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1 Basic Probability Foundations

We define the **sample space** Ω as all possible events. Events E are thus just subsets of Ω ($E \subseteq \Omega$). It is also the case that $\emptyset = \Omega^c$.

Mutually disjoint sets A_1, A_2, \dots are sets where $A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset, \forall i \neq j$.

Theorem. De Morgan's Laws state that

$$(A \cup B)^c = A^c \cap B^c \quad (A \cap B)^c = A^c \cup B^c$$

The **axiomatic definition of probability** states that the probability must satisfy

1. $P(E) \geq 0$
2. $P(\Omega) = 1$
3. For mutually exclusive events E_1, \dots, E_i ,

$$P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(E_i)$$

2 Conditional Probability and Independence

Definition. For events A and B with $P(B) > 0$:

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} \tag{1}$$

$$P(B) = P(B \cap A) \cup P(B \cap A^c) = P(A)P(B|A) + P(A^c)P(B|A^c)$$

2.1 Bayes Theorem

The **Bayes Theorem** is important in allowing us to compute unknown probability given known info.

$$P(E_1|E_2) = \frac{P(E_1)P(E_2|E_1)}{P(E_2)} = \frac{P(E_1)P(E_2|E_1)}{P(E_1)P(E_2|E_1) + P(E_1^c)P(E_2|E_1^c)} \tag{2}$$

Definition. A being independent of B means that knowing B has occurred does not change $P(A)$. This implies that $P(A) = P(A|B)$, which means

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B)$$

Corollary. A, B independent $\iff A, B^c$ independent $\iff A^c, B$ independent $\iff A^c, B^c$ independent.

Note that this is very different from disjoint events. Disjoint sets are never independent unless one or both has probability 0.

3 Random Variable

Mathematically, a *random variable* is a function from Ω to real numbers.

We denote the set of possible values (or state space) of X by \mathcal{X} , where

$$\mathcal{X} = \{X(\omega) : \omega \in \Omega\}$$

The function $p_X(x) = P(X = x), x \in \mathbb{R}$. is called the **probability mass function (PMF)**. The PMF of a discrete random variables satisfy the properties that

$$p_X(x) \geq 0 \text{ for all } x \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} p_X(x) = 1$$

We can also describe probability as its **cumulative distribution function (CDF)**, where

$$F_X(x) = F(x) = P(X \leq x), \quad -\infty < x < \infty$$

3.1 Probabilities of Limiting Sets

Supposes that events B_1, \dots , are increasing such that

$$B_1 \subset B_2 \subset \dots, \quad B = B_1 \cup B_2 \cup \dots$$

Then we can write $B_n \uparrow B$ and

$$P(B) = P(\cup_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(B_n)$$

3.2 Expected Values

Suppose X is discrete with PMF $p_X(x)$ for $x \in \mathcal{X}$, then

$$E(X) = \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} xp_X(x), \quad \text{if } \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} |x| p_X(x) < \infty$$

Pull-back trick is where we assume that Ω is a countable space and expectation exists. Then

$$\mu = E(X) = \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} xp_X(x) = \sum_{\omega \in \Omega} X(\omega)P(\omega)$$

Now, let $\mathcal{X} = \{x_1, x_2, \dots\}$. Then $E_i = \{\omega : X(\omega) = x_i\}, i = 1, 2, \dots$ partitions ω . In other words, $E_i \cap E_j = \emptyset, E_1 \cup E_2 \cup \dots$

$$E(X_1 + X_2) = \sum_{\omega \in \Omega} (X_1 + X_2)(\omega)P(\omega) = \sum_{\omega \in \Omega} \{X_1\omega + X_2\omega\}P(\omega) = \sum_{\omega \in \Omega} X_1(\omega)P(\omega) + \sum_{\omega \in \Omega} X_2(\omega)P(\omega)$$

Also let g be a function and $g(X)$ is a discrete random variable. Then

$$E(g(x)) = \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} g(x)p_X(x), \quad \text{if } \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} |g(x)| p_X(x) < \infty$$

Common properties include

1. $E(aX) = a(E(X)), \exists a \in \mathbb{R}$
2. $E(c) = c, \exists c \in \mathbb{R}$

3.3 Variance

$$\text{Var}(X) = \sigma_X^2 = E[(X - \mu)^2] = E(X^2) - E(X)^2$$

Common properties include: (proofs trivial)

1. $\text{Var}(X) \geq 0 \quad (E(X^2) \geq \mu^2)$
2. $\text{Var}(X) = 0 \implies P(X = \mu) = 1$
3. $\text{Var}(aX + b) = a^2 \text{Var}(X), \exists a, b \in \mathbb{R}$
4. $\text{Var}(X_1 + X_2) = \text{Var}(X_1) + \text{Var}(X_2)$ does not apply in most situations.

When expanded, we have

$$\text{Var}(X_1 + X_2) = \text{Var}(X_1) + \text{Var}(X_2) - 2E[(X_1 - \mu_1)(X_2 - \mu_2)]$$

The last term is defined to be the **covariance**, where

$$\text{Cov}(X_1, X_2) = E[(X_1 - \mu_1)(X_2 - \mu_2)]$$

3.4 Common Sense Random Variables

For Bernoulli situations, we have $E(x) = p$ and $\text{Var}(X) = p(1 - p)$

Binomial random variables is when n Bernoulli random variables are repeated, with

$$Y_n \sim \text{Bin}(n, p) \quad P(Y = y) = \binom{n}{y} p^y (1 - p)^{n-y}$$

$$E(Y) = np \quad \text{Var}(Y) = np(1 - p)$$

3.5 Non-trivial things

$$E(I_1) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k(1 - p)^{k-1} p = \frac{1}{p}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n = \frac{d}{dx} \frac{1}{1 - x} = \frac{1}{(1 - x)^2} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n \cdot x^{n-1}$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n \cdot x^{n-1} (1 - x) = \frac{1}{1 - x}$$

