

## PERMUTATIONS AND COMBINATIONS

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The number of permutation of  $r$  objects, taken from a set of  $n$  distinct objects with replacement is given by

$$n^r$$

The number of permutations of  $n$  distinct objects in a circle is given by

$$(n-1)!$$

The number of possible combinations of  $r$  objects, taken from a set of  $n$  distinct objects without replacement is given by

$${}^n C_r = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!r!}$$

## PROBABILITY

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For two events  $A$  and  $B$ ,

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

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

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### MUTUAL EXCLUSIVITY

Mutually exclusive events cannot occur at the same time. For two mutually exclusive events,  $E_1$  and  $E_2$ ,

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


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### CONDITIONAL PROBABILITY

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

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### INDEPENDENCE

Independent events are events the occurrences of which do not influence the probability of the occurrence of the other event.

For independent events,

$$P(A|B) = P(A) \text{ or } P(B|A) = P(B)$$

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

## RANDOM VARIABLES

For any random variable X,

The **expectation**,  $\mu$ , is given by

$$E(X) = \sum xP(X=x)$$

and  $E(aX \pm bY) = aE(X) \pm bE(Y)$

The **variance** is given by

$$\text{Var}(X) = E[(X-\mu)^2] = \sum (x-\mu)^2 P(X=x)$$

and  $\text{Var}(aX \pm bY) = a^2 \text{Var}(X) + b^2 \text{Var}(Y)$

The **standard deviation**,  $\sigma$ , is given by

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\text{Var}(X)}$$

## DISCRETE RANDOM VARIABLES

### BINOMIAL DISTRIBUTION

For a random variable X modelled by a binomial distribution with n trials and probability of success, p

$$X \sim B(n, p)$$

Its probability distribution is given by

$$P(X=x) = {}^n C_x p^x (1-p)^{n-x}$$

Its mean and variance are given by

$$E(X) = np$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = np(1-p)$$

### POISSON DISTRIBUTION

For a random variable X modelled by a Poisson distribution with parameter  $\lambda$

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

Its probability distribution is given by

$$P(X=x) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^x}{x!}$$

Its mean and variance are given by

$$E(X) = \text{Var}(X) = \lambda$$

Note also that for two Poisson random variables

$$X \sim \text{Po}(\lambda_1) \text{ and } Y \sim \text{Po}(\lambda_2),$$

$$X+Y \sim \text{Po}(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)$$

## CONTINUOUS RANDOM VARIABLES

### NORMAL DISTRIBUTION

For a random variable X modelled by a normal distribution with mean  $\mu$  and standard deviation  $\sigma$

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

### STANDARD NORMAL VARIABLE

Letting  $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ , the standard normal variable Z is defined as

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

$$P(X \leq x) = P(Z \leq \frac{x-\mu}{\sigma})$$

## APPROXIMATIONS

Approximations marked † are to be continuity corrected

### BINOMIAL TO POISSON

For  $X \sim B(n, p)$

If n is large ( $n > 50$ ) and p is small ( $p < 0.1$ ) such that  **$np < 5$** , then  $X \sim \text{Po}(np)$

### BINOMIAL TO NORMAL †

For  $X \sim B(n, p)$

If n is large such that  **$np > 5$**  and  **$n(1-p) > 5$** , then  $X \sim N(np, np(1-p))$

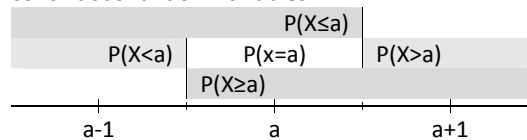
### POISSON TO NORMAL †

For  $X \sim \text{Po}(\lambda)$

If  **$\lambda > 10$** , then  $X \sim N(\lambda, \lambda)$

### CONTINUITY CORRECTION

These are the ranges, for given probability distribution functions, to consider when approximating discrete random variables to continuous random variables.



## SAMPLING

### SAMPLE MEAN

The sample mean from a normal population of sample size n with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$  is given by

$$\bar{X} \sim N\left(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{n}\right)$$

### CENTRAL LIMIT THEOREM

The central limit theorem states that, for a non-normal population with sample size n,  $\bar{X} \sim N\left(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{n}\right)$  approximately, if n is large ( $\geq 50$ ).

### UNBIASED ESTIMATOR OF SAMPLE MEAN

For any sample size n taken from a population with an unknown mean  $\mu$ , the unbiased estimator of  $\mu$  is given by

$$\bar{x} = \frac{\sum x}{n} = \frac{\sum (x-a)}{n} + a$$

where a is a constant

### UNBIASED ESTIMATOR OF SAMPLE VARIANCE

For any sample size n taken from a population with an unknown mean  $\sigma^2$ , the unbiased estimator of  $\sigma^2$  is given by

$$s^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \left( \sum x^2 - \frac{(\sum x)^2}{n} \right) = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum (x-\bar{x})^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{n-1} \left( \sum (x-a)^2 - \frac{(\sum (x-a))^2}{n} \right)$$

where a is a constant

## HYPOTHESIS TESTING

### CONDUCTING A HYPOTHESIS TEST

- Step 1: State the null and alternative hypotheses  $H_0$  and  $H_1$
- Step 2: State the significance level,  $\alpha$
- Step 3: Determine the test statistic to use and its distribution
- Step 4: Calculate the p-value for the test statistic
- Step 5: Indicate whether or not to reject  $H_0$  based on the evidence from the sample
  - $H_0$  is rejected if p-value  $< \alpha$
  - $H_0$  is not rejected if p-value  $> \alpha$

### TEST STATISTICS

	Normal Population		Non-normal Population	
	$\sigma^2$ known	$\sigma^2$ unknown	$\sigma^2$ known	$\sigma^2$ unknown
Sample size is large $n \geq 50$	$\bar{X} \sim N\left(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{n}\right)$	$\bar{X} \sim N\left(\mu, \frac{s^2}{n}\right)$	by the CLT $\bar{X} \sim N\left(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{n}\right)$	by the CLT $\bar{X} \sim N\left(\mu, \frac{s^2}{n}\right)$
Test Statistic	Z-test	Z-test	Z-test	Z-test
Sample size is small	$\bar{X} \sim N\left(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{n}\right)$	$T \sim t(n-1)$		
Test statistic	Z-test	t-test		