## 11: Joint (Multivariate) Distributions

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## Normal Approximation

#### Normal RVs

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

- Used to model many real-life situations because it maximizes entropy (i.e., randomness) for a given mean and variance
- Also useful for approximating the Binomial random variable!

#### Website testing

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- X = # people whose time on site increases
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- CEO will endorse the new design if  $X \ge 65$ .

What is P(CEO endorses change)? Give a numerical approximation.

#### Approach 1: Binomial

#### Define

$$X \sim \text{Bin}(n = 100, p = 0.5)$$

Want: 
$$P(X \ge 65)$$

Solve
$$P(X \ge 65) = \sum_{i=65}^{100} {100 \choose i} 0.5^{i} (1 - 0.5)^{100-i}$$

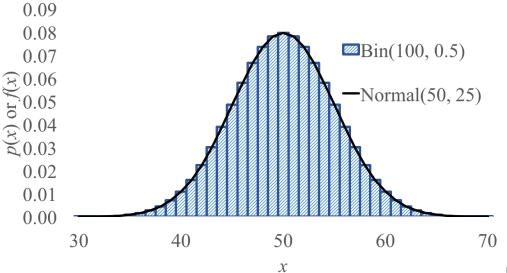




#### Don't worry, Normal approximates Binomial



**Galton Board** 



(We'll explain why in 2 weeks' time)

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$$P(X \ge 65) \approx 0.0018$$

#### Approach 2: approximate with Normal

Define 
$$\mu = np = 50$$

$$Y \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2) \qquad \sigma^2 = np(1-p) = 25$$

$$\sigma = \sqrt{25} = 5$$

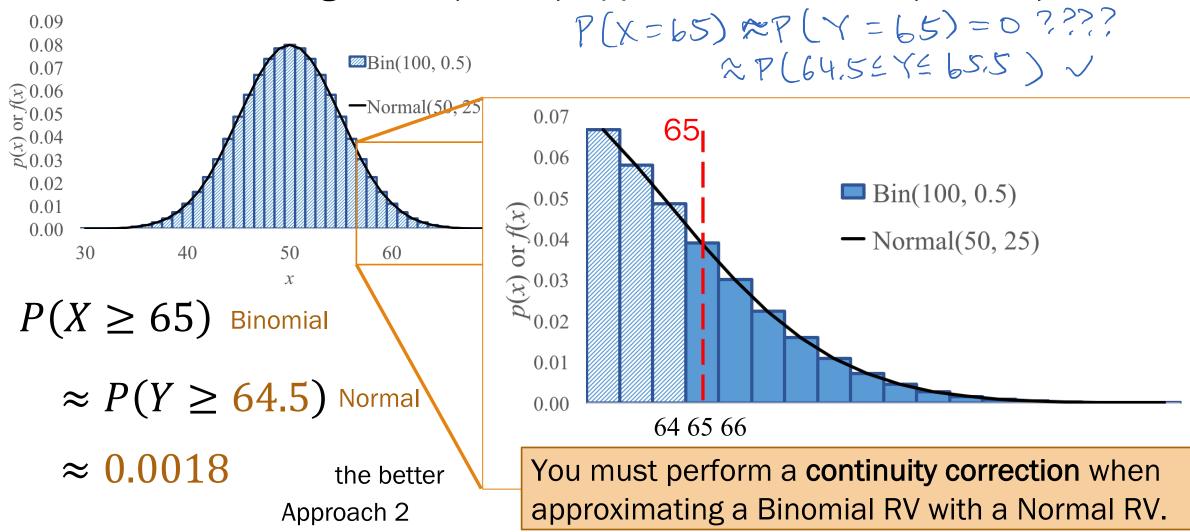
#### Solve

$$P(X \ge 65) \approx P(Y \ge 65) = 1 - F_Y(65)$$
  
=  $1 - \Phi\left(\frac{65 - 50}{5}\right) = 1 - \Phi(3) \approx 0.0013$ ?



#### Website testing (with continuity correction)

In our website testing,  $Y \sim \mathcal{N}(50, 25)$  approximates  $X \sim \text{Bin}(100, 0.5)$ .



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#### Continuity correction

If  $Y \sim \mathcal{N}(np, np(1-p))$  approximates  $X \sim \text{Bin}(n, p)$ , how do we approximate the following probabilities?

