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Probability and Monte Carlo

- An experiment that can result in different outcomes, even though it is repeated in the same manner every time, is called a **random experiment**.
- The set of all possible outcomes of a random experiment is called the **sample space** of the experiment, and is denoted as Ω .
 - A sample space is **discrete** if it consists of a finite or countably infinite set of outcomes.
 - A sample space is **continuous** if it contains an interval (either finite or infinite) of real numbers, vectors or similar objects.

- An **event** is a subset of the sample space of a random experiment.
 - The **union** of two events is the event that consists of all outcomes that are contained in either of the two events or both. We denote the union as $E_1 \cup E_2$.
 - The **intersection** of two events is the event that consists of all outcomes that are contained in both of the two events. We denote the intersection as $E_1 \cap E_2$.
 - The **complement** of an event in the sample space is the set of outcomes in the sample space that are not in the event. We denote the complement of the event E as \overline{E} . The notation E^c is also used. Note that $E \cup \overline{E} = \Omega$.
- Two events, denoted E_1 and E_2 are **mutually exclusive** if: $E_1 \cap E_2 = \emptyset$ where \emptyset is called the **empty set** or **null event**.
- A collection of events, E_1, E_2, \dots, E_k is said to be **mutually exclusive** if for all pairs,

$$E_i \cap E_j = \emptyset.$$

- The definition of the complement of an event implies that: $(E^c)^c = E$.
- The distributive law for set operations implies that

$$(A \cup B) \cap C = (A \cap C) \cup (B \cap C) \quad \text{and} \quad (A \cap B) \cup C = (A \cup C) \cap (B \cup C).$$

- DeMorgan's laws imply that

$$(A \cup B)^c = A^c \cap B^c \quad \text{and} \quad (A \cap B)^c = A^c \cup B^c.$$

- Union and intersection are commutative operations: $A \cap B = B \cap A$ and $A \cup B = B \cup A$.

- **Probability** is used to quantify the likelihood, or chance, that an outcome of a random experiment will occur.
- Whenever a sample space consists of a finite number N of possible outcomes, each **equally likely**, the probability of each outcome is $1/N$.

- For a discrete sample space, the **probability of an event** E , denoted as $P(E)$, equals the sum of the probabilities of the outcomes in E .
- If Ω is the sample space and E is any event in a random experiment,

$$(1) P(\Omega) = 1.$$

$$(2) 0 \leq P(E) \leq 1.$$

$$(3) \text{ For two events } E_1 \text{ and } E_2 \text{ with } E_1 \cap E_2 = \emptyset \text{ (disjoint),}$$

$$P(E_1 \cup E_2) = P(E_1) + P(E_2).$$

$$(4) P(E^c) = 1 - P(E).$$

$$(5) P(\emptyset) = 0.$$

- The probability of event A or event B occurring is,

$$P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B).$$

- If A and B are mutually exclusive events,

$$P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B).$$

- For a collection of **mutually exclusive events**,

$$P(E_1 \cup E_2 \cup \dots \cup E_k) = P(E_1) + P(E_2) + \dots + P(E_k).$$

- The probability of an event B under the knowledge that the outcome will be in event A is denoted $P(B | A)$ and is called the **conditional probability** of B given A .
- The **conditional probability** of an event B given an event A , denoted as $P(B | A)$, is

$$P(B | A) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(A)} \quad \text{for } P(A) > 0.$$

- The **multiplication rule** for probabilities is: $P(A \cap B) = P(B | A)P(A) = P(A | B)P(B)$.
- For an event B and a collection of mutual exclusive events, E_1, E_2, \dots, E_k where their union is Ω . The **law of total probability** yields,

$$\begin{aligned} P(B) &= P(B \cap E_1) + P(B \cap E_2) + \dots + P(B \cap E_k) \\ &= P(B | E_1)P(E_1) + P(B | E_2)P(E_2) + \dots + P(B | E_k)P(E_k). \end{aligned}$$

- Two events A and B are **independent** if any one of the following equivalent statements is true:
 - (1) $P(A | B) = P(A)$.
 - (2) $P(B | A) = P(B)$.
 - (3) $P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B)$.

Observe that **independent** events and **mutually exclusive** events, are completely different concepts. Don't confuse these concepts.

- For **multiple events** E_1, E_2, \dots, E_n are independent if and only if for any subset of these events

$$P(E_{i_1} \cap E_{i_2} \cap \dots \cap E_{i_k}) = P(E_{i_1}) P(E_{i_2}) \dots P(E_{i_k}).$$

Distributions

- A **random variable** X is a numerical (integer, real, complex, vector, etc.) summary of the outcome of the random experiment. The **range** or **support** of the random variable is the set of possible values that it may take. Random variables are usually denoted by capital letters.
- A **discrete random variable** is an integer/real-valued random variable with a finite (or countably infinite) range.
- A **continuous random variable** is a real-valued random variable with an interval (either finite or infinite) of real numbers for its range.
- The **probability distribution** of a random variable X is a description of the probabilities associated with the possible values of X . There are several common alternative ways to describe the probability distribution, with some differences between discrete and continuous random variables.
- While not the most popular in practice, a unified way to describe the distribution of any scalar valued random variable X (real or integer) is the **cumulative distribution function**,

$$F(x) = P(X \leq x).$$

- It holds that
 - (1) $0 \leq F(x) \leq 1$.
 - (2) $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} F(x) = 0$.
 - (3) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} F(x) = 1$.
 - (4) If $x \leq y$, then $F(x) \leq F(y)$. That is, $F(\cdot)$ is non-decreasing.
- Distributions are often summarised by numbers such as the **mean**, μ , **variance**, σ^2 , or **moments**. These numbers, in general do not identify the distribution, but hint at the general location, spread and shape.
- The **standard deviation** of X is $\sigma = \sqrt{\sigma^2}$ and is particularly useful when working with the Normal distribution.

Discrete Random Variable

- Given a discrete random variable X with possible values x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n , the **probability mass function** of X is,

$$p(x) = P(X = x).$$

Note: Often in literature, the notation used is $f(x)$ (as a pdf of a continuous random variable).

- A probability mass function, $p(x)$ satisfies:

$$(1) \quad p(x_i) \geq 0.$$

$$(2) \quad \sum_{i=1}^n p(x_i) = 1.$$

- The **cumulative distribution function** of a discrete random variable X , denoted as $F(x)$, is

$$F(x) = \sum_{x_i \leq x} p(x_i).$$

- $P(X = x_i)$ can be determined from the *jump* at the value of x . More specifically

$$p(x_i) = P(X = x_i) = F(x_i) - \lim_{x \uparrow x_i} F(x).$$

- The **mean** or **expected value** of a discrete random variable X , is

$$\mu = E(X) = \sum_x x p(x).$$

- The **expected value** of $h(X)$ for some function $h(\cdot)$ is:

$$E[h(X)] = \sum_x h(x) p(x).$$

- The k 'th **moment** of X is,

$$E(X^k) = \sum_x x^k p(x).$$

- The **variance** of X , is

$$\sigma^2 = V(X) = E((X - \mu)^2) = E(X^2) - \mu^2 = \sum_x (x - \mu)^2 p(x) = \sum_x x^2 p(x) - \mu^2.$$

- A random variable X has a **discrete uniform distribution** if each of the n values in its range, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n , has equal probability. I.e.

$$p(x_i) = 1/n.$$

- **Binomial Distribution** $X \sim \text{Bin}(n, p)$:

The Binomial distribution is related to the n independent and identical Bernoulli trials as follows:

- (1) There are n Bernoulli trials.
- (1) The trials are independent.
- (2) Each trial results in only two possible outcomes, labelled as “success” and “failure”.
- (3) The probability of a success in each trial denoted as p is the same for all trials.

