

## Multinomial Distribution

- **Definition 5.11.** A *multinomial* experiment possesses the following properties:
  1. The experiment consists of  $n$  identical trials.
  2. The outcome of each trial falls into one of  $k$  classes or cells.
  3. The probability that the outcome of a single trial falls into cell  $i$ , is  $p_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$  and remains the same from trial to trial. Notice that  $p_1 + p_2 + \dots + p_k = 1$ .
  4. The trials are independent.
  5. The random variables of interest are  $Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_k$ , where  $Y_i$  equals the number of trials for which the outcome falls into cell  $i$ . Notice that  $Y_1 + Y_2 + \dots + Y_k = n$ .
- **Definition 5.12.** Assume that  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_k$  are such that  $\sum_{i=1}^k p_i = 1$ , and  $p_i > 0$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ . The random variables  $Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_k$ , are said to have a *multinomial distribution* with parameters  $n$  and  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_k$  if the joint probability function of  $Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_k$  is given by

$$p(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_k) = \frac{n!}{y_1! y_2! \dots y_k!} p_1^{y_1} p_2^{y_2} \dots p_k^{y_k},$$

where, for each  $i$ ,  $y_i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^k y_i = n$ .

- **Theorem 5.13.** If  $Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_k$ , have a multinomial distribution with parameters  $n$  and  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_k$ , then
  1.  $E(Y_i) = np_i$ , and  $V(Y_i) = np_i(1 - p_i)$
  2.  $Cov(Y_s, Y_t) = -np_s p_t$ , if  $s \neq t$ .

## Bivariate Normal Distribution

- **Definition.**  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  are said to have a *bivariate normal distribution* with parameters  $\mu_1, \mu_2, \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \rho$  if the joint density of  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  is given by

$$f(y_1, y_2) = \frac{e^{-Q/2}}{2\pi\sigma_1\sigma_2\sqrt{1-\rho^2}}, \quad -\infty < y_1, y_2 < \infty$$

where

$$Q = \frac{1}{1-\rho^2} \left[ \frac{(y_1 - \mu_1)^2}{\sigma_1^2} - 2\rho \frac{(y_1 - \mu_1)(y_2 - \mu_2)}{\sigma_1\sigma_2} + \frac{(y_2 - \mu_2)^2}{\sigma_2^2} \right].$$

## Conditional Expectations

- **Definition 5.13.** If  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  are any two random variables, the *conditional expectation* of  $g(Y_1)$ , given that  $Y_2 = y_2$ , is defined to be

$$E(g(Y_1)|Y_2 = y_2) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(y_1)f(y_1|y_2) dy_1$$

if  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  are jointly continuous and

$$E(g(Y_1)|Y_2 = y_2) = \sum_{y_1} g(y_1)f(y_1|y_2)$$

if  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  are jointly discrete.

- **Theorem 5.14.** Let  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  denote random variables. Then

$$E(Y_1) = E[E(Y_1|Y_2)]$$

where, on the right-hand side, the inside expectation is with respect to the conditional distribution of  $Y_1$  given  $Y_2$ , and the outside expectation is with respect to the distribution of  $Y_2$ .

- **Theorem 5.15.** Let  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  denote random variables. Then

$$V(Y_1) = E[V(Y_1|Y_2)] + V[E(Y_1|Y_2)].$$

- **Recommended problems:**

Section 5.9: (pp. 282-283) # 119, 121, 123, 125;

Section 5.10: (pp. 284-285) # 128, 131;

Section 5.11: (pp. 289-290) # 133, 135, 139, 141.