





BIOSTATISTICS

Lecture 1

Introduction

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Materials:http://edu.sablab.net/sdae2013Data:http://edu.sablab.net/data/xls

- Data presentation and descriptive statistics
- Discrete and continues distributions
- Sampling distribution and interval estimation for the mean
- Hypotheses about population mean
- Analysis of Variance (ANOVA)
- Linear regression
- Advanced topics



DATA AND STATISTICS

Elements, variables, and observations, data scales and types

DATA AND STATISTICS



Data: Elements, Variables, and Observations

Data The facts and figures collected, analyzed, and summarized for presentation and interpretation. variables elements **Net Worth Internet Fame** Person Place Gender (\$BIL) Age Source Score William Gates III Μ 40 53 Microsoft 9.5 Warren Buffett 2 Μ 37 79 **Berkshire Hathaway** 6.6 **Carlos Slim Helu** 35 3 Μ 69 telecom 2.1 observation 22.5 Lawrence Ellison 4 Μ 64 Oracle 2.8 Ingvar Kamprad 5 Μ 22 83 **IKEA** 2.4 Karl Albrecht 6 Μ 21.5 89 Aldi 3.6 Mukesh Ambani 7 Μ 19.5 51 petrochemicals 4.4 Lakshmi Mittal 8 Μ 19.3 58 5.4 steel Theo Albrecht 87 9 Μ 18.8 Aldi 1.5 10 73 Amancio Ortega Μ 18.3 Zara 1.9 11 17.8 61 Wal-Mart 3.9 Jim Walton Μ 12 F 59 Alice Walton 17.6 Wal-Mart 2.9

Can we consider the "Place" as element?

$$IFS = 3(\log_{10} N - 4.5)$$



Data Scales and Types



scales:

data use labels or names to identify

Nominal scale

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Data

- Ex.1: Male, Female
- Ex.2: Rooms #: 101, 102, 103, ...
- Ex.1: Winners: The 1st, 2nd, 3rd places
- Ex.2: Marks: A, B, C, ...

- Ex.1: Examination score 0 -100
- Ex.2: Internet fame score 🙂

Ex.1: Weight

Ex.2: Price

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Task: Define the Scales

			Net Worth			Internet Fame
Person	Place	Gender	(\$BIL)	Age	Source	Score
William Gates III	1	М	40	53	Microsoft	9.5
Warren Buffett	2	М	37	79	Berkshire Hathaway	6.6
Carlos Slim Helu	3	М	35	69	telecom	2.1
Lawrence Ellison	4	М	22.5	64	Oracle	2.8
Ingvar Kamprad	5	М	22	83	IKEA	2.4
Karl Albrecht	6	М	21.5	89	Aldi	3.6
Mukesh Ambani	7	М	19.5	51	petrochemicals	4.4
Lakshmi Mittal	8	М	19.3	58	steel	5.4
Theo Albrecht	9	М	18.8	87	Aldi	1.5
Amancio Ortega	10	М	18.3	73	Zara	1.9
Jim Walton	11	Μ	17.8	61	Wal-Mart	3.9
Alice Walton	12	F	17.6	59	Wal-Mart	2.9

Nominal scale data use labels or names to identify an attribute of an element.

Interval scale

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data demonstrate the properties of ordinal data and the interval between values is expressed in terms of a fixed unit of measure

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data demonstrate all the properties of interval data and the ratio of two values is meaningful.

data exhibit the properties of nominal data and the order or rank of the data

Ordinal scale

is meaningful.

Ratio scale

$$V_{IFS} = 3(\log_{10} N - 4.5)$$



Frequency distribution, bar and pie charts, histogram, cumulative frequency distribution, scatter plot



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TABULAR AND GRAPHICAL PRESENTATION

Frequency Distribution

Frequency distribution

A tabular summary of data showing the number (frequency) of items in each of several nonoverlapping classes.