The random variable X that equals the number of trials that result in a success is a **binomial random variable** with parameters $0 \leq p \leq 1$ and $n = 1, 2, \dots$. The probability mass function of X is

$$p(x) = \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x}, \quad x = 0, 1, \dots, n.$$

with **mean** and **variance** given by

$$E(X) = np \quad \text{and} \quad V(X) = np(1-p).$$

- **Geometric distribution** $X \sim G(p)$:

The random variable X that equals the number of trials until the first success of a Bernoulli experiment with success probability $0 \leq p \leq 1$, has a geometric distribution. The probability mass function of X is

$$p(x) = (1-p)^{x-1} p, \quad x \geq 1.$$

with **mean** and **variance** given by

$$E(X) = \frac{1}{p} \quad \text{and} \quad V(X) = \frac{1-p}{p^2}.$$

- **Useful Formula:**

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}, \quad \sum_{i=1}^n i^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$$

Continuous Random Variable

- Given a continuous random variable X , the **probability density function** (pdf) is a function, $f(x)$ such that,

$$(1) f(x) \geq 0.$$

$$(2) f(x) = 0 \text{ for } x \text{ not in the range.}$$

$$(3) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = 1.$$

$$(4) \text{ For small } \Delta x, f(x) \Delta x \approx P(X \in [x, x + \Delta x)).$$

$$(5) P(a \leq X \leq b) = \int_a^b f(x) dx = \text{area under } f(x) \text{ from } a \text{ to } b.$$

- Given the pdf, $f(x)$ we can get the cdf as follows:

$$F(x) = P(X \leq x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(u) du \quad \text{for} \quad -\infty < x < \infty.$$

- Given the cdf of a continuous random variable, $F(x)$ we can get the pdf:

$$f(x) = \frac{d}{dx} F(x).$$

- The **mean** or **expected value** of a continuous random variable X , is

$$\mu = E(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f(x) dx.$$

- The **expected value** of $h(X)$ for some function $h(\cdot)$ is:

$$E[h(X)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(x) f(x) dx.$$

- The k 'th **moment** of X is,

$$E(X^k) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^k f(x) dx.$$

- The **variance** of X , is

$$\sigma^2 = V(X) = E((X - \mu)^2) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - \mu)^2 f(x) dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 f(x) dx - \mu^2.$$

- Uniform Distribution** $X \sim U(a, b)$:

A continuous random variable X on the domain $[a, b]$, (a, b) , $[a, b)$, $(a, b]$ has the probability density function

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

with **mean** and **variance** given by

$$\mu = E(X) = \frac{a + b}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma^2 = V(X) = \frac{(b - a)^2}{12}.$$

- **Normal Distribution** $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$:

A random variable X with probability density function

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

is a **normal random variable** with parameters μ where $-\infty < \mu < \infty$, and $\sigma > 0$. The mean and variance are

$$E(X) = \mu \quad \text{and} \quad V(X) = \sigma^2.$$

- A normal random variable with a mean and variance of:

$$\mu = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma^2 = 1$$

is called a **standard normal random variable** and is denoted as Z . The cumulative distribution function of a standard normal random variable is denoted as

$$\Phi(z) = F_Z(z) = P(Z \leq z),$$

and is tabulated.

- It is very common to compute $P(a < X < b)$ for $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$. This is the typical way:

$$\begin{aligned} P(a < X < b) &= P(a - \mu < X - \mu < b - \mu) \\ &= P\left(\frac{a - \mu}{\sigma} < \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma} < \frac{b - \mu}{\sigma}\right) \\ &= P\left(\frac{a - \mu}{\sigma} < Z < \frac{b - \mu}{\sigma}\right) \\ &= \Phi\left(\frac{b - \mu}{\sigma}\right) - \Phi\left(\frac{a - \mu}{\sigma}\right). \end{aligned}$$

We get:

$$F_X(b) - F_X(a) = F_Z\left(\frac{b - \mu}{\sigma}\right) - F_Z\left(\frac{a - \mu}{\sigma}\right).$$

- **Exponential Distribution** $X \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda)$:

($\lambda > 0$) The probability density function of X is

$$f(x) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x} \quad \text{for} \quad 0 \leq x < \infty$$

with cdf

$$\bar{F}(x) = 1 - F(x) = P(X > x) = e^{-\lambda x}.$$

The **mean** and **variance** are:

$$\mu = E(X) = \frac{1}{\lambda} \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma^2 = V(X) = \frac{1}{\lambda^2}.$$

The exponential distribution is the only continuous distribution with range $[0, \infty)$ exhibiting the **lack of memory property**. For an exponential random variable X ,

$$P(X > t + s \mid X > t) = P(X > s).$$

- **Useful Formula:** $a, b, \delta \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\int_a^b x e^{\delta x} dx = \frac{1}{\delta} [e^{\delta b} - e^{\delta a}]$$

Joint Probability Distributions

- A joint probability distribution of two random variables is also referred to as a **bivariate probability distribution**.
- A **joint probability mass function** for discrete random variables X and Y , denoted as $p_{XY}(x, y)$, satisfies the following properties:

- (1) $p_{XY}(x, y) \geq 0$ for all x, y .
- (2) $p_{XY}(x, y) = 0$ for (x, y) not in the range.
- (3) $\sum \sum p_{XY}(x, y) = 1$, where the summation is over all (x, y) in the range.
- (4) $p_{XY}(x, y) = P(X = x, Y = y)$.

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- (2) $f_{XY}(x, y) = 0$ for (x, y) not in the range.
- (3) $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{XY}(x, y) dx dy = 1$.
- (4) For small $\Delta x, \Delta y$: $f_{XY}(x, y) \Delta x \Delta y \approx P((X, Y) \in [x, x + \Delta x) \times [y, y + \Delta y))$.
- (5) For any region R of two-dimensional space,

$$P((X, Y) \in R) = \iint_R f_{XY}(x, y) dx dy.$$

- A **joint probability density function** can also be defined for $n > 2$ random variables (as can be a **joint probability mass function**). The following needs to hold:

- (1) $f_{X_1 X_2 \dots X_n}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \geq 0$.
- (2) $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \dots \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X_1 X_2 \dots X_n}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) dx_1 dx_2 \dots dx_n = 1$.

- Most of the concepts in this section, carry over from bivariate to general multivariate distributions ($n > 2$).

- The **marginal distributions** of X and Y as well as the **conditional distribution** of X given a specific value $Y = y$ and vice versa can be obtained from the joint distribution.
- If the random variables X and Y are independent, then $f_{XY}(x, y) = f_X(x) f_Y(y)$ and similarly in the discrete case.

