# ISEN 310 Notes

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## **Descriptive Statistics**

## Measures of Location

The Mean represents the calculated center of a set of values. The Sample Mean  $(\bar{x})$  is the point estimate of the Population Mean (/mu).

$$\bar{x} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i$$

The *Median* represent the middling value of a set of numbers, after it has been ordered from least to greatest. The *Sample Median*  $(\tilde{x})$  is the point estimate of the *Population Median*  $(\tilde{\mu})$ .

$$\tilde{x} = \begin{cases} n \text{ is even } (\frac{n+1}{2})^{th} \text{ ordered value} \\ n \text{ is odd } \text{ average of } (\frac{n}{2})^{th} \text{ and } (\frac{n}{2}+1)^{th} \text{ ordered value} \end{cases}$$



### Measures of Variability

The Sample Variance  $(s^2)$  is the point estimate of the Population Variance  $(\sigma^2)$ . For this estimate, the  $x_i$ 's tend to be closer to the sample mean  $(\bar{x})$  than to the population mean  $(\mu)$ . To compensate for this, the Sample Variance is taken with 1 degree of freedom, having a denominator of n-1, where n is the sample size.

$$s^{2} = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_{i} - \bar{x})^{2}$$

In the *Population Variance* is taken with N as the population size.

$$\sigma^{2} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} (x_{i} - \mu)^{2}$$

The Sample Standard Deviation (s) is the point estimate of the Population Standard Deviation ( $\sigma$ ).

$$s = \sqrt{s^2}$$
$$\sigma = \sqrt{\sigma^2}$$

var(X) sd(X)

A measure of spread that is resistant to outliers is the *Fourth Spread*, where  $Q_i$  represents each quartile. Typically, any observation farther than  $1.5f_s$  from the closest quartile is an outlier. An outlier is extreme if it is more than  $3f_s$  from the nearest quartile, and mild otherwise.

$$f_s = Q_3 - Q_1$$

quantile(X, probs=c(0, .25, .5, .75, 1))

# Probability

The Sample Space of an experiment, denoted by S, is the set of all outcomes of that experiment. An *Event* is any collection (subset) of outcomes contained in the sample space S. An event is simple if it consists of exactly one outcome and compound if it consists of more than one outcome.

Some relations from set theory:

- 1. The *compliment* of an event A, denoted by A', is the set of all outcomes in S that are not contained in A.
- 2. The union of two events A and B, denoted by  $A \cup B$  and read "A or B", is the event consisting of all outcomes that are in A and/or B.
- 3. The *intersection* of two events A and B, denoted by  $A \cap B$  and read "A and B," is the event consisting of all outcomes that are in both A and B.

Let  $\emptyset$  denote the *null event* (the event consisting of no outcomes whatsoever). When  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ , A and B are said to be *mutually exclusive* or *disjoint* events.



Basic probability principles:

- 1. Axiom 1: For any event  $A, P(A) \ge 0$
- 2. Axiom 2: P(S) = 1
- 3. Axiom 3: If  $A_1, A_2, A_3, \cdots$  are disjoint events, then  $P(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3 \cup \cdots) = P(A_1) + P(A_2) + P(A_3) + \cdots$
- 4.  $P(\emptyset) = 0$
- 5. For any event A, P(A) + P(A') = 1

- 6. For any event  $A, P(A) \leq 1$
- 7. Addition Rule: For any two events A and B,

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

8. Addition Rule: For any two events A, B, and C,

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



## **Conditional Probability**

For any two events A and B with P(B) > 0, the *conditional probability* of A given that B has occurred is defined by

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

and

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

### 0.0.1 Bayes' Theorem

Law of Total Probability: Let  $A_1, ..., A_k$  be mutually exclusive and exhaustive events. Then for any other event B,

$$P(B) = \sum_{i=1}^{k} P(B|A_i) \cdot P(A_i)$$

Bayes' Theorem: Let  $A_1, ..., A_k$  be mutually exclusive and exhaustive events with prior probabilities  $P(A_i)$ where (i = 1, ..., k. Then for any other event B for which P(B) > 0, the posterior probability of  $A_j$  given that B has occurred it

$$P(A_j|B) = \frac{P(A_j \cap B)}{P(B)} = \frac{P(B|A_j) \cdot P(A_j)}{\sum_{i=1}^k P(B|A_i) \cdot P(A_i)} \quad j = 1, ..., k$$

### Independence

Two events A and B are *independent* if P(A|B) = P(A) and are *dependent* otherwise.

