
HL Maths notes

1 Algebra

1.1 Sequences and Series

Arithmetic progressions

- $T_n = U_n = a + (n - 1)d$.
- A sequence is an A.P if $T_n - T_{n-1} = d = \text{constant}$.
- $S_n = \frac{n}{2}(a + l) = \frac{n}{2}(2a + (n - 1)d)$.
- $T_n = S_n - S_{n-1}$.

Geometric progressions

- $T_n = ar^{n-1}$.
- A sequence is a G.P if $\frac{T_n}{T_{n-1}} = r = \text{constant}$.
- $S_n = \frac{a(1-r^n)}{1-r}$.
- $|r| < 1 \implies S_\infty = \frac{a}{1-r}$.
- $|r| > 1 \implies \text{divergent}$.

1.2 Summation

For $\sum_{r=m}^n u_r$, the number of terms is $(n - m + 1)$.

$$\sum_{r=1}^n (x_r \pm y_r) = \sum_{r=1}^n x_r \pm \sum_{r=1}^n y_r$$

$$\sum_{r=1}^n k u_r = k \sum_{r=1}^n u_r$$

$$\sum_{r=m}^n u_r = \sum_{r=1}^n u_r - \sum_{r=1}^{m-1} u_r$$

Useful sums:

$$\sum_{r=1}^n r = \frac{1}{2}n(n+1)$$

$$\sum_{r=1}^n r^2 = \frac{1}{6}n(n+1)(2n+1)$$

$$\sum_{r=1}^n r^3 = \left(\sum_{r=1}^n r\right)^2 = \frac{1}{4}n^2(n+1)^2$$

1.3 Permutations and combinations

$${}^nC_r = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!} \quad {}^nP_r = {}^nC_r \cdot r!$$

If m objects are identical and the remaining are distinct (a total of n objects), permutations = $\frac{n!}{m!}$

1.4 The Binomial Theorem

$$(1+x)^n = 1 + nx + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!}x^2 + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{3!}x^3 + \dots$$

1.5 Mathematical induction

1. Let P_n be the statement: *ello* for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$.
2. For $n = 1$: LHS = *something*. RHS = *something* $\implies P_1$ is true.
3. Assume P_k is true for some $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$.
4. Showing that P_{k+1} is true: *it is true!*
5. Since P_1 is true, and P_k is true $\implies P_{k+1}$ is true, by Mathematical Induction, P_n is true for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$.

To do the inductive step:

$$\bullet \sum_{r=1}^{k+1} u_r = u_{k+1} + \sum_{r=1}^k u_r$$

$$\bullet \frac{d^{k+1}y}{dx^{k+1}} = \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{d^k y}{dx^k} \right)$$

- For divisibility, let the expression = a multiple of m . You can always rearrange the inductive hypothesis.

2 Functions and equations

- A function is a to-one relationship.
- If the vertical line $x = a$ cuts the graph at one point only, then f is a function. If it cuts more than once, give an example.
- If a function passes the horizontal line test, it will have an inverse.
- The inverse is just a reflection of the graph in the line $y = x$.
- For inverse functions, $R_f = D_{f^{-1}}$ and $D_f = R_{f^{-1}}$.
- For gf to exist, $R_f \subseteq D_g$.
- $D_{gf} = D_f$.
- $R_{gf} = R_g | (D_g = R_f)$.
- $(g \circ f)^{-1}(x) = (f^{-1} \circ g^{-1})(x)$.
- $ff^{-1}(x)$ may not necessarily intersect with $f^{-1}f(x)$, it depends on the domain.
- For a periodic function, $f(x) = f(x+c)$.

2.1 Graphs

- To transform, TSSST. (translate and stretch) x then (translate and stretch) y .
- For $y = |f(x)|$, retain $y \geq 0$, then reflect $y < 0$.
- For $y = f(|x|)$, retain $x \geq 0$, then reflect $x \geq 0$ to the left of the x -axis.
- For each transformation, you're allowed to replace x by something else.

2.2 Polynomials

- For a polynomial of degree n :
 - The sum of individual roots $= -\frac{a_{n-1}}{a_n}$
 - The sum of (choose 2) roots $= \frac{a_{n-2}}{a_n}$
 - The sum of (choose 3) roots $= -\frac{a_{n-3}}{a_n}$
 - The product of roots, i.e the sum of (choose n) roots $= (-1)^n \frac{a_0}{a_n}$
- For the special case of a quadratic: $\alpha + \beta = -\frac{b}{a}$, $\alpha\beta = \frac{c}{a}$
- A polynomial of degree n has a maximum of n roots, but some of these may be complex.

2.3 Circular functions and Trigonometry

- The ambiguous case of the sine rule occurs when the angle you are trying to find is opposite the longest side.
- $\sin(-\theta) = -\sin \theta$ $\tan(-\theta) = -\tan \theta$ (odd functions).
- $\cos(-\theta) = \cos \theta$ (even function).
- For $\pi \pm \theta$ or $2\pi \pm \theta$: sin-sin, cos-cos, tan-tan.
- For $\frac{\pi}{2} \pm \theta$ or $\frac{3\pi}{2} \pm \theta$: sin-cos, cos-sin, tan-cot.
- $\tan x = \cot(\frac{\pi}{2} - x)$.
- $\sec x = \csc(\frac{\pi}{2} - x)$.
- The domain of $\arcsin x$ and $\arccos x$ are $[-1,1]$.
- $\cos(\arcsin x) = \sin(\arccos x) = \sqrt{1 - x^2}$.
- A circle with centre (h, k) and radius r is described by:

$$(x - h)^2 + (y - k)^2 = r^2$$

- To simplify an expression with trig, it may help to use the half angle formula.

