

Statistics Part I – Introduction

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A Very Simple Example: A Pair of Die

- A pair of six sided die
 - Values for each die: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.
 - Values for the pair: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12.
 - When tossed, each side has a probability of 1/6.
- What is the Mean value of a throw of the dice?
- What is the Variance/Standard Deviation?

Experiment with Die

Collect data from fifteen throws of a pair of die.

Dice Experiment – 15 throws

Trial	a	b	x=a+b	x- μ	(x- μ) ²	
1	6	5	11	3.133	9.818	
2	6	6	12	4.133	17.084	
3	6	2	8	0.133	0.018	
4	2	6	8	0.133	0.018	
5	3	4	7	-0.867	0.751	
6	2	6	8	0.133	0.018	
7	4	2	6	-1.867	3.484	
8	2	1	3	-4.867	23.684	
9	3	1	4	-3.867	14.951	
10	6	3	9	1.133	1.284	
11	4	5	9	1.133	1.284	
12	5	2	7	-0.867	0.751	
13	6	6	12	4.133	17.084	
14	6	1	7	-0.867	0.751	
15	2	5	7	-0.867	0.751	
	Count		"Mean"		"Variance"	"Standard Deviation"
	15		7.867		6.552	2.560

Dice Experiment – 100 throws

Trial	a	b	x=a+b	x- μ	(x- μ) ²	
1	2	6	8	1.050	1.103	
2	3	5	8	1.050	1.103	
3	1	1	2	-4.950	24.503	
4	4	3	7	0.050	0.002	
5	6	1	7	0.050	0.002	
95	1	6	7	0.050	0.002	
96	2	1	3	-3.950	15.603	
97	6	4	10	3.050	9.303	
98	5	6	11	4.050	16.403	
99	6	4	10	3.050	9.303	
100	6	4	10	3.050	9.303	
	Count		"Mean"		"Variance"	"Standard Deviation"
	100		6.950		5.806	2.409

[Link: A Excel Spreadsheet Experiment](#)

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- What is the Mean value of a throw of the dice?
 - Theoretically?
- What is the Variance and Standard Deviation of the the values from a pair of thrown die?
 - Theoretically?

Dice Theoretical Analysis

Value	Probability	Mean μ			Variance σ^2	Standard Deviation
x	P	x*P	x - μ	(x - μ) ²	P*(x - μ) ²	σ
2	1/36	2/36	-5	25	1*25/36	
3	2/36	6/36	-4	16	2*16/36	
4	3/36	12/36	-3	9	3*9/36	
5	4/36	20/36	-2	4	4*4/36	
6	5/36	30/36	-1	1	5*1/36	
7	6/36	42/36	0	0	6*0/36	
8	5/36	40/36	1	1	5*1/36	
9	4/36	36/36	2	4	4*4/36	
10	3/36	30/36	3	9	3*9/36	
11	2/36	22/36	4	16	2*16/36	
12	1/36	12/36	5	25	1*25/36	
Sum	36/36=1	$\mu=252/36=7$			210/36=5.83	2.42

A Very Simple Example: A Pair of Die

- What is the Mean value of a throw of the dice?
 - Experimentally?
 - Theoretically?
 - What is the difference?
- What is the Variance and Standard Deviation of the the values from a pair of thrown die?
 - Experimentally?
 - Theoretically?
- What is the difference between the theoretical result and the experimental result?

Ideal vs Experiment

- Measures from theory and experiment have different names.
- Measures of Location:
 - μ - Mean – Measure of the center of the distribution based on the full population of the random variable.
 - \bar{x} - Estimate of the Mean (Average) - Measure of the center of the distribution based on a sample of the random variable.
 - Very seldom is the Mean actually calculated because the full population is usually unknown; it is the Estimate of the Mean or Average that is calculated.
- Measures of Spread:
 - σ^2 – Variance – Measure of the spread of the distribution based on the full population.
 - σ – Standard Deviation
 - s^2 – Variance Estimate – Based on a sample of the population.
 - s – the Standard Deviation Estimate

Notation

Measure	Population		Sample	
Location	Mean	μ	Estimate of the Mean, Average	\bar{x}
Spread	Variance	σ^2	Sample Variance	s^2
	Standard Deviation	σ	Sample Standard Deviation	s
Correlation	Correlation Coefficient	ρ	Sample Correlation Coefficient	r

A Look Ahead:

What can we learn about the mean from the average?

