

Refined Notes for Probability Theory

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Chapter 1

Probability

1.1 Set Operation

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

$$P(A - B) = P(A - AB) = P(A) - P(AB)$$

1.2 Prior Probability

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

$$\Rightarrow \text{if } A \subset B : P(B|A) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow P(A_1 \dots A_n) = P(A_1)P(A_2|A_1)P(A_3|A_1A_2) \dots P(A_n|A_1A_2 \dots A_{n-1})$$

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

1.3 Posterior Probability (Bayesian Formula)

$$P(A_i|B) = \frac{P(B|A_i)P(A_i)}{\sum_{k=1}^n P(B|A_k)P(A_k)}$$

1.4 1-Dimensional Probability Distribution

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

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$$P(X \leq x) = F(x) = \sum_{i=1}^x P(x_i)$$

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$$F(-\infty) = 0, F(+\infty) = 1$$

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$$\lim_{x \downarrow a} F(x) = F(a)$$

$$\lim_{x \uparrow b} F(x) = F(b^-)$$

$$p_i = P(X \leq x) = F(x_i) - F(x_i^-)$$

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$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x)dx = 1$$

1.5 Probability Distribution and Density

- 2-Dimensional Random Variable:

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

$$F(x, y) = \int_{-\infty}^y \int_{-\infty}^x f(u, v) du dv$$

$$F(-\infty, y) = F(x, -\infty) = F(-\infty, -\infty) = 0, F(+\infty, +\infty) = 1$$

$$X, Y \text{ are independent} \Leftrightarrow f_X(x)f_Y(y) = f(x, y)$$

- Edged-Density:

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

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

$$(X, Y) \sim U(D) \Rightarrow X \neq U(D_1), Y \neq U(D_2)$$

$$(X, Y) \sim N(\mu_1, \mu_2, \sigma_1^2, \sigma_2^2, \rho_{XY}) \Rightarrow X \sim N(\mu_1, \sigma_1^2), Y \sim N(\mu_2, \sigma_2^2)$$

- Prior Probability:

$$f(x|y) = \frac{f(x, y)}{f_Y(y)}$$

$$f(y|x) = \frac{f(x, y)}{f_X(x)}$$

$$\Rightarrow f_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_Y(y)f(x|y) dy$$

$$\Rightarrow f_Y(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x)f(y|x) dx$$

- $Y=g(X)$:

$$F_Y(y) = P(Y \leq y) = P(g(X) \leq y)$$

$$\text{if } g(X) \text{ is monotonic: } f_Y(y) = f_X(g^{-1}(y))|(g^{-1}(y))'|$$

- $Z=X+Y$:

$$f_Z(z) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, z-x) dx$$

and the domain of $z-x$ is restricted to the domain of y to maintain $f_X(x)f_Y(z-x) \neq 0$. Hence, the integration interval of z is splitted as

$$(y_l - x_l, y_h - x_l), (y_l - x_h, y_h - x_h)$$

the upper and lower bound of integration is

$$(y_l - x_l, z), (z - (y_l - x_h), y_h - x_h)$$

if X and Y are independent, we obtain **Convolution Operation**

$$f_Z(z) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x)f_Y(z-x) dx$$

$$e.g. \quad X_i \sim N(\mu_i, \sigma_i^2), \sum_{i=1}^n a_i X_i \sim N\left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i \mu_i, \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2 \sigma_i^2\right)$$

- X is Discrete, Y is Continuous, $Z=X+Y$:

$$F(Z) = P(X+Y \leq z) = P(X=0, Y \leq z) + \dots + P(X=k, Y \leq z-k)$$

- $Z = \frac{X}{Y}$

$$f_Z(z) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |y| f(yz, y) dy$$

- $Z = \max\{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$

$$F_Z(z) = (F_X(z))^n$$

$$f_Z(z) = n(F_X(z))^{n-1} f_X(z)$$

- $Z = \min\{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$

$$F_Z(z) = 1 - (1 - F_X(z))^n$$

$$f_Z(z) = n(1 - F_X(z))^{n-1} f_X(z)$$

Chapter 2

Distribution, Expectation and Variance

2.1 Distributions

Distribution Type	Formula	EX	DX	Independent Additivity
$X \sim B(n, p)$	$C_n^k p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$	np	$np(1-p)$	$B(n_1 + n_2, p)$
$X \sim P(\lambda)$	$\frac{\lambda^k e^{-\lambda}}{k!}$	λ	λ	$P(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)$
$X \sim \text{HyperGeometric}$	$\frac{C_M^k C_{N-M}^{n-k}}{C_N^n}$	nM/N	-	-
$X \sim \text{Geometric}$	$(1-p)^{k-1} p$	$\frac{1}{p}$	$\frac{1-p}{p^2}$	-
$X \sim U(a, b)$	$f = \frac{1}{a-b}$	$\frac{a+b}{2}$	$\frac{(b-a)^2}{12}$	-
$X \sim E(\lambda)$	$f = \lambda e^{-\lambda x}$	$\frac{1}{\lambda}$	$\frac{1}{\lambda^2}$	-
$X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$	$f = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$	μ	σ^2	$N(\mu_1 + \mu_2, \sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2)$