Let $x = 1 - p$, then

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n \cdot (1 - p)^{k-1} p = \frac{1}{p}$$

To compute $E(I^2)$, we differentiate twice and get

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1)x^{n-1}(1-x) = \frac{2}{(1-x)^2}$$

With $n-1 = k$,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (k+1)kx^{k-1}(1-x) = \frac{2}{(1-x)^2}$$

⋮

3.6 Middle School Level distributions: geometric

Geometric distribution has “lack of memory” property, where

$$P(I > k + n | I > n) = P(I > k)$$

Proof. Trivial To prove again:

$$P(I_1 = k_1 \text{ and } I_2 = k_2)$$

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$$P(I_2 = k_2) = \sum_{k_1=1}^{\infty} P(I_1 = k_1 \text{ and } I_2 = k_2) = \sum_{k_1=1}^{\infty} (1-p)^{k_1-1} \cdot p \cdot (1-p)^{k_2-1} \cdot p = \dots = (1-p)^{k_2-1} \cdot p \cdot 1.$$

3.6.1 Waiting Times

The pmf of W_r is

$$P(w_r = n) = P(\text{rth success in } n \text{ toss})$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} P(W_r = n) &= P(Y_{n-1} = r-1, X_n = 1) = \binom{n-1}{r-1} p^{r-1} (1-p)^{n-1-(r-1)} \cdot p \\ &= \binom{n-1}{r-1} p^r (1-p)^{n-r}, \quad n = r, r+1, \dots \end{aligned}$$

W_r is known as **negative binomial** random variable with r and p such that $W_r \sim NB(r, p)$. It follows that

$$\sum_{n=r}^{\infty} \binom{n-1}{r-1} p^r (1-p)^{n-r} = 1$$

For expected values we know that $W_r = \sum_{i=1}^r I_i$ so

$$E(W_r) = \sum_{i=1}^r E(I_i) = \frac{1}{p} + \dots + \frac{1}{p} = \frac{r}{p}$$

$$\text{Var}(W_r) > \text{Var}(I_1) + \dots + \text{Var}(I_2) = \frac{r(1-p)}{p^2}$$

An important property is that

$$[W_r > n] \equiv [Y_n < r] \implies \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} \binom{k-1}{r-1} p^r (1-p)^{k-r} = \sum_{k=0}^{r-1} \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$$

We can reach maximum peaks by comparing successive negative binomial probabilities:

$$R(y) = \frac{p_w(y)}{p_w(y-1)} = \left(\frac{r-1}{y} \right)$$

3.6.2 Hypergeometric Distribution

Given that there are n successes among N trials, what is the probability that there are x successes among the first m trials? Here x is nonnegative integer and $m < N$.

$$P(Y_m = x | Y_N = n) = \frac{\binom{m}{x} \cdot \binom{N-m}{n-x}}{\binom{N}{n}}, \quad x = \max(0, n+m-N), \dots, \min(n, m)$$

$$E(H) = \frac{mn}{N} \quad \text{Var}(H) = \frac{mn(N-m)}{N^2} \cdot \frac{N-n}{N-1}$$

Look at slides for a bit more detail

If $N \rightarrow \infty$, $\frac{n}{N} \rightarrow p$ and H becomes $\text{Bin}(m, p)$

3.6.3 Poisson Distribution

$$\mathbb{P}(Y = y) = e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^y}{y!}, \quad \mu = \mathbb{E}(X) = \lambda, \quad \text{Var}(Y) = \lambda$$

Proving $E(\lambda)$ simply requires difference of infinite geometric sum.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}(Y) &= \sum_{y=0}^{\infty} y \mathbb{P}(y) \\ &= \sum_{y=0}^{\infty} \frac{y e^{-\lambda} \lambda^y}{y!} = e^{-\lambda} \sum_{\lambda=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^y}{(y-1)!} = \lambda e^{-\lambda} e^{\lambda} = \lambda \end{aligned}$$

Law of Small Numbers: With large n , small p and $\lambda = np$, then

$$\binom{n}{y} p^y (1-p)^{n-y} \approx e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^y}{y!}$$

Proof. Begin with the normal formula for binomial distribution. Substituting $p = \frac{\lambda}{n}$ and considering the convergence of n and p ,

$$\frac{n!}{y!(n-y)!} \cdot \frac{\lambda^y}{n^y} \cdot \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^{n-y} = \frac{1}{y!} \cdot \lambda^y \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^n \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^{-y} = \frac{\lambda^y e^{-\lambda}}{y!}$$

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La Cam's theory...

4 Continuous Random Variables

Definition. A **continuous random variable** X takes a continuous range of values as opposed to a discrete random variable for which the set of possible values is at most countable. Typically, a continuous random variable X is described by a probability density function (PDF) $f_X(x)$, so that a probability within the interval $[a, b]$ is given by

$$p_X(x) = \int_a^b f_X(x) dx$$

We also have $F_X(x) = P(X \leq x)$, where X is continuous iff $F_X(x)$ is continuous. Assume that $F_X(x)$ is differentiable and $f_X(x) = F'_X(x)$.

A density f_X also satisfies

$$f_X(x) \geq 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x) dx = 1$$

Note that $f_X(x)$ is not a probability, so we can have $f_X(x) > 1$.

For any continuous random variables X , then for any number c , $P(X = c) = 0$.