- Confidence Limits
 - Sometimes called Error Bars
- $$\mu \subset \bar{x} \pm t_{1-\alpha/2, N-1} \frac{s}{\sqrt{N}}$$
- CL $\propto s$
 - i.e. proportional to the estimate of the standard deviation.
 - CL $\propto 1/N^{1/2}$
 - proportional to the inverse square root of the number of samples.
 - If you want better estimates, take more samples.
 - CL $\propto t_{1-\alpha/2, N-1}$
 - where $t_{1-\alpha/2, N-1}$ is Student's t distribution. (Student, Biometrika 1908)
 - where α is the desired significance level, e.g. 95%
 - where N is the number of samples and N-1 is the degrees of freedom for the distribution.
- Question: What does Guinness Beer have to do with Confidence Limits?

15 Samples

Trial	a	b	x=a+b	x- μ	(x- μ) ²	
1	5	6	11	3.200	10.240	
2	5	2	7	-0.800	0.640	
3	4	1	5	-2.800	7.840	
4	6	6	12	4.200	17.640	
5	5	5	10	2.200	4.840	
6	6	2	8	0.200	0.040	
7	6	6	12	4.200	17.640	
8	4	5	9	1.200	1.440	
9	3	1	4	-3.800	14.440	
10	3	1	4	-3.800	14.440	
11	2	1	3	-4.800	23.040	
12	4	4	8	0.200	0.040	
13	5	1	6	-1.800	3.240	
14	5	4	9	1.200	1.440	
15	5	4	9	1.200	1.440	
	Count		"Mean"		"Variance"	"Standard Deviation"
	15		7.800		8.457	2.908
	Confidence	95%	Mean	7.800	+/-1.610	

100 Samples

Trial	a	b	x=a+b	x-μ	(x-μ)^2	
1	6	5	11	4.120	16.974	
2	1	5	6	-0.880	0.774	
3	5	2	7	0.120	0.014	
4	4	3	7	0.120	0.014	
5	1	6	7	0.120	0.014	
95	4	6	10	3.120	9.734	
96	3	3	6	-0.880	0.774	
97	2	3	5	-1.880	3.534	
98	3	5	8	1.120	1.254	
99	2	5	7	0.120	0.014	
100	6	2	8	1.120	1.254	
	Count		"Mean"		"Variance"	"Standard Deviation"
	100		6.880		5.339	2.311
Confidence	95%	Mean	6.880		+/-0.458	

Note smaller confidence range

[Link: A Excel Spreadsheet Experiment](#)

What Have We Learned

- We most often do not know the distribution of the underlying population of the random variable.
- We can estimate parameters such as mean and standard deviation from a sample of data but we cannot know their actual values.
- We can estimate a range of possibilities for the parameters with a certain degree of confidence.

Why Statistics?

Why do we need to study statistics to do good research?

- Variability of process parameters is prevalent.
- Ultimate determination of variability is through experimental measurements.
- Patterns of variability are complex.
 - i.e. contribution of various sources to the total variation.
- Separate signal from noise.
 - e.g. the contribution of the measurement system.
- To be able to make informed decisions in the presence of uncertainty.
- To properly interpret, model, and use the data, we need an understanding of formal statistical techniques.

Online References

- NIST/SEMATECH Engineering Statistics Handbook (NIST ESH)
 - <http://www.itl.nist.gov/div898/handbook/index.htm>
 - Slides will contain section references in the handbook
 - E. g. :For the slides on the Normal Distribution: [NIST ESH 1.3.6.6.2](#)

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 1.3.6.6. Gallery of Distributions

1.3.6.6.1. Normal Distribution

Probability Density Function

The general formula for the probability density function of the normal distribution is

$$f(x) = \frac{e^{-(x-\mu)^2/(2\sigma^2)}}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}}$$

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References on Slides

References and links to the
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Statistic Outline

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