$$\frac{\sin \theta}{1 + \cos \theta} = \frac{2 \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \cos \frac{\theta}{2}}{1 + 2 \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} - 1} = \tan \frac{\theta}{2}$$

2.4 Systems of equations

- A system of equations can be written as an augmented matrix:

$$\begin{array}{r} 2x + 3y + 4z = 2 \\ 3x - 2y + z = -3 \\ x + 4y - z = 5 \end{array} \rightarrow \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 3 & 4 & 2 \\ 3 & -2 & 1 & -3 \\ 1 & 4 & -1 & 5 \end{array} \right)$$

- A system is **consistent** if it has solutions.
- A system is **inconsistent** if one of the rows reduces to $0 = a$.
- If the last row reduces to $0 = 0$, there are infinitely many solutions and the general solution can be found by setting $z = \lambda$ where λ is a real parameter.
- If the determinant of the 3×3 matrix is zero, then there is no unique solution (i.e either no solutions or infinite solutions).
- This links to planes, since the Cartesian equation of a plane is $ax + by + cz = d$.

3 Vectors

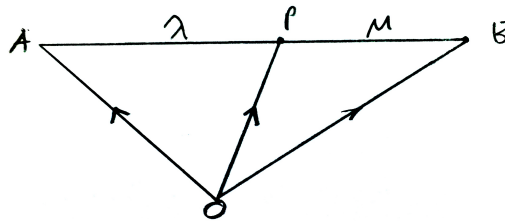
- A vector \overrightarrow{AB} can be represented by a straight line, with an arrow, joining A and B .
- A vector can also be denoted with a lower case letter, e.g \mathbf{a} , which is written with a tilde below it.
- A position vector defines the position of a point relative to the origin. $\mathbf{a} = \overrightarrow{OA}$.

- The Cartesian form of a vector: $\mathbf{r} = x\mathbf{i} + y\mathbf{j} + z\mathbf{k}$, or $\mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$

- $|\mathbf{r}| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$

- A unit vector: $\hat{\mathbf{r}} = \frac{\mathbf{r}}{|\mathbf{r}|}$

- The Ratio Theorem: $\overrightarrow{OP} = \frac{\mu\overrightarrow{OA} + \lambda\overrightarrow{OB}}{\mu + \lambda}$



3.1 Scalar products

- The scalar product of two vectors is defined as $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = |\mathbf{a}||\mathbf{b}| \cos \theta$.
- The vectors must both converge or diverge from one point.
- $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{a} = |\mathbf{a}|^2$.
- Most algebra works, except for cancellation and division.

- $\mathbf{a} \perp \mathbf{b} \iff \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = 0$.

- $\begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{pmatrix} = a_1b_1 + a_2b_2 + a_3b_3$.

3.2 Vector products

- The vector product of two vectors is defined as $\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} = |\mathbf{a}||\mathbf{b}| \sin \theta \hat{\mathbf{n}}$.

- $\hat{\mathbf{n}}$ is a unit vector perpendicular to \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} .

- $(\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}) = -(\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{a})$.

- $(\lambda \mathbf{a}) \times (\mu \mathbf{b}) = (\lambda\mu)(\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b})$.

- $|\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}| = |\mathbf{a}||\mathbf{b}| \sin \theta$.

- $\mathbf{a} \parallel \mathbf{b} \iff \mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} = 0$, hence $\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{a} = 0$.

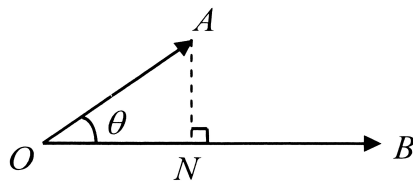
- $\mathbf{a} \perp \mathbf{b} \iff \mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} = |\mathbf{a}||\mathbf{b}|$.

- $\mathbf{a} \cdot (\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}) = 0$.

- $\begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_2b_3 - b_2a_3 \\ -(a_1b_3 - b_1a_3) \\ a_1b_2 - b_1a_2 \end{pmatrix}$. Cover top find det, cover mid find negative det, cover bot find det.

- Area $\Delta ABC = \frac{1}{2}|\overrightarrow{AB}||\overrightarrow{AC}| \sin \theta = \frac{1}{2}|\overrightarrow{AB} \times \overrightarrow{AC}|$.

3.3 Projections and resolving vectors



- The length of the horizontal projection of \mathbf{a} onto $\mathbf{b} = \overrightarrow{ON} = |\mathbf{a}||\hat{\mathbf{b}}| \cos \theta = \mathbf{a} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{b}}$

- The length of the vertical projection is given by $|AN| = |\mathbf{a} \times \hat{\mathbf{b}}|$

- The horizontal projection vector is then $\mathbf{u} = (\mathbf{a} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{b}})\hat{\mathbf{b}}$, which is the same as the resolved component of \mathbf{a} parallel to \mathbf{b} .

- The perpendicular component of \mathbf{a} is $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{a} - \mathbf{u}$.

3.4 Straight lines

$$l: \mathbf{r} = \mathbf{a} + \lambda \mathbf{d}, \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{R}.$$

- The vector equation of a line uses a position vector \mathbf{a} of a fixed point on l , and a direction vector \mathbf{d} parallel to l , to find the position vector of any point on the line (\mathbf{r}).