4.1 Expectation and Variance

Suppose X is a continuous random variable with PDF $f(x)$. Then

$$\mu = \mathbb{E}(g(x)) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x)f(x) dx, \quad \text{provided } \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |g(x)|f(x) dx < \infty \quad (3)$$

$$\sigma^2 = \text{Var}(X) = \mathbb{E}[(X - \mu)^2] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - \mu)^2 f(x) dx = E(X^2) - \mu^2 \quad (4)$$

4.2 Uniform Distribution

In uniform distribution, X takes values in an interval $[a, b]$:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{(b - a)}, \quad a \leq x \leq b$$

$$E(X) = \frac{(a + b)}{2}, \quad \text{Var}(X) = \frac{(b - a)^2}{12}$$

4.3 Exponential Random Variables

Exponential Random Variables is useful to describe time for an event to occur or life-time of a component, where

$$X \sim \text{exp}(\lambda), f_X(x) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x}, x \geq 0$$

$$E(X) = \frac{1}{\lambda}, \text{Var}(X) = \frac{1}{\lambda^2}$$

This also has the memoryless property.

$$F_X(x) = \begin{cases} 1 - e^{-\lambda x}, & x > 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

4.4 Poisson Process

Let T_1, \dots, T_n be times when an event occurs. We use $N(t)$ to denote the number of events up to and including time t . Also let $N(J)$ be the number of events in the time interval J .

Then, $N(t)$ where $t \geq 0$ is a **Poisson process** with rate λ iff

1. Outcomes in disjoint intervals are independent. Formally, J_1 and J_2 are independent.
2. $N(t) \sim \text{Pois}(\lambda t)$ for all $t \geq 0$. In other words, $N(J) \sim \text{Pois}(\lambda|J|)$

We can conclude that

$$P(T_1 > t) = P(N(t) = 0) = e^{-\lambda t} \implies T_1 \sim e^{-\lambda}$$

Now, let $I_1 = T_1, I_2 = T_2 - T_1, I_3 = T_3 - T_2, \dots, I_k = T_k - T_{k-1}$ and $\{X_n^{(m)}\}$ be outcomes of coin tossing experiments where success probability = p_m and $n = \frac{1}{m}, \frac{2}{m}, \dots$. Thus, Number of successes up to time t is essentially number of successes in mt tosses. As m approaches infinity, we have mp_m approach λ .

The probability of no heads up to time t is

$$(1 - pm)^{mt} = \left(1 - \frac{\lambda m}{m}\right)^{mt} \rightarrow e^{-\lambda t}$$

Now, we have

$$P(T_k > t) \equiv P(N(t) < k) \equiv P(\text{Pois}(\lambda t) < k) = \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \frac{e^{-\lambda t} (\lambda t)^i}{i!}$$

Therefore if F_k is CDF of T_k ,

$$T_k > t \equiv N(t) < k, N(t) \sim \text{Pois}(\lambda t) \implies 1 - F_k(t) = P(T_k > t) = P(\text{Pois}(\lambda t) < k) = \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \frac{e^{-\lambda t} (\lambda t)^i}{i!}$$

Differentiating both sides and taking derivative, we have the PDF where

$$f_k(t) = \lambda \frac{e^{-\lambda t} (\lambda t)^{k-1}}{(k-1)!}$$

Here, f_k is known as gamma density with parameters k and λ , where

$$T_k \sim \text{gamma}(k, \lambda)$$

4.4.1 Gamma Variables

Continued from previous as continuation of exponential random variables. We define

$$\Gamma(r) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-x} x^{r-1} dx, r > 0$$

We have $X \sim \text{gamma}(r, \lambda)$ where PDF is

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(r)} \lambda^r x^{r-1} e^{-\lambda x}$$

since $\Gamma(r) = (r-1)!$ for integer values of r . This is due to the fact that $\Gamma(r) = (r-1)\Gamma(r-1)$.

The CDF $F_X(x)$ is not known analytically unless r is a positive integer.

$$E(X) = \frac{\Gamma(r+1)}{\Gamma(r)\lambda} = \frac{r}{\lambda}, \text{Var}(X) = \frac{r}{\lambda^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} E(X) &= \int_0^{\infty} x f_X(x) dx = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{\Gamma(r)} \lambda^r x^{r-1} e^{-\lambda x} x dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(r)} \int_0^{\infty} \lambda^r x^r e^{-\lambda x} dx \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(r+1)}{\lambda \Gamma(r)} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^{r+1}}{\Gamma(r+1)} x^r e^{-\lambda x} dx \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(r+1)}{\lambda \Gamma(r)} = \frac{r \Gamma(r)}{\lambda \Gamma(r)} = \frac{r}{\lambda} \end{aligned}$$

For the variance,

$$\begin{aligned} E(X^2) &= \int_0^{\infty} x^2 f_X(x) dx = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{\Gamma(r)} \lambda^r x^{r+1} e^{-\lambda x} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(r)} \int_0^{\infty} \lambda^r x^{r+1} e^{-\lambda x} dx \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(r+1)}{\lambda \Gamma(r)} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^{r+1}}{\Gamma(r+1)} x^r e^{-\lambda x} dx \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(r+2)}{\lambda^2 \Gamma(r)} = \frac{(r+1)\Gamma(r+1)}{\lambda^2 \Gamma(r)} = \frac{r(r+1)}{\lambda^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = E(X^2) - (E(X))^2 = \frac{r(r+1)}{\lambda^2} - \left(\frac{r}{\lambda}\right)^2 = \frac{r}{\lambda^2}$$

4.5 Normal Distribution

Normal distribution X has the density function

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(x-\mu)^2}, -\infty < x < \infty, -\infty < \mu < \infty, \sigma > 0 \quad (5)$$

The *standard normal density* with $\mu = 0, \sigma = 1$ is written as $\Phi(X)$ where

$$\Phi(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}x^2}$$

Note the **68-95-99.7%** rule.