In MS Excel use the following functions:

- =COUNTIF(data,element) to get number of "elements" found in the "data" area
- =SUM(data) to get the sum of the values in the "data" area



Example: Pancreatitis Study

The role of smoking in the etiology of pancreatitis has been recognized for many years. To provide estimates of the quantitative significance of these factors, a hospital-based study was carried out in eastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island between 1975 and 1979. **53 patients** who had a hospital discharge diagnosis of **pancreatitis** were included in this unmatched case-control study. The **control group** consisted of 217 patients admitted for **diseases other** than those of the pancreas and biliary tract. Risk factor information was obtained from a standardized interview with each subject, conducted by a trained interviewer.

adapted from Chap T. Le, Introductory Biostatistics

pancreatitis.xls

Pancreatitis patients:

Smokers	Ex-smokers	Ex-smokers	Smokers	Smokers	Smokers
Ex-smokers	Smokers	Smokers	Smokers	Smokers	Smokers
Ex-smokers	Smokers	Smokers	Ex-smokers	Smokers	Smokers
Ex-smokers	Ex-smokers	Smokers	Ex-smokers	Smokers	
Smokers	Never	Smokers	Ex-smokers	Ex-smokers	
Smokers	Ex-smokers	Smokers	Smokers	Ex-smokers	
Smokers	Smokers	Smokers	Smokers	Smokers	
Ex-smokers	Smokers	Smokers	Smokers	Smokers	
Smokers	Smokers	Smokers	Smokers	Smokers	
Smokers	Never	Smokers	Smokers	Smokers	



FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTION

Relative Frequency Distribution

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Frequency distribution

A tabular summary of data showing the number (frequency) of items in each of several nonoverlapping classes.

Relative frequency distribution

A tabular summary of data showing the fraction or proportion of data items in each of several nonoverlapping classes. Sum of all values should give 1



 $R.F.D. \rightarrow P.D.$

pancreatitis.txt

Frequency distribution:

Smoking	Cases	Controls
Never	2	56
Ex-smokers	13	80
Smokers	38	81
Total	53	217

Relative frequency distribution:

Smoking	Cases	Controls
Never	0.038	0.258
Ex-smokers	0.245	0.369
Smokers	0.717	0.373
Total	1	1

In Excel use the following functions:

=COUNTIF(data,element) to get number of "elements" found in the "data" area

\$\mathcal{L} = SUM(data) to get the sum of the values in
the "data" area



Crosstabulation



		Disease	-		
Smoking	-	other		pancreatitis	Total
Ex-smoker		80		13	93
Never		56		2	58
Smoker		81		38	119
Total		217		53	270

In Excel use the following steps:

- Insert \rightarrow Pivot Table
- ✤ Set the range, including the headers of the data
- Select output and set layout by drag-and-dropping the names into the table



Bar and Pie Charts

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In MS Excel use the following steps:

- Insert \rightarrow Column \rightarrow Set data range (both columns of Percent freq. distribution)
- Insert \rightarrow Pie \rightarrow Set data range (one columns of Percent freq. distribution)



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Example: Mice Data Series





Histogram

The following are weights in grams for 970 mice:



Sorted weights show that the values are in the 10 – 49.6 grams. Let us divide the weight into the "bins"

	Weight,g	Frequency
	>=10	1
	→10-20	237
hins	20-30	417
NIIIO	30-40	124
	40-50	11
	More	0



Histogram

Now, let us use bin-size = 1 gram

Bin	Frequency
8	0
9	1
10	10
11	11
39	2
40	2
More	0



In Excel use the following steps:

- Specify the column of bins (interval) upper-limits
- ◆ Data → Data Analysis → Histrogram → select the input data, bins, and output (Analysis ToolPak should be installed)
- \clubsuit use Insert \rightarrow Column to visualize the results



Cumulative Frequency Distribution

Cumulative frequency distribution

A tabular summary of quantitative data showing the number of items with values less than or equal to the upper class limit of each class.





Scatter Plot



Let us look on mutual dependency of the Starting and Ending weights.



