

A r.v. X is **discrete** if it takes values in a countable set $\{x_1, x_2, \dots\}$. Its distribution function **$F(x) = P(X \leq x)$** is a jump function.

Def: The mass function of a discrete r.v. X is the function $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, 1]$ given by

$$f(x) = P(X=x)$$

$$F(x) = \sum_{i: x_i \leq x} f(x_i)$$

Mass function aka pmf satisfies

(a) $A = \{x \mid f(x) \neq 0\}$ is countable

(b) $\sum_{i \in A} f(x_i) = 1$

Examples of discrete r.v.s

(1) Binomial distribution

Coin tossed n times, heads w.p. p ($1-q$)

$$\Omega = \{H, T\}^n$$

$$X = \# \text{ of heads} \in \{0, 1, \dots, n\}$$

$$f(x) = 0 \quad \text{if } x \notin \{0, 1, \dots, n\}$$

$$f(k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k q^{n-k}, \quad 0 \leq k \leq n$$

$$X \sim \text{Binom}(n, p)$$

$$X = Y_1 + \dots + Y_n, \quad Y_i \sim \text{Ber}(p)$$

② Poisson distribution

$$X \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots\} \text{ with pmf}$$

$$f(k) = \frac{\lambda^k e^{-\lambda}}{k!}, \quad \lambda > 0, k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$$

H.W. $f(x) = \frac{C 2^x}{x!}$, $x = 1, 2, \dots$

Find "C" s.t. f is a valid pmf.

Independence

Recall A and B independent if

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B)$$

Def: X, Y r.v.s independent if the events $\{X=x\}$ & $\{Y=y\}$ are independent

$\forall x, y$, i.e.,

$$X \in \{x_1, x_2, \dots\}$$

$$Y \in \{y_1, y_2, \dots\}$$

$$A_i = \{X = x_i\}$$

$$B_j = \{Y = y_j\}$$

X & Y independent if A_i & B_j independent

$\forall i, j$.

Note: Can be generalized to $\{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$

Example Poisson flips

A coin is tossed, heads turn up w.p. p
($=1-q$).

$X = \# \text{ heads}$, $Y = \# \text{ tails}$.

X & Y "not" independent

$$P(X=Y=1) = 0, \quad P(X=1)=p, P(Y=1)=q$$

Suppose you toss the coin N times,
where $N \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$

Then, X, Y are independent.

To show: $P(X=x, Y=y) = P(X=x) P(Y=y)$

$$\text{LHS} = P(X=x, Y=y)$$

$$= P(X=x, Y=y | N=x+y) P(N=x+y)$$

$$= \binom{x+y}{x} p^x q^y \frac{\lambda^{x+y} e^{-\lambda}}{(x+y)!}$$

$$= \frac{(\lambda p)^x (\lambda q)^y e^{-\lambda}}{x! y!}$$

$$P(X=x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P(X=x | N=n) P(N=n)$$

$$= \sum_{n \geq x} P(X=x | N=n) P(N=n)$$

$$= \sum_{n \geq x} \binom{n}{x} p^x q^{n-x} \frac{\lambda^n e^{-\lambda}}{n!}$$

$$= \sum_{n \geq x} \frac{\cancel{n!}}{x! (n-x)!} \frac{(\lambda p)^x (\lambda q)^{n-x} e^{-\lambda}}{\cancel{n!}}$$

$$= \frac{(\lambda p)^x e^{-\lambda}}{x!} \sum_{n \geq x} \frac{(\lambda q)^{n-x}}{(n-x)!}$$

$$= \frac{(\lambda p)^x e^{-\lambda}}{x!} e^{\lambda q} = \frac{(\lambda p)^x e^{-\lambda p}}{x!}$$

Similarly,
$$P(Y=y) = \frac{(\lambda q)^y e^{-\lambda q}}{y!}$$

So,
$$P(X=x) P(Y=y) = \frac{(\lambda p)^x (\lambda q)^y e^{-\lambda}}{x! y!}$$

$$= P(X=x, Y=y)$$

Notes:

① X, Y independent $g, h: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

Then, $g(X)$ and $h(Y)$ are independent as well.