Normal distribution is often used to approximate a lot of distributions such as binomial, poisson, and gamma.

For $X \sim \text{Bin}(n, p)$, n large and p not close to 0 or 1. then

$$X \approx N(np, np(1-p))$$

For $X \sim \text{pois}(\lambda)$ and λ large, then

$$X \approx N(\lambda, \lambda)$$

For $X \sim \text{gamma}(r, \lambda)$ and r large, then

$$N \approx N\left(\frac{r}{\lambda}, \frac{r}{\lambda^2}\right)$$

When we are approximating binomial distribution X with normal distribution Y , we should use

$$P(X \leq x) \approx P(Y \leq x + 0.5)$$

because of the discontinuity of binomial distribution.

4.6 Transformation of Continuous Random Variables

Suppose we have distribution X and Y such that $Y = aX + b$, where $a > 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} F_Y(y) &= P(Y \leq y) = P(aX + b \leq y) \\ &= P(aX \leq y - b) = P\left(X \leq \frac{y - b}{a}\right) = F_X\left(\frac{y - b}{a}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$f_Y(y) = F'_Y(y) = f_X\left(\frac{y - b}{a}\right) \frac{d}{dy} \frac{y - b}{a} = f_X\left(\frac{y - b}{a}\right) \cdot \frac{1}{a}$$

This could be generalized as $Y = \varphi(X)$ where φ is a monotone differentiable function. Thus,

$$F_Y(y) = P(\varphi(X) \leq y) = P(X < \varphi^{-1}(y)) = 1 - F_X(\varphi^{-1}(y)), \quad f_Y(y) = f_X(\varphi^{-1}(y)) \left| \frac{d}{dy} \varphi^{-1}(y) \right|$$

Example. Suppose $Y = e^X = \varphi(X)$ and $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$.

$$X = \ln Y = \varphi^{-1}(Y) \implies \frac{d}{dy} \varphi^{-1}(Y) = \frac{1}{y} \implies f_Y(y) = f_X(\varphi^{-1}(Y)) \frac{d}{dy} \varphi^{-1}(Y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(\log y - \mu)^2}$$

Y is known here as the log normal random variable.

With uniform random variable $Y \sim \text{unif}(0, 1)$,

$$P(Y \leq y) = P(F_X(x) \leq y) = P(X \leq F_X^{-1}(y)) = F_X(F_X^{-1}(x)) = y, 0 < y < 1$$

Example. $X \sim N(0, 1)$. Find PDF of $Y = X^2$.

$$f_X(x) = \phi(X) \implies F_Y(y) = P(Y \leq y) = P(X^2 \leq y) = P(-\sqrt{y} \leq X \leq \sqrt{y}) = \Phi(\sqrt{y}) - \Phi(-\sqrt{y})$$

PDF of Y is

$$f_Y(y) = \frac{d}{dy}(2\Phi(X) - 1) = 2\Phi(\sqrt{y}) \cdot \frac{1}{2\sqrt{y}}, y > 0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{y}{2}} y^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

This is $Y \sim \text{gamma}(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$, and is also known as χ_1^2 distribution (chi-square random variable with degrees of freedom = 1)

5 Jointly Distributed Random Variables

X, Y are jointly continuous with density $f_{X,Y}$ if for any $a \leq b$ and $c \leq d$,

$$P(a \leq X \leq b, c \leq Y \leq d) = \int \int_{[a,b] \times [c,d]} f_{X,Y}(x, y) dx dy$$

Conceptually, the double integral is the volume under the surface given by $\{(x, y, z) : z = f_{X,Y}(x, y)\}$ over a region covered by $[a, b] \times [c, d]$.

We can get **marginal densities** from

$$f_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(x, y) dy \quad f_Y(x, y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(x, y) dx$$

Exercise: Prove this (not fully trivial); see slides

Look at example from slides. (example 3 expansion below)

$$\mathbb{P}(\dots) = e^{-\lambda x} \cdot \frac{\lambda \delta_x e^{-\lambda \delta_x}}{1} \cdot e^{-\lambda(y-x-\delta_x)} \cdot \frac{\lambda \delta_y e^{-\lambda \delta_y}}{1} = \lambda^2 e^{-\lambda y} \delta_x \delta_y e^{-\lambda \delta_y} \approx \lambda^2 e^{-\lambda y} \delta_x \delta_y + \text{smaller terms}$$

Calculating marginal densities for example 3,

$$f_y(y) = \int_0^y \lambda^2 e^{-\lambda y} dx = \left[\lambda^2 e^{-\lambda y} x \right]_0^y = \lambda^2 y e^{-\lambda y}, y > 0 \implies \frac{1}{\Gamma(2)} \lambda^2 y^2 e^{-\lambda y}, y > 0$$

$$f_X(x) = \int_x^{\infty} \lambda^2 e^{-\lambda y} dy = \lambda e^{-\lambda x}, x > 0$$

5.1 Joint CDFs

We define the joint CDF of the continuous bivariate random variable as

$$F_{X,Y}(x, y) = P(X \leq x, Y \leq y) = \int_{-\infty}^x \int_{-\infty}^y f_{X,Y}(u, v) du dv$$

Maybe add in parts from slides.