- The **expected value of a function of two random variables** is:

$$E[h(X, Y)] = \iint h(x, y) f_{XY}(x, y) dx dy \quad \text{for } X, Y \text{ continuous.}$$

- The **covariance** is a common measure of the relationship between two random variables (say X and Y). It is denoted as $\text{cov}(X, Y)$ or σ_{XY} , and is given by:

$$\sigma_{XY} = E[(X - \mu_X)(Y - \mu_Y)] = E(XY) - \mu_X \mu_Y.$$

- The covariance of a random variable with itself is its variance.
- The **correlation** between the random variables X and Y , denoted as ρ_{XY} , is

$$\rho_{XY} = \frac{\text{cov}(X, Y)}{\sqrt{V(X)V(Y)}} = \frac{\sigma_{XY}}{\sigma_X \sigma_Y}.$$

- For any two random variables X and Y , $-1 \leq \rho_{XY} \leq 1$.
- If X and Y are independent random variables, $\sigma_{XY} = 0$ and $\rho_{XY} = 0$. The opposite case does not always hold: In general $\rho_{XY} = 0$ does not imply independence. But for jointly Normal random variables it does. In any case, if $\rho_{XY} = 0$ then the random variables are called uncorrelated.
- When considering several random variables, it is common to consider the (symmetric) **Covariance Matrix**, Σ with $\Sigma_{i,j} = \text{cov}(X_i, X_j)$.

- **Independence:**

Two discrete random variables X, Y are independent if

$$P(X = x, Y = y) = P(X = x)P(Y = y)$$

for all $x \in \Omega_X$ and $y \in \Omega_Y$, where Ω_X is the range of X and Ω_Y is the range of Y .

Two continuous random variables X, Y are independent if

$$f_{X,Y}(x, y) = f_X(x)f_Y(y)$$

where $f_X(x) = \int_{y \in \Omega_Y} f_{X,Y}(x, y) dy$ is the marginal probability density function of X and $f_Y(y) = \int_{x \in \Omega_X} f_{X,Y}(x, y) dx$ is the marginal probability density function of Y .

- The **probability density function** of a **bivariate normal distribution** is

$$f_{XY}(x, y; \sigma_X, \sigma_Y, \mu_X, \mu_Y, \rho) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_X\sigma_Y\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \times \exp\left\{\frac{-1}{2(1-\rho^2)}\left[\frac{(x-\mu_X)^2}{\sigma_X^2} - \frac{2\rho(x-\mu_X)(y-\mu_Y)}{\sigma_X\sigma_Y} + \frac{(y-\mu_Y)^2}{\sigma_Y^2}\right]\right\}$$

for $-\infty < x < \infty$ and $-\infty < y < \infty$,

with parameters $\sigma_X > 0$, $\sigma_Y > 0$, $-\infty < \mu_X < \infty$, $-\infty < \mu_Y < \infty$, and $-1 < \rho < 1$.

- Given random variables X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n and constants c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n , the (scalar) **linear combination** (with possible affine term b),

$$Y = c_1X_1 + c_2X_2 + \dots + c_nX_n + b$$

is often a random variable of interest.

- The mean of the linear combination is the linear combination of the means,

$$E(Y) = c_1E(X_1) + c_2E(X_2) + \dots + c_nE(X_n) + b$$

This holds even if the random variables are not independent.

- The variance of the linear combination is as follows:

$$V(Y) = c_1^2V(X_1) + c_2^2V(X_2) + \dots + c_n^2V(X_n) + 2\sum_{i < j} c_i c_j \text{cov}(X_i, X_j).$$

- If X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n are **independent** (or even if they are just uncorrelated).

$$V(Y) = c_1^2 V(X_1) + c_2^2 V(X_2) + \dots + c_n^2 V(X_n).$$

- In case the random variables X_1, \dots, X_n were jointly Normal then, $Y \sim \text{Normal}(E(Y), V(Y))$. That is, **linear combinations of Normal random variables remain Normally distributed**.

- A collection of random variables, X_1, \dots, X_n is said to be **i.i.d.**, or **independent and identically distributed** if they are mutually independent and identically distributed. This means that the (n - dimensional) joint probability density is a product of the individual densities.
- In the context of statistics, a **random sample** is often modelled as an i.i.d. vector of random variables. X_1, \dots, X_n .
- An important linear combination associated with a random sample is the **sample mean**:

$$\bar{X} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i}{n} = \frac{1}{n}X_1 + \frac{1}{n}X_2 + \dots + \frac{1}{n}X_n.$$

- If X_i has mean μ and variance σ^2 then sample mean (of an i.i.d. sample) has,

$$E(\bar{X}) = \mu, \quad V(\bar{X}) = \frac{\sigma^2}{n}.$$

Descriptive Statistics

- **Descriptive statistics** deals with summarizing **data** using numbers, qualitative summaries, tables and graphs.
- Here are some types of **data configurations**:
 1. Single sample: x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n .
 2. Single sample over time (time series): $x_{t_1}, x_{t_2}, \dots, x_{t_n}$ with $t_1 < t_2 < \dots < t_n$.
 3. Two samples: x_1, \dots, x_n and y_1, \dots, y_m .
 4. Generalizations from two samples to k samples (each of potentially different sample size, n_1, \dots, n_k).
 5. Observations in tuples: $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), \dots, (x_n, y_n)$.
 6. Generalizations from tuples to vector observations (each vector of length ℓ),

$$(x_1^1, \dots, x_1^\ell), \dots, (x_n^1, \dots, x_n^\ell).$$

- Individual **variables** may be **categorical** or **numerical**. Categorical variables (taking values in one of several categories) may be **ordinal** meaning that they can be sorted (e.g. “low”, “moderate”, “high”), or not (e.g. “cat”, “dog”, “fish”).

- A **statistic** is a quantity computed from a sample (assume here a single sample x_1, \dots, x_n). Here are very common and useful statistics:

$$1. \text{ The sample mean: } \bar{x} = \frac{x_1 + \dots + x_n}{n} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{n}.$$

2. The **sample variance**: $s^2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{n-1} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - n\bar{x}^2}{n-1}$.
3. The **sample standard deviation**: $s = \sqrt{s^2}$.
4. The **sample correlation coefficient** r_{xy} is an estimate for the correlation coefficient, ρ , presented in the previous unit:

$$r_{xy} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})(x_i - \bar{x})}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2 \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i - \bar{x}\bar{y}n}{\sqrt{\left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - n\bar{x}^2\right) \left(\sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2 - n\bar{y}^2\right)}}.$$

5. **Order statistics** work as follows: Sort the sample to obtain the sequence of sorted observations, denoted $x_{(1)}, \dots, x_{(n)}$ where, $x_{(1)} \leq x_{(2)} \leq \dots \leq x_{(n)}$. Some common order statistics:

- (a) The **minimum** $\min(x_1, \dots, x_n) = x_{(1)}$.
- (b) The **maximum** $\max(x_1, \dots, x_n) = x_{(n)}$.
- (c) The **median**

$$\text{median} = \begin{cases} x_{(\frac{n+1}{2})} & \text{if } n \text{ is odd,} \\ \frac{1}{2}(x_{(\frac{n}{2})} + x_{(\frac{n}{2}+1)}) & \text{if } n \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

Note that the median is the 50th percentile and the 2nd quartile (see below).

- (d) The q th **quantile** ($q \in [0, 1]$) or alternatively the $p = 100q$ **percentile** (measured in percents instead of a decimal), is the observation such that p percent of the observations are less than it and $(1-p)$ percent of the observations are greater than it. In cases (as is typical) that there is not such a precise observation, it is a linear interpolation between two neighbouring observations (as is done for the median when n is even). In terms of order statistics, the q th quantile is approximately (not taking linear interpolations into account) $x_{([qn])}$. Here $[z]$ denotes the nearest integer in $\{1, \dots, n\}$ to z .
- (e) The first **quartile**, denoted $Q1$ is the 25th percentile. The second quartile ($Q2$) is the median. The **third quartile**, denoted $Q3$ is the 75th percentile. Thus half of the observations lie between $Q1$ and $Q3$. In other words, the quartiles break the sample into 4 quarters. The difference $Q3 - Q1$ is the **interquartile range**.
- (f) The **sample range** is $x_{(n)} - x_{(1)}$.

