11: Joint (Multivariate) Distributions

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Normal Approximation

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

Approach 1: Binomial

Define

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

Want: $P(X \ge 65)$

Solve

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

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Don't worry, Normal approximates Binomial

Galton Board

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

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$$
f(x)
$$
 is given by the equation $f(x)$ is given by $f(x)$.

\nApproach 2 : approximate with Normal
\nDefine $\int_{\phi}^{\phi} \phi$ \int_{ϕ}^{ϕ}

Website testing (with continuity correction)

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

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Continuity correction

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

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Discrete Joint RVs

From last time

 $P(A_W > A_B)$

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

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

Review

Joint probability mass functions

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

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P(X=1)
$$

probability of an event

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X

random variable

random variables

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

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probability of

an event

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

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

new notation: the comma

probability of the intersection

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joint probability mass function

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Discrete joint distributions

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

$$
p_{X,Y}(a,b) = P(X = a, Y = b) \quad 1 \leq \sum_{b} \sum_{b} p_{X,Y}(a,b)
$$

 \Rightarrow $\sum_{\alpha} P_{\times}(\alpha) = 1$

The marginal distributions of the joint PMF are defined as:

$$
p_X(a) = P(X = a) = \sum_{y} p_{X,Y}(a, y)
$$

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

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

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Two dice

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Probability table

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

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

2. 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, ..., 6\}
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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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\n- B. Marginal PMF of X $p_X(x) = \sum_y p_{X,Y}(x, y)$
\n- C. Marginal PMF of Y $p_Y(y) = \sum_x p_{X,Y}(x, y)$
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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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Multinomial RV

Recall the good times

Permutations $n!$ How many ways are there to order n objects?

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.

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Probability

Binomial RV

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

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?

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

Binomial # of ways of ordering the successes

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

Multinomial 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. $P(\text{outcome } i) = p_i, \sum_{i=1}^{n} p_i$ $p_i = 1$
- Let $X_i = #$ trials with outcome i

 $\overline{i=1}$

 \overline{m}

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 $X_{3}=0$

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• 3 sixes $x_1 = 3$

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

$$
= {7 \choose 1,1,0,2,0,3} \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^1 \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^1 \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^0 \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^2 \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^0 \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^3 = 420 \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^7
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$X \sim Bin(n, p)$ $E[X] = np$ $Var(X) = np(1 - p)$

- 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

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

$$
\mu = np
$$

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

n large (> 20), *p* mid-ranged $(np(1-p) > 10)$ independence need continuity correction

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Review

Think

Check out the quest (Slide 38). Post an

https://us.edstem.org/d

Stanford Admissions (a while back)

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- C. Normal
- D. None/other

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Strategy: A. Just Binomial not an approximation (also computationally expensive) Poisson $p = 0.68$, not small enough C.) Normal Variance $np(1-p) = 540 > 10$ None/other width 0 24442 Define an approximation \Box $|| || ||$ $|| || || || ||$ M M M M M M M M P ($Y \ge 1745.5$) = 1 - $F(1745.5)$ Let $Y \sim \mathcal{N}\big(E[X], \textsf{Var}(X) \big)$ 1745.5 − 1686 $E[X] = np = 1686$ $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ $= 1 - \Phi$ $Var(X) = np(1-p) \approx 540 \rightarrow \sigma = 23.3$ 23.3 $P(X > 1745) \approx P(Y \ge 1745.5)$ **A** Continuity $= 1 - \Phi(2.54) \approx 0.0055$ correction **Stanford University** 39 Lisa Yan, CS109, 2020

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Class of 2018 admit rates lowest in University history

March 28, 2014 16 Comments

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Stanford admitted 2,138 students to the Class of 2018 in this year's admissions cycle, producing $-$ at 5.07 percent $-$ the lowest admit rate in University history.

The University received a total of 42,167 applications this year, a record total and a 8.6 percent increase over last year's figure of 38,828. Stanford accepted 748 students

Overview for the Class of 2022

- Total Applicants: 47,451 Admit rate: 4.3%
- Total Admits: 2,071 ٠

Yield rate: 81.9%

Total Enrolled: 1,706 ٠

People love coming to Stanford!