5.2 Independence

Two random variables X, Y are independent iff for every A and B the events $[X \in A]$ and $[Y \in B]$ are independent, then $P(X \in A, Y \in B) = P(X \in A) \cdot P(Y \in B)$. Equivalently, two events are independent iff $\forall x, y$,

$$F_{X,Y}(x, y) = F_X(x)F_Y(y) \quad f_{X,Y}(x, y) = f_X(x)f_Y(y)$$

5.3 Conditional PMF and PDF

$$f_{X|Y}(x|y) = \frac{f_{X,Y}(x, y)}{f_Y(y)} \quad f_{Y|X}(y|x) = \frac{f_{X,Y}(x, y)}{f_X(x)}$$

5.4 Transformation of Bivariate Random Variables

Assume we have random variables (X, Y) with joint PDF $f_{X,Y}(x, y)$. Let $U = g_1(X, Y)$ and $V = g_2(X, Y)$. Let $g(g_1, g_2)$ be injective and surjective so that we can solve $X = \psi_1(U, V)$, $Y = \psi_2(U, V)$. Then,

$$f_{U,V}(u, v) = f_{X,Y}(\psi_1(U, V), \psi_2(U, V)) \times |\text{Jacobian Determinant}|, \text{ where } \mathbb{J} = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial \psi_1}{\partial U} & \frac{\partial \psi_1}{\partial V} \\ \frac{\partial \psi_2}{\partial U} & \frac{\partial \psi_2}{\partial V} \end{vmatrix}$$

Example. $X \sim N(0, 1)$ and $Y \sim N(0, 1)$ and X and Y are independent. Now, we have $U = X + Y$ and $V = X - Y$.

First, we get $X = \frac{U+V}{2}$ and $Y = \frac{U-V}{2}$. The Jacobian determinant $= -\frac{1}{2}$. We also know that $f_{X,Y}(x, y) = f_X(x) \cdot f_Y(y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}e^{-\frac{y^2}{2}}$. Thus,

$$f_{U,V}(u, v) = f_{X,Y}\left(\frac{U+V}{2}, \frac{U-V}{2}\right) \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{4\pi}e^{-\frac{u^2+v^2}{4}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi}}e^{-\frac{u^2}{4}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi}}e^{-\frac{v^2}{4}} \implies U, V \sim N(0, 2)$$

Example. $X, Y \sim \text{exp}(1)$ and independent. $U = X + y, V = X - Y$.

$$f_{U,V}(u, v) = f_{X,Y}\left(\frac{U+V}{2}, \frac{U-V}{2}\right) \cdot \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\begin{cases} 0 < x < \infty \\ 0 < y < \infty \end{cases} \implies \begin{cases} 0 < \frac{U+V}{2} < \infty \\ 0 < \frac{U-V}{2} < \infty \end{cases} \implies \begin{cases} -v < u < \infty \\ v < u < \infty \end{cases} \implies 0 < |v| < u < \infty$$

$$f_{U,V}(u,v) = f_{X,Y} \left(\frac{u+v}{2}, \frac{u-v}{2} \right) \frac{1}{2} = e^{-\frac{u+v}{2}} \cdot e^{-\frac{u-v}{2}} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} e^{-u}, 0 < |v| < u < \infty$$

$$f_U(u) = \int_{-u}^u \frac{1}{2} e^{-u} dv = u e^{-u}, 0 < u < \infty \implies u \sim \text{gamma}(2, 1)$$

$$f_V(v) = \int_{|v|}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2} e^{-u} du = \frac{1}{2} e^{-|v|}, -\infty < v < \infty$$

Here, V is known as a double exponential random variable.

Example. $X \sim \text{gamma}(r, \lambda), y \sim \text{gamma}(s, \lambda)$. X, Y independent. $U = X + Y, V = \frac{X}{X+Y}$.

Since $T_1 | T_2 = t \sim \text{unif}(0, 1) \implies \frac{T_1}{T_2} | T_2 = t \sim \text{unif}(0, 1)$.

$$X = UV, Y = U - X = U(1 - V), 0 < u < \infty, 0 < v < 1 \implies \mathbb{J} = \begin{vmatrix} V & U \\ 1 - V & -U \end{vmatrix} = -U$$

$$f_{X,Y}(x,y) = f_X(x) \cdot f_Y(y) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(r)} \lambda^r x^{r-1} e^{-\lambda x} \cdot \frac{1}{\Gamma(s)} \lambda^s y^{s-1} e^{-\lambda y} = \frac{1}{\Gamma(r)\Gamma(s)} \lambda^{r+s} x^{r-1} y^{s-1} e^{-\lambda(x+y)}$$

$$f_{U,V}(u,v) = f_{X,Y}(uv, u(1-v)) \cdot u = \frac{1}{\Gamma(r)\Gamma(s)} \lambda^{r+s} u^{r+s-1} e^{-\lambda u} v^{r-1} (1-v)^{s-1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\Gamma(r+s)} u^{r+s-1} \lambda^{r+s} e^{-\lambda u} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(r+s)}{\Gamma(r)\Gamma(s)} \cdot v^{r-1} (1-v)^{s-1}$$

Thus, U, V independent with $U \sim \text{gamma}(r+s, \lambda)$ and $V \sim \text{beta}(r, s)$.

5.5 Beta Distribution

$U \sim \text{beta}(\alpha, \beta)$ if

$$f_U(u) = \frac{1}{B(\alpha, \beta)} u^{\alpha-1} (1-u)^{\beta-1}, \text{ where } B(\alpha, \beta) = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)} \text{ and } 0 < u < 1$$

$$E(U) = \frac{\alpha}{\alpha+\beta}, \text{ Var}(U) = \frac{\alpha\beta}{(\alpha+\beta)^2(\alpha+\beta+1)}$$

$$E(v) = \int_0^1 v \frac{1}{B(\alpha, \beta)} v^{\alpha-1} (1-v)^{\beta-1} = \frac{1}{B(\alpha, \beta)} \int_0^1 v^{\beta+1-1} (1-v)^{\alpha-1} du = \frac{B(r+1, s)}{B(r, s)} = \frac{r}{r+s}$$