In Excel use the following steps:

- Select the data region
- Use Insert \rightarrow XY (Scatter)



Population and sample, measures of location, quantiles, quartiles and percentiles, measures of variability, z-score, detection of outliers, exploration data analysis, box plot, covariation, correlation



Population and Sample



122

109

112

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18.3

17.2

19.7

24.3

25.3

21.4

24.5

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21.6

22.7

25.4

24.4

372 129S1/SvImJ

4 129S1/SvImJ f

5 129S1/SvImJ f

10 129S1/Svlm.l m

364 129S1/SvlmJ m

365 129S1/SvImJ m

366 129S1/SvImJ m

367 129S1/SvImJ m

6 129S1/SvImJ m 7 129S1/SvImJ m

8 129S1/SvImJ m

9 129S1/SvImJ m

1.098

1.099

1.081

1.016

1.075

1.117

1.073

1.083

1.079

1.167

1.079

1.127

73

41

129

119

64

48

59

69

78

90

35

43

1.17

1.25

1.14

1.13

1.25

1.25

1.25

1.29

1.15

1.18

1.24

1.29

7.19

7.29

7.22

7.24

7.27

7.28

7.26

7.26

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7.28

7.26

7.29

0.0592

0.0513

0.0501

0.0533

0.0596

0.0563

0.0609

0.0584

0.0497

0.0493

0.0538

0.0539

20.1

18.9

21.3

24.7

27.2

23.9

26.3

26

23.3

26.5

27.4

27.5

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16

14

16.3

17.6

19.3

17.4

17.8

19.2

17.2

18.7

18.9

19.5

4.1

3.2 5.2

6.8

5.8

5.7

7.1

4.6

5.7

7.1 7.1



Measures of Location





N = 760 Bandwidth = 5.347

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NUMERICAL MEASURES

Measures of Location



Quantiles, Quartiles and Percentiles







Measures of Variability

Interquartile range (IQR) A measure of variability, defined to be the difference between the third and first quartiles.	Variance A measure of variability based on the squared deviations of the data values about the mean.	Standard deviation A measure of variability computed by taking the positive square root of the variance.
$IQR = Q_3 - Q_1$	population $\sigma^{2} = \frac{\sum (x_{i} - \mu)^{2}}{N}$ sample $s^{2} = \frac{\sum (x_{i} - m)^{2}}{n-1}$	Sample standard deviation = $s = \sqrt{s^2}$ Population standard deviation = $\sigma = \sqrt{\sigma^2}$
Weight 12	16 19 22 23 23 24	32 36 42 63 68
<i>IQR</i> = 18	Variance = 320.2	<i>St. dev.</i> = 17.9

In Excel use the following functions:

=VAR(data), =STDEV(data)

In <u>Excel 2010</u> use the following functions:

$$\bullet$$
 =VAR.S(data), =STDEV.S(data)

Measures of Variability

Coefficient of variation

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A measure of relative variability computed by dividing the standard deviation by the mean.

Weight
 12
 16
 19
 22
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 36
 42
 63
 68

$$\left(\frac{Standard \ deviation}{Mean} \times 100 \right)\%$$
 $\checkmark CV = 57\%$

Median absolute deviation (MAD) MAD is a robust measure of the variability of a univariate sample of quantitative data.

$$MAD = median(|x_i - median(x)|)$$

Online: <u>http://www.miniwebtool.com/median-absolute-deviation-calculator/</u>

Set 1	Set 2			
23	23			
12	12			
22	22		Cot 1	Set 2
12	12		Set	Set 2
21	21	Mean	17.3	22.2
18	81	Median	18	19
22	22			
20	20	St.dev.	4.23	18.18
12	12	MAD	5.02	5.02
19	19		5.95	5.95
14	14			
13	13			
17	17			



Exploration Data Analysis

Five-number summary

An exploratory data analysis technique that uses five numbers to summarize the data: smallest value, first quartile, median, third quartile, and largest value



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In Excel use:

◆ Tool → Data Analysis → Descriptive Statistics



http://peltiertech.com/WordPress/excel-box-and-whisker-diagrams-box-plots/



Measure of Association between 2 Variables

Correlation (Pearson product moment correlation coefficient)