② Can generalize independence to
 $\{X_i, i \in I\}$

$$P(X_i = x_i, \forall i \in J) = \prod_{i \in J} P(X_i = x_i),$$

$\uparrow$
 finite subset

$\forall x_i$

③ Conditional independence can be defined along similar lines

④ Pair-wise independence $\neq$ independence

Binomial to Poisson:

Let X_n be Binomial $\left(n, \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)$, $\lambda > 0$, $n = 1, 2, \dots$

Then,

$$P(X_n = k) \rightarrow \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^k}{k!} \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

Pf:

$$P(X_n = k) = \binom{n}{k} \left(\frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^k \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^{n-k}$$
$$= \frac{n!}{k! (n-k)!} \frac{\lambda^k}{n^k} \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^{-k} \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^n$$

$$\text{As } n \rightarrow \infty, \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^{-k} \rightarrow 1$$

$$\left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^n \rightarrow e^{-\lambda}$$

$$\frac{n!}{(n-k)! n^k} \rightarrow 1$$

Hence, $P(X_n = k) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^k}{k!}$

Lecture-11

Expectation, Variance, Correlation

Toss a coin $\frac{S_N}{N} \sim p$ for large N

In general, $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_N$ of r.v.s,
all with same pmf f

$$f(x) = \frac{\# X_i = x}{N}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Average } \mu &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_x x N f(x) \\ &= \sum_x x f(x) \end{aligned}$$

Def Mean / Expectation / Expected Value

of a r.v. X with pmf is defined as

$$EX = \sum_{x: f(x) > 0} x f(x),$$

whenever this sum is absolutely convergent.

Note! $\sum_{\omega} f(\omega)$ is absolutely convergent if $\sum_{\omega} |f(\omega)| < \infty$

LOTUS:

If X has pmf f and $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$,
then $E(g(X)) = \sum_x g(x) f(x)$

Example:

$$1) \quad X \rightarrow -2, -1, 1, 3$$

$$f \rightarrow \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{8}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{3}{8}$$

$$g(x) = x^2$$

$$E(g(x)) = 4 \times \frac{1}{4} + 1 \times \frac{1}{8} + 1 \times \frac{1}{4} + 9 \times \frac{3}{8} = \frac{19}{4}$$

(or)

$$Y = X^2$$

$$1, 4, 9$$

$$f(Y) \quad \frac{3}{8}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{3}{8}$$

$$E(Y) = 1 \times \frac{3}{8} + 4 \times \frac{1}{4} + 9 \times \frac{3}{8} = \frac{19}{4}$$

Def: $k = \text{positive integer}$

k th moment $m_k = E(X^k)$

k th central moment $= E((X - m_1)^k)$

Mean $= \mu$

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

Std-dev $\sigma = \sqrt{\text{Var}(X)}$

Claim: $\text{Var}(X) = E(X^2) - (EX)^2$

Pf I: $E((X - \mu)^2)$
 $= E(X^2 - 2\mu X + \mu^2)$

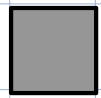
$$= E(x^2) - (Ex)^2$$

Pf II:

$$\text{Var } X = \sum_x (x - \mu)^2 f(x)$$

$$= \sum_x x^2 f(x) - 2\mu \sum_x x f(x) + \mu^2 \sum_x f(x)$$

$$= E x^2 - (E x)^2$$



Note: $\text{Var } X \geq 0$

Examples (on next page)

① Bernoulli r.v. $X \sim \text{Ber}(p)$

$$\mu = p \quad \text{Var}(X) = p(1-p)$$

② Binomial r.v. $q = 1-p$

$$f(k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k q^{n-k}, \quad 0 \leq k \leq n$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^n f(k) = 1 \quad (\text{Why?})$$

$$\text{Fact: } (1+x)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} x^k$$

(Taylor Series expansion)

$$x = \frac{p}{q}$$

$$\left(1 + \frac{p}{q}\right)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \frac{p^k}{q^k}$$

$$\frac{1}{q^n} = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \frac{p^k}{q^k}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{k=0}^n f(k) = 1$$

$$EX = \sum_{k=0}^n k \binom{n}{k} p^k q^{n-k}$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^n k \binom{n}{k} p^k q^{n-k}$$

$$= np \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{(n-1)!}{(k-1)!(n-k)!} p^{k-1} q^{n-k}$$

$$= np \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} \binom{n-1}{l} p^l q^{n-l-1}$$

$$= np$$

H.W. $\text{Var } X = npq$

Thm's (Linearity of expectation)

(a) $X \geq 0 \Rightarrow EX \geq 0$

b) If $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$, then

$$E(aX + bY) = aEX + bEY$$

c) $E(1) = 1$, where

1 is a constant r.v. that takes value 1 always.