Note that $\text{beta}(1, 1) \equiv \text{unif}(0, 1)$

Sum of independent χ_1^2 random variables

Suppose Z_1, \dots are i.i.d. $N(0, 1)$ random variables. The distribution of $Z_1^2 + \dots + Z_n^2$. Recall that $Z_1^2 \sim \chi_1^2 \equiv \text{gamma}(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}) \implies Z_1^2 + Z_2^2 \sim \text{gamma}(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}) \implies Z_1^2 + \dots + Z_n^2 \sim \text{gamma}(\frac{n}{2}, \frac{1}{2}) \equiv \chi_n^2$

5.6 Bivariate Normal Distribution

$(X, Y) \sim f_{X,Y}(x, y)$. Suppose $f_X(x) \equiv N(\mu_1, \sigma_1^2)$, $f_Y(y) \equiv N(\mu_2, \sigma_2^2)$, we have joint probability

$$f_{X,Y}(x, y) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_1\sigma_2\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2(1-\rho^2)} \left(\left(\frac{x-\mu_1}{\sigma_1} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{y-\mu_2}{\sigma_2} \right)^2 - 2\rho \left(\frac{x-\mu_1}{\sigma_1} \right) \left(\frac{y-\mu_2}{\sigma_2} \right) \right) \right]$$

With this bivariate normal distributions, we have properties

$$X \sim N(\mu_1, \sigma_1^2), \quad Y \sim N(\mu_2, \sigma_2^2)$$

$$f_{X|Y}(x|y) \sim N \left(\mu_1 + \rho \frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_2} (y - \mu_2), \sigma_1^2 (1 - \rho^2) \right), \quad f_{Y|X}(y|x) \sim N \left(\mu_2 + \rho \frac{\sigma_2}{\sigma_1} (x - \mu_1), \sigma_2^2 (1 - \rho^2) \right),$$

$$aX + bY \sim N(a\mu_1 + b\mu_2, a^2\sigma_1^2 + 2ab\rho\sigma_1\sigma_2 + b^2\sigma_2^2)$$

If $\rho = 0$, then X and Y are independent.

5.7 T Distribution

Suppose that $Z \sim N(0, 1)$, W follows χ_n^2 and Z and W are independent. Define

$$T = \frac{Z}{\sqrt{\frac{W}{n}}}$$

Then, T follows t distribution with n degrees of freedom with density

$$f_T(t) = \frac{\Gamma(\frac{n+1}{2})}{\sqrt{n\pi}\Gamma(\frac{n}{2})} \left(1 + \frac{t^2}{n} \right)^{-\frac{n+1}{2}}$$

Proof. Let $T = Z/\sqrt{\frac{W}{n}}$, $V = W \implies Z = T\sqrt{\frac{V}{n}}$. The jacobian matrix is

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} \frac{V}{n} & * \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \implies \sqrt{\frac{V}{n}}$$

$$f(z, w) = f_Z(z)f_W(w) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-z^2/2} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\frac{n}{2})} \frac{1}{2} w^{\frac{n}{2}-1} e^{-w/2}$$

$$f_{T,V}(t, v) = f_{Z,W} \left(t\sqrt{\frac{V}{n}}, V \right) \sqrt{\frac{V}{n}} \implies f(t, v) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi n}\Gamma(\frac{n}{2})} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^{\frac{n+1}{2}} V^{\frac{n+1}{2}+1} e^{-\frac{V}{2}(1+\frac{t^2}{n})}$$

Thus, find $f_T(t)$ after transformation yields

$$f(t) = \frac{\Gamma(\frac{n+1}{2})}{\sqrt{\pi n}\Gamma(\frac{n}{2})} \left(1 + \frac{t^2}{n} \right)^{-\frac{n+1}{2}}$$

□

5.8 F Distribution

Suppose that W follows χ_m^2 , $V \sim \chi_n^2$ independent. Define

$$F = (W/m)/(V/n)$$

6 Properties of Expectation

$$f_{X+Y}(z) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(z-y)f_Y(y)dy$$

X_1, \dots, X_n are jointly continuous with density f and $Y = g(X_1, \dots, X_n)$. Then

$$E(Y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} yf_Y(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \dots \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x_1, \dots, x_n)f(x_1, \dots, x_n)dx_1 \dots dx_n$$

Define **covariance** between X and Y as

$$Cov(X, Y) = E[(X - \mu_X)(Y - \mu_Y)] = E(XY) - E(X)E(Y)$$

Since $[(X - \mu_X)(Y - \mu_Y)] \leq \frac{1}{2}[(X - \mu_X)^2 + (Y - \mu_Y)^2] \implies 2Cov(X, Y) \leq Var(X) + Var(Y)$.

Properties:

- $Cov(X, Y) = Cov(Y, X)$
- $Cov(aX, Y) = aCov(X, Y)$
- $Cov(X + Y, Z) = Cov(X, Z) + Cov(Y, Z)$

In general,

$$Var\left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n Var(X_i) + 2 \sum_{i < j} Cov(X_i, X_j)$$

We define **correlation** between X and Y as

$$\rho_{X,Y} = \frac{Cov(X, Y)}{\sqrt{Var(X)Var(Y)}}, \quad -1 \leq \rho_{X,Y} \leq 1$$

Suppose $X, Y \sim f_{X,Y}(x, y)$ and $E(X) = \mu_1, E(Y) = \mu_2, Var(X) = \sigma_1^2, Var(Y) = \sigma_2^2$. If $U = \frac{X - \mu_1}{\sigma_1}, V = \frac{Y - \mu_2}{\sigma_2}$, then $E(U) = 0 = E(V), Var(U) = 1 = Var(V), Cov(U, V) = E(UV) = Corr(X, Y)$ since

$$E(UV) = E\left(\left(\frac{X - \mu_1}{\sigma_1}\right)\left(\frac{Y - \mu_2}{\sigma_2}\right)\right) = \frac{E((X - \mu_1)(Y - \mu_2))}{\sigma_1\sigma_2} = \frac{Cov(X, Y)}{\sqrt{Var(X)Var(Y)}}$$

Consider $Var(U + V) = Var(U) + Var(V) + 2Cov(U, V) = 1 + 1 + 2\rho_{U,V} \implies 2 + 2\rho_{U,V} \geq 0 \implies \rho_{U,V} \geq -1$ Similarly, $Var(U - V) = 2 - 2\rho_{U,V} \geq 0 \implies \rho_{U,V} \leq 1$.