Multiplication Rule: A and B are independent if and only if

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

Events  $A_1, ..., A_n$  are mutually independent if for every k (k = 2, ..., n) and every subset of indices  $i_1, ..., i_n$ ,

$$P(A_{i_1} \cap A_{i_2} \cap \dots \cap A_{i_n} = P(A_{i_1}) \cdot P(A_{i_2}) \cdots P(A_{i_n})$$

## **Counting Techniques**

Letting N denote the number of outcomes in a sample space, where all outcomes are equally likely, and N(A) represent the number of outcomes in an event A,

$$P(A) = \frac{N(A)}{N}$$

*Product Rule*: If the first element or object of an ordered pair can be selected in  $n_1$  ways, and for each of these  $n_1$  ways the second element of the pair can be selected in  $n_2$  ways, then the number of pairs is  $n_1 \cdot n_2$ .

## **Combinatorics**

Combinatorics is an branch of math studying the enumeration, combination, and permutation of sets of elements.

#### Combinations

aka: the *binomial coefficient*, choice number, n choose kThe number of ways of choosing k **unordered** outcomes from n possibilities.

$$_{n}\mathbf{C}_{k} = \binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$$

This code returns the binomial coefficient:

choose(n, k)

This code returns a 'k x length(X)' matrix where the columns are each combination:

combn(X, k)

#### Permutations

aka: arrangement number, order,  $n \ pick \ k$ 

$${}_{n}\mathbf{P}_{k} = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!}$$

choose(n, k) \* factorial(k)

# **Random Variables**

For a given sample space S of some experiment, a random variable (rv) is any rule that associates a number with each outcome in S. In mathematical language, a random variable is a function whose domain is the sample space and whose range is the set of real numbers. Random variables are customarily denoted by uppercase letters; lower case letters are used to represent a particular value of the corresponding random variable. The notation  $X(\omega) = x$  means that x is the value associated with the outcome  $\omega$  by the rv X.

*Discrete Random Variable*: an rv whose possible values either constitute a finite set or else can be listed in a countably (integer) infinite sequence

Continuous Random Variable: an rv in which both of the following apply

- 1. Its set of possible values consists either of all numbers in a single interval on the number line (possibly infinite in extent)
- 2. No possible value of the variable has positive probability, that is, P(X = c) = 0 for any possible value c

### **Expected Value**

$$\mu_X = \mathbf{E}[X]$$

## Variance

Variance

$$\sigma_X^2 = \operatorname{Var}[X] = \operatorname{E}[X^2] - \operatorname{E}[X]^2$$

Standard Deviation

$$\sigma_X = \sqrt{\operatorname{Var}[X]}$$

Variance of a Linear Function

$$\operatorname{Var}[aX+b] = \sigma_{aX+b}^2 = a^2 \sigma_X^2$$

# **Discrete Random Variables**

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

## **Discrete Distributions**

## Bernoulli Distribution

Bernoulli Random Variable: any random variable whose only possible values are 0 and 1.

### **Binomial Distribution**

The *Binomial Random Variable X* associated with a binomial experiment consisting of n trials is defined as: X = the numbers of successes among n trials where there is a p chance of each success.

$$X \sim \operatorname{Bin}(n, p)$$

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{E}[X] &= np \\ \mathrm{Var}[X] &= np(1-p) = npq \\ b(x;n,p) &= \begin{cases} \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x} & x = 0, 1, 2, ..., n \\ 0 & otherwise \end{cases} \\ B(x;n,p) &= \sum_{y=0}^x b(y;n,p) \end{split}$$

R code to compute the distribution, where size = n and prob = p.

dbinom(x, size, prob) # pdf
pbinom(q, size, prob) # cdf
qbinom(p, size, prob) # quantile
rbinom(n, size, prob) # random numbers

