit:

 H_0 : Samples are i.i.d X, H_A : Samples are not i.i.d X

Test statistic:
$$T = \sum_{i=1}^{k} \frac{(y_i - np_i)^2}{np_i} = \sum_{i=1}^{k} \frac{(\text{observed value} - \text{expected value})^2}{\text{expected value}} \sim \chi_{k-1}^2$$

Test: Reject H_0 if T > c.

• Test for independence:

 H_0 : Joint PMF is product of marginals, H_A : Joint PMF is not product of marginals

Test statistic:
$$T = \sum_{i,j} \frac{(y_{ij} - np_{ij})^2}{np_{ij}} = \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{(\text{observed value} - \text{expected value})^2}{\text{expected value}} \sim \chi_{dof}^2$$

where $dof = (\text{number of rows}-1) \times (\text{number of columns}-1)$ $y_{ij} = \text{product of marginals for } (i, j)$ $np_{ij} = \text{expected}$, if independent

Test: Reject H_0 if T > c.

Week 7 Notes

Statistics from samples and Limit theorems

1. Empirical distribution:

Let $X_1, X_2, ..., X_n \sim X$ be i.i.d. samples. Let $\#(X_i = t)$ denote the number of times t occurs in the samples. The empirical distribution is the discrete distribution with PMF

$$p(t) = \frac{\#(X_i = t)}{n}$$

- The empirical distribution is random because it depends on the actual sample instances.
- Descriptive statistics: Properties of empirical distribution. Examples :
 - Mean of the distribution
 - Variance of the distribution
 - Probability of an event
- As number of samples increases, the properties of empirical distribution should become close to that of the original distribution.

2. Sample mean:

Let $X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_n \sim X$ be i.i.d. samples. The sample mean, denoted \overline{X} , is defined to be the random variable

$$\overline{X} = \frac{X_1 + X_2 + \ldots + X_n}{n}$$

• Given a sampling x_1, \ldots, x_n the value taken by the sample mean \overline{X} is $\overline{x} = \frac{x_1 + x_2 + \ldots + x_n}{n}$. Often, \overline{X} and \overline{x} are both called sample mean.

3. Expected value and variance of sample mean:

Let X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_n be i.i.d. samples whose distribution has a finite mean μ and variance σ^2 . The sample mean \overline{X} has expected value and variance given by

$$E[\overline{X}] = \mu, \quad \operatorname{Var}(\overline{X}) = \frac{\sigma^2}{n}$$

- Expected value of sample mean equals the expected value or mean of the distribution.
- Variance of sample mean decreases with n.

4. Sample variance:

Let $X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_n \sim X$ be i.i.d. samples. The sample variance, denoted S^2 , is defined to be the random variable

$$S^{2} = \frac{(X_{1} - \overline{X})^{2} + (X_{2} - \overline{X})^{2} + \dots + (X_{n} - \overline{X})^{2}}{n - 1},$$

where \overline{X} is the sample mean.

5. Expected value of sample variance:

Let X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_n be i.i.d. samples whose distribution has a finite variance σ^2 . The sample variance $S^2 = \frac{(X_1 - \overline{X})^2 + (X_2 - \overline{X})^2 + \ldots + (X_n - \overline{X})^2}{n-1}$ has expected value given by

$$E[S^2] = \sigma^2$$

- Values of sample variance, on average, give the variance of distribution.
- Variance of sample variance will decrease with number of samples (in most cases).
- As n increases, sample variance takes values close to distribution variance.

6. Sample proportion:

The sample proportion of A, denoted S(A), is defined as

$$S(A) = \frac{\text{number of } X_i \text{ for which } A \text{ is true}}{n}$$

- As n increases, values of S(A) will be close to P(A).
- Mean of S(A) equals P(A).
- Variance of S(A) tends to 0.

7. Weak law of large numbers:

Let $X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_n \sim \text{iid } X \text{ with } E[X] = \mu, \text{Var}(X) = \sigma^2$. Define sample mean $\overline{X} = \frac{X_1 + X_2 + \ldots + X_n}{n}$. Then,

$$P(|\overline{X} - \mu| > \delta) \le \frac{\sigma^2}{n\delta^2}$$

8. Chernoff inequality:

Let X be a random variable such that E[X] = 0, then

$$P(X > t) \le \frac{E[e^{\lambda X}]}{e^{\lambda t}}, \quad \lambda > 0$$

9. Moment generating function (MGF):

Let X be a zero-mean random variable (E[X] = 0). The MGF of X, denoted $M_X(\lambda)$, is a function from \mathbb{R} to \mathbb{R} defined as

$$M_X(\lambda) = E[e^{\lambda X}]$$

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$$\begin{split} M_X(\lambda) &= E[e^{\lambda X}] \\ &= E[1 + \lambda X + \frac{\lambda^2 X^2}{2!} + \frac{\lambda^3 X^3}{3!} + \ldots] \\ &= 1 + \lambda E[X] + \frac{\lambda^2}{2!} E[X^2] + \frac{\lambda^3}{3!} E[X^3] + \ldots \end{split}$$

That is coefficient of $\frac{\lambda^k}{k!}$ in the MGF of X gives the kth moment of X.