A measure of linear association between two variables that takes on values between -1 and +1. Values near +1 indicate a strong positive linear relationship, values near -1 indicate a strong negative linear relationship; and values near zero indicate the lack of a linear relationship.

population

$$\rho_{xy} = \frac{\sigma_{xy}}{\sigma_x \sigma_y} = \frac{\sum (x_i - \overline{x})(y_i - \overline{y})}{\sigma_x \sigma_y N}$$



sample

$$r_{xy} = \frac{s_{xy}}{s_x s_y} = \frac{\sum (x_i - \overline{x})(y_i - \overline{y})}{s_x s_y (n-1)}$$

In Excel use function:

=CORREL(data)

$$r_{xy} = 0.94$$

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Correlation Coefficient



Wikipedia

If we have only 2 data points in x and y datasets, what values would you expect for correlation b/w x and y ?

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DETECTION OF OUTLIERS

z-score, detection of outliers



DETECTION OF OUTLIERS

Problem

Coefficient of variation

A measure of relative variability computed by dividing the standard deviation by the mean.

Median absolute deviation (MAD) MAD is a robust measure of the variability of a univariate sample of quantitative data.

Weight
 12
 16
 19
 22
 23
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 32
 36
 42
 63
 68

 (Standard deviation
Mean
 ×100
 %

$$CV = 57\%$$

$$MAD = median(|x_i - median(x)|)$$

Set 1	Set 2			
23	23			
12	12			
22	22		0	
12	12		Set 1	
21	21	Mean	17.3	
18	81	Median	18	
22	22	→		
20	20	St day	1 23	
12	12	St.dev.	4.23	
19	19	MAD	5.93	
1/	14			
40	14			
13	13			
17	17			

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DETECTION OF OUTLIERS

z-score

A value computed by dividing the deviation about the mean $(x_i \ x)$ by the standard deviation s. A <i>z</i>-score is referred to as a standardized value and denotes the number of standard deviations x is from the mean	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	ζ _i

Chebyshev's theorem For any data set, at least $(1 - 1/z^2)$ of the data values must be within z standard deviations from the mean, where z - any value > 1.

For ANY distribution:

- \Rightarrow At least 75 % of the values are within z = 2 standard deviations from the mean
- \Rightarrow At least 89 % of the values are within z = 3 standard deviations from the mean
- \Rightarrow At least 94 % of the values are within z = 4 standard deviations from the mean
- \Rightarrow At least 96% of the values are within z = 5 standard deviations from the mean



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z-score



Weight	z-score
12	-1.10
16	-0.88
19	-0.71
22	-0.54
23	-0.48
23	-0.48
24	-0.43
32	0.02
36	0.24
42	0.58
63	1.75
68	2.03



DETECTION OF OUTLIERS

Detection of Outliers by z-score

For bell-shaped distributions:

- Approximately 68 % of the values are within 1 st.dev. from mean
- Approximately 95 % of the values are within 2 st.dev. from mean
- ✤ Almost all data points are inside 3 st.dev. from mean

Outlier

An unusually small or unusually large data value.

Example: Gaussian distribution



For bell-shaped distributions data points with |z|>3 can be considered as outliers.

Weight	z-score
23	0.04
12	-0.53
22	-0.01
12	-0.53
21	-0.06
81	3.10
22	-0.01
20	-0.11
12	-0.53
19	-0.17
14	-0.43
13	-0.48
17	-0.27



DETECTION OF OUTLIERS

Task: Detection of Outliers

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Using Excel, try to identify outlier mice on the basis of *Weight change* variable

$$z_i = \frac{x_i - m}{s}$$

For bell-shaped distributions data points with |z|>3 can be considered as outliers.