Discrete (e.g., Binomial) probability question

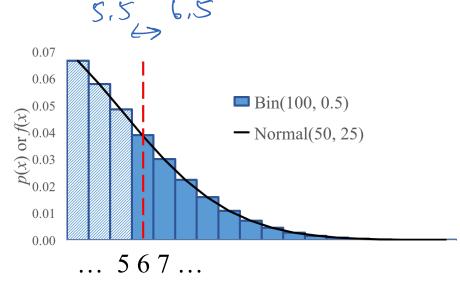


Continuous (Normal) probability question

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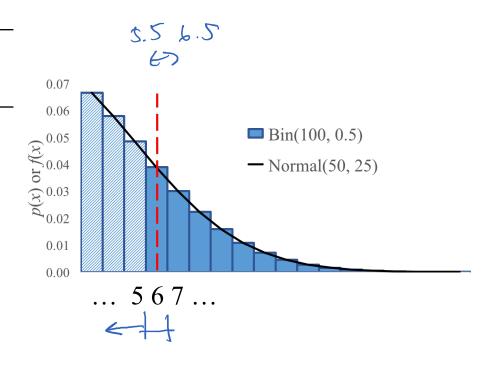
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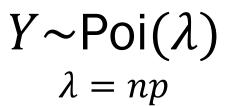




#### Who gets to approximate?

$$X \sim Bin(n, p)$$
  
 $E[X] = np$   
 $Var(X) = np(1-p)$ 





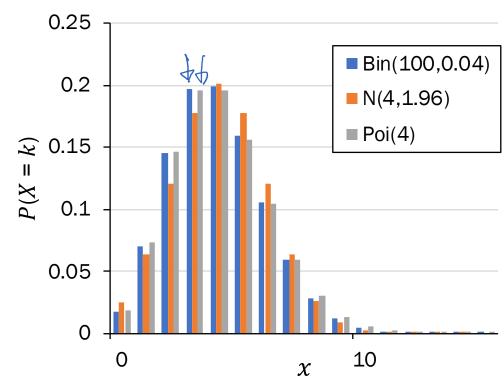


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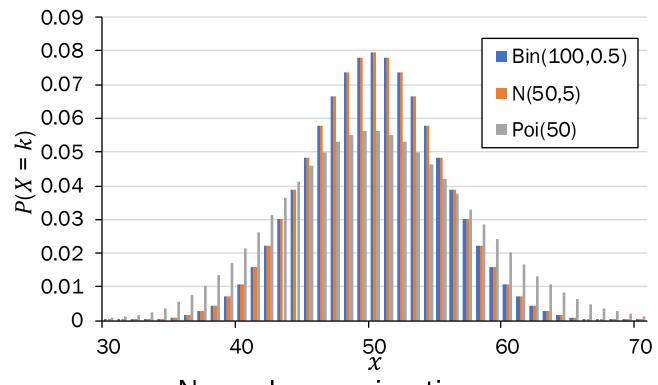
$$\mu = np$$

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

#### Who gets to approximate?



Poisson approximation n large (> 20), p small (< 0.05) slight dependence okay



Normal approximation n large (> 20), p mid-ranged (np(1-p) > 10) independence

- 1. If there is a choice, use Normal to approximate.
- 2. When using Normal to approximate a discrete RV, use a continuity correction.

# Discrete Joint RVs

#### From last time



What is the probability that the Warriors win? How do you model zero-sum games?

$$P(A_W > A_B)$$

This is a probability of an event involving *two* random variables!

#### Joint probability mass functions

Roll two 6-sided dice, yielding values X and Y.





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random variables

$$P(X = 1 \cap Y = 6)$$

$$P(X = 1, Y = 6)$$

new notation: the comma

probability of the intersection of two events

$$P(X=a,Y=b)$$

joint probability mass function

#### Discrete joint distributions

For two discrete joint random variables X and Y, the joint probability mass function is defined as:

$$p_{X,Y}(a,b) = P(X=a,Y=b)$$
 1:  $Z = P_{X,Y}(a,b)$ 

The marginal distributions of the joint PMF are defined as:

$$p_X(a) = P(X = a) = \sum_{y} p_{X,Y}(a,y) \qquad \Rightarrow \quad \sum_{\alpha} P_X(\alpha) = 1$$

$$p_Y(b) = P(Y = b) = \sum_{x} p_{X,Y}(x,b)$$

Use marginal distributions to get a 1-D RV from a joint PMF.

