

1. Probability rules

Random experiments and random events

sample space, complementary event

intersection, union, Venn diagrams

Probability = population proportion

rule 1: division rule

rule 2: addition rule

Conditional probability and independent events

rule 3: multiplication rule

Partition of the sample space

rule 4: LTP

rule 5: Bayes' rule

2. Random variables

Probability distribution functions:

pmf, pdf, cdf

Distribution center and spread:

mean, median, mode; variance, standard deviation

Discrete distributions:

$dU(N)$, $\text{Bin}(n, p)$, $\text{Hg}(N, n, p)$, $\text{Geom}(p)$, $\text{Pois}(\lambda)$

Continuous distributions:

$U(a, b)$, $\text{Exp}(\lambda)$, $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$

Central Limit Theorem: $\bar{X} \in N(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{n})$

normal approximations for Bin, Pois, Hg

3. Joint distributions

Joint pmf and pdf

marginal and conditional distributions

independent random variables

Conditional expectation: LTE and LTV

optimal predictor and optimal linear predictor

Association between two random variables

covariance and correlation coefficient

uncorrelated random variables

addition rule of variance

Multinomial and Bivariate normal distributions

4. Parameter estimation

Types of data:

continuous, discrete, categorical, dichotomous

Population parameters and sample parameters

sample mean and sample variance

point and interval estimates

Sampling distribution and sampling error:

systematic and unsystematic errors

unbiased and consistent estimates

estimated standard error $s_{\bar{X}} = \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}$, $s_{\hat{p}} = \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}\hat{q}}{n-1}}$

Sampling with and without replacement

finite population correction

Parametric statistical models, MME and MLE

Confident intervals (CI) exact and approximate
prediction interval (PI) for a new observation
t-distribution, degrees of freedom

5. Hypotheses testing

Statistical hypotheses

simple and composite

one-sided and two-sided

Test statistic, rejection region

exact and approximate null distributions

Two types of error

conflict between two error sizes α and β

significance level and P-value (one- and two-sided)

Small sample tests

one-sample t -test, normal population distribution

the small-sample test for the proportion

Large-sample tests for proportion and for mean

duality of CI and hypotheses testing

The power of the test, planning of sample size

6. Simple linear regression

Association between two continuous variables

sample correlation coefficient

Simple linear regression model

least square estimates

Regression line

- decomposition of the total sum of squares

- coefficient of determination

CI and hypothesis testing concerning the slope β_1

- model utility test of $H_0: \beta_1 = 0$

Prediction of a future value Y_{n+1} and its mean

- given the new independent variable value x_{n+1}

7. Chi-square tests

Fitting a parametric model to the data

- Pearson's chi-square test

- chi-square distribution

Association between two discrete or categorical variables

- χ^2 -test of independence (one cross-classified sample)

- χ^2 -test of homogeneity (several independent samples)

- grouping together of smaller cells

8. Decision theory and Bayesian inference

Risk function for a decision rule based on a loss function

- minimax decision rules

Bayesian approach: prior and posterior distributions

- posterior risk and Bayes action

Conjugate priors

- Beta and Dirichlet distributions, pseudocounts

- Gamma distribution

Bayesian estimation
MAP and 0-1 loss function
PME and squared error loss function
credibility interval
Bayesian hypotheses testing

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