[Do your own proof]

Lemma:

If X, Y independent, then

$$E(XY) = EX EY$$

Converse not true.

(X, Y) independent $\text{Ber}(\frac{1}{2})$

Check: $X+Y, |X-Y|$ dependent

but uncorrelated.

Pf: $A_x = \{X=x\}, B_y = \{Y=y\}$

$$XY = \sum_{x,y} xy \mathbb{I}_{A_x \cap B_y}$$

$$E XY = \sum_{x,y} xy P(A_x \cap B_y)$$

$$= \sum_x \sum_y xy P(A_x) P(B_y)$$

$$= \sum_x x P(A_x) \sum_y y P(B_y)$$

$$= E X E Y$$



Def: X, Y uncorrelated

$$\text{if } EXY = EX EY$$

Thm: For r.v.s X, Y

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

$$(ii) \text{Var}(X+Y) = \text{Var}(X) + \text{Var}(Y)$$

if X, Y are uncorrelated.

[Do your own proof]

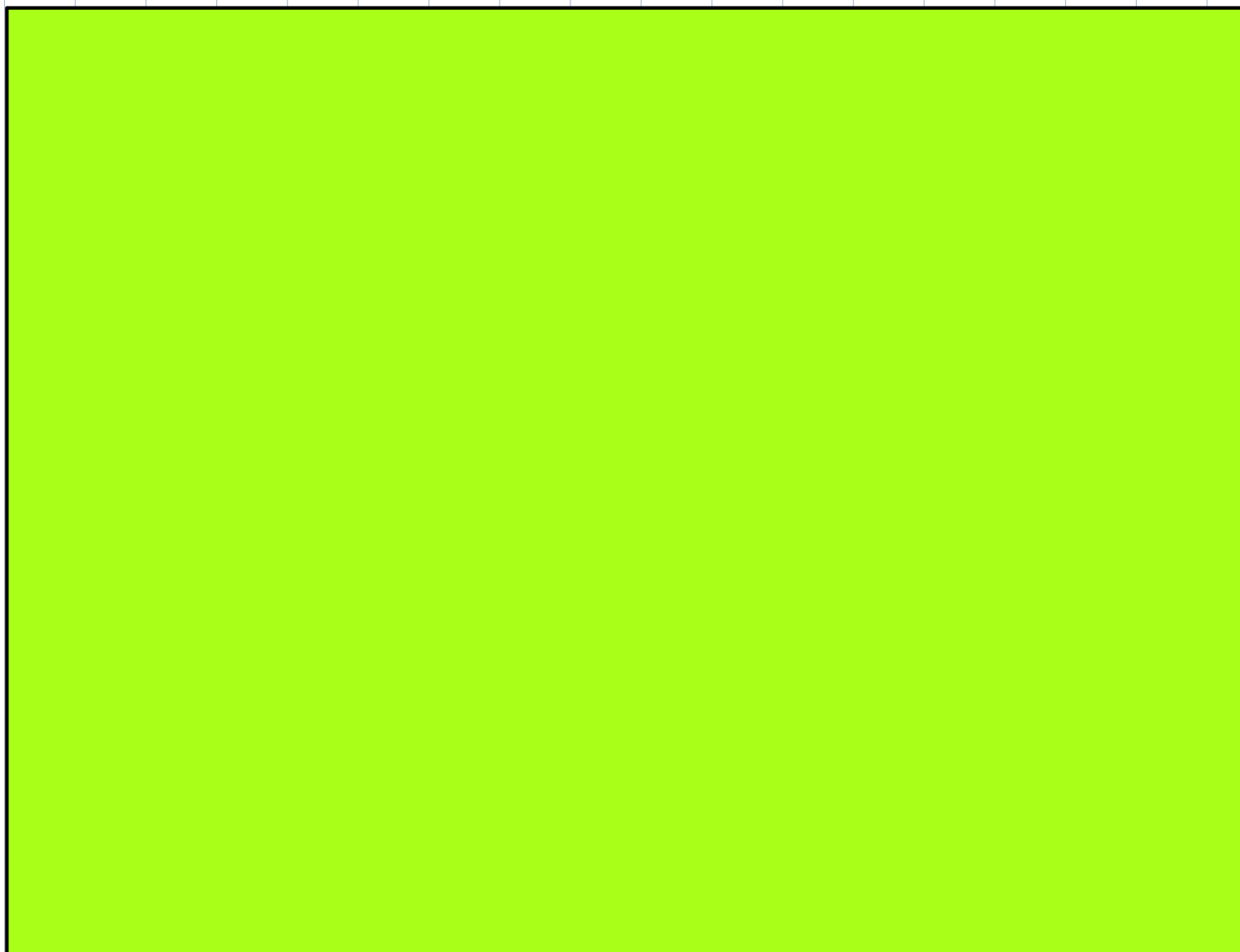
Note: Variance is not a linear operator.

