

CHAPTER 3 (DISCRETE RANDOM VARS) AND CHAPTER 4 (CONT RAND VAR)

So much similarity b/w Continuous and discrete makes sense to do simultaneously.

SECTION 3.1: PROBABILITY MASS FN; SECTION 4.1: PROB DENSITY FNS

Defn: Prob mass function of a discrete random variable X is a fn $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0,1]$ given by $f(x) = P(X=x)$

Prob density function of a cont random variable X is the f s.t $F(x) = P(X \leq x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(u) du$

↳ note density fn not unique (only unique a.e.)

↳ if continuous, $P(X=x) = 0$ for all x !

LEMMA: Standard properties

• Discrete: $F(x) = \sum_{x_i \leq x} f(x_i)$, $f(x) = F(x) - \lim_{y \rightarrow x^-} F(y)$

$\{x: f(x) \neq 0\}$ is at most countable

$\sum_i f(x_i) = 1$ when $\{x_1, x_2, \dots\}$ where f non-zero

• Continuous: $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = 1$

$$P(X=x) = 0 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$$

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

Examples: • Binomial $\text{Bin}(n, p)$: $f(k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$

• Poisson $\text{Pois}(\lambda)$: $f(k) = \lambda^k e^{-\lambda} / k!$

↳ say a bit on e^x : $e^{x+y} = e^x e^y$ involves combinatorics!

• Uniform $\text{Unif}(a, b)$ $f(x) = \frac{1}{b-a}$ if $a \leq x \leq b$, 0 otherwise

HW: do (3.1) #1a,c (hint: famous sum), #3; (4.1) #1b

suggested: (3.1) #5, (4.1) #1a, #4

SECTION 3.2 and 4.2: INDEPENDENCE

Events A and B independent if knowledge of one happening does not affect knowledge of the other happening: $P(A \cap B) = P(A) \cdot P(B)$.

Defn: discrete: X and Y independent if events $\{X = x\}$ and $\{Y = y\}$ are independent for all x, y

Continuous: X and Y independent if events $\{X \leq x\}$ and $\{Y \leq y\}$ are independent for all x, y .

Example: Toss coin with prob p of heads, $1-p$ of tails, N times. Let $X = \# \text{ heads}$ $Y = \# \text{ tails}$. Shouldn't be indep as $X + Y = N$; in fact, $P(X = Y = N) = 0 \neq p^N (1-p)^N = P(X = N) P(Y = N)$

Example: Same as above, but now N is $\text{Pois}(\lambda)$. Now X and Y indep: still sum to N , but N is not fixed, so knowing X doesn't give Y .

$$\begin{aligned} P(X = x, Y = y) &= P(X = x, Y = y | N = x + y) P(N = x + y) \\ &= \binom{x+y}{x} p^x (1-p)^y \cdot \frac{\lambda^{x+y} e^{-\lambda}}{(x+y)!} \\ &= \frac{(\lambda p)^x (\lambda p)^y}{x! y!} e^{-\lambda} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(X = x) &= \sum_{n \geq x} P(X = x | N = n) P(N = n) \\ &= \sum_{n \geq x} \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x} \frac{\lambda^n e^{-\lambda}}{n!} = \frac{(\lambda p)^x e^{-\lambda p}}{x!} \end{aligned}$$

$$\hookrightarrow \text{algebra: } \binom{n}{x} = \frac{n!}{x! (n-x)!}$$

$$\text{Get } \left(\sum_{n \geq x} \frac{(\lambda(1-p))^{n-x}}{(n-x)!} \right) \frac{(\lambda p)^x e^{-\lambda p}}{x!}$$

$$\text{This is } e^{\lambda(1-p)}$$

$$\text{and } e^{\lambda(1-p)} e^{-\lambda} = e^{-\lambda p}$$

SECTIONS 3.2 and 4.2 CONT

LEMMA: Let $g, h: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and X, Y independent. Then $g(X)$ and $g(Y)$ are independent.

