

1 Intro to Statistics

We start with an introduction to histograms, assuming that the reader is familiar with the absolute base terminology of statistics. A histogram is just a way to display data similar to a bar chart.

Unimodal	Rise to a single peak and decline
Bimodal	Two separate peaks
Multimodal	Any number of peaks
Symmetric	Right and left sides mirrored
Positively Skewed	Data stretches to right
Negatively Skewed	Data stretches to left

Table 1: Histogram Types

The relative frequency of a group of values is number of times the value occurs divided by the number of observations, while the absolute frequency is the numerator.

1.1 Measuring Data Location

The mean (average) is a useful way to measure the center of data. Where \bar{x} is the sample mean and μ is the population mean.

$$\bar{x} = \frac{x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n}{n} = \left(\frac{1}{n}\right) \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$$

We can also use the median (center) where again \bar{x} is the sample median and μ is the population median. The median divides data up into two equal parts, but this concept can be extended to allow for quartiles and percentiles.

$$\bar{x} = \begin{cases} \text{Single middle value} \\ \text{Average of two middle values} \end{cases}$$

As well as the mode, which is the most frequent data point. A trimmed mean is a measure between the mean and median. With a trimmed mean trim the ends in order to remove outliers.

1.2 Measuring Variability

We can measure variability of our data with a variety of different methods, for instance the range is the difference between the largest data point and the smallest.

The sample variance (denoted s^2) is given by

$$s^2 = \frac{\sum(x_i - \bar{x})^2}{n-1} = \frac{S_{xx}}{n-1}$$

While the sample standard deviation is given by the square root of the variance,

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

2 Probability

Probability is anything who's outcome is uncertain. The sample space S of an experiment, is a set of all possible outcomes for said experiment. An event is any subset of outcomes contained in the sample space. Since events are subsets, we can pull in set theory and the concepts associated.

One thing we can easily to determine the probability of any given event occurring is to enumerate the number of ways possible.

for a given outcome to occur, and divide it by the total number of ways the event can happen.

2.1 Axioms of Probability

- For any event A , $0 \leq P(A) \leq 1$.
- $P(S) = 1$.
- If A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots is an infinite collection of disjoint events, then

$$P(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3 \cup \dots) = \sum P(A_i)$$

- For any event A , if $P(A) + P(\bar{A}) = 1$, then $P(\bar{A}) = 1 - P(A)$.
- For any two events,

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

- For any three events,

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

2.2 Conditional Probability

We can condition the probability of events on the outcomes of other events. This uses the notation $P(A|B)$ where we say the conditional probability of A given that B has occurred.

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

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

We also have a couple rules that apply.

- The Multiplication Rule $- P(A \cap B) = P(A|B) \cdot P(B)$.
- The Law of Total Probability

2.1. Let A_1, \dots, A_k be mutually exclusive and exhaustive events.

Then for any other event B ,

$$P(B) = P(B|A_1)P(A_1) + \dots + P(B|A_k)P(A_k)$$

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

3. Bayes' Theorem

3.1. Let A_1, \dots, A_k be a collection of k mutually exclusive and exhaustive events with prior probabilities $P(A_i)$ ($i = 1, 2, \dots, k$). Then for any other event B for which $P(B) > 0$, the posterior probability of A_j given that B has occurred is

$$P(A_j|B) = \frac{P(A_j \cap B)}{P(B)} = \frac{P(B|A_j)P(A_j)}{\sum_{i=1}^k P(B|A_i)P(A_i)} \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, k$$

3.2 Independence

Two events A and B are independent if $P(A|B) = P(A)$ and dependent otherwise, which means that $P(A \cap B) = P(A) \cdot P(B)$.

3 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 .

We usually use uppercase letters for random variables (X, Y, Z) and lowercase letters for particular values (x, y, z) .

We have discrete and continuous random variables, which are defined as the common definition. However they differ in one respect, which is that with continuous random variables no single point has positive probability, only intervals have probability.

3.1 Probability Distributions for Discrete Random Variables

The probability mass function (pmf) of a discrete random variable is defined for every number x by $p(x) = P(X = x) = P(\{x\}) \in \mathcal{S}$; $X(x)$.

The cumulative distribution function (cdf) $F(x)$ of a discrete random variable X with pmf $p(x)$ is defined for every number x by

$$F(x) = P(X \leq x) = \sum_{a \leq x} p(a)$$

For any number x , $F(x)$ is the probability that the observed value of X will be at most x .

