

# **Stat 100a: Introduction to Probability.**

## Outline for the day

1. Hand in hw3.
2. Review list.
3. Practice problems.
4. Tournaments.

Exam 3 is Thu. Bring a calculator and a pen or pencil and your ID.

Any notes or books are fine.

# 1. HAND IN HW3. 2. Review list.

- 1) Basic principles of counting.
  - 2) Axioms of probability, and addition rule.
  - 3) Permutations & combinations.
  - 4) Conditional probability.
  - 5) Independence.
  - 6) Multiplication rules.  $P(AB) = P(A) P(B|A) [= P(A)P(B) \text{ if ind.}]$
  - 7) Odds ratios.
  - 8) Random variables (RVs).
  - 9) Discrete RVs, and probability mass function (pmf).
  - 10) Expected value.
  - 11) Pot odds calculations.
  - 12) Luck and skill.
  - 13) Variance and SD.
  - 14) Bernoulli RV.  $[0-1. \quad \mu = p, \sigma = \sqrt{pq}.]$
  - 15) Binomial RV.  $[\# \text{ of successes, out of } n \text{ tries. } \mu = np, \sigma = \sqrt{npq}.]$
  - 16) Geometric RV.  $[\# \text{ of tries til 1st success. } \mu = 1/p, \sigma = (\sqrt{q}) / p. ]$
  - 17) Negative binomial RV.  $[\# \text{ of tries til } r\text{th success. } \mu = r/p, \sigma = (\sqrt{rq}) / p. ]$
  - 18) Poisson RV  $[\# \text{ of successes in some time interval. } [\mu = \lambda, \sigma = \sqrt{\lambda}.]$
  - 19)  $E(X+Y)$ ,  $V(X+Y)$  (ch. 7.1).
  - 20) Bayes's rule (ch. 3.4).
  - 20) Continuous RVs, Uniform, Normal, Exponential and Pareto.
  - 21) Probability density function (pdf). Recall  $F'(c) = f(c)$ , where  $F(c) = \text{cdf}$ .
  - 22) Moment generating functions
  - 23) Markov and Chebyshev inequalities
  - 24) Law of Large Numbers (LLN) and Fundamental Theorem of Poker.
  - 25) Central Limit Theorem (CLT)
  - 26) Conditional expectation.
  - 27) Confidence intervals for the sample mean and sample size calculations.
  - 28) Random Walks, Reflection Principle, Ballot Theorem, avoiding zero
  - 29) Chip proportions, doubling up, and induction.
  - 30) Bivariate normal distribution and the conditional distribution of Y given X.
  - 31) Covariance and correlation.
- Basically, we've done all of ch. 1-7 except 6.7 and the optimal strategy stuff in 6.3.

What integrals do you need to know?

You need to know  $\int e^{ax} dx$ ,  $\int ax^k dx$  for any  $k$ , and  $\int \log(x) dx$ ,  
and basic stuff like  $\int [af(x) + g(x)] dx = a \int f(x) dx + \int g(x) dx$ ,  
and you need to understand that  $\iint f(x,y) dy dx = \int [\int f(x,y) dy] dx$ .

Suppose you have 10 players at the table. What is the expected number of players who have 2 face cards? A face card is a J, Q, K.

$$P(2 \text{ face cards}) = C(12,2)/C(52,2) = 4.98\%.$$

Let  $X_1 = 1$  if player 1 has 2 face cards, and  $X_1 = 0$  otherwise.

$X_2 = 1$  if player 2 has 2 face cards, and  $X_2 = 0$  otherwise. etc.

$X = \sum X_i$  = total number of players with 2 face cards.

$$E(X) = \sum E(X_i) = 10 \times 4.98\% = 0.498.$$

Let  $X = N(0, 0.8^2)$  and  $\varepsilon = N(0, 0.1^2)$  and  $\varepsilon$  is independent of  $X$ . Let  $Y = 7 + 0.2 X + \varepsilon$ .