Table 2.1: Distributions

2.2 Properties of Expectation and Variance

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

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

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

$$EG(X, Y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x, y) f(x, y) dx dy$$

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

$$E\left(\sum_i k_i X_i\right) = \sum_i k_i E(X_i)$$

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$$X, Y \text{ are independent} \Rightarrow E(XY) = E(X)E(Y)$$

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$$X_1 \geq X_2 \Rightarrow E(X_1) \geq E(X_2)$$

$$E|X| \geq |EX|$$

- Cauchy-Schwarz's Inequality:

$$E^2(XY) \leq E(X^2)E(Y^2)$$

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$$DX = E(X - EX)^2 = E(X^2) - (EX)^2$$

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$$D(cX) = c^2D(X)$$

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$$D(X \pm Y) = D(X) + D(Y) \pm 2E[(X - EX)(Y - EY)]$$

$$D(X \pm Y) = D(X) + D(Y) \pm 2Cov(X, Y)$$

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$$X, Y \text{ are independent} \Rightarrow D(XY) = D(X)D(Y) + (EX^2)D(Y) + (EY^2)D(X)$$

- Chebyshev's Inequality:

$$P(|X - EX| \geq \epsilon) \leq \frac{DX}{\epsilon^2}$$

$$P(|X - EX| \leq \epsilon) \geq 1 - \frac{DX}{\epsilon^2}$$

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

$$\Rightarrow Cov(aX, bY) = abCov(X, Y)$$

$$\Rightarrow Cov(X_1 + X_2, Y) = Cov(X_1, Y) + Cov(X_2, Y)$$

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$$\rho = \frac{Cov(X, Y)}{\sqrt{DX}\sqrt{DY}}$$

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$$X, Y \text{ are non-correlative} \Leftrightarrow Cov(X, Y) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \rho = 0$$

- Independency \Rightarrow Non-Correlation.

2.3 Liev-Lindeberg's Law and De Moivre-Laplace's Law

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

$$\text{i.e. } \eta_n \sim N(np, np(1-p))$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i - n\mu}{\sqrt{n\sigma}} \sim N(0, 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P\left(\frac{\eta_n - np}{\sqrt{np(1-p)}} \leq x\right) = \Phi(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P\left(\frac{\eta_n - n\mu}{\sqrt{n\sigma}} \leq x\right) = \Phi(x)$$

2.4 Gamma Function

$$\Gamma(z) = \int_0^{\infty} t^{z-1} e^{-t} dt$$

$$\Rightarrow \Gamma(n) = (n-1)!, \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \sqrt{\pi}$$

Chapter 3

Mathematical Statistics

3.1 Statistical Variable

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$$\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \Rightarrow EX$$

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$$S^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2 \Rightarrow DX$$

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{S}^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2$$

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$$A_k = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^k \Rightarrow E(X^k)$$

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$$B_k = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^k \Rightarrow E(X - EX)^k = D(X^k)$$

3.2 χ^2 Distribution

$$X_i \sim N(0, 1)$$

$$\chi^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \chi^2 \sim \chi^2(n)$$

$$\Rightarrow E(\chi^2) = n, D(\chi^2) = 2n$$

$$\Rightarrow \chi_1^2 \text{ and } \chi_2^2 \text{ are independent, } \chi_1^2 + \chi_2^2 \sim \chi^2(n_1 + n_2)$$

3.3 Student Distribution

$$X \sim N(0, 1), Y \sim \chi^2(n)$$

$$\Rightarrow T = \frac{X}{\sqrt{Y/n}} \sim t(n)$$

$$\Rightarrow E(T) = 0, t(\infty) \sim N(0, 1)$$

3.4 F Distribution

$$\begin{aligned}
 X &\sim \chi^2(n_1), Y \sim \chi^2(n_2) \\
 \Rightarrow F &= \frac{X/n_1}{Y/n_2} \sim F(n_1, n_2) \\
 &\Rightarrow 1/F \sim F(n_2, n_1) \\
 \Rightarrow F_{1-\alpha}(n_2, n_1) &= \frac{1}{F_\alpha(n_1, n_2)}
 \end{aligned}$$

3.5 Properties of Normal-distributed Samples

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$$\begin{aligned}
 E\bar{X} &= EX, D\bar{X} = \frac{1}{N}DX \\
 ES^2 &= DX, DS^2 = \left(\frac{\sigma^2}{n-1}\right)^2 D\left(\frac{(n-1)S^2}{\sigma^2}\right) = \left(\frac{\sigma^2}{n-1}\right)^2 D(\chi^2(n-1)) = \frac{2\sigma^4}{n-1}
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\bar{X} \sim N\left(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{n}\right) \Leftrightarrow \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sigma} \sqrt{n} \sim N(0, 1)$$

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\bar{X} is independent from S^2

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{n-1}{\sigma^2} S^2 &\sim \chi^2(n-1) \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2 &\sim \chi^2(n-1) \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - EX)^2 &\sim \chi^2(n)
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{S} \sqrt{n} \sim t(n-1)$$