3.2 Expected Values and Variance

Let X be a discrete random variable with set of possible values D and pmf $p(x)$. The expected value, or mean of X , denoted $E(X)$ or μ_X , or just μ , is

$$E(X) = \mu_X = \sum_{x \in D} x \cdot p(x)$$

This has some defining rules

$$E(aX + b) = a \cdot E(X) + b$$

We can also calculate the variance and standard deviation, which are measures of spread and distribution.

Let X have pmf $p(x)$, or just p . Then the variance of X , denoted by $V(X)$, or σ_X^2 , or just σ^2 is

$$V(X) = \sum_D (x - \mu)^2 \cdot p(x) = E[(X - \mu)^2]$$

The standard deviation of X is

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

We have a shortcut formula for σ^2 .

$$V(X) = \sigma^2 = \sum_D x^2 \cdot p(x) - \mu^2 = E[X^2] - [E(X)]^2$$

And again, we have some rules.

$$\sigma_{aX+b} = |a| \cdot \sigma_X, \sigma_{aX+b} = \sigma_X$$

Let X be a continuous random variable. Then the probability distribution of X (pdf) is such that for any two numbers a and b where $a < b$,

$$P(a \leq X \leq b) = \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

In essence, continuous random variables replace the \mathcal{S} with a J . Any pmf must be greater than or equal to zero, and the area under the entire curve must equal 1.

A continuous random variable X is said to have uniform distribution on $[A, B]$ if the pdf of X is

$$f(x; A, B) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{B-A} & \rightarrow A \leq x \leq B \\ 0 & \rightarrow \text{Otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Expected value of continuous random variables is pretty much the same

$$\mu_X = E(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \cdot f(x) dx$$

While the variance is

$$\sigma_X^2 = V(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - \mu)^2 \cdot f(x) dx = E[(X - \mu)^2] = E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2$$

The same properties apply, and the standard deviation remains $\sigma = \sqrt{V(X)}$.

3.3 Percentiles of Continuous Distributions

The n th percentile is defined as

$$p = F(p(n)) = \int_{-\infty}^{p(n)} f(y) dy$$

4 Distributions of Random Variables

4.1 Geometric and Bernoulli Random Variables

Any random variable whose only possible outcomes are 0 and 1 are called Bernoulli Random Variables. For any Bernoulli Random Variable we can establish the pmf.

$$p(x) = \begin{cases} (1-p)^{x-1} & \rightarrow x = 1, 2, 3, \dots \\ 0 & \rightarrow \text{Otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$E(X) = \mu = \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} x \cdot p(x) = p$$

$$V(X) = \sigma^2 = \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} x^2 \cdot p(x) - \mu^2 = E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2$$

Where p can be any value in $[0, 1]$. Depending on the value of p we get different members of the Geometric Distribution. Therefore a Bernoulli Random Variable is the measure of outcomes of binary experiments. It is a discrete variable that takes on values 0 or 1, with $\pi_0 = p(X=0) = 1 - p$. On the other hand, Geometric Random Variables measure the time (number of trials) until a certain outcome occurs, where the pdf is given below.

$$p(x) = (1-p)^{x-1} \cdot p \quad E(X) = \frac{1}{p}$$

$$V(X) = \sigma^2 = \frac{1-p}{p^2}$$

The special case where $r = 1$ is called the geometric distribution. The mean and variance are as follows

$$E(X) = \frac{1}{p} \quad V(X) = \frac{1-p}{p^2}$$

4.2 The Binomial Probability Distribution

There are many experiments that conform to the following requirements, which mark it as a binomial experiment.

1. The experiment consists of a sequence of n smaller experiments called trials, where n is fixed in advance of the experiment.

2. Each trial can result in one of the same two possible outcomes which we generally denote by Success and Failure.

3. The trials are independent, so that the outcome of any particular trial does not influence the outcome of any other trial.

4. The probability of Success from trial to trial is constant by which we denote p .

Therefore the binomial random variable X is defined as the number of Successes in n trials. Since this depends on two factors, we write the pmf as

$$h(x; n, p) = \begin{cases} \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x} & \rightarrow x = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, n \\ 0 & \rightarrow \text{Otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$E(X) = \mu = np$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = \sigma^2 = np(1-p)$$

If $X \rightarrow \text{Bin}(n, p)$, then $E(X) = np$, $V(X) = np(1-p) = npq$, and $\sigma_X = \sqrt{npq}$ where $q = 1 - p$.