- λ is a real parameter, which means that the vector equation of a line is not unique.

- To get the **parametric form**, we write the equation as column vectors then equate components:

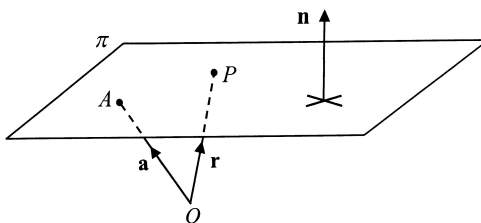
$$\begin{cases} x = \mathbf{a}_1 + \lambda \mathbf{d}_1, \\ y = \mathbf{a}_2 + \lambda \mathbf{d}_2, \\ z = \mathbf{a}_3 + \lambda \mathbf{d}_3, \end{cases} \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$$

- To get the **Cartesian form**, make λ the subject then eliminate it.

$$\begin{cases} x = \mathbf{a}_1 + \lambda \mathbf{d}_1, \\ y = \mathbf{a}_2 + \lambda \mathbf{d}_2, \\ z = \mathbf{a}_3 + \lambda \mathbf{d}_3 \end{cases} \implies \begin{cases} \frac{x - \mathbf{a}_1}{\mathbf{d}_1} = \lambda, \\ \frac{y - \mathbf{a}_2}{\mathbf{d}_2} = \lambda, \\ \frac{z - \mathbf{a}_3}{\mathbf{d}_3} = \lambda \end{cases} \implies \frac{x - \mathbf{a}_1}{\mathbf{d}_1} = \frac{y - \mathbf{a}_2}{\mathbf{d}_2} = \frac{z - \mathbf{a}_3}{\mathbf{d}_3} \quad (= \lambda)$$

- l_1 and l_2 are parallel $\iff \mathbf{d}_1$ and \mathbf{d}_2 are parallel $\iff \mathbf{d}_1 = k\mathbf{d}_2$, for some $k \in \mathbb{R}$.
- l_1 and l_2 intersect \iff
 - \mathbf{d}_1 is not parallel to \mathbf{d}_2 AND
 - there exist unique values of λ and μ such that $\mathbf{a}_1 + \lambda \mathbf{d}_1 = \mathbf{a}_2 + \mu \mathbf{d}_2$.
- The lines are skew \iff the direction vectors aren't parallel and there aren't unique values of λ and μ .
- The acute angle between two lines is given by $\cos^{-1} \left| \frac{\mathbf{d}_1 \cdot \mathbf{d}_2}{|\mathbf{d}_1| |\mathbf{d}_2|} \right|$.

3.5 Planes



$$\overrightarrow{AP} \perp \mathbf{n} \implies \overrightarrow{AP} \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0 \implies (\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{a}) \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0.$$

- The **scalar product form** of the vector equation of the plane is $\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{n}$, where \mathbf{a} is a fixed point on the plane.
- n can be found by taking the cross product of two known vectors parallel to the plane.
- The shortest distance between the origin and the plane: $|d| = |\mathbf{a} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}}|$
- The **parametric form** of the vector equation of the plane:

$$\Pi : \mathbf{r} = \mathbf{a} + \lambda \mathbf{d}_1 + \mu \mathbf{d}_2, \quad \lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{R}$$

- By expanding the scalar product form, we can arrive at the **Cartesian form**:

$$\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} = ax + by + cz = D$$

- A line will be parallel to a plane if it is perpendicular to \mathbf{n} , i.e. $\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{d} = 0$ and there is no common point.

- If not parallel, it will intersect at a point, which can be found by substituting the line equation into the plane equation.
- The acute angle between l and Π : $\sin \theta = \left| \frac{\mathbf{d} \cdot \mathbf{n}}{|\mathbf{d}| |\mathbf{n}|} \right|$
- When planes intersect, their Cartesian forms can be combined to form a system of simultaneous equations
 - If there is a unique solution, the planes intersect at a point.
 - If there are infinitely many solutions, the planes intersect in a line.
 - If there are no solutions, the three planes do not intersect.

4 Calculus

4.1 Differentiation

- If the limit of the denominator of a rational function is zero, you cannot substitute to find the limit: either ‘juggle’ or use l’Hopital’s rule, e.g:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\sin x}{x} \right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\cos x}{1} \right) = 1$$

- The definition of the derivative:

$$f'(x) = \lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{f(x + \delta x) - f(x)}{\delta x} \right)$$

- Special derivatives:

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\sec x) = \sec x \tan x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\csc x) = -\csc x \cot x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\cot x) = -\csc^2 x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\arcsin x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\arccos x) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\arctan x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(a^x) = a^x \ln a$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\log_a x) = \frac{1}{x \ln a}$$

- $f(x)$ is an **increasing function** on (a, b) if $\frac{dy}{dx} \geq 0$ on that interval, or a **strictly increasing function** if $\frac{dy}{dx} > 0$.
- $f(x)$ is **concave upwards** on (a, b) if $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} > 0$.
- If the derivative at a point is zero, the function is stationary.
- If the derivative at a point is ∞ , there is a vertical line.
- For a point of inflexion, $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 0$ AND the sign of $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ changes, i.e concavity changes.