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$$F = \frac{S_1^2/\sigma_1^2}{S_2^2/\sigma_2^2} \sim F(n_1 - 1, n_2 - 1)$$

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$$\frac{\frac{1}{n_1} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{\bar{X}_i - \mu_1}{\sigma_1}\right)^2}{\frac{1}{n_2} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{\bar{Y}_i - \mu_2}{\sigma_2}\right)^2} \sim F(n_1, n_2)$$

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$$(X_1, \dots, X_{n_1}) \leftarrow N(\mu_1, \sigma^2), (Y_1, \dots, Y_{n_2}) \leftarrow N(\mu_2, \sigma^2),$$

$$T = \frac{(\bar{X} - \bar{Y}) - (\mu_1 - \mu_2)}{S_w} \sqrt{\frac{n_1 n_2}{n_1 + n_2}} \sim t(n_1 + n_2 - 2),$$

$$S_w^2 = \frac{(n_1 - 1)S_1^2 + (n_2 - 1)S_2^2}{n_1 + n_2 - 2}$$

3.6 M-Estimation

$$EX = A_j$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f(x; \theta) dx = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^j$$

3.7 Likelihood Estimation

$$L(\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(X_i = x_i; \theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i; \theta)$$

The target is to find a θ to maximize $L(\theta)$.

$$\Rightarrow \ln L(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^n \ln f(x_i; \theta)$$

$$\text{if } L \text{ is nonmonotonic : } \frac{\partial L(\theta)}{\partial \theta} = 0$$

$$\text{if } L \text{ is monotonic : } \begin{cases} \hat{\theta} = \min\{X_1, \dots, X_n\} = X_1^* & x \geq \theta \\ \hat{\theta} = \max\{X_1, \dots, X_n\} = X_n^* & x \leq \theta \end{cases} \quad (3.1)$$

3.8 Estimation Evaluation

$$\text{Unbiased : } E(\hat{\theta}) = \theta$$

Proof 1

$$E\hat{\theta}_M = E(g(\bar{X})) = \dots = h(\theta)$$

$$E\hat{\theta}_L = \int \hat{\theta}_L f_\theta(x) dx = \dots$$

e.g. ES^2 is unbiased estimation of DX ,

$E\tilde{S}^2$ is biased estimation of $DX (= \frac{n-1}{n}\sigma^2)$,

\bar{X} is unbiased estimation of EX .

$$\text{Validate : } D(\hat{\theta}_0) \leq D(\theta)$$

$$\Rightarrow D(\hat{\theta}_0) = \min_i D(\theta_i)$$

$$\text{Consistency : } P(|X - EX| \geq \epsilon) \leq \frac{DX}{\epsilon^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow P(|X - EX| < \epsilon) \geq 1 - \frac{DX}{\epsilon^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow P(|\hat{\theta} - \theta| < \epsilon) \geq 1 - \frac{D\hat{\theta}}{\epsilon^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(|\hat{\theta} - \theta| < \epsilon) = 1$$

3.9 Confidence Interval

- σ^2 known:

$$\frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sigma} \sqrt{n} \sim N(0, 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow P\left(\frac{|\bar{X} - \mu|}{\sigma} \sqrt{n} < u_{\alpha/2}\right) = 1 - \alpha$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\bar{X} - \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} u_{\alpha/2}, \bar{X} + \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} u_{\alpha/2}\right)$$

- σ^2 unknown:

$$t = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{S} \sqrt{n} \sim t(n-1)$$

$$\Rightarrow P(|t| < u_{\alpha/2}) = 1 - \alpha$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\bar{X} - \frac{S}{\sqrt{n}} t_{\alpha/2}(n-1), \bar{X} + \frac{S}{\sqrt{n}} t_{\alpha/2}(n-1)\right)$$

- μ unknown:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{(n-1)S^2}{\sigma^2} &\sim \chi^2(n-1) \\ \Rightarrow P(\chi_{1-\alpha/2}^2 < \frac{(n-1)S^2}{\sigma^2} < \chi_{\alpha/2}^2) &= 1 - \alpha \\ \Rightarrow \sigma^2 &\Rightarrow \left(\frac{(n-1)S^2}{\chi_{\alpha/2}^2(n-1)}, \frac{(n-1)S^2}{\chi_{1-\alpha/2}^2(n-1)} \right) \\ \sigma &\Rightarrow \left(\frac{\sqrt{n-1}S}{\sqrt{\chi_{\alpha/2}^2(n-1)}}, \frac{\sqrt{n-1}S}{\sqrt{\chi_{1-\alpha/2}^2(n-1)}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

- One-side Confidence Interval:

$$\text{Lower Bound} \Rightarrow \left(\bar{X} - \frac{S}{\sqrt{n}} t_{\alpha}(n-1), +\infty \right)$$

$$\text{Upper Bound} \Rightarrow \left(-\infty, \bar{X} + \frac{S}{\sqrt{n}} t_{\alpha}(n-1) \right)$$