- If $X \sim \text{Normal}(0, \sigma^2)$ then, $M_X(\lambda) = e^{\lambda^2 \sigma^2/2}$
- Let $X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_n \sim \text{i.i.d.} X$ and let $S = X_1 + X_2 + \ldots + X_n$, then

$$M_S(\lambda) = (E[e^{\lambda X}])^n = [M_X(\lambda)]^n$$

It implies that MGF of sum of independent random variables is product of the individual MGFs.

10. Central limit theorem: Let $X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_n \sim \text{iid } X \text{ with } E[X] = \mu, \text{Var}(X) = \sigma^2$. Define $Y = X_1 + X_2 + \ldots + X_n$. Then,

$$\frac{Y - n\mu}{\sqrt{n}\sigma} \approx \text{Normal}(0, 1).$$

11. Gamma distribution:

 $X \sim \text{Gamma}(\alpha, \beta) \text{ if PDF } f_x(x) \propto x^{\alpha-1} e^{-\beta x}, \quad x > 0$

- $\alpha > 0$ is a shape parameter.
- $\beta > 0$ is a rate parameter.
- $\theta = \frac{1}{\beta}$ is a scale parameter.
- Mean, $E[X] = \frac{\alpha}{\beta}$
- Variance, $Var(X) = \frac{\alpha}{\beta^2}$

12. Beta distribution:

$$X \sim \text{Beta}(\alpha, \beta) \text{ if PDF } f_x(x) \propto x^{\alpha-1} (1-x)^{\beta-1}, \quad 0 < x < 1$$

- $\alpha > 0, \beta > 0$ are the shape parameters.
- Mean, $E[X] = \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + \beta}$
- Variance, $Var(X) = \frac{\alpha\beta}{(\alpha+\beta)^2(\alpha+\beta+1)}$

13. Cauchy distribution:

$$X \sim \text{Cauchy}(\theta, \alpha^2) \text{ if PDF } f_x(x) \propto \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{\alpha}{\alpha^2 + (x - \theta)^2}$$

- θ is a location parameter.
- $\alpha > 0$ is a scale parameter.
- Mean and variance are undefined.

14. Some important results:

• Let $X_i \sim \text{Normal}(\mu_i, \sigma_i^2)$ are independent and let $Y = a_1 X_1 + a_2 X_2 + \dots + a_n X_n$, then

$$Y \sim \text{Normal}(\mu, \sigma^2)$$

where
$$\mu = a_1\mu_1 + a_2\mu_2 + \dots + a_n\mu_n$$
 and $\sigma^2 = a_1^2\sigma_1^2 + a_2^2\sigma_2^2 + \dots + a_n^2\sigma_n^2$
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That is linear combinations of i.i.d. normal distributions is again a normal distribution.

- Sum of n i.i.d. $\text{Exp}(\beta)$ is $\text{Gamma}(n, \beta)$.
- Square of Normal $(0, \sigma^2)$ is Gamma $\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2\sigma^2}\right)$.
- Suppose $X, Y \sim \text{i.i.d. Normal}(0, \sigma^2)$. Then, $\frac{X}{Y} \sim \text{Cauchy}(0, 1)$.
- Suppose $X \sim \text{Gamma}(\alpha, k), Y \sim \text{Gamma}(\beta, k)$ are independent random variables, then $\frac{X}{X+Y} \sim \text{Beta}(\alpha, \beta)$.
- Sum of n independent $Gamma(\alpha, \beta)$ is $Gamma(n\alpha, \beta)$.
- If $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n \sim \text{i.i.d. Normal}(0, \sigma^2)$, then $X_1^2 + X_2^2 + \dots + X_n^2 \sim \text{Gamma}\left(\frac{n}{2}, \frac{1}{2\sigma^2}\right)$.

- Gamma $\left(\frac{n}{2},\frac{1}{2}\right)$ is called Chi-square distribution with n degrees of freedom, denoted χ^2_n .
- Suppose $X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_n \sim \text{i.i.d.}$ Normal (μ, σ^2) . Suppose that \overline{X} and S^2 denote the sample mean and sample variance, respectively, then

 (i) $\frac{(n-1)S^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi_{n-1}^2$ (ii) \overline{X} and S^2 are independent.

Week 8 notes

- Let $X_1, \ldots, X_n \sim \text{i.i.d.} X$, where X has the distribution described by parameters $\theta_1, \theta_2, \ldots$
 - The parameters θ_i are unknown but a fixed constant.
 - Define the estimator for θ as the function of the samples: $\hat{\theta}(X_1,\ldots,X_n)$.