- Sketching the graph of $f'(x)$ given $f(x)$:
 - Stationary point $\rightarrow x$ -intercept.
 - $f(x)$ increasing $\rightarrow f'(x)$ above x -axis.
 - Point of inflexion \rightarrow turning point.
- The gradient at any point on the curve: $m = \frac{dy}{dx}|_{x=x_0}$.
- The equation of a tangent to the curve at (x_0, y_0) : $y - y_0 = m(x - x_0)$.
- If two variables are related, their rates of change are also related:

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{dy}{dx} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt}$$

- In kinematics especially:

$$a = \frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{dv}{dx} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} = v \frac{dv}{ds}$$

4.2 Integration

$$\int (px + q)^n dx = \frac{(px + q)^{n+1}}{p(n+1)} + C$$

$$\int f'(x)(f(x))^n dx = \frac{(f(x))^{n+1}}{n+1} + C$$

$$\int \frac{f'(x)}{f(x)} dx = \ln |f(x)| + C$$

$$\int \frac{1}{x \ln x} dx = \int \frac{x^{-1}}{\ln x} + C = \ln |\ln |x|| + C$$

$$\int \tan x dx = \ln |\sec x| + C$$

$$\int \sec x dx = \ln |\sec x + \tan x| + C$$

$$\int \csc x dx = -\ln |\csc x + \cot x| + C$$

$$\int \frac{1}{(x+k)^2 + a^2} dx = \frac{1}{a} \arctan\left(\frac{x+k}{a}\right) + C$$

$$\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2 - (x+k)^2}} dx = \arcsin\left(\frac{x+k}{a}\right) + C$$

- To integrate $\sin^2 x$ or $\cos^2 x$, we expand $\cos(2x)$ and rearrange.
- To integrate $\sin^3 x$, split into $\int \sin x(\sin^2 x) dx$, then use $\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x = 1$.
- If the integral is of the form:

$$\int \frac{px + q}{\sqrt{Ax^2 + Bx + C}} dx \quad \text{or} \quad \int \frac{px + q}{Ax^2 + Bx + C} dx$$

use sorcery to change it into $\int \frac{f'(x)}{f(x)} dx$ or $\int f'(x)(f(x))^n dx$.

- Integration by substitution:

1. Replace dx by $\frac{dx}{dt} \cdot dt$.
2. Substitute by replacing all x with $g(t)$.

Then: $\int f(x) dx = \int f(g(t)) \frac{dx}{dt} \cdot dt$

- Integration by parts:

$$\int u dv = uv - \int v du$$

- To choose which one to differentiate, use LIATE: **L**ogs, **I**nverse trig, **A**lgebraic, **T**rig, **E**xponentials.

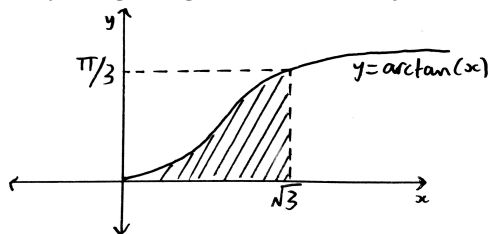
4.3 Definite integrals

- $\int_a^b f(x) dx = - \int_b^a f(x) dx$

- The definite integral $\int_a^b f(x) dx$ can only be found if $f(x)$ is defined for all $x \in (a, b)$.

- The area between a curve and the y -axis: $\int_a^b f(y) dy$

- If a function is difficult to integrate, try integrating its inverse w.r.t y then subtract from a rectangle. e.g:



$$\int_0^{\sqrt{3}} \arctan x dx = \frac{\pi\sqrt{3}}{3} - \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \tan y dy$$

- The area between the curve and the axis is always $\int_a^b |f(x)| dx$.

- The area between two curves is always $\int_a^b y_1 - y_2 dx$.

- The volume of revolution:

$$V = \pi \int_a^b y^2 dx$$

- The volume of revolution of the area enclosed by two curves:

$$V = \pi \int_a^b (y_1)^2 dx - \pi \int_a^b (y_2)^2 dx$$

5 Probability and Statistics

5.1 Probability

- Two events A and B are **mutually exclusive** if $P(A \cap B) = 0$.

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

- $P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$.

- A and B are **independent** if $P(A|B) = P(A)$, so if they are independent $P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B)$.

5.2 Discrete random variables

- $P(X = x)$ is the probability that the r.v X will assume a value of x .
- A discrete r.v can assume a countable number of values.
- For a d.r.v taking values $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n$, the **probability distribution** is defined as $P(X = x_i)$, such that:

$$0 \leq P(X = x_i) \leq 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{\text{all } i} P(X = x_i) = 1$$

- The expectation of a d.r.v:

$$E(X) = \mu = \sum xP(X = x)$$

$$E(g(X)) = \sum g(x)P(X = x)$$

$$E(a) = a$$

$$E(aX \pm b) = aE(X) \pm b$$

$$E(X \pm Y) = E(X) \pm E(Y)$$

- The variance of a d.r.v:

$$\text{Var}(X) = \sigma^2 = E((x - \mu)^2) = E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2$$

$$\text{Var}(a) = 0$$

$$\text{Var}(aX + b) = a^2\text{Var}(X)$$

$$\text{Var}(X \pm Y) = \text{Var}(X) + \text{Var}(Y) \quad (\text{only if } X \text{ and } Y \text{ are independent})$$

- Note: never subtract variance.

5.3 Discrete distributions

The Binomial distribution

$$X \sim B(n, p) \quad P(X = x) = \binom{n}{x} p^x q^{n-x} \quad E(X) = np \quad \text{Var}(X) = npq$$

- There are n independent trials, two possible outcomes (either ‘success’ or ‘failure’), with constant probability of success p , X is the number of ‘successes’.
- The Binomial distribution is a combination of n Bernoulli trials.
- For $P(X \leq x)$, we find $P(X = 0) + P(X = 1) + P(X = 2) + \dots + P(X = x)$.

