

The topics for midterm 2.

(1) Binomial distribution $b(k; n, p) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$. $EX = np$, $VX = np(1-p)$.

(2) Negative binomial distribution $nb(k; r, p) = \binom{r+k-1}{r-1} p^r (1-p)^k$.

$$EX = \frac{r(1-p)}{p}, \quad VX = \frac{r(1-p)}{p^2}.$$

(3) Hypergeometric distribution $h(k; n, M, N) = \frac{\binom{M}{k} \binom{N-M}{n-k}}{\binom{N}{n}}$.

$$EX = n \frac{M}{N}, \quad VX = n \frac{M}{N} \left(1 - \frac{M}{N}\right) \frac{N-n}{N-1}.$$

(4) Poisson distribution $p(k, \lambda) = e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!}$. $EX = \lambda$, $VX = \lambda$.

(5) Poisson process $N(a, b) \sim \text{Pois}(\lambda(b-a))$.

(6) Density and cumulative distribution function of continuous distributions

$$F_X(x) = P(X \leq x), \quad P(a \leq X \leq b) = \int_a^b f_X(x) dx, \quad f(x) = F'(x).$$

(7) Median and other percentiles $F_X(m) = 0.5$, $F_X(x_k) = \frac{k}{100}$.

(8) Uniform distribution $f(x) = \frac{1}{b-a}$, $EX = \frac{b+a}{2}$, $VX = \frac{(b-a)^2}{12}$.

(9) Expected value of continuous random variable

$$E(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_X(x) dx, \quad E(h(X)) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(x) f_X(x) dx.$$

(10) Variance $V(X) = E(X^2) - (EX)^2$.

(11) Normal distribution $f(x; \mu, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp -\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}$

$$X = \mu + \sigma Z \text{ where } Z \sim N(0, 1), \quad P(a \leq X \leq b) = \Phi\left(\frac{b-\mu}{\sigma}\right) - \Phi\left(\frac{a-\mu}{\sigma}\right).$$

(12) Binomial approximation for normal distribution $\text{Bin}(n, p) \approx N(np, np(1-p))$.

(13) Exponential distribution $f(x; \lambda) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x}$. $F(x; \lambda) = 1 - e^{-\lambda x}$. $EX = \frac{1}{\lambda}$, $VX = \frac{1}{\lambda^2}$.

(14) Gamma distribution $f(x; \alpha, \beta) = \frac{1}{\beta^\alpha \Gamma(\alpha)} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-x/\beta}$. $EX = \alpha\beta$, $VX = \alpha\beta^2$.

(15) Joint distribution

$$P((X, Y) \in A) = \sum_{(x, y) \in A} p(x, y) \text{ discrete distributions,}$$

$$P((X, Y) \in A) = \iint_A p(x, y) dx dy \text{ continuous distributions.}$$

(16) Marginals

$$p_X(x) = \sum_y p(x, y), \quad p_Y(y) = \sum_x p(x, y), \text{ discrete distributions,}$$

$$p_X(x) = \int p(x, y) dy, \quad p_Y(y) = \int p(x, y) dx, \text{ continuous distributions.}$$

(17) Conditional distributions $p_{X|Y}(x|y) = \frac{p(x, y)}{p_Y(y)}$.

(18) Two dimensional uniform distribution $f(x, y) = \frac{1}{\text{Area}(D)}$ if $(x, y) \in D$. $P((X, y) \in A) = \frac{\text{Area}(A)}{\text{Area}(D)}$.

(19) Independent Random Variables $p_{X, Y}(x, y) = p_X(x)p_Y(y)$.

(20) Sum of independent random variables $Z = X + Y$.

$$f_Z(z) = \sum f_X(x)f_Y(z - x) \text{ discrete distributions,}$$

$$f_Z(z) = \int f_X(x)f_Y(z - x) dx \text{ continuous distributions,}$$

(21) Expectation

$$E(h(X, Y)) = \sum \sum h(x, y)p(x, y) \text{ discrete distributions,}$$

$$E(h(X, Y)) = \iint h(x, y)p(x, y) dx dy \text{ continuous distributions,}$$

(22) Properties of expectation

(a) $E(X + Y) = E(X) + E(Y)$,

(b) $E(aX + b) = aE(X) + b$,

(c) If X and Y are independent $E(XY) = E(X)E(Y)$.

(23) Covariance $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = E(XY) - (EX)(EY)$.

(24) Properties of covariance

(a) $\text{Cov}(X, X) = V(X)$,

(b) $\text{Cov}(aX + b, cY + d) = ac\text{Cov}(X, Y)$,

(c) $\text{Cov}(\sum_i a_i X_i, \sum_j b_j Y_j) = \sum_{ij} a_i b_j \text{Cov}(X_i, Y_j)$,

(d) If X and Y are independent $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = 0$.

(25) Properties of variance

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

If X_i are independent then $V(X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n) = V(X_1) + V(X_2) + \dots + V(X_n)$.

(26) Central Limit Theorem X_i are independent identically distributed

If $S = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n$ then $S \approx N(E(S), V(S))$.

(27) Multivariate Gaussian distribution. If (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n) is multivariate normal then $\sum_{j=1}^n a_j X_j$ is normal.