

Stat 100a: Introduction to Probability.

Outline for the day

1. A quick fact about normals.
2. Random walk example.
3. Review list.
4. Example problems.
5. Tournaments.

Hand in HW3.

<http://www.stat.ucla.edu/~frederic/100A/S20> .

Thu is the final exam, here in class, 10am to 11:15am.

Again any notes and books are fine. Read the instructions carefully!

1. A fact about normals.

If X and Y are independent and both are normal, then $X+Y$ is normal, and so are $-X$ and $-Y$.

Random Walk example.

Suppose you start with 1 chip at time 0 and that your tournament is like a simple random walk, but if you hit 0 you are done. $P(\text{you have not hit zero by time } 47)?$

We know that starting at 0, $P(Y_1 \neq 0, Y_2 \neq 0, \dots, Y_{2n} \neq 0) = P(Y_{2n} = 0)$.

So, for a random walk starting at (0,0),

by symmetry $P(Y_1 > 0, Y_2 > 0, \dots, Y_{48} > 0) = \frac{1}{2} P(Y_1 \neq 0, Y_2 \neq 0, \dots, Y_{2n} \neq 0)$
 $= \frac{1}{2} P(Y_{48} = 0) = \frac{1}{2} \text{Choose}(48,24)(\frac{1}{2})^{48}.$

Also $P(Y_1 > 0, Y_2 > 0, \dots, Y_{48} > 0) = P(Y_1 = 1, Y_2 > 0, \dots, Y_{48} > 0)$
 $= P(\text{start at 0 and win your first hand, and then stay above 0 for at least 47 more hands})$
 $= P(\text{start at 0 and win your first hand}) \times P(\text{from (1,1), stay above 0 for } \geq 47 \text{ more hands})$
 $= \frac{1}{2} P(\text{starting with 1 chip, stay above 0 for at least 47 more hands}).$

So, multiplying both sides by 2,

$P(\text{starting with 1 chip, stay above 0 for at least 47 hands}) = \text{Choose}(48,24)(\frac{1}{2})^{48}$
 $= 11.46\%.$

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. $[0-1. \mu = p, \sigma = \sqrt{pq}.]$
 - 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 ε 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,Y) are bivariate normal with $E(X) = 10$, $\text{var}(X) = 9$, $E(Y) = 30$, $\text{var}(Y) = 4$, $\rho = 0.3$,
What is the distribution of Y given $X = 7$?

Given $X = 7$, Y is normal. Write $Y = \beta_1 + \beta_2 X + \varepsilon$ where ε 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 β_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 ε 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 ε 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?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 $\text{cov}(3X, 7Y)$?