In Excel use the following functions:

- 🔶 = AVERAGE(data) mean, m
- = STDEV.S(data) standard deviation, s
- ABS(data) absolute value
- ♦ sort by z-scale to identify outliers ☺

More advanced is Grubbs' test for outliers (only works for reasonably normal data). Online tool: http://www.graphpad.com/quickcalcs/Grubbs1.cfm



Iglewicz-Hoaglin method: modified Z-score

DETECTION OF OUTLIERS

Task: Detection of Outliers

$$z_{i} = 0.6745 \frac{x_{i} - median(x)}{MAD(x)}$$
$$MAD = median(|x_{i} - median(x)|)$$

 $|z|>3.5 \Rightarrow$ outlier

These authors recommend that modified Z-scores with an absolute value of greater than 3.5 be labeled as potential outliers.

Boris Iglewicz and David Hoaglin (1993), "Volume 16: How to Detect and Handle Outliers", The ASQC Basic References in Quality Control: Statistical Techniques, Edward F. Mykytka, Ph.D., Editor

More methods are at:

http://www.itl.nist.gov/div898/handbook/eda/section3/eda35h.htm



DETECTION OF OUTLIERS

Grubbs' Test

Grubbs' test is an iterative method to detect outliers in a data set assumed to come from a normally distributed population.

Grubbs' statistics
at step k+1:
$$G_{(k+1)} = \frac{\max |x_i - m_{(k)}|}{s_{(k)}} = \max |z_i|$$
(k) - iteration k
m - mean of the rest data
s - st.dev. of the rest data

The hypothesis of no outliers is rejected at significance level α if

$$G > \frac{N-1}{\sqrt{N}} \sqrt{\frac{t^2}{N-2+t^2}}$$

where
$$t^2 = t^2_{a/(2N), N-2}$$

More methods are at:

http://www.itl.nist.gov/div898/handbook/eda/section3/eda35h.htm

DETECTION OF OUTLIERS

Let's perform Grubb's test for "Weight change" of mice.xls

- Step 1. Generate critical value
- N: =COUNTIF(A:A,">=0")

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- t²: =**TINV**(0.05/(**2***E1),E1-2)^2 =**T.INV**(0.05/(**2***E1),E1-2)^2
- G_{Crit} = (E1-1)/SQRT(E1)* SQRT(E2/(E1-2+E2))

Step 2. Build |z| and sort in descending order

Step 3. If the first |z| value is > G_{Crit} – remove it and go to step 2, else finish.

Better Tool: http://graphpad.com/quickcalcs/grubbs2/





where
$$t^2 = t^2_{a/(2N), N-2}$$



PROBABILITY DISTRIBUTIONS

Discrete and Continuous

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Random variables

Discrete probability distributions

- discrete probability distribution
- expected value and variance
- discrete uniform probability distribution
- binomial probability distribution
- hypergeometric probability distribution
- Poisson probability distribution



Random Variables



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Discrete Probability Distribution

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Probability distribution

A description of how the probabilities are distributed over the values of the random variable.

Probability function

A function, denoted by f(x), that provides the probability that x assumes a particular value for a discrete random variable. Number of cells under microscope Random variable X:

x = 0 x = 1 x = 2 x = 3

. . .













Discrete Probability Distribution

Expected value

A measure of the central location of a random variable, mean.

$$E(x) = \mu = \sum x f(x)$$

Variance

A measure of the variability, or dispersion, of a random variable.







Discrete Uniform Probability Function

Discrete uniform probability distribution A probability distribution for which each possible value of the random variable has the same probability.

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{n}$$

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n – number of values of x
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 $\mu = \sum (x_i / n) = \sum (x_i) / n$

 $\mu = 3.5$ $\sigma^2 = 2.92$ $\sigma = 1.71$



Example

Assuming that the probability of a side effect for a patient is 0.1. What is the probability that in a group of 3 patients none, 1, 2, or all 3 will get side effects after treatment?

Binomial experiment

An experiment having the four properties:

1. The experiment consists of a sequence of *n* identical trials.

2. Two outcomes are possible on each trial, one called success and the other failure.

3. The probability of a success p does not change from trial to trial. Consequently, the probability of failure, 1-p, does not change from trial to trial.