Note:

- 1. θ is an unknown parameter.
- 2. $\hat{\theta}$ is a function of *n* random variables.

Remark: Infinite number of estimators are possible for a parameter of a distribution.

- Estimation error: $\hat{\theta}(X_1, \dots, X_n) \theta$ is a random variable.
 - We expect the estimator random variable $\hat{\theta}(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ to take values around the actual value of the parameter θ . So, the random variable 'Error' should take values close to 0.
 - Mathematically, it is expressed as $P(|\text{Error }| > \delta)$ should be small.
 - Chebyshev bound on error: $P(|\text{Error} E[\text{Error}]| > \delta) \le \frac{\text{Var}(\text{Error})}{\delta^2}$.
 - Good design: $P(|\text{Error}| > \delta)$ will fall with n.
- Good design principles:
 - 1. Error should be close to or equal to 0.
 - 2. $Var(Error) \rightarrow 0$ with n.
- <u>Bias</u>: The bias of the estimator $\hat{\theta}$ for a parameter θ , denoted $\text{Bias}(\hat{\theta}, \theta)$ is defined as

$$\operatorname{Bias}(\hat{\theta}, \theta) = E[\hat{\theta} - \theta] = E[\hat{\theta}] - \theta$$

- 1. Bias is the expected value of Error.
- 2. An estimator with bias equal to 0 is said to be an unbiased estimator.
- Risk: The (squared-error) risk of the estimator $\hat{\theta}$ for a parameter θ , denoted Risk($\hat{\theta}, \theta$), is defined as

$$\operatorname{Risk}(\hat{\theta}, \theta) = E[(\hat{\theta} - \theta)^2]$$

- 1. Risk is the expected value of "squared error" and is also called mean squared error (MSE) often.
- 2. Squared-error risk is the second moment of Error.
- Variance of estimator:

$$Variance(\hat{\theta}) = E[(\hat{\theta} - E[\theta])^2]$$

 $Var(Error) = Var(\hat{\theta})$

• Bias-Variance tradeoff: The risk of the estimator satisfies the following relationship:

$$Risk(\hat{\theta}, \theta) = Bias(\hat{\theta}, \theta)^2 + Variance(\hat{\theta})$$

- Estimator design approach:
 - 1. Method of moments
 - (a) Sample moments: $M_k(X_1, \dots, X_n) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^k$
 - (b) M_k is a random variable, and m_k is the value taken by it in one sampling instance. We expect that M_k will take values around $E[X^k]$
 - (c) Procedure:
 - Equate sample moments to expression for moments in terms of unknown parameters.
 - Solve for the unknown parameters.
 - (d) One parameter θ usually needs one moment
 - Sample moment: m_1
 - Distribution moment: $E[X] = f(\theta)$
 - Solve for θ from $f(\theta) = m_1$ in terms of m_1 .
 - $-\hat{\theta}$: replace m_1 by M_1 in above solution.
 - (e) Two parameters θ_1, θ_2 usually needs two moments.
 - Sample moments: m_1, m_2
 - Distribution moment: $E[X] = f(\theta_1, \theta_2), E[X^2] = g(\theta_1, \theta_2)$
 - Solve for θ_1, θ_2 from $f(\theta_1, \theta_2) = m_1, g(\theta_1, \theta_2) = m_2$ in terms of m_1, m_2 .
 - $-\hat{\theta}$: replace m_1 by M_1 and m_2 by M_2 in above solution.
 - 2. Maximum Likelihood estimators
 - (a) <u>Likelihood of i.i.d. samples</u>: Likelihood of a sampling x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n , denoted $L(x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n)$

$$L(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n f_X(x_i; \theta_1, \theta_2, \dots)$$

- Likelihood $L(x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n)$ is a function of parameters.

- Maximum likelihood (ML) estimation

$$\theta_1^*, \theta_2^*, \dots = arg \max_{\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots} \prod_{i=1}^n f_X(x_i; \theta_1, \theta_2, \dots)$$

We find parameters that maximize likelihood for a given set of samples.

• Properties of estimators:

- 1. Consistency of estimators: If an estimator satisfies the following requirement, it is said to be consistent. Technically, it is called convergence in probability. $P(|\text{Error }|>\delta)\to 0 \text{ as } n\to\infty \text{ for any } \delta>0.$
- 2. To compare the estimators, use mean squared error (MSE).

