

# Statistics and Data Analysis

## Homework 3

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1. Consider a random variable  $X$  with the following probability distribution:

$x$	1	2	3	4
$\Pr(X = x)$	0.5	0.25	0.125	0.125

- (a) Draw a bar chart to illustrate the probability distribution.  
(b) What is the expected value of  $X$ ,  $\mathbb{E}[X]$ ?  
(c) What is the variance of  $X$ ,  $\text{Var}(X)$ ?  
(d) What is the standard deviation of  $X$ ?
2. Consider a random variable  $X$  that is uniformly distributed between 0 and 10.  
**Note.** We will write  $X \sim \text{Uni}(a, b)$  if  $X$  is uniformly distributed between  $a$  and  $b$ .
- (a) Find  $\Pr(X = 3)$ .  
(b) Find  $\Pr(X \geq 20)$ .  
(c) Find  $\Pr(X \geq 6)$ .  
(d) Find  $\Pr(2 \leq X \leq 7)$ .  
(e) Find the pdf of  $X$ .
3. By using R, one may easily generate random numbers following a given distribution, which is equivalent to sampling from a population that follows that distribution. In particular, we may use the function `sample(x, size)` to randomly draw a sample of size `size` from the population `x` *without replacement*.
- (a) Try `x <- seq(1, 10, 1)` and then `sample(x, 10)` for a few times. What do you get?  
(b) Now try `sample(x, 10, replace = TRUE)` for a few times. Is there anything different?  
(c) How to randomly draw one student in our class to win a prize? How to randomly draw three?
4. Let  $X$  be the outcome of rolling a fair dice. We know it follows a discrete uniform distribution between 1 and 6. Let's roll this dice for 10000 times and count the frequencies:

```
trial <- 10000
x <- rep(0, trial)
for(i in 1:trial)
{
  x[i] <- sample(1:6, 1)
}
table(x)
```

Does the outcome look uniform?

5. Let  $X_1$ ,  $X_2$ , and  $X_3$  be the outcome of rolling three fair dices. What is the probability distribution of  $Y = X_1 + X_2 + X_3$ ?
- (a) What are the possible values of  $Y$ ?  
(b) Let's roll these dices for 10000 times and count the frequencies:

```

trial <- 10000
x <- rep(0, trial)
for(i in 1:trial)
{
  x[i] <- sum(sample(1:6, 3, replace = TRUE))
}
oc <- as.data.frame(table(x))
barplot(oc$Freq / trial, names.arg = oc$x)

```

6. We have used the R function `pnorm(q, mean, sd)` to calculate the *left-tail probability* of normal distributions. Let's do some more practices.

- (a) If  $X \sim \text{ND}(10, 2)$ , find  $\Pr(X \leq 7)$ .
- (b) If  $X \sim \text{ND}(10, 2)$ , find  $\Pr(X \geq 13)$ .
- (c) If  $X \sim \text{ND}(200, 50)$ , find  $\Pr(120 \leq X \leq 170)$ .
- (d) If  $Z \sim \text{ND}(0, 1)$ , find  $\Pr\left(\frac{120 - 200}{50} \leq Z \leq \frac{170 - 200}{50}\right)$ .

7. Besides `pnorm()`, there are other functions related to the normal distribution:

- (a) The function `rnorm(n, mean, sd)` generates `n` random samples from a normal population with mean `mean` and standard deviation `sd`. To see this, try `hist(rnorm(100, 10, 2))`. How to make the output look more like a normal distribution?
- (b) The function `qnorm(p, mean, sd)` returns a number `x` such that `p` equals `pnorm(x, mean, sd)`. To see how this works, try `q <- qnorm(0.05, 10, 2)` and `p <- pnorm(q, 10, 2)`.
- (c) If  $X \sim \text{ND}(80, 10)$ , find  $x$  such that  $\Pr(X \leq x) = 0.8$ .

8. The daily demand of a product  $X \sim \text{ND}(80, 10)$ . At the end of each day, you place an order to order  $q$  units from your supplier. The products will be ready at your store the next morning. Unsold products will become valueless.

- (a) If  $q = 95$ , what is the probability of having a shortage?
- (b) Suppose you want to have a service level of 90%, i.e., with probability 90% you will fulfill all daily demands. Find the minimum  $q$  (must be an integer) that achieves this service level.
- (c) For each integer between 60 and 100, find the corresponding service level. Then draw a scatter plot for the 41 pairs of order quantities and service levels.
- (d) Write R codes without `qnorm()` to solve Part (b).

**Hint.** The service levels found in Part (c) are useful.