4. The trials are independent.





Binomial Experiment

Binomial probability distribution

A probability distribution showing the probability of x successes in n trials of a binomial experiment, when the probability of success p does not change in trials.

Probability distribution for a binomial experiment

$$f(x) = C_x^n p^x (1-p)^{(n-x)}$$

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

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

$$C_x^n \equiv \binom{n}{x} \equiv \frac{n!}{x!(n-x)!} \qquad \qquad n! = 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot \dots \cdot n \\ 0! = 1$$

Probability of red p(red)=1/3, 3 trials are given. Random variable = number of "red" cases

$$f(2) = \frac{3!}{2!(3-2)!} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{3}\right)^{(3-2)}$$

$$f(0) = 8/27 = 0.296$$

$$f(1) = 4/9 = 0.444$$

$$f(2) = 2/9 = 0.222$$

$$f(3) = 1/27 = 0.037$$

Test: $\sum f(x) = 1$



Example: Binomial Experiment

Example

Assuming that the probability of a side effect for a patient is 0.1.

- 1. What is the probability to get none, 1, 2, etc. side effects in a group of 5 patients?
- 2. What is the probability that not more than 1 get a side effect
- 3. What is the expected number of side effects in the group?

$$f(x) = C_x^n p^x (1-p)^{(n-x)}$$

p = 0.1 n = 5

In Excel use the function:

= BINOMDIST(x,n,p,false)





Practical : Binomial Experiment

Assume the probability of getting a boy or a girl are equal.

- 1. Calculate the distribution of boys/girl in a family with **5 children**.
- 2. Plot the probability distribution
- 3. Calculate the probability of having all 5 children of only one sex



- Assume that a family has 4 girls
- already. What is the probability that the 5th will be a girl?







Hypergeometric Distribution

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Example

There are 12 mice, of which 5 have an early brain tumor. A researcher randomly selects 3 of 12. What is the probability that none of these 3 has a tumor? What is the probability that more then 1 have a tumor?

Hypergeometric experiment

A probability distribution showing the probability of x successes in n trials from a population N with r successes and N-r failures.

$$E(x) = \mu = n \left(\frac{r}{N}\right)$$

$$Var(x) = \sigma^2 = n \left(\frac{r}{N}\right) \left(1 - \frac{r}{N}\right) \left(\frac{N-n}{N-1}\right)$$

$$f(x) = \frac{C_x^r C_{n-x}^{N-r}}{C_n^N}, \quad \text{for } 0 \le x \le r$$





Example: Hypergeometric Distribution for Mice

Example

There are 12 mice, of which 5 have an early brain tumor. A researcher randomly selects 3 of 12.

- 1. What is the probability that none of these 3 has a tumor?
- 2. What is the probability that more than 1 have a tumor?





Poisson Probability Distribution

Example

Number of calls to an Emergency Service is on average 3 per hour b/w 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. of working days. What are the probabilities to have 0, 5, 10 calls in the next hour?

Poisson probability distribution

A probability distribution showing the probability of *x* occurrences of an event over a specified interval of time or space.

Poisson probability function

The function used to compute Poisson probabilities.

$$f(x) = \frac{\mu^x e^{-\mu}}{x!}$$

$$\mu = \sigma^2$$



where μ – expected value (mean)

In Excel use the function:

- > = POISSON(x,mu,false)
- > = POISSON.DIST(...)



Example: Poisson Distribution for Fish Counting

Example

An ichthyologist studying the *spoonhead sculpin* catches specimens in a large bag seine that she trolls through the lake. She knows from many years experience that on averages she will catch 2 fish per trolling.

Find the probabilities of catching:

- 1. No fish;
- 2. Less than 4 fishes;
- 3. More then 1 fish.



In Excel use the function:

POISSON.DIST(x,mu,false)



Q1. P(0) = 0.135

P(>1) = 1 - P(0) - P(1) = 0.594

Q3.