• Confidence interval:

$$X_1, \ldots, X_n \sim \mathrm{iid} X, \mu = E[X]$$

Estimator: $\hat{\mu} = \frac{X_1 + \ldots + X_n}{n}$

- Suppose $P(|\hat{\mu} \mu| < \alpha) = \beta$, where α is a small fraction and β is a large fraction.
- $\hat{\mu}$ in one sampling instance: estimate with margin of error $(100\alpha)\%$ at confidence level $(100\beta)\%$.
- 1. Normal samples with known variance: $X_1, \ldots, X_n \sim \text{iid Normal}(\mu, \sigma^2), \sigma^2 \text{ known.}$

Estimator:
$$\hat{\mu} = \frac{X_1 + \ldots + X_n}{n}$$

$$\hat{\mu} \sim \text{i.i.d. Normal}(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{n}), Z = \frac{\hat{\mu} - \mu}{\sigma / \sqrt{n}} \sim \text{Normal}(0, 1)$$

$$P(\mid \hat{\mu} - \mu \mid < \alpha) = \beta$$

$$\implies P\left(\left|\frac{\hat{\mu}-\mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}}\right| < \frac{\alpha}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}}\right) = \beta$$

$$\implies P\left(\mid \text{Normal}(0,1)\mid < \frac{\alpha}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}}\right) = \beta$$

2. Normal samples with unknown variance: $X_1, \ldots, X_n \sim \text{iid Normal}(\mu, \sigma^2), \sigma^2$ unknown.

Sampling instance: x_1, \ldots, x_n .

Estimated mean and variance: $\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i, \hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \bar{x})^2$

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$$\hat{\mu} \sim \text{i.i.d. Normal}(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{n}), Z = \frac{\hat{\mu} - \mu}{S/\sqrt{n}} \sim t_{n-1}$$

$$P(|\hat{\mu} - \mu| < \alpha) = \beta$$

$$\implies P\left(\left|\frac{\hat{\mu} - \mu}{S/\sqrt{n}}\right| < \frac{\alpha}{\hat{\alpha}/\sqrt{n}}\right) = \beta$$

$$\implies P\left(|\text{Normal}(0, 1)| < \frac{\alpha}{\hat{\alpha}/\sqrt{n}}\right) = \beta$$

3. <u>If samples are not normal</u>: Use CLT to argue that sample mean will have a normal distribution

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Week 9 Notes

1. Parameter estimation: Let $X_1, \ldots, X_n \sim \text{iid } X$, parameter Θ

Prior distribution of Θ : $\Theta \sim f_{\Theta}(\theta)$

Samples: x_1, \ldots, x_n , notation $S = (X_1 = x_1, \ldots, X_n = x_n)$

Bayes' rule: posterior \propto likelihood \times prior

$$P(\Theta = \theta \mid S) = P(S \mid \Theta = \theta) f_{\Theta}(\theta) / P(S)$$

In case of discrete: $P(S) = \sum_{\theta} P(S \mid \Theta = \theta) f_{\Theta}(\theta)$

In case of continuous: $P(S) = \int_{\Omega} P(S \mid \Theta = \theta) f_{\Theta}(\theta) d\theta$

Posterior mode: $\hat{\theta} = \arg \max_{\theta} P(S \mid \Theta = \theta) f_{\Theta}(\theta)$

Posterior mean: $E[\Theta \mid S]$, mean of posterior distribution.

2. Bernoulli(p) samples with uniform prior: $X_1, \ldots, X_n \sim \text{iid Bernoulli}(\mathbf{p})$

Prior $\mathbf{p} \sim \text{Uniform}[0, 1]$

Samples: x_1, \ldots, x_n

Posterior: $\mathbf{p}|(X_1 = x_1, \dots X_n = x_n)$

Posterior density $\propto P(X_1 = x_1, \dots X_n = x_n \mid \mathbf{p} = p) \times f_{\mathbf{p}}(p)$

Posterior density $\propto p^w (1-p)^{n-w}$

 \Rightarrow Posterior density: Beta(w+1, n-w+1)Posterior mean: $\hat{p} = \frac{X_1 + X_2 + \ldots + X_n + 1}{n+2}$

3. Bernoulli(p) samples with beta prior: $X_1, \ldots, X_n \sim \text{iid Bernoulli}(\mathbf{p})$

Prior $\mathbf{p} \sim \text{Beta}(\alpha, \beta)$

$$\Rightarrow f_{\mathbf{p}}(p) \propto p^{\alpha-1} (1-p)^{\beta-1}$$

Samples: x_1, \ldots, x_n

Posterior: **p**| $(X_1 = x_1, ... X_n = x_n)$

Posterior density $\propto P(X_1 = x_1, \dots X_n = x_n \mid \mathbf{p} = p) \times f_{\mathbf{p}}(p)$

Posterior density $\propto p^{w+\alpha-1}(1-p)^{n-w+\beta-1}$

 \Rightarrow Posterior density: Beta $(w + \alpha, n - w + \beta)$

Posterior mean: $\hat{p} = \frac{X_1 + X_2 + \ldots + X_n + \alpha}{n + \alpha + \beta}$