The Poisson distribution

$$X \sim Po(\lambda) \quad P(X = x) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^x}{x!} \quad E(X) = \text{Var}(X) = \lambda$$

- For a random variable in time or space, if there is no chance of simultaneous events, the events are independent, and the events have a constant probability of occurring, it is a Poisson process.
- λ is the parameter, and defines the number of events in a given time/space.
- If $X \sim Po(\lambda)$ and $Y \sim Po(\mu)$, then $X + Y \sim Po(\lambda + \mu)$.

The Geometric distribution

$$X \sim Geo(p) \quad P(X = x) = pq^{x-1}, \quad x \geq 1 \quad E(X) = \frac{1}{p} \quad \text{Var}(X) = \frac{q}{p^2}$$

If we perform a series of independent trials with a probability p of success, X is the number of trials up to and including the first success.

$$\begin{aligned} P(X > x) &= P(X = x + 1) + P(X = x + 2) + \dots \\ &= pq^x + pq^{x+1} + pq^{x+2} + \dots \\ &= pq^x(1 + q + q^2 + \dots) = pq^x \left(\frac{1}{1 - q} \right) = q^x \end{aligned}$$

$$P(X > a + b | X > a) = P(X > b) = q^b$$

The Negative Binomial distribution

$$X \sim NB(r, p) \quad P(X = x) = \binom{x-1}{r-1} p^r q^{x-r}, \quad r \geq 1, \quad x \geq 1 \quad E(X) = \frac{r}{p} \quad \text{Var}(X) = \frac{rq}{p^2}$$

- X is the number of trials needed to achieve r successes.
- The Negative Binomial distribution is just a combination of r geometric trials.

5.4 Continuous random variables and CDFs

- Instead of probability distributions, we have probability density functions (PDFs), denoted by $f(x)$.

$$\begin{aligned} - f(x) &\geq 0 \text{ for all } x \in \mathbb{R} \\ - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

- Continuous \implies uncountable, so $P(X = x) = 0$. Therefore, \geq or $>$ is irrelevant.

$$P(a < X < b) = \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

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

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

$$P(|X - a| < b) = P(-b < X - a < b)$$

- The mode of a c.r.v is the value of x which gives the maximum probability, i.e the x coordinate of the highest point in the domain.
- The **cumulative distribution function** (CDF):

$$F(x) = P(X \leq x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(t) dt$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} F(x) = 0 \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} F(x) = 1$$

$$P(a < X < b) = F(b) - F(a)$$

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

- $F(x)$ is continuous and increasing (since $f(x) > 0$).
- To find the median m , set $F(m) = \frac{1}{2}$ and solve for m , i.e: $\int_{-\infty}^m f(t) dt = 0.5$

5.5 The Normal distribution

$$X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$$

- The Normal distribution is a bell curve symmetrical about $x = \mu$.
- The mean = median = mode = μ .
- μ affects the location of the curve, whereas σ^2 affects the spread.
- The standard normal distribution is denoted by $Z \sim N(0, 1)$.
- Any normal distribution can be standardised: $Z = \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma}$
- The Z score represents the number of standard deviations away from the mean.
- To find c given $P(X < c) = p$, use `invNorm`.
- If $X \sim N(\mu_1, \sigma_1^2)$ and $Y \sim N(\mu_2, \sigma_2^2)$, then $aX + bY$ also has a normal distribution.

$$\begin{aligned} E(aX + bY) &= aE(X) + bE(Y) \\ &= a\mu_1 + b\mu_2 \\ \text{Var}(aX + bY) &= a^2\sigma_1^2 + b^2\sigma_2^2 \\ aX + bY &\sim N(a\mu_1 + b\mu_2, a^2\sigma_1^2 + b^2\sigma_2^2) \end{aligned}$$

5.6 Sampling

- If X is a random variable, $X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots, X_n$ are a sample of n independent observations.
- The sample mean:

$$\bar{X} = \frac{X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n}{n}$$

$$E(\bar{X}) = E\left(\frac{X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n}{n}\right) = \frac{nE(X)}{n} = E(X) = \mu$$

$$\text{Var}(\bar{X}) = \text{Var}\left(\frac{X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n}{n}\right) = \frac{1}{n^2} \text{Var}(X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n) = \frac{n \text{Var}(X)}{n^2} = \frac{\sigma^2}{n}$$

- For the sample sum: $E(S) = n\mu$, $\text{Var}(S) = n\sigma^2$
- Therefore, in a normal population:

$$\bar{X} \sim N\left(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{n}\right) \quad \sum_{r=1}^n X_r \sim N(n\mu, n\sigma^2)$$

- The **Central Limit Theorem** states that, for a large sample size ($n \geq 50$), the sample mean/sum of a sample from *any* distribution (e.g not normal), will approximately follow the normal distribution.