Q2. P(<4) = P(0)+P(1)+P(2)+P(3)=0.857

Glover, Mitchell, An Introduction to Biostatistics



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Continuous probability distribution

- a continuous probability distribution
- uniform probability distribution
- normal probability distribution
- exponential probability distribution



RANDOM VARIABLES

Random Variables



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Probability Density

Probability density function

A function used to compute probabilities for a continuous random variable. The area under the graph of a probability density function over an interval represents probability.





Uniform Probability Distribution

Uniform probability distribution

A continuous probability distribution for which the probability that the random variable will assume a value in any interval is the same for each interval of equal length.



$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a}, & \text{for } a \le x \le b \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

$$E(x) = \mu = \frac{a+b}{2}$$
 $Var(x) = \sigma^2 = \frac{(b-a)^2}{12}$



Example

The bus 22 goes every 7 minutes. You are coming to CHL bus station, having no idea about precise timetable. What is the distribution for the time, you may wait there?



Normal Probability Distribution

Normal probability distribution

A continuous probability distribution. Its probability density function is bell shaped and determined by its mean μ and standard deviation σ .



In Excel use the function:

• = NORM.DIST(x,m,s,false) for probability density function

• = NORM.DIST(x,m,s,true) for cumulative probability function of normal distribution (area from left to x)



Standard Normal Probability Distribution

Standard normal probability distribution A normal distribution with a mean of zero and a standard deviation of one.





In Excel use the function:

In Excel 2010 use the function:

 \Rightarrow = NORMSDIST(z)

> = NORM.S.DIST(z)



Example: Gear Tire Company

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Suppose the Grear Tire Company just developed a new steel-belted radial tire that will be sold through a chain of discount stores. Because the tire is a new product, Grear's managers believe that the mileage guarantee offered with the tire will be an important factor in the acceptance of the product. Before finalizing the tire mileage guarantee policy, Grear's managers want probability information about the number of miles the tires will last. From actual road tests with the tires, Grear's engineering group estimates the mean tire mileage is $\mu = 36500$ miles with a standard deviation of $\sigma = 5000$. In addition, data collected indicate a normal distribution is a reasonable assumption.

What percentage of the tires can be expected to last more than 40 000 miles? In other words, what is the probability that a tire mileage will exceed 40 000?



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1. Let's transfer from Normal distribution to Standard Normal, then z, corresponding to 40000 will be

$$z = \frac{40000 - 36500}{5000} = 0.7$$

2. Calculate the "blue" area P(z > 0.7) using the table:

P(z>0.7) = 1 - P(z<0.7) = 1 - 0.5 - P(0 < z < 0.7) = 1 - 0.5 - 0.258 = 0.242

Alternatively in Excel

=1-NORM.DIST(40000,36500,5000,true)



Exponential Probability Distribution

Example

Number of calls to an Emergency Service is on average 3 per hour b/w 2.00 and 6.00 of working days. What are the distribution of the time between the calls?

Exponential probability distribution

A continuous probability distribution that is useful in computing probabilities for the time between independent random events.

Time between calls to a reception





$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\mu} e^{-\frac{x}{\mu}} \quad \text{for } x \ge 0, \mu > 0$$

$$f(x) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x}$$

Cumulative probability function

$$P(x \le x_0) = F(x_0) = 1 - e^{-\frac{x_0}{\mu}}$$



Example: Exponential Distribution for Fish Counting

Example

An ichthyologist studying the *spoonhead sculpin* catches specimens in a large bag seine that she trolls through the lake. She knows from many years experience that on averages she will catch **2 fishes per trolling**. Each trolling takes **~30 minutes**.



In Excel use the function: = EXPON.DIST(x,1/mu,false)

Find the probability of catching no fish in the next hour

1. Let's calculate μ for this situation:



 μ = 30 / 2 = 15 minutes

2. Use either a cumulative probability function or Excel to calculate:

$$P(x \ge 60) = 1 - P(x \le 60) = 1 - F(60) = e^{-\frac{60}{15}} \approx 0.02$$





Thank you for your attention