4. Normal samples with unknown mean and known variance: $X_1, \ldots, X_n \sim iid$ $Normal(M, \sigma^2)$

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Prior M ~ Normal(μ_0, σ_0^2)

$$\Rightarrow f_M(\mu) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_0} \exp(-\frac{(\mu - \mu_0)^2}{2\sigma_0^2})$$

Samples: x_1, \ldots, x_n , Sample mean: $\overline{x} = (x_1 + \ldots + x_n)/n$

Posterior: M| $(X_1 = x_1, \dots X_n = x_n)$

Posterior density $\propto f(X_1 = x_1, \dots X_n = x_n \mid M = \mu) \times f_M(\mu)$ Posterior density $\propto \exp(-\frac{(x_1 - \mu)^2 + \dots + (x_n - \mu)^2}{2\sigma_0^2}) \exp(-\frac{(\mu - \mu_0)^2}{2\sigma_0^2})$

⇒ Posterior density: Normal

Posterior mean:
$$\hat{\mu} = \frac{X_1 + X_2 + \ldots + X_n}{n} \frac{n\sigma_0^2}{n\sigma_0^2 + \sigma^2} + \mu_0 \frac{\sigma^2}{n\sigma_0^2 + \sigma^2}$$

5. Geometric(p) samples with Uniform[0, 1] prior: $X_1, \ldots, X_n \sim \text{iid Geometric}(\mathbf{p})$

Prior $\mathbf{p} \sim \text{Uniform}[0, 1]$

Samples: x_1, \ldots, x_n

Posterior: $\mathbf{p} | (X_1 = x_1, \dots X_n = x_n)$

Posterior density $\propto P(X_1 = x_1, \dots X_n = x_n \mid \mathbf{p} = p) \times f_{\mathbf{p}}(p)$

Posterior density $\propto p^n (1-p)^{x_1+...+x_n-n}$

 \Rightarrow Posterior density: Beta $(n+1, x_1 + \ldots + x_n - n + 1)$

Posterior mean: $\hat{p} = \frac{n+1}{X_1 + \ldots + X_n + 2}$

6. Poisson(λ) samples with gamma prior: $X_1, \ldots, X_n \sim \text{iid Poisson}(\Lambda)$

Prior $\Lambda \sim \text{Gamma}(\alpha, \beta)$

$$\Rightarrow f_{\Lambda}(\lambda) \propto \lambda^{\alpha-1} e^{-\beta \lambda}$$

Samples: x_1, \ldots, x_n

Posterior: $\Lambda \mid (X_1 = x_1, \dots X_n = x_n)$

Posterior density $\propto P(X_1 = x_1, \dots X_n = x_n \mid \Lambda = \lambda) \times f_{\Lambda}(\lambda)$

Posterior density $\propto e^{-n\lambda} \lambda^{x_1 + \dots + x_n} \lambda^{\alpha - 1} e^{-\beta \lambda}$

 \Rightarrow Posterior density: Gamma $(x_1 + \ldots + x_n + \alpha, \beta + n)$

Posterior mean: $\hat{\lambda} = \frac{X_1 + X_2 + \ldots + X_n + \alpha}{n + \beta}$

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Week 10 Notes

Hypothesis testing

1. Null hypothesis:

The null hypothesis is a kind of hypothesis which explains the population parameter whose purpose is to test the validity of the given experimental data. It is denoted by H_0 . The null hypothesis is a default hypothesis that is assumed to remain possibly true.

2. Alternative hypothesis:

The alternative hypothesis is a statement used in statistical inference experiment. It is contradictory to the null hypothesis and denoted by H_A or H_1 .

3. Test statistic:

A test statistic is numerical quantity computed from values in a sample used in statistical hypothesis testing.

4. Type I error:

A type I error is a kind of fault that occurs during the hypothesis testing process when a null hypothesis is rejected, even though it is true.

5. Type II error:

A type II error is a kind of fault that occurs during the hypothesis testing process when a null hypothesis is accepted, even though it is not true (H_A is true).

6. Significance level (Size):

Significance level (also called size) of a test, denoted α , is the probability of type I error.

$$\alpha = P(\text{Type I error})$$

7. $\beta = P(\text{Type II error})$

8. Power of a test:

Power =
$$1 - \beta$$

9. Types of hypothesis:

- (a) **Simple hypothesis:** A hypothesis that completely specifies the distribution of the samples is called a simple hypothesis.
- (b) Composite hypothesis: A hypothesis that does not completely specify the distribution of the samples is called a composite hypothesis.

10. Standard testing method: z-test:

Consider a sample $X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_n \sim \text{i.i.d. } X$.

- Test statistic, denoted T, is some function of the samples. For example: sample mean \overline{X}
- Acceptance and rejection regions are specified through T.