- In a **cumulative frequency plot** the height of each bar is the total number of observations that are less than or equal to the upper limit of the bin.
- The **Empirical Cumulative Distribution Function** (ECDF) is,

$$\hat{F}(x) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{1}\{x_i \leq x\}.$$

Here $\mathbf{1}\{\cdot\}$ is the **indicator function**. The ECDF is a function of the data, defined for all x .

- Given a **candidate distribution** with cdf $F(x)$, a **probability plot** is a plot of the ECDF (or sometimes just its jump points) with the y-axis stretched by the inverse of the cdf $F^{-1}(\cdot)$. The monotonic transformation of the y-axis is such that if the data comes from the candidate $F(x)$, the points would appear to lie on a straight line. Names of variations of probability plots are

the **P-P plot** and **Q-Q plot** (these plots are similar to the probability plot). A very common probability plot is the **Normal probability plot** where the candidate distribution is taken to be $\text{Normal}(\bar{x}, s^2)$.

- The Normal probability plot can be useful in identifying distributions that are symmetric but that have tails that are “heavier” or “lighter” than the Normal.

Statistical Inference Ideas

- **Statistical Inference** is the process of forming judgements about the **parameters of a population**, typically on the basis of **random sampling**.
- The random variables X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n are an (i.i.d.) **random sample** of size n if
 - (a) the X_i 's are independent random variables and
 - (b) every X_i has the same probability distribution.
- A **statistic** is any function of the observations in a random sample, and the probability distribution of a statistic is called the **sampling distribution**.
- Any function of the observation, or any **statistic**, is also a random variable. We call the probability distribution of a statistic a **sampling distribution**. A **point estimate** of some population parameter θ is a single numerical value $\hat{\theta}$ of a statistic $\hat{\Theta}$. The statistic $\hat{\Theta}$ is called the **point estimator**.
- The most common statistic we consider is the **sample mean**, \bar{X} , with a given value denoted by \bar{x} . As an estimator, the sample mean is an estimator of the population mean, μ .

- **Central Limit Theorem** (for sample means):

If X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n is a random sample of size n taken from a population with mean μ and finite variance σ^2 and if \bar{X} is the sample mean, the limiting form of the distribution of

$$Z = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}}$$

as $n \rightarrow \infty$, is the standard normal distribution.

- This implies that \bar{X} is approximately normally distributed with mean μ and standard deviation σ/\sqrt{n} .
- The **standard error** of \bar{X} is given by σ/\sqrt{n} . In most practical situations σ is not known but rather estimated in this case, the **estimated standard error**, (denoted in typical computer output as “SE”), is s/\sqrt{n} where s is the point estimator,

$$s = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - n\bar{x}^2}{n-1}}.$$

- **Central Limit Theorem** (for sums):

Manipulate the central limit theorem (for sample means and use $\sum_{i=1}^n X_i = n\bar{X}$. This yields,

$$Z = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i - n\mu}{\sqrt{n\sigma^2}},$$

which follows a standard normal distribution as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

- This implies that $\sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ is approximately normally distributed with mean $n\mu$ and variance $n\sigma^2$.

- Knowing the sampling distribution (or the approximate sampling distribution) of a statistic is the key for the two main tools of statistical inference that we study:

(a) **Confidence intervals** – a method for yielding error bounds on **point estimates**.

(b) **Hypothesis testing** – a methodology for making conclusions about population parameters.

- The formulas for most of the statistical procedures use **quantiles of the sampling distribution**. When the distribution is $N(0, 1)$ (standard normal), the α quantile is denoted z_α and satisfies:

$$\alpha = \int_{-\infty}^{z_\alpha} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx.$$

A common value to use for α is 0.05 and in procedures the expressions $z_{1-\alpha}$ or $z_{1-\alpha/2}$ appear. Note that in this case $z_{1-\alpha/2} = 1.96 \approx 2$.

- A **confidence interval** estimate for μ is an interval of the form $l \leq \mu \leq u$, where the end-points l and u are computed from the sample data. Because different samples will produce different values of l and u , these end points are values of random variables L and U , respectively. Suppose that

$$P(L \leq \mu \leq U) = 1 - \alpha.$$

The resulting **confidence interval** for μ is

$$l \leq \mu \leq u.$$

The end-points or bounds l and u are called the **lower-** and **upper-confidence limits** (bounds), respectively, and $1 - \alpha$ is called the **confidence level**.

- If \bar{x} is the sample mean of a random sample of size n from a normal population with known variance σ^2 , a $100(1 - \alpha)\%$ **confidence interval** on μ is given by

$$\bar{x} - z_{1-\alpha/2} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} \leq \mu \leq \bar{x} + z_{1-\alpha/2} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}.$$

- Note that it is roughly of the form, $\bar{x} - 2 \text{SE}(\bar{x}) \leq \mu \leq \bar{x} + 2 \text{SE}(\bar{x})$.
- Confidence interval formulas give insight into the **required sample size**: If \bar{x} is used as an estimate of μ , we can be $100(1 - \alpha)\%$ confident that the error $|\bar{x} - \mu|$ will not exceed a specified amount Δ when the sample size is not smaller than

$$n = \left(\frac{z_{1-\alpha/2} \sigma}{\Delta} \right)^2.$$

- A **statistical hypothesis** is a statement about the parameters of one or more populations. The **null hypothesis**, denoted H_0 is the claim that is initially assumed to be true based on previous knowledge. The **alternative hypothesis**, denoted H_1 is a claim that contradicts the null hypothesis.

- For some arbitrary value μ_0 , a **two-sided alternative hypothesis** would be expressed as follows:

$$H_0 : \mu = \mu_0 \quad H_1 : \mu \neq \mu_0,$$

whereas a **one-sided alternative hypothesis** would be expressed as:

$$H_0 : \mu = \mu_0 \quad H_1 : \mu < \mu_0 \quad \text{or} \quad H_0 : \mu = \mu_0 \quad H_1 : \mu > \mu_0.$$

- The standard scientific research use of hypothesis is to “hope to reject” H_0 so as to have statistical evidence for the validity of H_1 .
- An hypothesis test is based on a **decision rule** that is a function of the **test statistic**. For example: Reject H_0 if the test statistic is below a specified threshold, otherwise don’t reject.
- Rejecting the null hypothesis H_0 when it is true is defined as a **type I error**. Failing to reject the null hypothesis H_0 when it is false is defined as a **type II error**.

| | H_0 Is True | H_0 Is False |
|------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Fail to reject H_0 : | No error | Type II error |
| Reject H_0 : | Type I error | No error |

$$\alpha = P(\text{type I error}) = P(\text{reject } H_0 \mid H_0 \text{ is true}).$$

$$\beta = P(\text{type II error}) = P(\text{fail to reject } H_0 \mid H_0 \text{ is false}).$$

- The **power** of a statistical test is the probability of rejecting the null hypothesis H_0 when the alternative hypothesis is true.