↳ Proof is basically real analysis (properties of $\mathcal{F}$ and σ -algebras)

HW: do: (3.2) : #1, #4

(4.2): #1 (also do when Function on $\mathbb{C}$ and $K = \mathbb{C}$)

suggested (3.2) : #2, #5

(4.2): #2

SECTIONS 3.3 and 3.4: EXPECTATION

Note: long section;
also doing Differentiating
identities

Mean value (also called expectation or expected value):

$$E[X] = \sum_{X: f(x) > 0} x f(x) \quad \text{or} \quad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f(x) dx \quad \text{if converges absolutely}$$

↳ to refer to both at same time, write $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f(x) dx$

$$\hookrightarrow E[g(X)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) f(x) dx \quad \text{if converges absolutely}$$

Caveats: $f(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{1}{1+x^2}$ (Cauchy Distribution)

↳ does it have a mean? Is symmetric...

$$\text{note } \lim_{A \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-A}^A \frac{dx}{\pi(1+x^2)} \neq \lim_{A \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-A}^{2A} \frac{dx}{\pi(1+x^2)}$$

↳ other example: $f(x) = \begin{cases} 1/x^2 & x \geq 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$ has no mean

Think of as average value:

$$\hookrightarrow \text{toss fair coin } n \text{ times: } E[X] = \sum_{k=0}^n k \cdot \binom{n}{k} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^k \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-k}$$

↳ This should be $n/2$ How to see this? If not fair
replace with $p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$ — 29 — what do we expect?

SECTIONS 3.3 AND 4.3: EXPECTATION (CONTINUED)

LEMMA: Expectation E satisfies

- if $X \geq 0$, $E[X] \geq 0$
- $a, b \in \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow E[aX + bY] = aE[X] + bE[Y]$
 $\hookrightarrow$ This means E is a linear operator
- $E[1] = 1$, where 1 is the random var always = 1

Proof: $E[aX + bY] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (ax + by) f_X(x) f_Y(y) dx dy$

$$= a \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_X(x) \left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_Y(y) dy \right] dx + b \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y f_Y(y) \left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x) dx \right] dy$$

$$= a \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_X(x) \cdot 1 dx + b \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y f_Y(y) \cdot 1 dy$$

$$= aE[X] + bE[Y]$$

$\hookrightarrow$ must use Fubini-Tonelli (Mult. Var Calc) to justify interchange
 need $\int \int |ax + by| f_X(x) f_Y(y) dx dy$ finite

$\hookrightarrow$ use $|ax + by| \leq |a| \cdot |x| + |b| \cdot |y|$

use linearity of integral

$\hookrightarrow$ by assumption $\int |x| f_X(x) dx$ and $\int |y| f_Y(y) dy$ finite

$\hookrightarrow$ Now see why require $\int |x| f_X(x) dx$ to be finite
 and not just $\int x f_X(x) dx$ to conditionally exist -
 allows us to interchange orders of integration.

Caveat: Cannot always interchange; nice example with $\sum_n \sum_n \neq \sum_n \sum_n$

$$\begin{matrix} \uparrow & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ & 0 & -1 & +1 \\ & -1 & +1 & 0 \\ & +1 & 0 & 0 \end{matrix} \rightarrow$$

each column sums to 0, sum columns get 0

all rows sum to zero but first, which sums to 1; sum rows get 1

Problem: $\sum_n \sum_n |a_{mn}| = +\infty$

SECTIONS 3.3 AND 3.4: CONTINUED (EXPECTATION)

Example: Biased coin: $E[X] = \sum_{k=0}^n k \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$

Soln: Let X_k be the random variable which is 1 if the k^{th} toss is heads, 0 if k^{th} toss is tails.

↳ Note $E[X_k] = 1 \cdot p + 0 \cdot (1-p) = p$

↳ Clearly the X_k 's independent, $X = X_1 + \dots + X_n$

$$\text{Thus } E[X] = \sum_{k=1}^n E[X_k] = \sum_{k=1}^n p = np$$

↳ note how much simpler this is!

New Technique: Differentiating Identities

Identities breed and batten of math; it can generate more identities from a given identity, that's good!