(a) Right-tailed z-test:

- $H_0: \mu = \mu_0, \quad H_A: \mu > \mu_0$
- Test: reject H_0 if T > c.
- Significance level α depends on c and the distribution of $T|H_0$.
- $\alpha = P(T > c|H_0)$
- Fix α and find c.

(b) Left-tailed z-test:

- $H_0: \mu = \mu_0, \quad H_A: \mu < \mu_0$
- Test: reject H_0 if T < c.
- Significance level α depends on c and the distribution of $T|H_0$.
- $\alpha = P(T < c|H_0)$
- Fix α and find c.

(c) two-tailed z-test:

- $H_0: \mu = \mu_0, \quad H_A: \mu \neq \mu_0$
- Test: reject H_0 if |T| > c.
- Significance level α depends on c and the distribution of $T|H_0$.
- $\alpha = P(|T| > c|H_0)$
- Fix α and find c.

Note: In the test for mean $(\sigma^2 \text{ known})$, $T = \overline{X}$ and when null is true, $\frac{X - \mu_0}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \sim \text{Normal}(0, 1)$.

11. *P***-value:**

Suppose the test statistic T = t in one sampling. The lowest significance level α at which the null will be rejected for T = t is said to be the P-value of the sampling.

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Week 11 Notes

t-test, χ^2 -test, two samples z/F-test

1. Normal samples and statistics: Consider the samples $X_1, \ldots, X_n \sim \text{iid Normal}(\mu, \sigma^2)$.

The sample mean, $\overline{X} = \frac{X_1 + \ldots + X_n}{n}$

The sample variance, $S^2 = \frac{1}{n-1}[(X_1 - \overline{X})^2 + \ldots + (X_n - \overline{X})^2]$

$$E[\overline{X}] = \mu, \, E[S^2] = \sigma^2$$

- $\overline{X} \sim \text{Normal}(\mu, \sigma^2/n)$
- $\frac{(n-1)}{\sigma^2}S^2 \sim \chi^2_{n-1}$, chi-squared distribution with n-1 degrees of freedom.
- $\frac{\overline{X} \mu}{S/\sqrt{n}} \sim t_{n-1}$, t-distribution with n-1 degrees of freedom.
- 2. t-test for mean (Variance unknown)

Consider the samples $X_1, \ldots, X_n \sim \text{iid Normal}(\mu, \sigma^2)$, σ^2 unknown. Following are the three different possibilities:

• The null and alternative hypothesis are:

$$H_0: \mu = \mu_0$$

$$H_A: \mu > \mu_0$$

Test Statistic: $T = \overline{X}$

Test: Reject H_0 , if T > c

Given H_0 , $\frac{\overline{X} - \mu}{S/\sqrt{n}} \sim t_{n-1}$

$$\alpha = P(\text{reject } H_0 \mid H_0 \text{ is true})$$

$$= P(T > c \mid \mu = \mu_0)$$

$$= P\left(t_{n-1} > \frac{c - \mu_0}{s/\sqrt{n}}\right) = 1 - F_{t_{n-1}}\left(\frac{c - \mu_0}{s/\sqrt{n}}\right)$$

$$\implies c = \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}F_{t_{n-1}}^{-1}(1 - \alpha) + \mu_0$$

Note: $F_{t_{n-1}}$ is the CDF of t-distribution with n-1 degrees of freedom.

$$H_0: \mu = \mu_0$$

$$H_A: \mu < \mu_0$$

Test Statistic: $T = \overline{X}$ Test: Reject H_0 , if T < c

Given H_0 , $\frac{\overline{X} - \mu}{S/\sqrt{n}} \sim t_{n-1}$

$$\alpha = P(\text{reject } H_0 \mid H_0 \text{ is true})$$

$$= P(T < c \mid \mu = \mu_0)$$

$$= P\left(t_{n-1} < \frac{c - \mu_0}{s/\sqrt{n}}\right) = F_{t_{n-1}}\left(\frac{c - \mu_0}{s/\sqrt{n}}\right)$$

$$\implies c = \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}F_{t_{n-1}}^{-1}(\alpha) + \mu_0$$

Note: $F_{t_{n-1}}$ is the CDF of t-distribution with n-1 degrees of freedom.

• The null and alternative hypothesis are:

$$H_0: \mu = \mu_0$$

$$H_A: \mu \neq \mu_0$$

Test Statistic: $T = \overline{X} - \mu$

Test: Reject H_0 , if $|\overline{X} - \mu| > c$

Given H_0 , $\frac{\overline{X} - \mu}{S/\sqrt{n}} \sim t_{n-1}$

$$\alpha = P(\text{reject } H_0 \mid H_0 \text{ is true})$$

$$= P(\mid \overline{X} - \mu \mid > c \mid \mu = \mu_0)$$

$$= P\left(\mid t_{n-1} \mid > \frac{c}{s/\sqrt{n}}\right) = 2F_{t_{n-1}}\left(\frac{-c}{s/\sqrt{n}}\right)$$

$$\implies c = \frac{-s}{\sqrt{n}}F_{t_{n-1}}^{-1}(\alpha/2)$$

Note: $F_{t_{n-1}}$ is the CDF of t-distribution with n-1 degrees of freedom.