- A typical example of a **simple hypothesis test** has $H_0 : \mu = \mu_0$ vs. $H_1 : \mu = \mu_1$, where μ_0 and μ_1 are some specified values for the population mean. This test isn’t typically practical but is useful for understanding the concepts at hand.
- Assuming that $\mu_0 < \mu_1$ and setting a threshold, τ , reject H_0 if the $\bar{x} > \tau$, otherwise don’t reject.
- Explicit calculation of the relationships of τ , α , β , n , σ , μ_0 and μ_1 is possible in this case.

- In most hypothesis tests used in practice (and in this course), a specified level of type I error, α is predetermined (e.g. $\alpha = 0.05$) and the type II error is not directly specified.
- The probability of making a type II error β increases (power decreases) rapidly as the true value of μ approaches the hypothesized value.
- The probability of making a type II error also depends on the sample size n - increasing the sample size results in a decrease in the probability of a type II error.
- The population (or natural) variability (e.g. described by σ) also affects the power.

- The **P-value** is the smallest level of significance that would lead to rejection of the null hypothesis H_0 with the given data. That is, the P -value is based on the data. It is computed by considering the location of the test statistic under the sampling distribution based on H_0 . It can also be viewed as the probability of observing a set of data which is as consistent or more consistent with the alternative hypothesis than the observed data, when the null hypothesis is true.
- It is customary to consider the test statistic (and the data) significant when the null hypothesis H_0 is rejected; therefore, we may think of the P -value as the smallest α at which the data are significant. In other words, the P -value is the **observed significance level**.

- Clearly, the P -value provides a measure of the credibility of the null hypothesis. Computing the exact P -value for a statistical test is not always doable by hand.
- It is typical to report the P -value in studies where H_0 was rejected (and new scientific claims were made). Typical (“convincing”) values can be of the order 0.001.

• **A General Procedure for Hypothesis Tests is**

- (1) **Parameter of interest:** From the problem context, identify the parameter of interest.
- (2) **Null hypothesis, H_0 :** State the null hypothesis, H_0 .
- (3) **Alternative hypothesis, H_1 :** Specify an appropriate alternative hypothesis, H_1 .
- (4) **Test statistic:** Determine an appropriate test statistic.
- (5) **Reject H_0 if:** State the rejection criteria for the null hypothesis.
- (6) **Computations:** Compute any necessary sample quantities, substitute these into the equation for the test statistic, and compute the value.
- (7) **Draw conclusions:** Decide whether or not H_0 should be rejected and report that in the problem context.

Single Sample Inference

- The setup is a sample x_1, \dots, x_n (collected values) modelled by an i.i.d. sequence of random variables, X_1, \dots, X_n .
- The parameter at question in this unit is the population mean, $\mu = E[X_i]$. A point estimate is \bar{x} (described by the random variable \bar{X}).
- We devise hypothesis tests and confidence intervals for μ , distinguishing between the (unrealistic but simpler) case where the population variance, σ^2 , is known, and the more realistic case where it is not known and estimated by the sample variance, s^2 .
- For very small samples, the results we present are valid only if the population is normally distributed. But for non-small samples (e.g. $n > 20$, although there isn’t a clear rule), the central limit theorem provides a good approximation and the results are approximately correct.

• **Testing Hypotheses on the Mean, Variance Known (Z-Tests)**

Model: $X_i \stackrel{i.i.d.}{\sim} N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ with μ unknown but σ^2 known.

Null hypothesis: $H_0 : \mu = \mu_0$.

Test statistic: $z = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}}, \quad Z = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu_0}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}}.$

| Alternative Hypotheses | P -value | Rejection Criterion for Fixed-Level Tests |
|------------------------|------------------------|--|
| $H_1 : \mu \neq \mu_0$ | $P = 2[1 - \Phi(z)]$ | $z > z_{1-\alpha/2}$ or $z < z_{\alpha/2}$ |
| $H_1 : \mu > \mu_0$ | $P = 1 - \Phi(z)$ | $z > z_{1-\alpha}$ |
| $H_1 : \mu < \mu_0$ | $P = \Phi(z)$ | $z < z_{\alpha}$ |

- Note: For $H_1 : \mu \neq \mu_0$, a procedure identical to the preceding fixed significance level test is:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Reject } H_0 : \mu = \mu_0 & \quad \text{if either} \quad \bar{x} < a \text{ or } \bar{x} > b \\ & \quad \text{where} \\ a = \mu_0 - z_{1-\alpha/2} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} & \quad \text{and} \quad b = \mu_0 + z_{1-\alpha/2} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} \end{aligned}$$

Compare these results with the confidence interval formula (presented in previous unit):

$$\bar{x} - z_{1-\alpha/2} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} \leq \mu \leq \bar{x} + z_{1-\alpha/2} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}.$$

- In this case, if H_0 is not true and H_1 holds with a specific value of $\mu = \mu_1$, then it is possible to compute the probability of type II error, β .

- In the (very realistic) case where σ^2 is not known, but rather estimated by S^2 , we would like to replace the test statistic, Z , above with,

$$T = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu_0}{S/\sqrt{n}},$$

but in general, T no longer follows a Normal distribution.

- Under $H_0 : \mu = \mu_0$, and for moderate or large samples (e.g. $n > 100$) this statistic is approximately Normally distributed just like above. In this case, the procedures above work well.
- But for smaller samples, the distribution of T is no longer Normally distributed. Nevertheless, it follows a well known and very famous distribution of classical statistics: **The Student- t Distribution**.
- The probability density function of a Student- t Distribution with a parameter v , referred to as **degrees of freedom**, is,

$$f(x; v) = \frac{\Gamma[(v+1)/2]}{\sqrt{\pi v} \Gamma(v/2)} \cdot \frac{1}{\left[(x^2/v) + 1\right]^{(v+1)/2}} \quad -\infty < x < \infty,$$

where $\Gamma(\cdot)$ is the Gamma-function. It is a symmetric distribution about 0 and as $v \rightarrow \infty$ it approaches a standard Normal distribution.

- The following mathematical result makes the t -distribution useful: Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be an i.i.d. sample from a Normal distribution with mean μ and variance σ^2 . The random variable, T has a t -distribution with $n - 1$ degrees of freedom.
- Now, knowing the distribution of T (and noticing it depends on the sample size, n), allows us to construct hypothesis tests and confidence intervals when σ^2 is not known, analogous to the (Z-tests and confidence intervals) presented above.

- If \bar{x} and s are the mean and standard deviation of a random sample from a normal distribution with unknown variance σ^2 , a $100(1 - \alpha)\%$ **confidence interval** on μ is given by

$$\bar{x} - t_{1-\alpha/2, n-1} \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}} \leq \mu \leq \bar{x} + t_{1-\alpha/2, n-1} \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}},$$

where $t_{1-\alpha/2, n-1}$ is the $1 - \alpha/2$ quantile of the t distribution with $n - 1$ degrees of freedom.

- A related concept is a $100(1 - \alpha)\%$ **prediction interval** (PI) on a single future observation from a normal distribution is given by

$$\bar{x} - t_{1-\alpha/2, n-1} s \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{n}} \leq X_{n+1} \leq \bar{x} + t_{1-\alpha/2, n-1} s \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{n}}.$$

This is the range where we expect the $n + 1$ observation to be, after observing n observations and computing \bar{x} and s .

- Testing Hypotheses on the Mean, Variance Unknown (T-Tests)**

Model: $X_i \stackrel{i.i.d.}{\sim} N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ with both μ and σ^2 unknown.