**Poisson Distribution** 

 $X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$ 

$$E[X] = \lambda$$
$$Var[X] = \lambda$$
$$f(x; \lambda) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \cdot \lambda^x}{x!} \quad x = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$
$$F(x; \lambda) = \sum_{y=0}^x f(y; \lambda)$$

R code to compute the distribution, where lambda= $\lambda$ 

dpois(x, lambda) # pdf
ppois(q, lambda) # cdf
qpois(p, lambda) # quantile
rpois(n, lambda) # random numbers

# **Continuous Random Variables**

## **Continuous Distributions**

Normal Distribution

$$X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$$

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{E}[X] &= \mu \\ \mathrm{Var}[X] &= \sigma^2 \\ f(x;\lambda) &= \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2} \quad -\infty < x < \infty \\ F(x;\lambda) &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ 1 + \mathrm{erf}\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma\sqrt{2}}\right) \right] \quad -\infty < x < \infty \end{split}$$

R code to compute the distribution, where mean= $\mu$  and sd= $\sigma$ .

dnorm(x, mean=0, sd=1) # pdf
pnorm(q, mean=0, sd=1) # cdf
qnorm(p, mean=0, sd=1) # quantile
rnorm(n, mean=0, sd=1) # random numbers

## **Standard Normal Distribution**

Special case of the Normal Distribution

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

$$E[Z] = 0$$

$$Var[Z] = 1$$

$$\varphi(z; \lambda) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{z^2}{2}} - \infty < z < \infty$$

$$\Phi(z; \lambda) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ 1 + \operatorname{erf}\left(\frac{z}{\sqrt{2}}\right) \right] - \infty < z < \infty$$

#### **Exponential Distribution**

 $X \sim \operatorname{Exp}(\lambda)$ 

Suppose that the number of events occurring in any time interval of length t has a Poisson distribution  $X \sim Poisson(\lambda = \alpha t)$  (where  $\alpha$ , the rate of the event process, is the expected number of events occurring in 1 unit of time) and that numbers of occurrences in nonoverlapping intercals are independent of one another. Then the distribution of elapsed time between the occurrence of two successive events is  $Y \sim Exp(\lambda = \alpha)$ .

$$E[X] = \frac{1}{\lambda}$$
$$Var[X] = \frac{1}{\lambda^2}$$
$$f(x;\lambda) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 0\\ \lambda e^{-\lambda x} & x \ge 0 \end{cases}$$
$$F(x;\lambda) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 0\\ 1 - e^{-\lambda x} & x \ge 0 \end{cases}$$

R code to compute the distribution, where rate= $\lambda$ .

dexp(x, rate=1) # pdf
pexp(q, rate=1) # cdf
qexp(p, rate=1) # quantile
rexp(n, rate=1) # random numbers

### Gamma Distribution

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

The Exponential Distribution is actually a special case of the Gamma Distribution where  $\text{Gamma}(1, \lambda) = \text{Exp}(\lambda)$ .

$$\mathbf{E}[X] = \alpha \beta$$

$$\operatorname{Var}[X] = \alpha \beta^2$$

R code to compute the distribution, where shape= $\alpha$  and rate= $\frac{1}{\beta}$ .

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dgamma(x, shape, rate=1) # pdf
pgamma(q, shape, rate=1) # cdf
qgamma(p, shape, rate=1) # quantile
rgamma(n, shape, rate=1) # random numbers
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# Joint Probability Distributions and Random Samples

The covariance between two rv's X and Y

 $\operatorname{Cov}[X, Y] = \operatorname{E}[X \cdot Y] - \mu_X \cdot \mu_Y$ 

The correlation coefficient of X and Y denoted by  $\operatorname{Corr}[X, Y]$  or  $\rho_{X,Y}$ 

$$\operatorname{Corr}[X, Y] = \frac{\operatorname{Cov}[X, Y]}{\sigma_X \cdot \sigma_Y}$$

# **Point Estimation**

A point estimate of a parameter  $\theta$  is a single number that can be regarded as a sensible value for  $\theta$ . It is obtained by selecting a suitible statistic and computing its value from a given sample data. The selected statistic is called the *point estimator* of  $\theta$ .