4.3 Hypergeometric Distribution

We need to make some initial assumptions to use this distribution. 1. The population consists of N elements. (A finite population). 2. Each element can be characterized as a Success or a Failure, and there are M successes in the population. 3. A sample of n elements is selected without replacement in such a way that each subset size n is equally likely to be chosen.

Like the binomial probability distribution, X is the number of successes in a sample.

$$p(x) = \frac{h(x; n, N, M)}{\binom{N}{n}}$$

The mean and variance of this distribution are

$$E(X) = n \cdot \frac{M}{N} \quad V(X) = \left(\frac{N-n}{N-1}\right) \cdot \frac{M}{N} \cdot \left(1 - \frac{M}{N}\right)$$

4.4 Negative Binomial Distribution

Again, we need to start with some assumptions.

1. The experiment consists of a sequence of independent trials.

2. Each trial can either result in Success or Failure.

3. The probability of Success is constant from trial to trial.

4. The experiment continues until a total of r successes have been observed.

The pmf of the negative binomial distribution with parameters r and p is the number of Successes, and $p = P(S)$ is

$$h(k; r, p) = \binom{k+r-1}{r-1} \cdot (1-p)^{k+r} \cdot p^r \quad k = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

The special case where $r = 1$ is called the geometric distribution. The mean and variance are as follows

$$E(X) = \frac{1}{p} \quad V(X) = \frac{1-p}{p^2}$$

4.5 The Poisson Distribution

A discrete random variable X is said to have a Poisson Distribution with parameters λ ($\lambda > 0$) if the pmf of X is

$$p(k; \lambda) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^k}{k!} \quad k = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Suppose that in the binomial pmf we let $n \rightarrow \infty$ and $p \rightarrow 0$ in such a way that np approaches a value $\lambda > 0$. Then $h(x; n, p) \rightarrow p(x; \lambda)$.

The mean and variance of X are refreshingly easy for the Poisson Distribution.

$$E(X) = V(X) = \lambda$$

We mostly use the Poisson distribution to measure events that occur over time. The structure of this distribution requires us to make some assumptions about the data being collected.

1. There exists a parameter $\alpha > 0$ such that for any short time interval of length Δt , the probability that exactly one occurs is $\alpha \cdot \Delta t + o(\Delta t)$.

2. The probability of more than one event occurring during Δt is $o(\Delta t)$.

3. The number of events that occur during Δt is independent of the number that occur prior to this time interval.

We also can establish that $P_k(t) \sim e^{-\alpha t} \cdot (\alpha t)^k / k!$ so that the number of events during a time interval of length t is a Poisson rv with parameter $\mu = \alpha t$. The expected number of events during any such time interval is αt , so the expected number during a unit time interval is α .

The occurrence of events over time as described in known as the Poisson Process.

4.6 The Normal Distribution

A continuous random variable is said to have normal distribution with parameters μ and σ if the pdf of X is

$$f(x; \mu, \sigma) = \frac{1}{\sigma \sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

This is often written as $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$.

4.6.1 The Standard Normal Distribution

If $\mu = 0$ and $\sigma = 1$, the normal distribution is called the standard normal distribution (denoted by Z) with pdf

$$f(z; 0, 1) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-z^2/2}$$

Where the cdf is denoted by $\Phi(z)$.

We use tables to determine the values of these cdfs, which are used as reference for other distributions.

4.6.2 z Values

z_α is the z value for which α of the area under the z curve lies to the right of z_α .

4.6.3 Non-Standard Normal Distributions

When we're dealing with a nonstandard normal distribution, we can standardize to the standard normal distribution with standardized variable $Z = (X - \mu) / \sigma$. This means that

$$f(x; \mu, \sigma) = \frac{1}{\sigma} f\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)$$

4.7 Weibull Distribution

$$P(a \leq X \leq b) = P\left(\frac{a-\alpha}{\sigma} \leq Z \leq \frac{b-\alpha}{\sigma}\right)$$

$$= \Phi\left(\frac{b-\alpha}{\sigma}\right) - \Phi\left(\frac{a-\alpha}{\sigma}\right)$$

$$P(X \leq a) = \Phi\left(\frac{a-\alpha}{\sigma}\right)$$

$$P(X \geq b) = 1 - \Phi\left(\frac{b-\alpha}{\sigma}\right)$$

$$f(x; \alpha, \beta) = \begin{cases} \frac{\beta}{\sigma} \left(\frac{x-\alpha}{\sigma}\right)^{\beta-1} e^{-(x-\alpha)^\beta/\sigma^\beta} & \rightarrow x \geq 0 \\ 0 & \rightarrow x < 0 \end{cases}$$