Null hypothesis: $H_0 : \mu = \mu_0$.

Test statistic: $t = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{s/\sqrt{n}}, \quad T = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu_0}{S/\sqrt{n}}.$

| Alternative Hypotheses | P-value | Rejection Criterion for Fixed-Level Tests |
|------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| $H_1 : \mu \neq \mu_0$ | $P = 2[1 - F_{n-1}(t)]$ | $t > t_{1-\alpha/2, n-1}$ or $t < t_{\alpha/2, n-1}$ |
| $H_1 : \mu > \mu_0$ | $P = 1 - F_{n-1}(t)$ | $t > t_{1-\alpha, n-1}$ |
| $H_1 : \mu < \mu_0$ | $P = F_{n-1}(t)$ | $t < t_{\alpha, n-1}$ |

Note that here, $F_{n-1}(\cdot)$ denotes the cdf of the t-distribution with $n - 1$ degrees of freedom. As opposed to $\Phi(\cdot)$, it is not tabulated in standard tables and like $\Phi(\cdot)$ it cannot be explicitly evaluated. So to calculate P -values, we use software.

Linear Regression

- The collection of statistical tools that are used to model and explore relationships between variables that are related in a nondeterministic manner is called **regression analysis**. Of key importance is the conditional expectation,

$$E(Y | x) = \mu_{Y|x} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x \quad \text{with} \quad Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + \epsilon,$$

where x is not random and ϵ is a Normal random variable with $E(\epsilon) = 0$ and $V(\epsilon) = \sigma^2$.

- Simple Linear Regression** is the case where both x and y are scalars, in which case the data is,

$$(x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_n, y_n).$$

Then given estimates of β_0 and β_1 denoted by $\hat{\beta}_0$ and $\hat{\beta}_1$ we have

$$y_i = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_i + e_i \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n,$$

where e_i , are the **residuals** and we can also define the **predicted observation**,

$$\hat{y}_i = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_i.$$

Ideally it would hold that $y_i = \hat{y}_i$ ($e_i = 0$) and thus **total mean squared error**

$$L := SS_E = \sum_{i=1}^n e_i^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{\beta}_0 - \hat{\beta}_1 x_i)^2,$$

would be zero. But in practice, unless $\sigma^2 = 0$ (and all points lie on the same line), we have that $L > 0$.

- The standard (classic) way of determining the statistics $(\hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\beta}_1)$ is by minimisation of L . The solution, called the **least squares estimators** must satisfy

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial L}{\partial \beta_0} \Big|_{\hat{\beta}_0 \hat{\beta}_1} &= -2 \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{\beta}_0 - \hat{\beta}_1 x_i) = 0 \\ \frac{\partial L}{\partial \beta_1} \Big|_{\hat{\beta}_0 \hat{\beta}_1} &= -2 \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{\beta}_0 - \hat{\beta}_1 x_i) x_i = 0\end{aligned}$$

Simplifying these two equations yields

$$\begin{aligned}n\hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 \sum_{i=1}^n x_i &= \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \\ \hat{\beta}_0 \sum_{i=1}^n x_i + \hat{\beta}_1 \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 &= \sum_{i=1}^n y_i x_i\end{aligned}$$

These are called the **least squares normal equations**. The solution to the normal equations results in the **least squares estimators** $\hat{\beta}_0$ and $\hat{\beta}_1$. Using the sample means, \bar{x} and \bar{y} the estimators are,

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\beta}_0 &= \bar{y} - \hat{\beta}_1 \bar{x}, \\ \hat{\beta}_1 &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i x_i - \frac{\left(\sum_{i=1}^n y_i\right)\left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i\right)}{n}}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - \frac{\left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i\right)^2}{n}}.\end{aligned}$$

- The following quantities are also of common use:

$$\begin{aligned}S_{xx} &= \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - \frac{\left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i\right)^2}{n} \\ S_{xy} &= \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})(x_i - \bar{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i - \frac{\left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i\right)\left(\sum_{i=1}^n y_i\right)}{n}\end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\hat{\beta}_1 = \frac{S_{xy}}{S_{xx}}.$$

Further,

$$SS_T = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2, \quad SS_R = \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{y}_i - \bar{y})^2, \quad SS_E = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2.$$

- The **Analysis of Variance Identity** is

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{y}_i - \bar{y})^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2$$

or,

$$SS_T = SS_R + SS_E.$$

$$\text{Also, } SS_R = \hat{\beta}_1 S_{xy} \longrightarrow SS_E = SS_T - \hat{\beta}_1 S_{xy}.$$

- An **Estimator of the Variance**, σ^2 is

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 := MS_E = \frac{SS_E}{n-2}$$

- A widely used measure for a regression model is the following ratio of sum of squares, which is often used to judge the adequacy of a regression model:

$$R^2 = \frac{SS_R}{SS_T} = 1 - \frac{SS_E}{SS_T}.$$

$$E(\hat{\beta}_0) = \beta_0, \quad V(\hat{\beta}_0) = \sigma^2 \left[\frac{1}{n} + \frac{\bar{x}^2}{S_{XX}} \right]$$

$$E(\hat{\beta}_1) = \beta_1, \quad V(\hat{\beta}_1) = \frac{\sigma^2}{S_{XX}}.$$

- In simple linear regression, the **estimated standard error of the slope** and the **estimated standard error of the intercept** are

$$se(\hat{\beta}_1) = \sqrt{\frac{\hat{\sigma}^2}{S_{XX}}} \quad \text{and} \quad se(\hat{\beta}_0) = \sqrt{\hat{\sigma}^2 \left[\frac{1}{n} + \frac{\bar{x}^2}{S_{XX}} \right]}$$

- The **Test Statistic for the Slope** is

$$T = \frac{\hat{\beta}_1 - \beta_{1,0}}{\sqrt{\hat{\sigma}^2 / S_{XX}}}$$

$$H_0 : \beta_1 = \beta_{1,0} \quad H_1 : \beta_1 \neq \beta_{1,0}$$

Under H_0 the test statistic T follows a **t - distribution** with “ $n - 2$ degree of freedom”.

- An alternative is to use the F statistic as is common in **ANOVA** (Analysis of Variance) – not covered fully in the course.

$$F = \frac{SS_R/1}{SS_E/(n-2)} = \frac{MS_R}{MS_E}.$$

Under H_0 the test statistic F follows an **F - distribution** with “1 degree of freedom in the numerator and $n - 2$ degrees of freedom in the denominator”.