3. χ^2 -test for variance

Consider the samples $X_1, \ldots, X_n \sim \text{iid Normal}(\mu, \sigma^2), \sigma^2$ unknown. Following are the three different possibilities:

$$H_0: \sigma = \sigma_0$$

$$H_A: \sigma > \sigma_0$$

Test Statistic:
$$S^2$$

Test: Reject
$$H_0$$
, if $S^2 > c^2$
Given H_0 , $\frac{(n-1)}{\sigma^2}S^2 \sim \chi^2_{n-1}$
 $\alpha = P(\text{reject } H_0 \mid H_0 \text{ is true})$

$$=P(S^{2} > c^{2} \mid \sigma = \sigma_{0})$$

$$=P\left(\chi_{n-1}^{2} > \frac{(n-1)}{\sigma_{0}^{2}}c^{2}\right) = 1 - F_{\chi_{n-1}^{2}}\left(\frac{(n-1)}{\sigma_{0}^{2}}c^{2}\right)$$

Note: $F_{\chi^2_{n-1}}$ is the CDF of chi-distribution with n-1 degrees of freedom.

• The null and alternative hypothesis are:

$$H_0: \sigma = \sigma_0$$

$$H_A: \sigma < \sigma_0$$

Test Statistic:
$$S^2$$

Test: Reject
$$H_0$$
, if $S^2 < c^2$

Given
$$H_0$$
, $\frac{(n-1)}{\sigma^2} S^2 \sim \chi_{n-1}^2$

$$\alpha = P(\text{reject } H_0 \mid H_0 \text{ is true})$$

$$= P(S^2 < c^2 \mid \sigma = \sigma_0)$$

$$= P\left(\chi_{n-1}^2 < \frac{(n-1)}{\sigma_0^2}c^2\right) = F_{\chi_{n-1}^2}\left(\frac{(n-1)}{\sigma_0^2}c^2\right)$$

Note: $F_{\chi_{n-1}^2}$ is the CDF of chi-distribution with n-1 degrees of freedom.

• The null and alternative hypothesis are:

$$H_0: \sigma = \sigma_0$$

$$H_A: \sigma \neq \sigma_0$$

Test Statistic:
$$S^2$$

Test: Reject
$$H_0$$
, if $S^2 < c^2$ or $S^2 > c^2$

Given
$$H_0$$
, $\frac{(n-1)}{\sigma^2}S^2 \sim \chi_{n-1}^2$

$$\frac{\alpha}{2} = P(S^2 < c^2 \mid H_0) = P(S^2 > c^2 \mid H_0)$$

Note: $F_{\chi^2_{n-1}}$ is the CDF of chi-distribution with n-1 degrees of freedom.

4. Two samples z-test (known variances)

Let
$$X_1, \ldots, X_{n_1} \sim \text{iid Normal}(\mu_1, \sigma_1^2)$$

and
$$Y_1, \ldots, Y_{n_2} \sim \text{iid Normal}(\mu_2, \sigma_2^2)$$

Following are the three different possibilities:

• The null and alternative hypothesis are:

$$H_0: \mu_1 = \mu_2$$

$$H_A: \mu_1 \neq \mu_2$$

Test Statistic:
$$T = \overline{X} - \overline{Y}$$

Test: Reject
$$H_0$$
, if $|T| > c$

Given
$$H_0$$
, $T \sim \text{Normal}(0, \sigma_T^2)$, where $\sigma_T^2 = \frac{\sigma_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{\sigma_2^2}{n_2}$

$$\alpha = P(\text{reject } H_0 \mid H_0 \text{ is true})$$

$$=P(\mid T\mid >c\mid \mu_1=\mu_2)$$

$$=2F_Z\left(\frac{-c}{\sigma_T}\right)$$

• The null and alternative hypothesis are:

$$H_0: \mu_1 = \mu_2$$

$$H_A: \mu_1 > \mu_2$$

Test Statistic:
$$T = \overline{X} - \overline{Y}$$

Test: Reject
$$H_0$$
, if $\overline{X} - \overline{Y} > c$

Given
$$H_0$$
, $T \sim \text{Normal}(0, \sigma_T^2)$, where $\sigma_T^2 = \frac{\sigma_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{\sigma_2^2}{n_2}$