Note!

$$f(k) = \frac{A}{k^2}, \quad k = \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$$

Choose A s.t. $\sum f(k) = 1$

Think about $\sum k f(k)$



Lecture-12

Joint distributions

Def: Joint distribution function

$F: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow [0,1]$ of X and Y

is given by

$$F(x, y) = P(X \leq x \text{ and } Y \leq y)$$

Their joint mass function

$f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow [0,1]$ is given by

$$f(x, y) = P(X=x \text{ and } Y=y)$$

Note: Can generalize to a bigger collection of r.v.s

$$\text{If } A_x = \{X=x\} \text{ and}$$

$$B_y = \{Y=y\}$$

$$f(x, y) = P(A_x \cap B_y)$$

Lemma: X and Y independent

$$\text{iff } f_{X,Y}(x,y) = f_X(x) f_Y(y)$$

$$\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}$$

Given $f_{X,Y}(x,y)$, notice that

$$f_X(x) = P(X=x)$$

$$= P\left(\bigcup_y \{X=x\} \cap \{Y=y\}\right)$$

$$= \sum_y P(X=x, Y=y)$$

$$= \sum_y f_{x,y}(x,y)$$

Similarly,

$$f_y(y) = \sum_x f_{x,y}(x,y)$$

Poisson flips - revisited

$X = \# \text{ heads}$, $Y = \# \text{ tails}$

in $N \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$ flips
of a coin with bias p .

From an earlier lecture,
recall that

$$f_{x,y}(x,y) = \frac{\alpha^x \beta^y e^{-\alpha-\beta}}{x! y!},$$

$$x, y = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$f_x(x) = \sum_y f_{x,y}(x,y)$$

$$= \frac{\alpha^x e^{-\alpha}}{x!} \sum_y \frac{\beta^y e^{-\beta}}{y!}$$

$$= \frac{2^x e^{-2}}{x!}$$

$$X \sim \text{Poisson}(\alpha)$$

Similarly $Y \sim \text{Poisson}(\beta)$

Observe that

$$f_{X,Y}(x,y) = f_X(x) f_Y(y)$$

So, X, Y are independent

LOTUS:

$$E(g(X, Y))$$

$$= \sum_{x, y} g(x, y) f_{X, Y}(x, y)$$

Def: Covariance of X and Y

is

$$\text{cov}(X, Y) = E[(X - EX)(Y - EY)]$$

Correlation coefficient of
 X and Y is

$$\rho(X, Y) = \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\sqrt{\text{Var } X \text{ Var } Y}}$$

Note:

① $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = E[XY] - E[X]E[Y]$

So, X, Y uncorrelated

If $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = 0$

Tedious example

	$y = -1$	$y = 0$	$y = 2$	f_X
$x = 1$	$\frac{1}{18}$	$\frac{3}{18}$	$\frac{2}{18}$	$\frac{6}{18}$
$x = 2$	$\frac{2}{18}$	0	$\frac{3}{18}$	$\frac{5}{18}$
$x = 3$	0	$\frac{4}{18}$	$\frac{3}{18}$	$\frac{7}{18}$
f_Y	$\frac{3}{18}$	$\frac{7}{18}$	$\frac{8}{18}$	

$$E_{XY} = \sum_{x,y} xy f(x,y) = \frac{29}{18}$$

$$EX = \sum_x x f_X(x) = \frac{37}{18}$$

$$EY = \sum_y y f_Y(y) = \frac{13}{18}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var } X &= EX^2 - (EX)^2 \\ &= 233/324 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Var } Y = 461/324$$

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = 41/324$$

$$\rho(X, Y) = 41 / \sqrt{107415}$$

Lemma:

$$|\rho(x, y)| \leq 1$$

with equality iff

$$P(aX + bY = c) = 1$$

for some $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$,

one of a, b non-zero

Proof:

Cauchy-Schwarz inequality

gives $(EXY)^2 \leq EX^2 EY^2$

Applying to $(X - EX) & (Y - EY)$

$$\left(E[(X - EX)(Y - EY)] \right)^2 \leq E((X - EX)^2) E((Y - EY)^2)$$

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y)^2 \leq \text{Var} X \text{Var} Y$$

$$\text{So, } |\rho(X, Y)| \leq 1$$

From Cauchy-Schwarz Ineq,

$$(E XY)^2 = E X^2 E Y^2$$

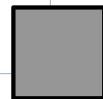
$$\text{If } P(aX = bY) = 1$$

for $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$, at least one of
 a, b non-zero

Applying to $X - EX, Y - EY$,

$$P(a(X - EX) = b(Y - EY)) = 1$$

$$P(aX - bY = c) = 1$$



Lecture-13

Conditional distribution & expectation

We discussed $P(B|A)$

Want to generalize to

r.v.s X and Y , i.e.,

conditional distribution

of Y given $X=x$

Def: Conditional distribution
of Y given $X=x$,
denoted by $F_{Y|X}(\cdot|x)$ is

$$F_{Y|X}(y|x) = P(Y \leq y | X=x)$$

$$\forall x \text{ s.t. } P(X=x) > 0$$

Conditional mass function

of Y given $X=x$ is

$$f_{Y|X}(y|x) = P(Y=y | X=x)$$

for x s.t. $P(X=x) > 0$

To remember, we

$$f_{Y|X} = \frac{f_{XY}}{f_X}$$

Note: X and Y independent

$$\text{if } f_{Y|X} = f_Y$$

Given $\{X=x\}$, the new

distribution of Y has

p.m.f. $f_{Y|X}(y|x)$,

which is a function of y .

The expected value of
this distribution

$$\sum_y y f_{Y|X}(y|x)$$

the conditional expectation
of Y given $X=x$

$$\text{Let } \psi(x) = E[Y|X=x]$$

$\psi(X)$ = function of r.v. X

Def: Let $\psi(x) = E[Y|X=x]$

$\psi(x)$ is called the conditional expectation of Y given X and

written as $E[Y|X]$

Note: $E[Y|X]$ is a r.v.

Lemma: $E(\psi(X)) = EY$,
where $\psi(X) = E[Y|X]$

Pf: using LOTUS,

$$E(\psi(x)) = \sum_x \psi(x) f_x(x)$$

$$= \sum_x \sum_y y f_{y|x}(y|x) f_x(x)$$

$$= \sum_x \sum_y y f_{x,y}(x,y)$$

$$= \sum_y y \sum_x f_{x,y}(x,y)$$

$$= \sum_y y f_y(y) = EY$$



So,

$$E Y = \sum_x E[Y|X=x] P(X=x)$$

Example

A hen lays N eggs.

$N \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$.

Each egg hatches w.p. P ,

Independent of other eggs.