5.7 Estimators

- An **estimator** is a test statistic T based on observed data that estimates an unknown parameter θ .
- The estimator is **unbiased** if $E(T) = \theta$.
- The sample mean is an unbiased estimator of μ since $E(\bar{X}) = \mu$.
- However, the sample variance is not an unbiased estimator for σ^2 since $E(S_n^2) = \frac{n-1}{n}\sigma^2$.
- An unbiased estimator for σ^2 :

$$\begin{aligned} s_{n-1}^2 &= \frac{n}{n-1} \times S_n^2 = \frac{n}{n-1} \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum x^2 - (\bar{x})^2 \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{n-1} \left(\sum x^2 - \frac{(\sum x)^2}{n} \right) \end{aligned}$$

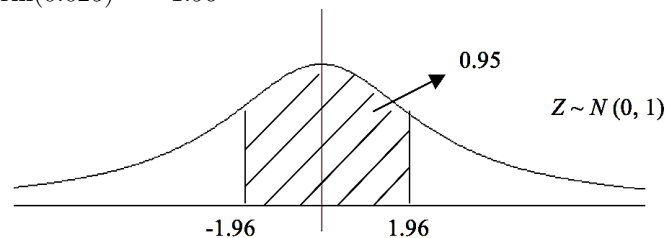
- An unbiased estimator is more **efficient** than another if it has a lower variance.

5.8 Confidence intervals

- A 95% confidence interval (CI) means that there is a 95% chance that the interval includes μ .
- For $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$, if we take a sample: $\bar{X} \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Confidence limits} &= \bar{X} \pm Z_k \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} \\ \text{CI} &= \left[\bar{X} - Z_k \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}, \bar{X} + Z_k \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} \right] \end{aligned}$$

- Z_k is the **critical value**, and is found using invNorm.
- For a 95% CI: $\text{invNorm}(0.025) = -1.96$



- The width of a CI is $2Z_k \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$
- If we have a large sample from any population (μ and σ^2 unknown), we can use the CLT.

$$\text{CI} = \left[\bar{x} - Z_k \frac{s_{n-1}}{\sqrt{n}}, \bar{x} + Z_k \frac{s_{n-1}}{\sqrt{n}} \right]$$

- If the population is normal but we do not know the variance, we use the t -distribution.

$T = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{s_{n-1}/\sqrt{n}}$ follows a t -distribution with $n - 1$ degrees of freedom.

$$\text{CI} = \left[\bar{x} - t_k \frac{s_{n-1}}{\sqrt{n}}, \bar{x} + t_k \frac{s_{n-1}}{\sqrt{n}} \right]$$

σ^2	n	Assumptions	Test Statistic
known	large	CLT	$Z = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \sim N(0, 1)$
	small	normal	
unknown	large	CLT	$Z = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{s_{n-1}/\sqrt{n}} \sim N(0, 1)$
	small	normal	$T = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{s_{n-1}/\sqrt{n}} \sim t_{n-1}$

5.9 Hypothesis testing

1. State H_0 and H_1 .
2. Test statistic.
3. Level of significance and rejection criteria.
4. Compute p -value (or z -value or t -value).
5. Conclusion in context.

e.g

$$H_0 : \mu = 3$$

$$H_1 : \mu > 3$$

$$\text{Test statistic: } Z = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}}$$

Sig level = 5%, one tailed.

Reject H_0 if $p < 0.05$

Since p -value = 0.03 < 0.05, we reject H_0 and conclude that there is significant evidence at the 5% level that...

- $P(\text{Type I Error}) = P(H_0 \text{ rejected} | H_0 \text{ true}) = \alpha\%$. i.e $P(\text{Type I Error}) = \mathbf{\text{significance level}}$.
- $P(\text{Type II Error}) = P(H_0 \text{ accepted} | H_1 \text{ true})$.
- For example, for $H_0 : \mu = \mu_0$ $H_1 : \mu = \mu_1$,

$$P(\text{Type II Error}) = P(H_0 \text{ accepted} | H_1 \text{ true}) = P(\bar{X} < \text{critical value} | \bar{X} \sim N(\mu_1, \sigma^2))$$

5.10 PGFs

$$G(t) = E(t^X) = \sum t^x P(X = x)$$

$$G(1) = 1$$

$$G'(t) = \sum xt^{x-1}P(X = x) \therefore E(X) = G'(1)$$

$$G''(t) = \sum x(x-1)t^{x-2}P(X = x)$$

$$G''(1) = \sum x^2P(X = x) - \sum xP(X = x) = E(X^2) - E(X)$$

$$\therefore E(X^2) = G''(1) + G'(1)$$

$$\therefore \text{Var}(X) = G''(1) + G'(1) - [G'(1)]^2$$

If $Z = X + Y$, $G_Z(t) = E(t^Z) = E(t^{X+Y}) = E(t^X)E(t^Y) = G_X(t)G_Y(t)$

- To find $P(X = n)$, we use the Maclaurin series: $P(X = n) = \frac{G^{(n)}(0)}{n!}$.
- To prove most things about PGFs, differentiation will be involved (sometimes using the product rule and chain rule).

Binomial

If $Y \sim B(n, p)$, we can say that $Y = X_1 + X_2 + X_3 + \dots + X_n$ where X is a Bernoulli trial.

x	0	1
$P(X = x)$	q	p

$$G_X(t) = \sum t^x P(X = x) = q + pt$$

$$G_Y(t) = E(t^Y) = E(t^{X_1 + \dots + X_n}) = [E(t^{X_i})]^n = [G_X(t)]^n = (q + pt)^n$$

Poisson

If $X \sim Po(\lambda)$, $P(X = x) = \frac{e^{-\lambda}\lambda^x}{x!}$.

$$G(t) = E(t^X) = \sum t^x P(X = x)$$

$$= \sum t^x \frac{e^{-\lambda}\lambda^x}{x!}$$

$$= e^{-\lambda} \sum \frac{(\lambda t)^x}{x!} = e^{-\lambda} e^{\lambda t} = e^{\lambda(t-1)}.$$