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#### Two dice

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Î	$p_{X_i}$	$_{Y}(a,b)$		6 x	$(a,b) \in \{(1,1), \dots, (6,6)\}$				
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#### Probability table

- All possible outcomes for several discrete RVs
- Not parametric (e.g., parameter p in Ber(p)

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What is the joint PMF of *X* and *Y*?

$$p_{X,Y}(a,b) = 1/36$$
  $(a,b) \in \{(1,1), ..., (6,6)\}$ 

What is the marginal PMF of *X*?

$$p_{X}(a) = P(X = a) = \sum_{y} p_{X,Y}(a,y) = \sum_{y=1}^{6} \frac{1}{36} = \frac{1}{6} \qquad a \in \{1, \dots, 6\}$$

$$P(X = 1) = P(X = 1, (=1)) + \dots + P(X = 1, (=6))$$

#### Consider households in Silicon Valley.

- A household has X Macs and Y PCs.
- Each house has a maximum of 3 computers (Macs + PCs) in the house.
- 1. What is P(X = 1, Y = 0), the missing entry in the probability table?

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A joint PMF must sum to 1:

$$\sum_{x} \sum_{y} p_{X,Y}(x,y) = 1$$

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$$Y$$
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To find a marginal distribution over one variable, sum over all other variables in the joint PMF.

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$$P(C = 3) = P(X + Y = 3)$$
 Law of Total Probability
$$= \sum_{x} \sum_{y} P(X + Y = 3 | X = x, Y = y) P(X = x, Y = y)$$

$$= P(X = 0, Y = 3) + P(X = 1, Y = 2)$$

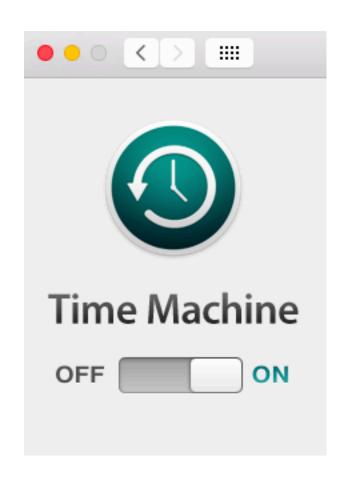
$$+P(X = 2, Y = 1) + P(X = 3, Y = 0)$$

$$= 0.32$$

We'll come back to sums of RVs next lecture!

### Multinomial RV

#### Recall the good times





**Permutations** n!How many ways are there to order nobjects?

#### Counting unordered objects

#### Binomial coefficient

How many ways are there to group n objects into two groups of size k and n-k, respectively?

$$\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k! (n-k)!}$$

Called the binomial coefficient because of something from Algebra

#### Multinomial coefficient

How many ways are there to group n objects into r groups of sizes  $n_1, n_2, ..., n_r$  respectively?

$$\binom{n}{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_r} = \frac{n!}{n_1! \, n_2! \cdots n_r!}$$

Multinomials generalize Binomials for counting.

#### Probability

#### **Binomial RV**

What is the probability of getting k successes and n-k failures in n trials?

$$P(X=k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$$

Binomial # of ways of ordering the successes

Probability of each ordering of *k* successes is equal + mutually exclusive

#### **Multinomial RV**

What is the probability of getting  $c_1$  of outcome 1,  $c_2$  of outcome 2, ..., and  $c_m$  of outcome m in n trials?

Multinomial RVs also generalize Binomial RVs for probability!