$K = \#$ eggs that hatched

Find ① $E(K|N)$

② $E(K)$ ③ $E(N|K)$

Solution:

$$f_N(n) = \frac{\lambda^n e^{-\lambda}}{n!}$$

$$f_{K|N}(k|n) = \binom{n}{k} p^k q^{n-k}$$

($q=1-p$)

$$E(K|N=n) = \sum_k k f_{K|N}(k|n)$$

P.T.O

$$E(K | N=n)$$

$$= \sum_k k \binom{n}{k} p^k q^{n-k}$$

$$= np$$

$$E(K | N) = Np$$

$$E(K) = E[E(K | N)]$$

$$= E[Np]$$

$$= p E[N] = p\lambda$$

Let's find $f_{N|K}(n|k)$

$$f_{N|K}(n|k)$$

$$= P(N=n | K=k)$$

$$= \frac{P(K=k | N=n)P(N=n)}{P(K=k)}$$

$$= \frac{\binom{n}{k} p^k q^{n-k} \frac{\lambda^n e^{-\lambda}}{n!}}{\sum_{m \geq k} \binom{m}{k} p^k q^{m-k} \frac{\lambda^m e^{-\lambda}}{m!}}$$

$$= \frac{\binom{n}{k} p^k q^{n-k} \frac{\lambda^n e^{-\lambda}}{n!}}{\sum_{m \geq k} \binom{m}{k} p^k q^{m-k} \frac{\lambda^m e^{-\lambda}}{m!}}$$

$$P(K=k, N=m)$$

$$= \frac{\cancel{n!}}{K!(n-k)!} p^k q^{n-k} \frac{\lambda^n e^{-\lambda}}{\cancel{n!}}$$

$$\frac{(\lambda p)^k e^{-\lambda p}}{\cancel{k!}}$$

$$= \frac{(\lambda q)^{n-k} e^{-\lambda q}}{(n-k)!}$$

$$E(N | K=k)$$

$$= \sum_{n \geq k} n f_{N|K}(n|k)$$

$$= \sum_{n \geq k} n \frac{(\lambda q)^{n-k} e^{-\lambda q}}{(n-k)!}$$

$$= e^{-\lambda q} \sum_{n \geq k} \frac{(n-k)(\lambda q)^{n-k}}{(n-k)!}$$

$$+ e^{-\lambda q} \sum_{n \geq k} \frac{k(\lambda q)^{n-k}}{(n-k)!}$$

$$= e^{-\lambda q} \lambda q \sum_{n \geq k} \frac{(\lambda q)^{n-k-1}}{(n-k-1)!}$$

$$+ e^{-\lambda q} k \sum_{n \geq k} \frac{(\lambda q)^{n-k}}{(n-k)!}$$

$$= e^{-\lambda q} \lambda q \cdot e^{\lambda q} + e^{-\lambda q} k e^{\lambda q}$$

$$= \lambda q + k$$

$$E[N|k] = \lambda q + k$$

Lecture - 14

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Generalizing $E[E(Y|X)] = E[Y]$

Theorem:

Let $\psi(x) = E[Y|X]$

$$E(\psi(x)g(x)) = E[Yg(x)],$$

for any g for which both expectations exist.

Pf:

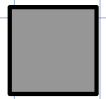
$$E(\psi(x)g(x))$$

$$= \sum_x \psi(x) g(x) f_x(x)$$

$$= \sum_x \sum_y y g(x) f_{Y|X}(y|x) f_X(x)$$

$$= \sum_{xy} y g(x) f_{X,Y}(x,y)$$

$$= E(Y g(X))$$



Properties of $E[Y|X]$:

$$\textcircled{1} E[aY + bZ | X]$$

$$= a E[Y|X] + b E[Z|X]$$

$$\forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad E[Y|X] \geq 0 \quad \text{if } Y \geq 0$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad E[1|X] = 1$$