Find  $E(X)$ ,  $E(Y)$ ,  $E(Y|X)$ ,  $\text{var}(X)$ ,  $\text{var}(Y)$ ,  $\text{cov}(X,Y)$ , and  $\rho = \text{cor}(X,Y)$ .

$$E(X) = 0.$$

$$E(Y) = E(7 + 0.2X + \varepsilon) = 7 + 0.2 E(X) + E(\varepsilon) = 7.$$

$$E(Y|X) = E(7 + 0.2X + \varepsilon | X) = 7 + 0.2X + E(\varepsilon | X) = 7 + 0.2X \text{ since } \varepsilon \text{ and } X \text{ are ind.}$$

$$\text{var}(X) = 0.64.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{var}(Y) &= \text{var}(7 + 0.2 X + \varepsilon) = \text{var}(0.2X + \varepsilon) = 0.2^2 \text{var}(X) + \text{var}(\varepsilon) + 2*0.2 \text{cov}(X,\varepsilon) \\ &= 0.2^2(.64) + 0.1^2 + 0 = 0.0356. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{cov}(X,Y) = \text{cov}(X, 7 + 0.2X + \varepsilon) = 0.2 \text{var}(X) + \text{cov}(X, \varepsilon) = 0.2(0.64) + 0 = 0.128.$$

$$\rho = \text{cov}(X,Y)/(\text{sd}(X) \text{sd}(Y)) = 0.128 / (0.8 \times \sqrt{0.0356}) = 0.848.$$

Suppose  $X$  is the number of big blinds a randomly selected player in a tournament has left, and  $Y$  is the number of hours before the tournament when they bought in to the tournament, and suppose  $(X, Y)$  are bivariate normal with  $E(X) = 10$ ,  $\text{var}(X) = 9$ ,  $E(Y) = 30$ ,  $\text{var}(Y) = 4$ , and  $\rho = 0.3$ , What is the distribution of  $Y$  given  $X = 7$ ?

Given  $X = 7$ ,  $Y$  is normal. Write  $Y = \beta_1 + \beta_2 X + \varepsilon$  where  $\varepsilon$  is normal with mean 0, ind. of  $X$ .

Recall  $\beta_2 = \rho \sigma_y / \sigma_x = 0.3 \times 2/3 = 0.2$ .

So  $Y = \beta_1 + 0.2 X + \varepsilon$ .

To get  $\beta_1$ , note  $30 = E(Y) = \beta_1 + 0.2 E(X) + E(\varepsilon) = \beta_1 + 0.2 (10) + 0$ . So  $30 = \beta_1 + 2$ .  $\beta_1 = 28$ .

So  $Y = 28 + 0.2 X + \varepsilon$ , where  $\varepsilon$  is normal with mean 0 and ind. of  $X$ .

What is  $\text{var}(\varepsilon)$ ?

$4 = \text{var}(Y) = \text{var}(28 + 0.2 X + \varepsilon) = 0.2^2 \text{var}(X) + \text{var}(\varepsilon) + 2(0.2) \text{cov}(X, \varepsilon)$   
 $= 0.2^2 (9) + \text{var}(\varepsilon) + 0$ . So  $\text{var}(\varepsilon) = 4 - 0.2^2(9) = 3.64$  and  $\text{sd}(\varepsilon) = \sqrt{3.64} = 1.91$ .

So  $Y = 28 + 0.2 X + \varepsilon$ , where  $\varepsilon$  is  $N(0, 1.91^2)$  and ind. of  $X$ .

Given  $X = 7$ ,  $Y = 28 + 0.2(7) + \varepsilon = 29.4 + \varepsilon$ , so  $Y|X=7 \sim N(29.4, 1.91^2)$ .