#### Multinomial Random Variable

Consider an experiment of n independent trials:

- Each trial results in one of m outcomes.  $P(\text{outcome } i) = p_i, \sum_{i=1}^{n} p_i = 1$
- Let  $X_i$  = # trials with outcome i

Joint PMF 
$$P(X_1=c_1,X_2=c_2,\ldots,X_m=c_m)=\binom{n}{c_1,c_2,\ldots,c_m}p_1^{c_1}p_2^{c_2}\cdots p_m^{c_m}$$
 where 
$$\sum_{i=1}^m c_i=n \text{ and } \sum_{i=1}^m p_i=1$$

Multinomial # of ways of Probability of each ordering is ordering the outcomes equal + mutually exclusive

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$$P(X_1 = 1, X_2 = 1, X_3 = 0, X_4 = 2, X_5 = 0, X_6 = 3)$$

$$= {7 \choose 1,1,0,2,0,3} {1 \choose 6}^{1} {1 \choose 6}^{1} {1 \choose 6}^{1} {1 \choose 6}^{0} {1 \choose 6}^{2} {1 \choose 6}^{0} {1 \choose 6}^{0} {1 \choose 6}^{0} = 420 {1 \choose 6}^{7}$$

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# of times a six appears 
$$P(X_1 = 1, X_2 = 1, X_3 = 0, X_4 = 2, X_5 = 0, X_6 = 3)$$

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- Computing probabilities on Binomial RVs is often computationally expensive.
- Two reasonable approximations, but when to use which?

$$Y \sim Poi(\lambda)$$
  
 $\lambda = np$ 

$$n$$
 large (> 20)  $p$  small (< 0.05) slight dependence okay

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need continuity correction

## Think

## Check out the question on the next slide (Slide 38). Post any clarifications here!

https://us.edstem.org/courses/109/discussion/46501



#### Stanford Admissions (a while back)

Stanford accepts 2480 students.

- Each accepted student has 68% chance of attending (independent trials)
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p = 0.68, not small enough

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✓ Variance np(1-p) = 540 > 10

None/other

Define an approximation  
Let 
$$Y \sim \mathcal{N}(E[X], Var(X))$$

$$E[X] = np = 1686 \text{ Im}$$

$$Var(X) = np(1-p) \approx 540 \rightarrow \sigma = 23.3$$

$$P(X > 1745) \approx P(Y \ge 1745.5)$$

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$$P(Y \ge 1745.5) = 1 - F(1745.5)$$

$$= 1 - \Phi\left(\frac{1745.5 - 1686}{23.3}\right)$$

$$=1-\Phi(2.54)\approx 0.0055$$

## Changes in Stanford Admissions

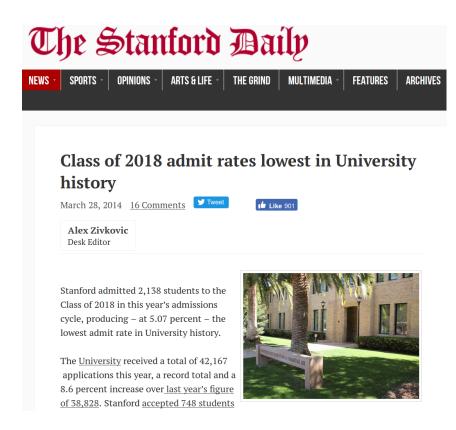
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#### Overview for the Class of 2022

Total Applicants: 47,451 Admit rate: 4.3%

Total Admits: 2,071Yield rate: 81.9%

Total Enrolled: 1,706

People love coming to Stanford!

#### Multinomial Random Variable

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where  $\sum_{i} c_i = n$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^{n} p_i = 1$ 

$$\sum_{i=1}^{m} p_i = 1$$

#### Example:

- Rolling 2 twos, 3 threes, and 5 fives on 10 rolls of a fair-sided die
- Generating a random 5-word phrase with 1 "the", 2 "bacon", 1 "put", 1 "on"

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# of times

#### Parameters of a Multinomial RV?

 $X \sim \text{Bin}(n, p)$  has parameters n, p...

$$P(X = k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1 - p)^{n-k}$$

p: probability of success outcome on a single trial

A Multinomial RV has parameters  $n, p_1, p_2, \dots, p_m$  (Note  $p_m = 1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-1} p_i$ )

$$P(X_1 = c_1, X_2 = c_2, \dots, X_m = c_m) = {n \choose c_1, c_2, \dots, c_m} p_1^{c_1} p_2^{c_2} \cdots p_m^{c_m}$$

 $p_i$ : probability of outcome i on a single trial

Where do we get  $p_i$  from?