Analysis of Variance Table for Testing Significance of Regression

| Source of Variation | Sum of Squares | Degrees of Freedom | Mean Square | F_0 |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Regression | $SS_R = \hat{\beta}_1 S_{xy}$ | 1 | MS_R | MS_R/MS_E |
| Error | $SS_E = SS_T - \hat{\beta}_1 S_{xy}$ | $n - 2$ | MS_E | |
| Total | SS_T | $n - 1$ | | |

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- There are also confidence intervals for β_0 and β_1 as well as prediction intervals for observations. We don't cover these formulas.
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- To check the regression model assumptions we plot the residuals e_i and check for (i) Normality. (ii) Constant variance. (iii) Independence.
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Logistic Regression:

- Take the response variable, Y_i as a Bernoulli random variable. In this case notice that $E(Y) = P(Y = 1)$.
- The **logit response function** has the form

$$E(Y) = \frac{\exp(\beta_0 + \beta_1 x)}{1 + \exp(\beta_0 + \beta_1 x)}.$$

- Fitting a logistic regression model to data yields estimates of β_0 and β_1 .
- The following formula is called the **odds**

$$\frac{E(Y)}{1 - E(Y)} = \exp(\beta_0 + \beta_1 x).$$

Standard Normal Cumulative Probabilities

| z | .00 | .01 | .02 | .03 | .04 | .05 | .06 | .07 | .08 | .09 | z | .00 | .01 | .02 | .03 | .04 | .05 | .06 | .07 | .08 | .09 |
|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| -3.4 | .0003 | .0003 | .0003 | .0003 | .0003 | .0003 | .0003 | .0003 | .0003 | .0002 | 0.0 | .5000 | .5040 | .5080 | .5120 | .5160 | .5199 | .5239 | .5279 | .5319 | .5359 |
| -3.3 | .0005 | .0005 | .0005 | .0004 | .0004 | .0004 | .0004 | .0004 | .0004 | .0003 | 0.1 | .5398 | .5438 | .5478 | .5517 | .5557 | .5596 | .5636 | .5675 | .5714 | .5753 |
| -3.2 | .0007 | .0007 | .0006 | .0006 | .0006 | .0006 | .0006 | .0005 | .0005 | .0005 | 0.2 | .5793 | .5832 | .5871 | .5910 | .5948 | .5987 | .6026 | .6064 | .6103 | .6141 |
| -3.1 | .0010 | .0009 | .0009 | .0008 | .0008 | .0008 | .0008 | .0007 | .0007 | .0007 | 0.3 | .6179 | .6217 | .6255 | .6293 | .6331 | .6368 | .6406 | .6443 | .6480 | .6517 |
| -3.0 | .0013 | .0013 | .0013 | .0012 | .0011 | .0011 | .0011 | .0010 | .0010 | .0010 | 0.4 | .6554 | .6591 | .6628 | .6664 | .6700 | .6736 | .6772 | .6808 | .6844 | .6879 |
| -2.9 | .0019 | .0018 | .0018 | .0017 | .0016 | .0015 | .0015 | .0014 | .0014 | .0014 | 0.5 | .6915 | .6950 | .6985 | .7019 | .7054 | .7088 | .7123 | .7157 | .7190 | .7224 |
| -2.8 | .0026 | .0025 | .0024 | .0023 | .0022 | .0021 | .0021 | .0020 | .0019 | .0019 | 0.6 | .7257 | .7291 | .7324 | .7357 | .7389 | .7422 | .7454 | .7486 | .7517 | .7549 |
| -2.7 | .0035 | .0034 | .0033 | .0032 | .0031 | .0030 | .0029 | .0028 | .0027 | .0026 | 0.7 | .7580 | .7611 | .7642 | .7673 | .7704 | .7734 | .7764 | .7794 | .7823 | .7852 |
| -2.6 | .0047 | .0045 | .0044 | .0043 | .0041 | .0040 | .0039 | .0038 | .0037 | .0036 | 0.8 | .7881 | .7910 | .7939 | .7967 | .7995 | .8023 | .8051 | .8078 | .8106 | .8133 |
| -2.5 | .0062 | .0060 | .0059 | .0057 | .0055 | .0054 | .0052 | .0051 | .0049 | .0048 | 0.9 | .8159 | .8186 | .8212 | .8238 | .8264 | .8289 | .8315 | .8340 | .8365 | .8389 |
| -2.4 | .0082 | .0080 | .0078 | .0075 | .0073 | .0071 | .0069 | .0068 | .0066 | .0064 | 1.0 | .8413 | .8438 | .8461 | .8485 | .8508 | .8531 | .8554 | .8577 | .8599 | .8621 |
| -2.3 | .0107 | .0104 | .0102 | .0099 | .0096 | .0094 | .0091 | .0089 | .0087 | .0084 | 1.1 | .8643 | .8665 | .8686 | .8708 | .8729 | .8749 | .8770 | .8790 | .8810 | .8830 |
| -2.2 | .0139 | .0136 | .0132 | .0129 | .0125 | .0122 | .0119 | .0116 | .0113 | .0110 | 1.2 | .8849 | .8869 | .8888 | .8907 | .8925 | .8944 | .8962 | .8980 | .8997 | .9015 |
| -2.1 | .0179 | .0174 | .0170 | .0166 | .0162 | .0158 | .0154 | .0150 | .0146 | .0143 | 1.3 | .9032 | .9049 | .9066 | .9082 | .9099 | .9115 | .9131 | .9147 | .9162 | .9177 |
| -2.0 | .0228 | .0222 | .0217 | .0212 | .0207 | .0202 | .0197 | .0192 | .0188 | .0183 | 1.4 | .9192 | .9207 | .9222 | .9236 | .9251 | .9265 | .9279 | .9292 | .9306 | .9319 |
| -1.9 | .0287 | .0281 | .0274 | .0268 | .0262 | .0256 | .0250 | .0244 | .0239 | .0233 | 1.5 | .9332 | .9345 | .9357 | .9370 | .9382 | .9394 | .9406 | .9418 | .9429 | .9441 |
| -1.8 | .0359 | .0351 | .0344 | .0336 | .0329 | .0322 | .0314 | .0307 | .0301 | .0294 | 1.6 | .9452 | .9463 | .9474 | .9484 | .9495 | .9505 | .9515 | .9525 | .9535 | .9545 |
| -1.7 | .0446 | .0436 | .0427 | .0418 | .0409 | .0401 | .0392 | .0384 | .0375 | .0367 | 1.7 | .9554 | .9564 | .9573 | .9582 | .9591 | .9599 | .9608 | .9616 | .9625 | .9633 |
| -1.6 | .0548 | .0537 | .0526 | .0516 | .0505 | .0495 | .0485 | .0475 | .0465 | .0455 | 1.8 | .9641 | .9649 | .9656 | .9664 | .9671 | .9678 | .9686 | .9693 | .9699 | .9706 |
| -1.5 | .0668 | .0655 | .0643 | .0630 | .0618 | .0606 | .0594 | .0582 | .0571 | .0559 | 1.9 | .9713 | .9719 | .9726 | .9732 | .9738 | .9744 | .9750 | .9756 | .9761 | .9767 |
| -1.4 | .0808 | .0793 | .0778 | .0764 | .0749 | .0735 | .0721 | .0708 | .0694 | .0681 | 2.0 | .9773 | .9778 | .9783 | .9788 | .9793 | .9798 | .9803 | .9808 | .9812 | .9817 |
| -1.3 | .0968 | .0951 | .0934 | .0918 | .0901 | .0885 | .0869 | .0853 | .0838 | .0823 | 2.1 | .9821 | .9826 | .9830 | .9834 | .9838 | .9842 | .9846 | .9850 | .9854 | .9857 |
| -1.2 | .1151 | .1131 | .1112 | .1093 | .1075 | .1056 | .1038 | .1020 | .1003 | .0985 | 2.2 | .9861 | .9864 | .9868 | .9871 | .9875 | .9878 | .9881 | .9884 | .9887 | .9890 |
| -1.1 | .1357 | .1335 | .1314 | .1292 | .1271 | .1251 | .1230 | .1210 | .1190 | .1170 | 2.3 | .9893 | .9896 | .9898 | .9901 | .9904 | .9906 | .9909 | .9911 | .9913 | .9916 |
| -1.0 | .1587 | .1562 | .1539 | .1515 | .1492 | .1469 | .1446 | .1423 | .1401 | .1379 | 2.4 | .9918 | .9920 | .9922 | .9925 | .9927 | .9929 | .9931 | .9932 | .9934 | .9936 |
| -0.9 | .1841 | .1814 | .1788 | .1762 | .1736 | .1711 | .1685 | .1660 | .1635 | .1611 | 2.5 | .9938 | .9940 | .9941 | .9943 | .9945 | .9946 | .9948 | .9949 | .9951 | .9952 |
| -0.8 | .2119 | .2090 | .2061 | .2033 | .2005 | .1977 | .1949 | .1922 | .1894 | .1867 | 2.6 | .9953 | .9955 | .9956 | .9957 | .9959 | .9960 | .9961 | .9962 | .9963 | .9964 |
| -0.7 | .2420 | .2389 | .2358 | .2327 | .2297 | .2266 | .2236 | .2206 | .2177 | .2148 | 2.7 | .9965 | .9966 | .9967 | .9968 | .9969 | .9970 | .9971 | .9972 | .9973 | .9974 |
| -0.6 | .2743 | .2709 | .2676 | .2643 | .2611 | .2578 | .2546 | .2514 | .2483 | .2451 | 2.8 | .9974 | .9975 | .9976 | .9977 | .9977 | .9978 | .9979 | .9979 | .9980 | .9981 |
| -0.5 | .3085 | .3050 | .3015 | .2981 | .2946 | .2912 | .2877 | .2843 | .2810 | .2776 | 2.9 | .9981 | .9982 | .9983 | .9983 | .9984 | .9984 | .9985 | .9985 | .9986 | .9986 |
| -0.4 | .3446 | .3409 | .3372 | .3336 | .3300 | .3264 | .3228 | .3192 | .3156 | .3121 | 3.0 | .9987 | .9987 | .9987 | .9988 | .9988 | .9989 | .9989 | .9989 | .9990 | .9990 |
| -0.3 | .3821 | .3783 | .3745 | .3707 | .3669 | .3632 | .3594 | .3557 | .3520 | .3483 | 3.1 | .9990 | .9991 | .9991 | .9991 | .9992 | .9992 | .9992 | .9992 | .9993 | .9993 |
| -0.2 | .4207 | .4168 | .4129 | .4090 | .4052 | .4013 | .3974 | .3936 | .3897 | .3859 | 3.2 | .9993 | .9993 | .9994 | .9994 | .9994 | .9994 | .9994 | .9995 | .9995 | .9995 |
| -0.1 | .4602 | .4562 | .4522 | .4483 | .4443 | .4404 | .4364 | .4325 | .4286 | .4247 | 3.3 | .9995 | .9995 | .9996 | .9996 | .9996 | .9996 | .9996 | .9996 | .9996 | .9997 |
| -0.0 | .5000 | .4960 | .4920 | .4880 | .4840 | .4801 | .4761 | .4721 | .4681 | .4641 | 3.4 | .9997 | .9997 | .9997 | .9997 | .9997 | .9997 | .9997 | .9997 | .9997 | .9998 |