↳ Example: Binomial Thm

$$(X+Y)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} X^k Y^{n-k}$$

Take $X \frac{d}{dX}$ of both sides (finite sum so okay)

$$\hookrightarrow n X (X+Y)^{n-1} = \sum_{k=0}^n k \binom{n}{k} X^k Y^{n-k}$$

↳ NOW set $X=p$, $Y=1-p$ (essentially X and Y were indep vars when differentiate)

$$\begin{aligned} \hookrightarrow \text{yields } \sum_{k=0}^n k \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k} &= n p (p+(1-p))^{n-1} \\ &= np \end{aligned}$$

↳ recover answer!

SECTIONS 3.3 and 4.3: EXPECTATION (CONTINUED)

More on differentiating identities

What is $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n$?

↳ arises in geometric random variables: prob first head occurs after n tosses of a fair coin is $(1/2)^n$

↳ arises in heuristics for $3x+1$ problem (more on this later)

Consider $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} X^n = (1-X)^{-1}$ if $|X| < 1$

↳ This is the geometric series formula: will prove later

↳ Apply $X \frac{d}{dX}$: $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n X^n = \frac{X}{(1-X)^2}$ ($X = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow 2$)

CHALLENGE PROBLEM: Justify $\frac{d}{dX} \sum = \sum \frac{d}{dX}$.
Why can we interchange orders?

Proof of Geometric Series formula:

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{1} S_N &= 1 + X + \dots + X^N \\ X S_N &= X + \dots + X^N + X^{N+1} \quad \text{subtract} \\ (1-X) S_N &= 1 - X^{N+1} \Rightarrow S_N = \frac{1 - X^{N+1}}{1-X} \end{aligned}$$

↳ if $|X| < 1$, $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} S_N = \frac{1}{1-X}$ and this is our sum

$\textcircled{2}$ Playing hoops: Alice + Bob shoot, first to make basket wins.
Alice gets basket with prob p , Bob with prob q , let $X = (-p)(1-q)$
Let $W = \text{Prob (Alice wins)}$
Note $W = p + (1-p)(1-q)p + [(1-p)(1-q)]^2 p + \dots = p \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} X^n$
Also $W = p + (1-p)(1-q)W$ as if both miss, like start over
Thus $W = p + XW \Rightarrow W = \frac{p}{1-X}$

SECTIONS 3.3 AND 3.4: EXPECTATION (CONT)

Proof of Geometric Series Formula

(2 cont) $W = P + XW \Rightarrow (1-X)W = P \quad \text{or} \quad W = P/(1-X)$

as $W = P \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} X^n$ as well, $\Rightarrow \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} X^n = \frac{1}{1-X}$

CHALLENGE PROBLEM: The above only works if $0 \leq X < 1$: Can you extend to $-1 < X < 1$? What about complex X ?

3X+1 Problem (Aside)

$a_{n+1} = \frac{3a_n+1}{2^k}$ where k is highest power of 2 dividing $3a_n+1$

Ex: $11 \xrightarrow{1} 17 \xrightarrow{2} 13 \xrightarrow{3} 5 \xrightarrow{4} 1 \curvearrowright$

Conj: Any odd positive integer eventually iterates to $\dots 1 \curvearrowright$

↳ See papers by Lagarias for results/description/bibliographies

Quotes: Kakutani: Soviet conspiracy to slow down American mathematics

Erdős: Mathematics not yet ready for such questions

Structure Thm (Sinai - Kontorovich)

~~study~~ ~~m-path~~ all seeds such that $(k_1, \dots, k_m)$ describes how many powers of 2 remove in i th step. Call this the m -path, each k_i is a geometric random variable with parameter 2 , all independent.

Heuristic: $b_n = \log a_{n+1}$, $a_{n+1} \approx 3a_n/2^k$

$$E[\log a_{n+1}] = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^k} \log\left(\frac{3a_n}{2^k}\right) = \log a_n + \log 3 - \log 2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^k$$
$$= \log a_n + \log(3/4) \text{ by differentiating identities}$$

SECTIONS 3.3 and 3.4: INDEPENDENCE (CONT.)

3X+1 Problem (Aside) (Continued)

Get $E[\log a_{n+1}] = \log a_n + \log(3/4)$, $\log(3/4) < 0$

↳ expect to decay, geometric Brownian motion (geometric as logarithm of a_n is Brownian motion).

