

# Results from Probability and Statistics

- PMF (probability mass function):  $p_X(x) = \Pr(X = x)$ 
  - For discrete RVs, satisfies  $p_X(x) \geq 0$  and  $\sum_x p_X(x) = 1$
- PDF (probability density function):  $f_X(x)$ 
  - For continuous RVs, satisfies  $f_X(x) \geq 0$  and  $\int_x f_X(x)dx = 1$
- CDF (cumulative density function)  $F_X(x) = \Pr(X \leq x)$ 
  - For continuous RVs,  $f_X(x) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}F_X(x)$
- Expectations:
  - $E[X] = \sum_x xp_X(x)$  if  $X$  is discrete
  - $E[X] = \int_x xf_X(x)dx$  if  $X$  is continuous
  - $E[g(X)] = \sum_x g(x)p_X(x)$  if  $X$  is discrete
  - $E[g(X)] = \int_x g(x)f_X(x)dx$  if  $X$  is continuous
- Population Mean and Variance
  - $\mu_X = E[X]$
  - $\sigma_X^2 = Var(X) = E[(X - \mu_X)^2]$
  - $Var(X) = E[(X - \mu_X)^2] = E[X^2] - E[X]^2$
- Linear Transformations
  - $E[aX + b] = aE[X] + b$
  - $Var(aX + b) = a^2Var(X)$
- Normal Distribution:  $f_X(x; \mu, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}}e^{-\frac{1}{2}(x-\mu)^2/\sigma^2}$
- If  $X_j \sim N(\mu_j, \sigma_j^2)$  and  $X_j$  are independent,  $w_1X_1 + \dots + w_JX_J \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$  where  $\mu = w_1\mu_1 + \dots + w_J\mu_J$  and  $\sigma^2 = w_1^2\sigma_1^2 + \dots + w_J^2\sigma_J^2$
- Sample Mean and Variance

- $\bar{X} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N X_n$
- $s_X^2 = \frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{n=1}^N (X_n - \bar{X})^2$
- $s_X^2 = \frac{N}{N-1} (\overline{X^2} - \bar{X}^2)$

- $X$  and  $Y$  are independent if,

- $p_{X,Y}(x, y) = p_X(x)p_Y(y)$  (discrete case)
- $f_{X,Y}(x, y) = f_X(x)f_Y(y)$  (continuous case)

- Covariance and Correlation

- $\sigma_{XY} = Cov(X, Y) = E[(X - \mu_X)(Y - \mu_Y)] = E[XY] - E[X]E[Y]$
- $\rho_{XY} = \frac{\sigma_{XY}}{\sigma_X \sigma_Y}$

- Linear Combinations

- $Cov(aX + b, Y) = aCov(X, Y)$
- $Cov(X, aY + b) = aCov(X, Y)$

- Conditional Distributions

- $p_{Y|X}(y|x) = \frac{p_{X,Y}(x,y)}{p_X(x)}$  (discrete case)
- $f_{Y|X}(y|x) = \frac{f_{X,Y}(x,y)}{f_X(x)}$  (continuous case)

- Conditional Expectations

- $E[Y|X] = \sum_y y p_{Y|X}(y|x) = \frac{\sum_y y p_{X,Y}(x,y)}{\sum_y p_{X,Y}(x,y)}$
- $E[Y|X] = \int_y y f_{Y|X}(y|x) dy = \frac{\int_y y f_{X,Y}(x,y) dy}{\int_y f_{X,Y}(x,y) dy}$
- $E[X] = E_Y[E[X|Y]]$  (Law of Iterated Expectations)

- Bivariate Normal Distribution:

$$f_{X,Y}(x, y; \mu_X, \sigma_X^2, \mu_Y, \sigma_Y^2, \rho)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sigma_X \sigma_Y 2\pi \sqrt{1-\rho^2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2(1-\rho^2)} \left\{ \left( \frac{x-\mu_X}{\sigma_X} \right)^2 - 2\rho \left( \frac{x-\mu_X}{\sigma_X} \right) \left( \frac{y-\mu_Y}{\sigma_Y} \right) + \left( \frac{y-\mu_Y}{\sigma_Y} \right)^2 \right\}}$$

- Sampling from the Normal Distribution: If  $X_n \sim N(\mu_X, \sigma_X^2)$  and  $X_n$  are independent, then,

- $E[\bar{X}] = \mu_X$
- $Var(\bar{X}) = \frac{1}{N}\sigma_X^2$
- $\frac{\bar{X}-\mu_X}{\sigma_X/\sqrt{N}} \sim N(0, 1)$
- $\frac{(N-1)s_X^2}{\sigma_X^2} \sim \chi_{N-1}^2$
- $\bar{X}$  and  $s_X^2$  are independent

- The Derived Distributions

- If  $U \sim N(0, 1)$ ,  $V \sim \chi_v^2$ , and  $U$  and  $V$  are independent, then  $\frac{U}{\sqrt{V/v}} \sim t_v$
- If  $U \sim \chi_u^2$ ,  $V \sim \chi_v^2$ , and  $U$  and  $V$  are independent, then  $\frac{U/u}{V/v} \sim F_{u,v}$

- Sampling Distributions

- Mean with known variance,  $Z = \frac{\bar{X}-\mu_X}{\sigma_X/\sqrt{N}} \sim N(0, 1)$
- Mean with unknown variance,  $t = \frac{\bar{X}-\mu_X}{s_X/\sqrt{N}} \sim t_{N-1}$

- Asymptotic Theory

- $\xrightarrow{prob.}$  = convergence in probability
- $\xrightarrow{dist.}$  = convergence in distribution
- $\bar{X} \xrightarrow{prob.} E[X]$  (LLN)
- $\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N g(X_n) \xrightarrow{prob.} E[g(X)]$  (LLN)
- $\frac{\sqrt{N}(\bar{X}-\mu_X)}{\sigma_X} \xrightarrow{dist.} N(0, 1)$  (CLT)
- $\frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{n=1}^N (g(X_n) - E[g(X_n)]) \xrightarrow{dist.} N(0, Var(g(X_n)))$  (CLT)

- Large Sample Sampling Distributions

- $Z = \frac{\bar{X}-\mu_X}{\sigma_X/\sqrt{N}} \xrightarrow{dist.} N(0, 1)$
- $t = \frac{\bar{X}-\mu_X}{s_X/\sqrt{N}} \xrightarrow{dist.} N(0, 1)$

- Vector Probability Theory

- $\mu = E[X]$
- $\Omega = Var(X) = E[(X - \mu)(X - \mu)']$
- $Var(X) = E[(X - \mu)(X - \mu)'] = E[XX'] - E[X]E[X]'$
- $E[AX + b] = AE[X] + b$
- $Var(AX + b) = AVar(X)A'$
- $\bar{X} \xrightarrow{prob.} E[X]$  (LLN)
- $\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N g(X_n) \xrightarrow{prob.} E[g(X)]$  (LLN)
- $\sqrt{N}(\bar{X} - \mu) \xrightarrow{dist.} N(0, \Omega)$  (CLT)
- $\frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{n=1}^N (g(X_n) - E[g(X_n)]) \xrightarrow{dist.} N(0, Var(g(X_n)))$  (CLT)
- Multivariate normal distribution:

$$f_X(x; \mu, \Omega) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{K/2}(\det \Omega)^{1/2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(x-\mu)'\Omega^{-1}(x-\mu)}$$