Geometric

If $X \sim Geo(p)$, $P(X = x) = pq^{x-1}$.

$$G(t) = E(t^X) = \sum t^x P(X = x)$$

$$= \sum t^x pq^{x-1}$$

$$= pt + pt^2q + pt^3q^2 + pt^4q^3 + \dots + pt^n q^{n-1} + \dots$$

$$S_\infty = \frac{a}{1-r} = \frac{pt}{1-qt}$$

Negative Binomial

If $Y \sim NB(r, p)$, we can say that $Y = X_1 + X_2 + X_3 + \dots + X_r$, where $X \sim Geo(p)$.

$$G_Y(t) = E(t^Y) = E(t^{X_1 + \dots + X_r}) = [E(t^X)]^r = [G_X(t)]^r = \left(\frac{pt}{1-qt}\right)^r$$

5.11 Bivariate data and correlations

- If X and Y are random variables, the joint probability distribution is $P(X = x \cap Y = y)$.
- $\sum \sum p(x, y) = 1$
- $E(XY) = \sum \sum xy p(x, y)$
- $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = E(XY) - E(X)E(Y)$. X and Y independent $\implies \text{Cov}(X, Y) = 0$.
- $\text{Var}(X + Y) = \text{Var}(X) + \text{Var}(Y) - 2\text{Cov}(X, Y)$.
- The correlation coefficient measures the linear relationship between X and Y

$$\rho = \text{Corr}(X, Y) = \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\sigma_X \sigma_Y} = \frac{\sigma_{XY}}{\sigma_X \sigma_Y}$$

- A **bivariate sample** consists of pairs of data (x_1, y_1) . For a bivariate sample, the above points do not apply.

$$r = \frac{\sum xy - n\bar{x}\bar{y}}{\sqrt{(\sum x^2 - n\bar{x}^2)(\sum y^2 - n\bar{y}^2)}} = \frac{S_{xy}}{\sqrt{S_{xx}S_{yy}}}, \text{ where } S_{xx} = \sum x^2 - \frac{(\sum x)^2}{n}$$

- If $r = 0$, there is no linear relationship, but it does not imply that X and Y are independent.
- r is independent of the units, and does not show any causality.
- In maths, **controlled variable = independent variable**.
- The y -on- x regression line $y = a + bx$ will always pass through (\bar{x}, \bar{y}) .

$$y - \bar{y} = b(x - \bar{x}), \text{ where } b = \frac{S_{xy}}{S_{xx}}$$

- The x -on- y regression line is denoted by $x = c + dy$.

$$bd = r^2 \quad r = \pm\sqrt{bd}, \text{ the sign depends on whether the gradient is positive or negative.}$$

- We can statistically test evidence of a correlation by assuming both variables follow a bivariate normal distribution with correlation coefficient ρ :

$$H_0 : \rho = 0$$

$$H_1 : \rho \neq 0$$

$$\text{Test statistic: } T = r\sqrt{\frac{n-2}{1-r^2}} \sim t_{n-2}$$

Sig level = 5%, two tailed.

Reject H_0 if $|T| > \text{invt}(0.975, n-2)$

$$\text{Note: } T = r\sqrt{\frac{n-2}{1-r^2}} \text{ (sub in values)}$$

Since $|T| = 0.08 > \text{invt}(0.975, n-2)$, we reject H_0 and conclude that there is significant evidence at the 5% level that there is a correlation between...

6 Complex numbers

6.1 Forms of complex numbers

- The **Cartesian form** of a complex number: $z = x + iy$. This relates a complex number to its real and imaginary parts. $x = \operatorname{Re}(z)$, $y = \operatorname{Im}(z)$.
- The **Polar form**, a.k.a the **trigonometric form** or **modulus-argument form**:

$$z = r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta) = r \operatorname{cis}(\theta)$$

- r is the **modulus** of z : $r = |z| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$.
- The **argument** of z (θ or $\arg z$) is the angle from the positive real axis to the line \overrightarrow{OZ} . The **principal value** of $\arg z$ is the angle in the interval $(-\pi, \pi]$.
 - The argument can be found using $\arctan(y/x)$, but you must consider the quadrant.
 - $\arg 2 = 0$ $\arg(-3) = \pi$
 - $\arg(3i) = \pi/2$ $\arg(-4i) = -\pi/2$
 - $\arg 0$ is undefined.
- Using the Maclaurin expansions of e^x , $\cos x$ and $\sin x$, we can derive Euler's beautiful formula:

$$e^{ix} = \cos x + i \sin x$$

- We can then write complex numbers in the **exponential** or **Euler** form: $z = re^{i\theta}$, for θ in radians.

Complex conjugates

- The **conjugate** of z is given by $z^* = x - iy$.
- It is interpreted on an Argand diagram as a reflection in the real axis.
- Because of this, $\arg z = -\arg z^*$ so $z^* = r \operatorname{cis}(-\theta) = re^{-i\theta}$.
- Properties of conjugates
 - $(z^*)^* = z$
 - $(z + w)^* = z^* + w^*$
 - $(zw)^* = z^*w^* \implies (z^n)^* = (z^*)^n$
 - $z + z^* = 2\operatorname{Re}(z)$
 - $z - z^* = 2i\operatorname{Im}(z)$
 - $zz^* = x^2 + y^2 = |z|^2$
 - $z^* = r^2/z$

6.2 Operations on complex numbers

- When adding and subtracting complex numbers, we group real and imaginary parts.
- To multiply complex numbers in Cartesian form, we can expand the brackets.
- To multiply complex numbers in the Euler form, multiply moduli and add arguments:

$$z_1 z_2 = (r_1 e^{i\theta_1})(r_2 e^{i\theta_2}) = r_1 r_2 e^{i(\theta_1 + \theta_2)}$$

- To divide complex numbers, we subtract their arguments.
- **De Moivre's Theorem** states that, if $z = r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$,

$$z^n = r^n (\cos n\theta + i \sin n\theta), \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{R}$$

- It follows that $|z^n| = |z|^n$.