## Bivariate and marginal density example.

Suppose the joint density of  $X$  and  $Y$  is  $f(x,y) = a(xy + x + y)$ , for  $X$  and  $Y$  in  $(0,2) \times (0,2)$ . What is  $a$ ? What is the marginal density of  $Y$ ? What is the density of  $X$  conditional on  $Y$ ? What is  $E(X|Y)$ ? Are  $X$  and  $Y$  independent?

$$\iint a(xy + x + y) dy dx = 1 = a \int [xy^2/2 + xy + y^2/2]_{y=0}^2 dx = a \int [2x + 2x + 2 - 0 - 0 - 0] dx \\ = a(x^2 + x^2 + 2x) \Big|_{x=0}^2 = a(4 + 4 + 4 - 0 - 0 - 0) = 12a, \text{ so } a = 1/12.$$

$$\text{The marginal density of } Y \text{ is } f(y) = \int_0^2 a(xy + x + y) dx \\ = ay \int_0^2 x dx + a \int_0^2 x dx + ay \int_0^2 dx \\ = y/12 (x^2/2) \Big|_{x=0}^2 + 1/12 (x^2/2) \Big|_{x=0}^2 + y/12 x \Big|_{x=0}^2 \\ = 2y/12 + 2/12 + 2y/12 \\ = y/3 + 1/6.$$

$$\text{To check this is a density, } \int_0^2 (y/3 + 1/6) dy = (y^2/6 + y/6) \Big|_{y=0}^2 = 4/6 + 2/6 - 0 - 0 = 1.$$

$$\text{Conditional on } Y, \text{ the density of } X \text{ is } f(x|y) = f(x,y)/f(y) = (xy + x + y) / [12(y/3 + 1/6)] \\ = (xy + x + y)/(4y + 2).$$

$$E(X|Y) = \int_0^2 x(xy + x + y)/(4y + 2) dx = (x^3y/3 + x^3/3 + x^2y/2)/(4y + 2) \Big|_{x=0}^2 \\ = (8y/3 + 8/3 + 2y - 0 - 0 - 0)/(4y + 2) = (14y/3 + 8/3)/(4y + 2).$$

$$f(y) = y/3 + 1/6 \text{ and similarly } f(x) = x/3 + 1/6,$$

so  $f(x)f(y) = xy/9 + x/18 + y/18 + 1/36 \neq f(x,y)$ . So,  $X$  and  $Y$  are not independent.

Let  $X = 1$  if you are dealt pocket aces and 0 otherwise. Let  $Y = 1$  if you are dealt two black cards and 0 otherwise. What is  $\text{cov}(3X, 7Y)$ ?

$$\text{cov}(3X, 7Y) = 21\text{cov}(X, Y).$$

$$\text{cov}(X, Y) = E(XY) - E(X)E(Y).$$

$$E(X) = 1 P(\text{pocket aces}) + 0 P(\text{not pocket aces}) = C(4,2)/C(52,2) = 0.452\%.$$

$$E(Y) = 1 P(2 \text{ black cards}) + 0 P(\text{not 2 black cards}) = C(26,2)/C(52,2) = 24.5\%.$$

Here  $XY = 1$  if  $X$  and  $Y$  are both 1, and  $XY = 0$  otherwise.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{So } E(XY) &= 1 P(X \text{ and } Y = 1) + 0 P(X \text{ or } Y \text{ does not equal } 1) \\ &= P(2 \text{ black aces}) + 0 \\ &= 1 / C(52,2) = 0.0754\%.\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{cov}(X, Y) = .000754 - .00452(.245) = -.0003534.$$

$$\text{cov}(3X, 7Y) = 21 (-.0003534) = -.00742.$$



Suppose  $X$  = the number of hands until you get dealt at least one black card. After this, you play 100 more hands and  $Y$  = the number of hands where you get dealt pocket aces out of these next 100 hands.

Let  $Z = 4X + 7Y$ . What is the SD of  $X$ ? What is  $SD(Y)$ ? What is  $E(Z)$ ? What is  $SD(Z)$ ?

$X$  is geometric( $p$ ), where  $p = 1 - P(\text{both red}) = 1 - C(26,2)/C(52,2) \sim 75.5\%$ .  $SD(X) = \sqrt{q/p} = 0.656$ .

$Y$  is binomial( $n, p$ ),  $n = 100$  and  $p = C(4,2)/C(52,2) \sim 0.452\%$ .  $SD(Y) = \sqrt{npq} = 0.671$ .