↳ How long to decay from a_0 to 1?

$$\text{Well, } \log a_0 + (n+1)\log 3/4 = 0 \Rightarrow \log a_{n+1} = \log a_n + \log 3/4 \\ = \log a_{n-1} + 2\log 3/4 + \dots$$

$$\text{so } (n+1)\log 3/4 \approx -\log a_0 \Rightarrow \text{then } (4/3)^{n+1} \approx a_0$$

$$\Rightarrow n \approx \log a_0 / \log 4/3$$

Question: how accurate is this?

Size of fluctuations?

prob of much larger/shorter path?

Challenge Problems

① Are there infinitely many a_0 such that $a_1 = 1$?

What about $a_2 = 1$?

② Consider instead a starting seed a_0 and set

$$a_{n+1} = \begin{cases} 3a_n & \text{with probability } 1/2^k \\ 3a_n/2^k \end{cases}$$

What is the expected value of a_n ?

How are the a_n 's distributed about this?

SECTIONS 3.3 and 3.4: EXPECTATION (CONTINUED)

Defn: Moments: k^{th} moment $E[X^k] = \int x^k f(x) dx$ or $\sum x_i^k f(x_i)$
 σ_k : k^{th} central moment $E[(X - m_1)^k] = \int (x - m_1)^k f(x) dx$...

↳ note: often write μ for mean (ie, first moment, m_1).

often write σ^2 for 2nd central moment, called variance

Some books use μ and μ' for moments/central moments

↳ note: $\sigma_k \geq 0$, $\sigma = \sqrt{\sigma^2}$ the standard deviation, measures how spread out

↳ Useful Expression: $\sigma^2 = E[(X - \mu)^2] = E[X^2] - E[X]^2$

↳ note: typically $E[X^2] \neq E[X]^2$

↳ can you give an example where equal?

LEMMA (IMPORTANT)

If X, Y independent then $E[XY] = E[X]E[Y]$

Notes: $E[\sum X_i] = \sum E[X_i]$ for any $\{X_i\}$; for product we need the X_i 's independent

Challenge: Can $E[XY] = E[X]E[Y]$ without X, Y indep?

Proof: As indep, $f_{XY}(x, y) = f_X(x) f_Y(y)$ (using indep here)

$$\begin{aligned} E[XY] &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} xy f_{XY}(x, y) dx dy \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_X(x) dx \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y f_Y(y) dy = E[X] E[Y] \end{aligned}$$

SECTIONS 3.3 and 4.3: INDEPENDENCE (CONT)

LEMMA: X, Y random variables:

$$\bullet \text{Var}(aX) = a^2 \text{Var}(X), \quad \text{Var}(X) = E[(X - \mu)^2]$$

$$\bullet \text{Var}(X+Y) = \text{Var}(X) + \text{Var}(Y) \text{ if uncorrelated}$$

(means $E[XY] = E[X]E[Y]$). More Generally

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

$$\text{with } \text{Cov}(X, Y) = E[(X - \mu_X)(Y - \mu_Y)]$$

Proof: algebra: do one on board

$$E[X] \text{Var}(X+Y) = E\left[(X+Y) - E(X+Y)\right]^2$$

$$= E\left[(X - \mu_X) + (Y - \mu_Y)\right]^2$$

$$= E\left[(X - \mu_X)^2 + 2(X - \mu_X)(Y - \mu_Y) + (Y - \mu_Y)^2\right]$$

$$= \text{Var}(X) + 2 \underbrace{E[(X - \mu_X)(Y - \mu_Y)]} + \text{Var}(Y)$$

Zero: lots of ways: fastest:

X, Y indep $\Rightarrow g(X), h(Y)$ indep

let $g(X) = X - \mu_X$

$h(Y) = Y - \mu_Y \dots$

Application: Portfolio Theory (Economics)

Say $X_1, \dots, X_n$ all have same mean and variance, say σ^2 , and indep

$$\text{Then } \text{Var}(X_1 + \dots + X_n) = n\sigma^2$$

$$\text{And } \text{Var}\left(\frac{1}{n}X_1 + \dots + \frac{1}{n}X_n\right) = \frac{1}{n^2} \sum \text{Var}(X_i) = \frac{n\sigma^2}{n^2} = \sigma^2/n$$

so $\bar{X} = \sum \frac{1}{n}X_i$ has same mean return as before, but much less risky as standard deviation is now $\sigma/\sqrt{n}$