Now, let $V = \rho U + \sqrt{1 - \rho^2} Z$ where $Z \sim N(0, 1)$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} E(UV) &= E(\rho U^2 + \sqrt{1 - \rho^2} UZ) \\ &= E(\rho U^2) + E(\sqrt{1 - \rho^2} UV) \\ &= \rho E(U^2) + \sqrt{1 - \rho^2} E(UZ) \\ &= \rho + \sqrt{1 - \rho^2} \cdot 0 = \rho \end{aligned}$$

6.1 Conditional Mean and Variance

The **Conditional mean** and **conditional variance** is defined as

$$\mu_{Y|X} = E(Y|X) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y f_{Y|X}(y|X) dy$$

$$Var(Y|X) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (y - \mu_{Y|X})^2 f_{Y|X}(y|X) dy$$

- $E(E(Y|X)) = E(Y)$
- $Var(Y) = E[Var(Y|X)] + Var[E(Y|X)]$
- $E(Y|X)$ minimizes $E(Y - f(X))^2$ for all functions f .

Example. Suppose events happen with poisson process of rate λ . Let X be the time of the first event and Y be the time of the second event. The joint PDF is defined as $f_{X,Y}(x, y) = \lambda^2 e^{-\lambda y}$. Find the conditional mean variance of $X|Y$ and $Y|X$.

$$f_X(x) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x}, x > 0, \quad f_Y(y) = \lambda^2 y e^{-\lambda y}$$

$$\implies f_{Y|X}(y|x) = \frac{\lambda^2 e^{-\lambda y}}{\lambda e^{-\lambda x}} = \lambda e^{-\lambda(y-x)}, f_{X|Y}(x|y) = \frac{1}{y} \implies X|Y \sim Unif(0, y), Y|X \sim x + exp(\lambda)$$

Thus, $E(X|Y) = \frac{y}{2}$, $Var(X|Y) = \frac{y^2}{12}$, $E(Y|X) = X + \frac{1}{\lambda}$, $Var(Y|X) = \frac{1}{\lambda^2}$.

$$E(E(X|Y)) = E\left(\frac{Y}{2}\right) = \frac{2}{\lambda} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{\lambda}, E(Var(X|Y)) = E\left(\frac{Y^2}{12}\right) = \frac{Var(Y) + (E(Y))^2}{12} = \frac{2}{\lambda^2} + \left(\frac{2}{\lambda}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{2\lambda^2}$$

$$E(E(Y|X)) = E\left(X + \frac{1}{\lambda}\right) = \frac{2}{\lambda}, E(Var(Y|X)) = \frac{1}{\lambda^2}$$

$$Var(E(X|Y)) = Var\left(\frac{Y}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{2\lambda^2}, Var(E(Y|X)) = Var\left(X + \frac{1}{\lambda}\right) = 0$$

Look at proofs for the formula above.

For second:

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(X) = E(Y|X). RHS &= E(Var(Y|X)) + Var(E(Y|X)) = E[E(Y^2|X) - (E(Y|X))^2] + Var(\mu(X)) \\ &= E[E(Y^2|X)] - E[(\mu(X))^2] + E(\mu(X)^2) - (E(\mu(X)))^2 = E[E(Y^2|X)] - (E(\mu(X)))^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$= E(Y^2) - (E(\mu(X)))^2 = E(Y^2) - (E(Y))^2 = \text{Var}(Y)$$

For third:, $\mu(X) = E(Y|X)$

$$E(Y - f(X))^2 = E(Y - \mu(X) + \mu(X) - f(x))^2$$

For the $2ab$ term,

$$E(\underbrace{(Y - \mu(X)(\mu(X) - f(X)))}_W) = E(W) = E(E(W|X))$$

$$E(W|X) = E((Y - \mu(X)(\mu(X) - f(X))|X)) = (\mu(X) - f(X))E(Y - \mu(X)|X)$$

$$E(Y - \mu(X)|X) = E(Y - E(Y|X)|X) = E(Y|X) - E(Y|X) = 0 \implies E(W) = 0$$

$$\implies E(Y - f(X))^2 = E[(Y - \mu(X))^2] + \underbrace{E(\mu - f(x))^2}_{=0} = E(Y|X)$$

Example. In the month of October, the mean and the variance of the amount of rainfall on a rainy day are respectively 1cm and 1cm². However, the number of rainy days in October follows $Bin(30, 0.2)$. implying that average number of rainy days in October is 6 and variance of the number of rainy days is 24 and 5. Calculate the mean and variance of total amount of rainfall in the month of October.