$E(Z) = 4E(X) + 7E(Y) = 4(1/.755) + 7(100)(.00452) = 8.46$ .

$X$  and  $Y$  are independent so  $Var(Z) = Var(4X) + Var(7Y) = 16Var(X) + 49Var(Y) = 16(.656^2) + 49(.671^2) = 28.9$ . So  $SD(Z) = \sqrt{28.9} = 5.38$ .

## CLT Example

Suppose  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{100}$  are 100 iid draws from a population with mean  $\mu=70$  and sd  $\sigma=10$ . What is the approximate distribution of the sample mean,  $\bar{x}$ ?

By the CLT, the sample mean is approximately normal with mean  $\mu$  and sd  $\sigma/\sqrt{n}$ , i.e.  $\sim N(70, 1^2)$ .

Now suppose  $Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_{100}$  are iid draws, independent of  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{100}$ , with mean  $\mu=80$  and sd  $\sigma=25$ . What is the approximate distribution of  $Z$  if  $Z = \bar{x} - \bar{y}$ ?

Now the sample mean  $\bar{x}$  of the first sample is approximately  $N(70, 1^2)$  and similarly the negative sample mean  $-\bar{y}$  of the 2<sup>nd</sup> sample is approximately  $N(-80, 2.5^2)$ , and the two are independent, so their sum  $Z$  is approximately normal.

Its mean is  $70-80 = -10$ ,

and  $\text{var}(Z) = 1^2 + 2.5^2 = 7.25$ , so  $Z \sim N(-10, 2.69^2)$ , because  $2.69^2 = 7.25$ .

Remember, if  $X$  and  $Y$  are ind., then  $\text{var}(X+Y) = \text{var}(X) + \text{var}(Y)$ .

More on luck and skill.

Gain due to skill on a betting round = your expected *profit* during the betting round  
= your exp. chips after betting round – your exp. chips before betting round  
= (equity after round + leftover chips) –  
    (equity before round + leftover chips + chips you put in during round)  
= **equity after round – equity before round – cost during round.**

For example, suppose you have A♣ A♠, I have 3♥3♠, the board is  
A♥ Q♣ 10♠ and there is \$10 in the pot. The turn is 3♣

You go all in for \$5 and I call. How much equity due to skill did you gain on the turn?

Your prob. of winning is 43/44.

Your skill gain on turn = your equity after turn bets - equity before turn bets – cost  
= (\$20)(43/44) - (\$10)(43/44) - \$5  
= \$4.77.

Suppose instead you bet \$5 on the turn and I folded. How much equity due to skill did you gain on the turn?

$\$15(100\%) - (\$10)(43/44) - \$5 = \$0.23.$



Let  $X$  = the number of aces you have and  $Y$  = the number of kings you have. What is  $\text{cov}(X,Y)$ ?

$$\text{cov}(X,Y) = E(XY) - E(X)E(Y).$$

$X = X_1 + X_2$ , where  $X_1 = 1$  if your first card is an ace and  $X_2 = 1$  if your 2<sup>nd</sup> card is an ace,

so  $E(X) = E(X_1) + E(X_2) = 1/13 + 1/13 = 2/13$ .  $E(Y) = 2/13$ .

$E(XY) = 1$  if you have AK, and 0 otherwise, so  $E(XY) = 1 \times P(AK) = 4 \times 4 / C(52,2) = .0121$ .

So,  $\text{cov}(X,Y) = .0121 - 2/13 \times 2/13$

$$= -.0116.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& P(\text{You have AK} \mid \text{you have exactly one ace})? \\
&= P(\text{You have AK and exactly one ace}) / P(\text{exactly one ace}) \\
&= P(\text{AK}) / P(\text{exactly one ace}) \\
&= (16/C(52,2)) \div (4 \times 48/C(52,2)) \\
&= 4/48 = 8.33\%.
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& P(\text{You have AK} \mid \text{you have at least one ace})? \\
&= P(\text{You have AK and at least one ace}) / P(\text{at least one ace}) \\
&= P(\text{AK}) / P(\text{at least one ace}) \\
&= (16/C(52,2)) \div (((4 \times 48 + C(4,2))/C(52,2)) \sim 8.08\%.
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& P(\text{You have AK} \mid \text{your FIRST card is an ace})? \\
&= 4/51 = 7.84\%.
\end{aligned}$$

Suppose there are 1000 players in a casino. Each of them is playing holdem. What is the expected number of people who have pocket aces?