SECTION 3.3 and 4.3: INDEPENDENCE (CONT)

Challenge problem: $X_1, \dots, X_n$ indep, each mean μ and $\text{Var}(X_i) = \sigma_i^2$

Can you find weights $w_1, \dots, w_n$ st $0 \leq w_i \leq 1$, $\sum w_i = 1$ and $\text{Var}(\sum w_i X_i)$ is as small as possible? Can you do it for certain nice choices of $\{\sigma_i\}_{i=1, \dots, n}$?

HW: do (3.3): #1, #2, #7 (4.3) #19, #2
suff: (3.3): #3, #4, #8 (4.3) #16, #4, #5

ADDITIONAL TOPIC: CHEBYSHEV'S THM (see also Section 7.3)

CHEBYSHEV'S INEQUALITY: Let X have mean μ and finite variance σ^2 . Then $\text{Prob}(|X - \mu| > k\sigma) \leq 1/k^2$.

Notes: • Weak conditions: if assume more get much better upper bound for probability. Advantage is how applicable (talk about my MSTP paper)

- Natural scale to measure fluctuations of X about μ is in multiples of σ : VERY IMPORTANT in math/science to study things at right scale

↳ twin primes so hard as ave spacing b/w primes of size x is $\log x$, and $2/\log x \rightarrow 0$

↳ Compare this to Central Limit Theorem (CLT) later in course: weaker result analogous to Divide and conquer versus Newton's Method.

Challenge Problem: Is there a random variable st Chebyshev's inequality is an equality for all k ? For all $k \geq 1$?

For all integral $k \geq 1$?

Challenge Problem: Distinct Prime Divisors - 37-

ADDITIONAL TOPIC: CHEBYSHEV'S THM

Statement: $P(|X - \mu| \geq k\sigma) \leq 1/k^2$ (does not make sense if $\sigma = \infty$)

Proof: $P(|X - \mu| \geq k\sigma) = \int_{|X - \mu| \geq k\sigma} f(x) dx$

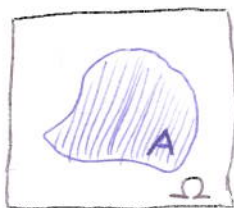
$$\leq \int_{|X - \mu| \geq k\sigma} \left(\frac{X - \mu}{k\sigma}\right)^2 f(x) dx$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{k^2 \sigma^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (X - \mu)^2 f(x) dx$$

$$= \sigma^2 / k^2 \sigma^2 = 1/k^2$$

APPLICATION: MONTE CARLO INTEGRATION

↳ Will get better results with CLT, but enough to get something nice



Assume want to find area (volume, ...) of some region A . Assume:

(1) it is banded, for convenience in n -dim hypercube Ω

(2) it is easy to tell if a given point is in A

Choose N points uniformly in Ω ; probability argn A 's $\frac{\text{Vol}(A)}{\text{Vol}(\Omega)}$

Let $X_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i\text{th point is in } A \\ 0 & \text{if } i\text{th point is not in } A \end{cases}$, $E[X_i] = \frac{\text{Vol}(A)}{\text{Vol}(\Omega)} = \text{Vol}(A)$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(X_i) &= \text{Vol}(A)(1 - \text{Vol}(A))^2 \text{Vol}(A) + (0 - \text{Vol}(A))^2 (1 - \text{Vol}(A)) \\ &= \text{Vol}(A)(1 - \text{Vol}(A)) \end{aligned}$$

$$\bar{X} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N X_i, \text{ Then } E[\bar{X}] = \text{Vol}(A), \text{ Var}(\bar{X}) = \frac{\text{Vol}(A)(1 - \text{Vol}(A))}{N}$$

Apply Chebyshev! with high probability, error in estimating volume with N points is of the order $1/\sqrt{N}$

SECTION 3.4: INDICATORS AND MATCHING

Inclusion/Exclusion

$$P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i\right) = \sum_i P(A_i) - \sum_{i < j} P(A_i \cap A_j) + \dots + (-1)^{n+1} P(A_1 \cap \dots \cap A_n)$$

↳ lots of applications:

↳ frequently $P(A_i)$ indep of i , $P(A_i \cap A_j)$ indep of $i, j, \dots$

↳ Probability a number is square-free, derangements, digits in continued fractions, ...