With mean and variance

$$\mu = \beta \Gamma(1 + 1/\alpha) \quad \sigma^2 = \beta^2 \left[\Gamma(1 + 2/\alpha) - (\Gamma(1 + 1/\alpha))^2 \right]$$

And cdf

$$F(x; \alpha, \beta) = \begin{cases} 1 - e^{-(x-\alpha)^\beta/\sigma^\beta} & \rightarrow x < 0 \\ 0 & \rightarrow x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

4.7 Exponential Distribution

This distribution is handy to model the distribution of lifetimes, mostly due to its memoryless property. This means that the distribution remains the same regardless of what happened prior.

4.7.1 Lognormal Distribution

$$f(x; \mu, \sigma) = \begin{cases} \frac{e^{-\ln(x)^2/(2\sigma^2)}}{\sigma x \sqrt{2\pi}} & \rightarrow x > 0 \\ 0 & \rightarrow x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$E(X) = e^{\mu + \sigma^2/2} \quad V(X) = e^{2\mu + \sigma^2} (e^{\sigma^2} - 1)$$

Since it has normal distribution it can be expressed in terms of the standard normal distribution Z .

4.7.2 Beta Distribution

$$f(x; \alpha, \beta, A, B) = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)} \left(\frac{x-A}{B-A}\right)^{\alpha-1} \left(\frac{B-x}{B-A}\right)^{\beta-1} \rightarrow A \leq x \leq B$$

$$= \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)} \left(\frac{x-A}{B-A}\right)^{\alpha-1} \left(\frac{B-x}{B-A}\right)^{\beta-1} \rightarrow \text{Otherwise}$$

$$\mu = A + (B - A) \cdot \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + \beta} \quad \sigma^2 = \frac{(B - A)^2 \alpha \beta}{(\alpha + \beta)^2 (\alpha + \beta + 1)}$$

5 Functions of Random Variables

This is a relatively straightforward concept. If we have a function of a random variable, we can express this as an inequality and solve for the cdf. Examples follow, and derivations left to the reader.

Let X be a random variables with continuous distribution. Let $Y = X^2$.

A random variable is said to have Gamma Distribution if the pdf of X is

$$f(x; \alpha, \beta) = \begin{cases} \frac{\beta^\alpha x^{\alpha-1} e^{-\beta x}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} & \rightarrow x \geq 0 \\ 0 & \rightarrow \text{Otherwise} \end{cases}$$

With mean and variance

$$E(X) = \mu = \alpha/\beta \quad V(X) = \sigma^2 = \alpha/\beta^2$$

And cdf of the standard gamma distribution

$$F(x) = \int_0^x \frac{\beta^\alpha t^{\alpha-1} e^{-\beta t}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} dt$$

6 Joint Probability Distributions

A joint probability distribution is one of the form where

$$f(x, y) = P(X \leq x, Y \leq y)$$

For joint distributions random variables we simply sum the two sets together. With continuous random variables we doubly integrate

$$P(a \leq X \leq b, c \leq Y \leq d) = \int_a^b \int_c^d f(x, y) dx dy$$

6.1 Chi-Squared

$$f(x; \nu) = \frac{e^{-x/2} x^{\nu/2-1}}{2^{\nu/2} \Gamma(\nu/2)} \rightarrow x \geq 0$$

$$f(x; \nu) = 0 \rightarrow x < 0$$

7 Linear Regression

Given a set of data we can create a linear regression model between the independent and dependent variables using the ordinary least squares method.

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \dots + \beta_k x_k + \epsilon$$

This is best done with code.

7.1 Adjusted R Squared

The fitted values are basically if we run x through our equation, and are denoted \hat{y} . The residuals are the difference between the fitted values and the actual values. These are estimates of the true error.

7.2 Error Sum of Squares (Residual Sum of Squares)

$$SSE = \sum (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2$$

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{SSE}{n-2}$$

7.3 Total Sum of Squares

$$SST = S_{yy} = \sum (y_i - \bar{y})^2 = \left(\sum y_i^2 - \left(\sum y_i\right)^2/n\right)$$