

# ECON10005 Quantitative Methods 1

Tutorial in Week 3

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# Introduction

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Don't be shy if you need help

- visit Ed Discussion Board
- Go for lecturer's consultation sessions: see Canvas
- In case of special considerations, consult Stop 1
- For admin issues contact Chin via [qm1-economics@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:qm1-economics@unimelb.edu.au)
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# Important notes

Quiz and attendance mark (10%):

- To get 1 mark for each week, you have to pass the test **and** attend the tutorial (no half). Out of 11 weeks, you can get maximal 10 points.

Data Analysis Report (10%): Draft Task (3%)

- On Canvas: Assignment Group Registration (due by 24 March 5pm)
- Data set will be sent via Canvas announcement from me.
- Due in week 6, **on 6 April 2pm Thursday**

Mid-Semester Test 1 (10%):

- In week 5, 30 March Thursday at Wilson Hall (and Kwong Lee Dow)
- Keep a look out for an Canvas announcement from Chin
- Register a session from 3 time slots that suits your time

# Summary

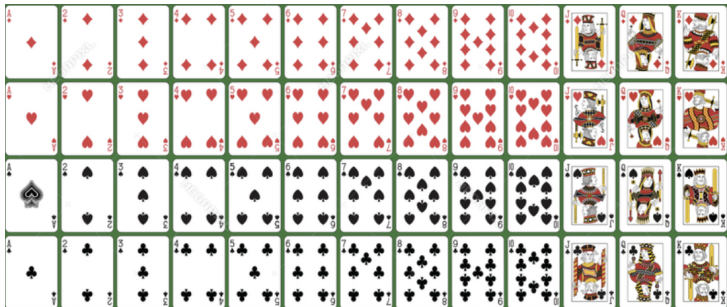
- **Correlation:** scatter plot, covariance, correlation  $[-1, 1]$ , causality
- **Random experiment:** sample space (set of all possible outcomes), event (collection of outcomes)
- **Probability:** complement, intersection, union, addition rule, joint probability, marginal probability, independence events, mutually exclusive events, conditional probability, Bayes' theorem, law of total probability

# A. Mean, Standard Deviation and Correlation

Discuss the descriptive statistics from Part A of the Pre-quiz questions.

Let's review this question in Excel.

## B. Probability: Poker



Events:

- A: card is Jack of Hearts
- B: card is a picture card
- C: card is red
- $D = B \cup C$  (new in addition to pre-quiz)  $P(D)$ ,  $P(A \cap D)$ ,  $P(A | D)$ ?

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$$P(\bar{T}|C) = 0.2 \quad P(T|C) = 0.8$$

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### 1. Collection of all the key information required

- Events:

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$$= \frac{P(T|C)P(C)}{P(T|C)P(C) + P(T|\bar{C})P(\bar{C})} \quad (\text{LoTP})$$

$$= \frac{0.8 \cdot 0.003}{0.8 \cdot 0.003 + 0.001 \cdot 0.997}$$

$$= 0.707$$

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2. How does your answer to question 1 change if there are actually 30,000 active COVID-19 cases?

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- Base rate:

Active cases	Population	$P(C)$	$P(\bar{C})$
30,000 ( <del>15,000</del> )	5,000,000	0.006	0.994

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3. How does your answer to question 1 change if the false positive rate is only 1 out of 5000?

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15000	5000000	0.003	0.997

- False positive rate:

$$P(T|\bar{C}) = 0.0002 \text{ (from } 0.001) \quad P(\bar{T}|\bar{C}) = 0.9998$$

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$$= 0.923$$

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4. Instead of applying the test as a "screening test" by randomly selecting from the entire Melbourne population, suppose the test is targeted only at those who have symptoms of respiratory tract infections (eg. cold, flu, allergy etc as well as COVID-19). Suppose that there are 500,000 people in Melbourne with such symptoms. How does this change your answer to question 1?

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$$= \frac{0.8 \cdot 0.03}{0.8 \cdot 0.03 + 0.001 \cdot 0.97} = 0.961$$

# The end

Thanks for your attention! 😊

Feel free to leave and see you next week!