$$\alpha = P(\text{reject } H_0 \mid H_0 \text{ is true})$$

$$=P(\overline{X}-\overline{Y}>c\mid \mu_1=\mu_2)$$

$$=1 - F_Z \left(\frac{c}{\sigma_T}\right)$$

$$H_0: \mu_1 = \mu_2$$

$$H_A: \mu_1 < \mu_2$$

Test Statistic:
$$T = \overline{X} - \overline{Y}$$

Test: Reject
$$H_0$$
, if $\overline{Y} - \overline{X} > c$

Given
$$H_0$$
, $T \sim \text{Normal}(0, \sigma_T^2)$, where $\sigma_T^2 = \frac{\sigma_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{\sigma_2^2}{n_2}$

$$\alpha = P(\text{reject } H_0 \mid H_0 \text{ is true})$$

$$=P(\overline{Y}-\overline{X}>c\mid \mu_1=\mu_2)$$

$$=1 - F_Z \left(\frac{c}{\sigma_T}\right)$$

5. Two samples F-test (known variances)

Let $X_1, \ldots, X_{n_1} \sim \text{iid Normal}(\mu_1, \sigma_1^2)$ and $Y_1, \ldots, Y_{n_2} \sim \text{iid Normal}(\mu_2, \sigma_2^2)$ Following are the three different possibilities:

• The null and alternative hypothesis are:

$$H_0: \sigma_1 = \sigma_2$$

$$H_A: \sigma_1 > \sigma_2$$

Test Statistic:
$$T = \frac{S_1^2}{S_2^2}$$

Test: Reject
$$H_0$$
, if $T > 1 + c$
Given H_0 , $T \sim F(n_1 - 1, n_2 - 1)$

$$\alpha = P(\text{reject } H_0 \mid H_0 \text{ is true})$$

= $P(T > 1 + c \mid \sigma_1 = \sigma_2)$
= $1 - F_{F(n_1 - 1, n_2 - 1)}(1 + c)$

• The null and alternative hypothesis are:

$$H_0: \sigma_1 = \sigma_2$$

$$H_A:\sigma_1<\sigma_2$$

Test Statistic:
$$T = \frac{S_1^2}{S_2^2}$$

Test: Reject
$$H_0$$
, if $T < 1 - c$

Given
$$H_0$$
, $T \sim F(n_1 - 1, n_2 - 1)$

$$\alpha = P(\text{reject } H_0 \mid H_0 \text{ is true})$$

= $P(T < 1 - c \mid \sigma_1 = \sigma_2)$

$$=F_{F(n_1-1,n_2-1)}(1-c)$$

$$H_0: \sigma_1 = \sigma_2$$

$$H_A: \sigma_1 \neq \sigma_2$$

Test Statistic:
$$T = \frac{S_1^2}{S_2^2}$$

Test: Reject
$$H_0$$
, if $T > 1 + c_R$ or $T < 1 - c_L$

Given
$$H_0$$
, $T \sim F(n_1 - 1, n_2 - 1)$

$$\frac{\alpha}{2} = P(T > 1 + c_R \mid H_0) = P(T < 1 - c_L \mid H_0)$$

6. Likelihood Ratio test:

For simple null and alternative hypothesis, Likelihood ratio test is enough.

$$X_1,\ldots,X_n\sim P$$

Consider the simple null and alternative hypothesis:

$$H_0: P = f_X$$

$$H_A: P = g_X$$

Likelihood ratio: $L(X_1, ..., X_n) = \frac{\prod\limits_{i=1}^n g_X(X_i)}{\prod\limits_{i=1}^n f_X(X_i)}$

Likelihood ratio test: Reject H_0 , if $T = L(X_1, \ldots, X_n) > c$

7. χ^2 -test for goodness of fit:

 $\overline{H_0}$: Samples are i.i.d X, $\overline{H_A}$: Samples are not i.i.d X

Test statistic: $T = \sum_{i=1}^{k} \frac{(y_i - np_i)^2}{np_i} = \sum_{i=1}^{k} \frac{(\text{observed value} - \text{expected value})^2}{\text{expected value}} \sim \chi_{k-1}^2$

Test: Reject H_0 if T > c.

Significance level: $\alpha = P(T > c \mid H_0) \approx 1 - F_{\chi_{k-1}^2}(c)$

Note: In case of continuous distribution, convert continuous to discrete by binning.

8. Test for independence:

 $\overline{H_0}$: Joint PMF is product of marginals, H_A : Joint PMF is not product of marginals

Test statistic: $T = \sum_{i,j} \frac{(y_{ij} - np_{ij})^2}{np_{ij}} = \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{(\text{observed value} - \text{expected value})^2}{\text{expected value}} \sim \chi_{dof}^2$

where $dof = (\text{number of rows}-1) \times (\text{number of columns}-1)$ $y_{ij} = \text{product of marginals for } (i, j)$ $np_{ij} = \text{expected}$, if independent

Test: Reject H_0 if T > c.