6.3 Relation to trigonometry

$$\begin{aligned} z + z^* &= e^{i\theta} + e^{-i\theta} = (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta) + (\cos \theta - i \sin \theta) = 2 \cos \theta \\ z - z^* &= e^{i\theta} - e^{-i\theta} = (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta) - (\cos \theta - i \sin \theta) = 2i \sin \theta \\ \implies \cos \theta &= \frac{e^{i\theta} + e^{-i\theta}}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad \sin \theta = \frac{e^{i\theta} - e^{-i\theta}}{2i} \end{aligned}$$

When simplifying expressions involving $e^{i\theta} \pm 1$, we can use this trick:

$$\begin{aligned} e^{i\theta} + 1 &= e^{i\frac{\theta}{2}}(e^{i\frac{\theta}{2}} + e^{-i\frac{\theta}{2}}) = 2e^{i\frac{\theta}{2}} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \\ e^{i\theta} - 1 &= e^{i\frac{\theta}{2}}(e^{i\frac{\theta}{2}} - e^{-i\frac{\theta}{2}}) = 2ie^{i\frac{\theta}{2}} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Trigonometric identities

- Write $\cos 3\theta$ in terms of $\cos \theta$.

$$\cos 3\theta = \operatorname{Re}(\cos 3\theta + i \sin 3\theta) = \operatorname{Re}((\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^3) \text{ (by De Moivre's Theorem).}$$

$$\text{But using a binomial expansion, } (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^3 = \cos^3 \theta + 3 \cos^2 \theta (i \sin \theta) + 3 \cos \theta (i \sin \theta)^2 + (i \sin \theta)^3$$

$$\begin{aligned} \cos 3\theta &= \operatorname{Re}(\cos^3 \theta + 3 \cos^2 \theta (i \sin \theta) + 3 \cos \theta (i \sin \theta)^2 + (i \sin \theta)^3) \\ \implies \cos 3\theta &= \cos^3 \theta + 3 \cos \theta (i \sin \theta)^2 = \cos^3 \theta - \cos \theta (1 - \cos^2 \theta) \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \cos 3\theta = 4 \cos^3 \theta - \cos \theta. \text{ QED.}$$

- Express $\sin^3 \theta$ in terms of sines of multiples of θ . To begin, let $z = \operatorname{cis}(\theta)$.

$$\left(z - \frac{1}{z}\right)^3 = z^3 - \frac{3z^2}{z} + \frac{3z}{z^2} - \frac{1}{z^3} = \left(z^3 - \frac{1}{z^3}\right) - 3\left(z - \frac{1}{z}\right)$$

$$\text{For a complex number of unit modulus, } \left(z^n - \frac{1}{z^n}\right) = (z^n - (z^n)^*) = 2i \sin n\theta$$

$$\implies (2i \sin \theta)^3 = 2i \sin 3\theta - 3(2i \sin \theta)$$

$$\implies -8i \sin^3 \theta = 2i \sin 3\theta - 6i \sin \theta$$

$$\therefore \sin^3 \theta = \frac{3}{4} \sin \theta - \frac{1}{4} \sin 3\theta. \text{ QED.}$$

- For cosines, we instead use $z + \frac{1}{z}$.

6.4 Polynomials

- A quadratic will have complex roots if the discriminant $b^2 - 4ac < 0$.
- In general, the complex roots of a quadratic **with real coefficients** will always be a conjugate pair.
- A cubic will either have 3 real roots or 1 real root and 2 conjugate complex roots. If we know one of the complex roots, we know its conjugate and can multiply out. Long division will help us find the real root.

$$(x - (a + bi))(x - (a - bi)) = x^2 - 2ax + (a^2 + b^2)$$

$$(x - z)(x - z^*) = x^2 - 2\operatorname{Re}(z)x + |z|^2$$

6.5 Roots of complex numbers

- There are n values of z that solve $z^n = 1$ (because of the Fundamental Theorem of Algebra); these are known as the n th roots of unity.
- To find these, we rewrite the RHS: $1 = e^{i(0+2k\pi)}$. As a result,

$$z = e^{i\frac{2k\pi}{n}}, \text{ for } k = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n.$$

- Alternatively, use $k = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$ in order to make sure that arguments will be within the principal range.
- Note that each of the roots will form on a unit circle.
- More generally, for the n th roots of a complex number c ,

$$z = r^{1/n} e^{i\frac{\theta+2k\pi}{n}}, \text{ for } k = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n.$$

7 Miscellaneous

- $(a \pm b)^3 = a^3 \pm 3a^2b + 3ab^2 \pm b^3$
- $a^3 + b^3 = (a + b)(a^2 - ab + b^2)$
- $a^3 - b^3 = (a - b)(a^2 + ab + b^2)$
- $|x + 3||x + 2| = |(x + 3)(x + 2)|$