Let  $X_1 = 1$  if player 1 has pocket aces, and 0 otherwise.

$X_2 = 1$  if player 2 has pocket aces, and 0 otherwise.

$X_3 = 1$  if player 3 has pocket aces, and 0 otherwise, etc.

$X_1$  and  $X_2$  are not independent. Nevertheless, if  $Y =$  the number of people with AA,

then  $Y = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_{1000}$ , and

$$E(Y) = E(X_1) + E(X_2) + \dots + E(X_{1000})$$

$$= C(4,2)/C(52,2) \times 1000$$

$$\sim 4.52.$$

Let  $X$  = the number of queens you have and  $Y$  = the number of face cards you have. What is  $\text{cov}(X,Y)$ ?

$$\text{cov}(X,Y) = E(XY) - E(X)E(Y).$$

$X = X_1 + X_2$ , where  $X_1 = 1$  if your first card is a queen and  $X_2 = 1$  if your 2<sup>nd</sup> card is a queen,

so  $E(X) = E(X_1) + E(X_2) = 1/13 + 1/13 = 2/13$ . Similarly,  $E(Y) = 3/13 + 3/13 = 6/13$ .

$E(XY)$ ?  $XY = 4$  if you have QQ, or 2 if you have KQ or QJ, or 1 if you have Qx, where x is not a face card, or 0 otherwise. So  $E(XY) = 4 \times C(4,2)/C(52,2) + 2 \times (16+16)/C(52,2) + 1 \times (4 \times 40)/C(52,2) + 0 = 0.187$ .

So,  $\text{cov}(X,Y) = 0.187 - 2/13 \times 6/13 =$

$$= 0.116.$$

## Random walk examples.

Suppose you start with 2 chips at time 0 and that your tournament is like a simple random walk, but if you hit 0 you are done.

a.  $P(\text{you have not hit zero by time 4})$ ? b.  $P(\text{you have not hit zero by time 46})$ ?

a. We can just count here. There are  $2^4 = 16$  paths of length 4, each equally likely.

++++, +++-, ++-+, etc.

How many hit zero? --++, --+-, ---+, ----, +---, -+--.

The other 10/16 we avoid zero. So the answer is  $10/16 = 62.5\%$ .

b. We saw last time how starting with 1 chip at time 0,  $P(Y_1 > 0, Y_2 > 0, \dots, Y_{47} > 0) = \text{Choose}(48, 24)(\frac{1}{2})^{48} = 11.46\%$ .

For this to happen, you have to win your first hand and go up to 2 chips. Therefore

$$P(Y_1 > 0, Y_2 > 0, \dots, Y_{47} > 0) = P(Y_1 = 2, Y_2 > 0, \dots, Y_{47} > 0)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} P(\text{starting with 2 chips, } Y_1 > 0, Y_2 > 0, \dots, Y_{46} > 0).$$

So starting with 2 chips,  $P(Y_1 > 0, Y_2 > 0, \dots, Y_{46} > 0) = 2 (11.46\%) = 22.92\%$ .



Random walk examples.

Suppose you start with 400 chips at time 0 and that your tournament is like a simple random walk where every hand you either gain or lose 1 chip each with prob. 50%.

What is  $P(\text{after 40 hands you have exactly 390 chips})$ ?

You would have to profit -10 chips over 40 hands, so you would need to win 25 and lose 15.

This can happen  $C(40,25)$  ways, and each way has probability  $(1/2)^{40}$ .

So the answer is  $C(40,25) (1/2)^{40} = 3.66\%$ .