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

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

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

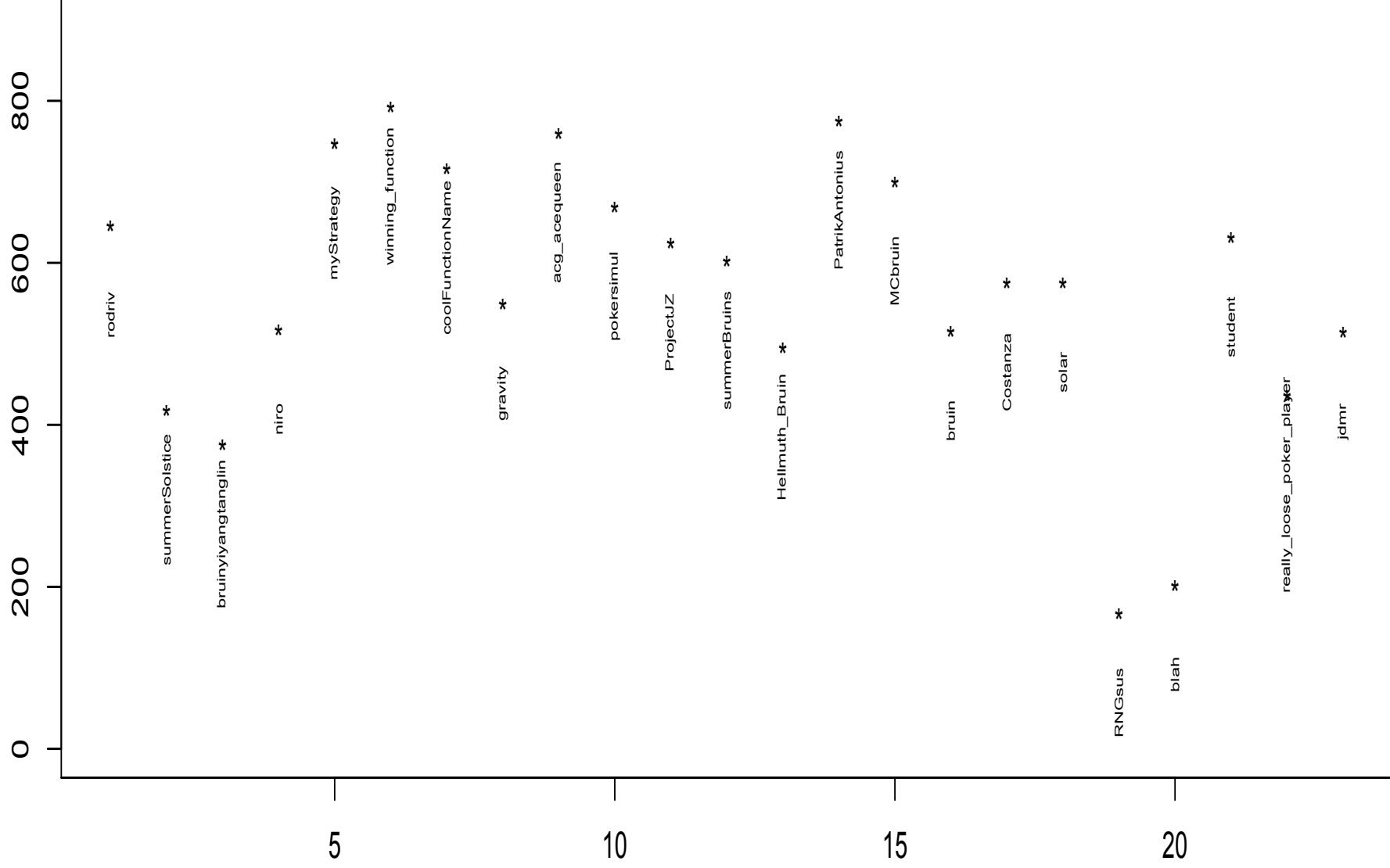
$$E(Y) = 1 P(2 \text{ black cards}) + 0 P(\text{not 2 black cards}) = C(26, 2)/C(52, 2) = 24.5\%.$$

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 $SD(Z) = \sqrt{28.9} = 5.38$.

Bayes' rule example.

Your opponent raises all-in before the flop. Suppose you think she would do that 80% of the time with AA, KK, or QQ, and she would do that 30% of the time with AK or AQ, and 1% of the time with anything else.

Given only this, and not even your cards, what's P(she has AK)?

Given nothing, $P(AK) = 16/C(52,2) = 16/1326$. $P(AA) = C(4,2)/C(52,2) = 6/1326$.

Using Bayes' rule,

$$\begin{aligned} P(AK \mid \text{all-in}) &= \frac{P(\text{all-in} \mid AK) * P(AK)}{P(\text{all-in} \mid AK)P(AK) + P(\text{all-in} \mid AA)P(AA) + P(\text{all-in} \mid KK)P(KK) + \dots} \\ &= \frac{30\% \times 16/1326}{[30\% \times 16/1326] + [80\% \times 6/1326] + [80\% \times 6/1326] + [80\% \times 6/1326] + [30\% \times 16/1326] + [1\% \times (1326 - 16 - 6 - 6 - 6 - 16)/1326]} \\ &\qquad\qquad\qquad (AK) \qquad\qquad (AA) \qquad\qquad (KK) \qquad\qquad (QQ) \qquad\qquad (AQ) \text{ (anything else)} \\ &= \mathbf{13.06\%}. \text{ Compare with } 16/1326 \sim 1.21\%. \end{aligned}$$

Some other example problems.

a. Find the probability you are dealt a suited king.

$$4 * 12 / C(52,2) = 3.62\%.$$

b. The typical number of hands until this occurs is ... +/-

$$1/.0362 \sim 27.6.$$

$$(\sqrt{96.38\%}) / 3.62\% \sim 27.1.$$

So the answer is 27.6 +/- 27.1.

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 μ and sd σ/\sqrt{n} , i.e. $\bar{x} \sim N(70, 1^2)$.

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 $\bar{x} - \bar{y} = Z$?

Now the sample mean of the first sample is approximately $N(70, 1^2)$ and similarly the sample mean of the 2nd 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 2nd 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, $\text{cov}(X,Y) = .0121 - 2/13 \times 2/13$

$$= -.0116.$$