Yield rate 20

years ago

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Review

 $\overline{i=1}$

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Joint PMF
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P(X_1 = c_1, X_2 = c_2, ..., X_m = c_m) = {n \choose c_1, c_2, ..., c_m} p_1^{c_1} p_2^{c_2} ... p_m^{c_m}
$$
\nwhere
$$
\sum_{i=1}^m c_i = n \text{ and } \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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Parameters of a Multinomial RV?

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

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

 $\binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$ p: probability of success outcome on a single trial

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

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

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

Where do we get p_i from?

log cabin

Interlude for jokes/announcements

Announcements

Quiz #1

Time frame: Thursday 4/30 12 Covers: Up to end of Week 3 (including Up to end of Week 3) Info and practice: https://web.stanford.edu/class/cs1

Thoughts pre-quiz:

- A checkpoint for you, 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: \sim 2 hr + types
- Take breaks, stretch, sleep
- The staff and I are here for you.

Interesting probability news

[Estimating Coronavir](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ijvvCoCKG86gITqSxYEPL_77U7VK__mn-ChvyDkhXX4/edit%3Fusp=sharing)us Prevalence by Cross-Checking Countries

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Current Events Spreadsheet

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The Federalist Papers

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.)

Probabilities of *counts* of words = Multinomial distribution

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."

bank = 1
\n
$$
P\left(\begin{array}{c}\n\text{fund} = 1 \\
\text{money} = 1 \\
\text{wish} = 1\n\end{array}\right) = \frac{n!}{1! \ 1! \ 1! \ 1! \ 1! \dots 3!} p_{bank}^{1} p_{fund}^{1} \dots p_{to}^{3}
$$
\n
$$
\text{to} = 3
$$
\nNote: $P\left(\text{bank} \mid \text{spam}\right) \gg P\left(\text{bank} \mid \text{writer}\right)$

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,

Who wrote which essays?

• Analyze probability of words in each essay and compare against word distributions from authors

Let's write a program

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Pcongress, Pcongress

Probabilities of *counts* of words = Multinomial distribution

What about probability of those same words in someone else's writing? • $P(\text{word} = \text{``probability''}|\text{writer} =) > P(\text{word} = \text{``probability''}|\text{non-CS109 student})$

To determine authorship:

1. Estimate P (word writer) from known writings

2. Use Bayes' Theorem to determine $P(\text{writer}|\text{document})$ for a new writing! madison+x+: getprobs of unknown. Ext

hamilton. Expliquist roterithe Federalist Papers?

Step 1. Generate probability lookups

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- m_i Frequency of word *i* in Madison's writing, $\propto P$ (word *i* |Madison)
- h_i Frequency of word *i* in Hamilton's writing, $\propto P$ (word *i* |Hamilton)
- 4. 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"
- 5. [reach] Why don't the total numbers for just Madison add up to *exactly* one?
- 6. [reach] How does returning EPSILON for unknown words help us?

Step 1. Generate probability lookups

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$$

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$$
\begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 1,1,1,1 \end{pmatrix} h_{pp1} h_{long} h_{tm} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} h_{pp1} h_{long} h_{tm} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} p_{(rawtubun)} Hauubn)
$$
$$

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.

$$
\begin{pmatrix}\n1 & 2170 \\
C_{11}C_{21} \ldots & C_{m1} \\
U_{21}C_{31} \ldots & U_{m2} \\
U_{21}C_{41}C_{41} \ldots & U_{m2} \\
U_{21}C_{41}C_{41} \ldots & U_{m1} \\
U_{21}C_{41}C_{41} \ldots & U_{m1} \\
U_{21}C_{41} \ldots & U_{m1} \\
U_{21}C_{41} \ldots & U_{mn} \\
U_{
$$

Step 3. Bayes' Theorem

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

Assume that $P(\text{writer}) = 0.5$. We can rewrite this into a decision:

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