Also,

$$\textcircled{4} \quad X, Y \text{ independent}$$

$$\Rightarrow E[Y|X] = E Y$$

$$\textcircled{5} \quad E[Y g(X) | X]$$

$$= g(X) E[Y|X]$$

for suitable g

⑥ Tower property

$$E(E(Y|X, Z)|X)$$

$$= E(Y|X)$$

$$= E(E(Y|X)|X, Z)$$

P.T.O

Sums of r.v.s

$$Z = X + Y \quad f(x, y) \rightarrow \text{joint pmf}$$

Want to find pmf of Z

$$\{X + Y = z\}$$

$$= \bigcup_x \{X = x\} \cap \{Y = z - x\}$$

$\uparrow$
disjoint & countable union

$$f_z(z) = P(X + Y = z)$$

$$= \sum_x P(X=x, Y=2-x)$$

$$= \sum_x f(x, 2-x)$$

If X and Y are independent,

then

$$f_{X+Y}(z) = \sum_x f_X(x) f_Y(2-x)$$

$$= \sum_y f_X(2-y) f_Y(y)$$

$f_{X+Y} = f_X * f_Y \rightarrow$ convolution of pmfs of X, Y

Example :

$X_1, X_2 \sim \text{geometric}(p)$ &

independent

$$f(k) = (1-p)^{k-1} p$$

$$Z = X_1 + X_2$$

$$P(Z=z) = \sum_{k=1}^{z-1} P(X_1=k) P(X_2=z-k)$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^{z-1} p(1-p)^{k-1} p(1-p)^{z-k-1}$$

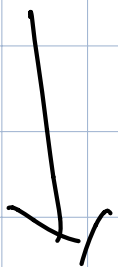
$$= \binom{z-1}{r-1} p^r (1-p)^{z-r},$$

$$z=2, 3, \dots$$

In general, Z is the waiting time until " r " heads

$$Z = X_1 + \dots + X_r, \quad X_i \sim \text{Geom}(p) \quad \forall i$$

$$P(Z=z) = \binom{z-1}{r-1} p^r (1-p)^{z-r}$$



Negative binomial r.v.

A brief tour of concentration inequalities

$X \geq 0$ with pmf $f(k)$, $k=0,1,2,\dots$

$$EX = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} k f(k)$$

$$\geq \sum_{k=10}^{\infty} k f(k)$$

$$\geq 10 \sum_{k=10}^{\infty} f(k)$$

$$= 10 P(X \geq 10)$$

For any positive m ,

$$E(X) \geq m P(X \geq m)$$

Lecture-15

Markov inequality:

$X \geq 0$, $E X < \infty$. Then, $\forall \epsilon > 0$

$$P(X \geq \epsilon) \leq \frac{E X}{\epsilon}$$

Pf: Fix $\epsilon > 0$

$$X = \underbrace{X I_{\{X < \epsilon\}}}_{=: Y} + \underbrace{X I_{\{X \geq \epsilon\}}}_{=: Z}$$

$$Y \geq 0, \quad Z \geq 0$$

$$E X \geq E Z$$

$$Z = X I_{\{X \geq \epsilon\}} \geq \epsilon I_{\{X \geq \epsilon\}}$$

$$EZ \geq \epsilon E(I_{\{X \geq \epsilon\}}) = \epsilon P(X \geq \epsilon)$$



Variants

① $X \geq 0$, $EX^p < \infty$. Then,

$$P(X \geq \epsilon) \leq \frac{EX^p}{\epsilon^p}, \quad \forall \epsilon > 0.$$

② X r.v. $\text{Var } X < \infty$

$$P(|X - \mu| > \epsilon) \leq \frac{\text{Var } X}{\epsilon^2}$$

Chebyshev's
inequality

Why? Apply Markov inequality to $(X - \mu)^2$

Weak law of large numbers:

$$S_n = X_1 + \dots + X_n, \quad X_i \text{ i.i.d.}$$

$$EX_i = \mu, \quad \text{Var } X_i = \sigma^2 < \infty$$

$$\bar{X}_n = \frac{S_n}{n}$$

$$\mathbb{E} \bar{X}_n = \mu, \quad \text{Var} \bar{X}_n = \frac{\sigma^2}{n}$$

Applying C.ineq,

$$P(|\bar{X}_n - \mu| > \epsilon) \leq \frac{\sigma^2}{n \epsilon^2} \quad \forall \epsilon > 0$$

Recall that, for the Bernoulli case, we had

$$P(|\bar{X}_n - \mu| > \epsilon) \leq 2 \exp\left(-\frac{n \epsilon^2}{4}\right)$$