Let Y_i be defined as the amount of rainfall on the i th rainy day, with $i = [1, N]$ and $N =$ total number of rainy days. Define T as the total amount of rainfall, where $T = Y_1 + \dots + Y_N$. $N \sim Bin(30, 0.2) \implies E(X) = 6, \text{Var}(X) = 4.8$. Given $E(Y_i) = 1, \text{Var}(Y_i) = 1$.

$$E(T) = E(E(T|N)), \text{ with } E(T|N = E(Y_1 + \dots + Y_N|N) = E(Y_1) + \dots + E(Y_N) = 1 + \dots + 1 = N = 6 \implies E(T) = 6$$

$$\text{Var}(T) = \mathbb{E}(\text{Var}(T|N)) = \text{Var}(\mathbb{E}(T|N)) \text{ where } \text{Var}(T|N) = \text{Var}(Y_1 + \dots + Y_N|N) = \text{Var}(Y_1 + \dots + Y_N) = N$$

$$\text{Var}(T) = \mathbb{E}(N) + \text{Var}(N) = 6 + 4.8 = 10.8$$

6.2 Moment Generating Functions

The **moment generating functions** of a random variable X denoted by $M_X(t)$ is

$$M_X(t) = E[e^{tX}]$$

This can be used to find the moments of distribution, where

$$e^{tX} = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{(tX)^i}{i!} \implies M_X(t) = E[e^{tX}] = 1 + tE[X] + \frac{2tE[X^2]}{2!} + \dots = 1 + tm_1 + \frac{2tm_2}{2!} + \dots$$

In particular, $M_X(0) = 1, M'_X(0) = E[X], M''_X(0) = E[X^2], \dots$.

Look at Binomial, Poisson, Uniform, Normal, Chi-squared moment generating functions.

Example. Let $X \sim Bin(n, p)$.

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}(e^{tX}) &= \sum_{X=0}^n e^{tx} \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x} \\ &= \sum_{X=0}^n \binom{n}{x} (e^t p)^x (1-p)^{n-x} = (e^t p + (1-p))^n\end{aligned}$$

Example. Let $X \sim Pois(\lambda)$.

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}(e^{tX}) &= \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} e^{tx} \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^x}{x!} \\ &= e^{-\lambda} \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \frac{(e^t \lambda)^x}{x!} = e^{-\lambda} e^{e^t \lambda} = e^{e^t \lambda - \lambda}\end{aligned}$$

Example. $X \sim exp(\lambda)$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}(e^{tX}) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{tx} f_X(x) dx = \int_0^{\infty} e^{tx} \lambda e^{-\lambda x} dx = \lambda \int_0^{\infty} e^{(t-\lambda)x} dx = \left[\frac{\lambda(e^{t-\lambda} x)}{t-\lambda} \right]_0^{\infty} = \frac{\lambda}{t-\lambda}, t < \lambda \\ \implies M(t) &= \begin{cases} \mathbb{E}[e^{tx}], & t < \lambda \\ \infty, & t \geq \lambda \end{cases} M(t)\end{aligned}$$

7 Limit Theorems

For notations, we say $c_n \rightarrow 0$ if, for every $\epsilon > 0$, we can find $N(\epsilon)$ such that $|c_n - c| < \epsilon$ for all $n \geq N(\epsilon)$.

Let $\{Z_n\}$ be a sequence of random variables that converges.

For L^2 convergence, we say $\{Z_n\} \rightarrow c$ if $\mathbb{E}(Z_n - c)^2 \rightarrow 0$.

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}(Z_n - c)^2 &= E(Z_n - \mu_n + \mu_n - c)^2 \\ &= \mathbb{E}(Z_n - \mu_n)^2 + \mathbb{E}(\mu_n - c)^2 - 2 \underbrace{\mathbb{E}[(Z_n - \mu_n)(\mu_n - c)]}_{=0} \\ &= Var(Z_n) + Bias^2(Z_n) \rightarrow 0\end{aligned}$$

if $Var(Z_n) = 0$ and $\mu_n \rightarrow c$.

In probability, we say $\{Z_n\} \rightarrow c$ if for all $\epsilon > 0$,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(|Z_n - c| > \epsilon) = 0$$

Example. Suppose X_1, X_2, \dots are i.i.d. random variables with $\bar{X}_n = (X_1 + \dots + X_n)/n$. Suppose $\forall i, \mathbb{E}(X_i) = \mu, Var(X_i) = \sigma^2$. Then $E(\bar{X}_n) = \mu, Var(\bar{X}_n) = \sigma^2/n$. $E(\bar{X}_n - \mu)^2 = Var(\bar{X}_n) = \sigma^2/n \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty \implies \bar{X}_n \xrightarrow{L^2} \mu$. also

Markov's inequality states that for non-negative random variable X , then for any $a > 0$,

$$P(X \geq a) \leq \frac{E(X)}{a}$$

Chebyshev's inequality states that if X is a random variable with mean μ and variance σ^2 , then for any $k > 0$,

$$P(|X - \mu| \geq k) \leq \frac{\sigma^2}{k^2}$$

For epsilon ϵ , we can conclude

$$P(|X - \mu| \geq \epsilon) \leq \frac{\sigma^2}{\epsilon^2} = \frac{\sigma^2}{n\epsilon^2} \rightarrow 0 \ni n \rightarrow \infty \implies \bar{X}_n \xrightarrow{P} \mu$$

The Weak Law of Large Number states that for i.i.d. random variables X_1, \dots, X_n with $\mathbb{E}[X_i] = \mu$, then for any $\epsilon > 0$,

$$\mathbb{P} \left[\left| \frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n}{n} - \mu \right| \geq \epsilon \right] \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

We say sequence $\{X_n\}$ converges to X weakly and write $X_n \rightarrow_d X$ if $F_{X_n}(x) \rightarrow F_X(x)$ for all x . Thus, we can approximate $P(a \leq X_n \leq b) \approx P(a \leq X \leq b)$.

Central Limit Theorem states that for i.i.d. random variables X_1, \dots, X_n with mean μ and σ^2 , then

$$\frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n - n\mu}{\sigma\sqrt{n}} \approx N(0, 1) \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

Strong Law of Large Number states that for i.i.d. random variables X_1, \dots, X_n with $E[X_i] = \mu$, then

$$\mathbb{P} \left[\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n}{n} = \mu \right] = 1$$