Sacabin ?

log cabin

## Interlude for jokes/announcements

#### Announcements

#### Quiz #1

Time frame: Thursday 4/30 12:00am-11:59pm PT

Up to end of Week 3 (including Lecture 9) Covers:

Info and practice: <a href="https://web.stanford.edu/class/cs109/exams/quizzes.html">https://web.stanford.edu/class/cs109/exams/quizzes.html</a>

74 hours

#### Thoughts pre-quiz:

- A checkpoint for <u>you</u>, not other people
- We are all here to learn. This exam was designed for a range of students.
- Typesetting will take a bit of time (total: ~2 hr + typeset)
- Take breaks, stretch, sleep
- The staff and I are here for you.

#### Other things this week

- Section optional (not graded), attend any section
- Friday's concept check #12 EC

#### Interesting probability news

Estimating Coronavirus
Prevalence by CrossChecking Countries

We'll make the modeling assumption that  $N_{ij}$  is a Poisson distribution with rate parameter  $A_{ij} * \lambda_i * \alpha_j$ . What this means is that the expected number of cases should be equal to the total amount of travel, times some source-dependent multiplier  $\alpha_j$  ..., times some country-dependent multiplier  $\lambda_i$  (the infection prevalence in country i)."

https://medium.com/@jsteinhardt/estimating-coronavirus-prevalence-by-cross-checking-countries-c7e4211f0e18

CS109 Current Events Spreadsheet

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# The Federalist Papers

### Probabilistic text analysis

Ignoring the order of words...

What is the probability of any given word that you write in English?

- P(word = "the") > P(word = "pokemon")
- P(word = "Stanford") > P(word = "Cal")

Probabilities of counts of words = Multinomial distribution





A document is a large multinomial.

(according to the Global Language Monitor, there are 988,968 words in the English language used on the internet.)

## Probabilistic text analysis

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#### Example document:

#words: n = 48

"When my late husband was alive he deposited some amount of Money with china Bank in which the amount will be declared to you once you respond to this message indicating your interest in helping to receive the fund and use it for Gods work as my wish."

## Old and New Analysis

#### Authorship of the Federalist Papers

- 85 essays advocating ratification of the US constitution
- Written under the pseudonym "Publius" (really, Alexander Hamilton, James Madison, John Jay)

#### Who wrote which essays?

 Analyze probability of words in each essay and compare against word distributions from known writings of three authors

Let's write a program!

website demo

## Probabilistic text analysis

Probabilities of counts of words = Multinomial distribution

What about probability of those same words in someone else's writing?

• 
$$P\left(\text{word} = \text{"probability"} \middle| \text{writer} = \right) > P\left(\text{word} = \text{"probability"} \middle| \text{non-CS109 student} \right)$$

To determine authorship:

- 1. Estimate P(word|writer) from known writings
- 2. Use Bayes' Theorem to determine P(writer|document) for a new writing!



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unknown.txt

hamilton talling wroter the Federalist Papers?

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- $m_i$  Frequency of word i in Madison's writing,  $\propto P(\text{word } i | \text{Madison})$
- $h_i$  Frequency of word i in Hamilton's writing,  $\propto P(\text{word } i | \text{Hamilton})$
- How will these values help us compute probabilities on a sentence being written by Hamilton or Madison?
  - "The People The Congress"
  - "People Congress The Rambutans"
- [reach] Why don't the total numbers for just Madison add up to \*exactly\* one?

[reach] How does returning EPSILON for unknown words help us?

## Step 1. Generate probability lookups

#### Step 2. Unknown document counts

2. How would you represent the probability of Madison writing this document with a Multinomial? Let  $c_i$  be the count of word i.

## Step 3. Bayes' Theorem

$$P(\text{Madison}|\text{unknownDoc}) = \frac{P(\text{unknownDoc}|\text{Madison})P(\text{Madison})}{P(\text{unknownDoc})} \tag{Bayes}$$

Assume that P(writer) = 0.5. We can rewrite this into a decision:

$$\frac{P(\text{unknownDoc}|\text{Madison})}{P(\text{unknownDoc}|\text{Hamilton})} > 1 \qquad \text{(If true, Madison is writer)}$$

$$\frac{P(\text{M}|D) > P(\text{H}|D)}{P(\text{H}|D)} > 1$$

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$$\frac{C_1 C_2 C_3 C_4 C_5}{C_4 C_5 C_5 C_6} = \frac{C_6}{C_6} = \frac{$$