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***t*-Distribution Quantiles**

| ν | $Q(.9)$ | $Q(.95)$ | $Q(.975)$ | $Q(.99)$ | $Q(.995)$ | $Q(.999)$ | $Q(.9995)$ |
|----------|---------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| 1 | 3.078 | 6.314 | 12.706 | 31.821 | 63.657 | 318.317 | 636.607 |
| 2 | 1.886 | 2.920 | 4.303 | 6.965 | 9.925 | 22.327 | 31.598 |
| 3 | 1.638 | 2.353 | 3.182 | 4.541 | 5.841 | 10.215 | 12.924 |
| 4 | 1.533 | 2.132 | 2.776 | 3.747 | 4.604 | 7.173 | 8.610 |
| 5 | 1.476 | 2.015 | 2.571 | 3.365 | 4.032 | 5.893 | 6.869 |
| 6 | 1.440 | 1.943 | 2.447 | 3.143 | 3.707 | 5.208 | 5.959 |
| 7 | 1.415 | 1.895 | 2.365 | 2.998 | 3.499 | 4.785 | 5.408 |
| 8 | 1.397 | 1.860 | 2.306 | 2.896 | 3.355 | 4.501 | 5.041 |
| 9 | 1.383 | 1.833 | 2.262 | 2.821 | 3.250 | 4.297 | 4.781 |
| 10 | 1.372 | 1.812 | 2.228 | 2.764 | 3.169 | 4.144 | 4.587 |
| 11 | 1.363 | 1.796 | 2.201 | 2.718 | 3.106 | 4.025 | 4.437 |
| 12 | 1.356 | 1.782 | 2.179 | 2.681 | 3.055 | 3.930 | 4.318 |
| 13 | 1.350 | 1.771 | 2.160 | 2.650 | 3.012 | 3.852 | 4.221 |
| 14 | 1.345 | 1.761 | 2.145 | 2.624 | 2.977 | 3.787 | 4.140 |
| 15 | 1.341 | 1.753 | 2.131 | 2.602 | 2.947 | 3.733 | 4.073 |
| 16 | 1.337 | 1.746 | 2.120 | 2.583 | 2.921 | 3.686 | 4.015 |
| 17 | 1.333 | 1.740 | 2.110 | 2.567 | 2.898 | 3.646 | 3.965 |
| 18 | 1.330 | 1.734 | 2.101 | 2.552 | 2.878 | 3.610 | 3.922 |
| 19 | 1.328 | 1.729 | 2.093 | 2.539 | 2.861 | 3.579 | 3.883 |
| 20 | 1.325 | 1.725 | 2.086 | 2.528 | 2.845 | 3.552 | 3.849 |
| 21 | 1.323 | 1.721 | 2.080 | 2.518 | 2.831 | 3.527 | 3.819 |
| 22 | 1.321 | 1.717 | 2.074 | 2.508 | 2.819 | 3.505 | 3.792 |
| 23 | 1.319 | 1.714 | 2.069 | 2.500 | 2.807 | 3.485 | 3.768 |
| 24 | 1.318 | 1.711 | 2.064 | 2.492 | 2.797 | 3.467 | 3.745 |
| 25 | 1.316 | 1.708 | 2.060 | 2.485 | 2.787 | 3.450 | 3.725 |
| 26 | 1.315 | 1.706 | 2.056 | 2.479 | 2.779 | 3.435 | 3.707 |
| 27 | 1.314 | 1.703 | 2.052 | 2.473 | 2.771 | 3.421 | 3.690 |
| 28 | 1.313 | 1.701 | 2.048 | 2.467 | 2.763 | 3.408 | 3.674 |
| 29 | 1.311 | 1.699 | 2.045 | 2.462 | 2.756 | 3.396 | 3.659 |
| 30 | 1.310 | 1.697 | 2.042 | 2.457 | 2.750 | 3.385 | 3.646 |
| 40 | 1.303 | 1.684 | 2.021 | 2.423 | 2.704 | 3.307 | 3.551 |
| 60 | 1.296 | 1.671 | 2.000 | 2.390 | 2.660 | 3.232 | 3.460 |
| 120 | 1.289 | 1.658 | 1.980 | 2.358 | 2.617 | 3.160 | 3.373 |
| ∞ | 1.282 | 1.645 | 1.960 | 2.326 | 2.576 | 3.090 | 3.291 |

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