Matching Problem: n letters, randomly shuffled, what is prob exactly r are matched correctly? Book does general r , we do simpler $r=0$.

Let A_i be event i^{th} letter put back in i^{th} slot.

We want $1 - P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i\right)$, use inclusion/exclusion

$$\hookrightarrow P(A_i) = \frac{1}{n} = \frac{(n-1)!}{n!}$$

$$P(A_i \cap A_j) = \frac{1}{n(n-1)} = \frac{(n-2)!}{n!} \quad \text{and so on.}$$

Note $\# \{(i_1, i_2, \dots, i_\ell) : i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_\ell\}$ is $\binom{n}{\ell}$

$$\text{Answer is } 1 - \left[\binom{n}{1} \frac{1}{n} - \binom{n}{2} \frac{1}{n(n-1)} + \binom{n}{3} \frac{1}{n(n-1)(n-2)} - \dots + (-1)^{n-1} \binom{n}{n} \frac{1}{n(n-1)\dots(2)(1)} \right]$$

$$= 1 - \left[n \cdot \frac{1}{n} - \frac{n(n-1)}{2!} \frac{1}{n(n-1)} + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{3!} \frac{1}{n(n-1)(n-2)} - \dots + (-1)^{n-1} \frac{1}{n!} \right]$$

$$= 1 - \left[1 - \frac{1}{2!} + \frac{1}{3!} - \dots + (-1)^{n-1} \frac{1}{n!} \right]$$

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

Note $e^{-1} = 1 - 1 + \frac{1}{2!} - \frac{1}{3!} + \frac{1}{4!} - \frac{1}{5!} + \dots$

Read Example 11, page 54

suggested: #1, #3, #9

Appendix V

Table of distributions

	mass/density function	domain	mean
Bernoulli	$f(1) = p, f(0) = q = 1 - p$	$\{0, 1\}$	p
Uniform (discrete)	n^{-1}	$\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$	$\frac{1}{2}(n+1)$
Binomial bin(n, p)	$\binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$	$\{0, 1, \dots, n\}$	np
Geometric	$p(1-p)^{k-1}$	$k = 1, 2, \dots$	p^{-1}
Poisson	$e^{-\lambda} \lambda^k / k!$	$k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$	λ
Negative binomial	$\binom{k-1}{n-1} p^n (1-p)^{k-n}$	$k = n, n+1, \dots$	np^{-1}
Hypergeometric	$\frac{\binom{k}{n} \binom{N-b}{n-k}}{\binom{N}{n}}, p = \frac{b}{N}, q = \frac{N-b}{N}$	$\{0, 1, 2, \dots, b \wedge n\}$	np
Uniform (continuous)	$(b-a)^{-1}$	$[a, b]$	$\frac{1}{2}(a+b)$
Exponential	$\lambda e^{-\lambda x}$	$[0, \infty)$	λ^{-1}
Normal $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right\}$	$\mathbb{R}$	μ
Gamma $\Gamma(\lambda, \tau)$	$\frac{1}{\Gamma(\tau)} \lambda^\tau x^{\tau-1} e^{-\lambda x}$	$[0, \infty)$	$\tau\lambda^{-1}$
Cauchy	$\frac{1}{\pi(1+x^2)}$	$\mathbb{R}$	-
Beta $\beta(a, b)$	$\frac{\Gamma(a+b)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)} x^{a-1} (1-x)^{b-1}$	$[0, 1]$	$\frac{a}{a+b}$
Doubly exponential	$\exp(-x - e^{-x})$	$\mathbb{R}$	$\gamma^\dagger$
Rayleigh	$x e^{-\frac{1}{2}x^2}$	$[0, \infty)$	$\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}}$
Laplace	$\frac{1}{2}\lambda e^{-\lambda x }$	$\mathbb{R}$	0

$\gamma^\dagger$ The letter γ denotes Euler's constant.

variance	skewness	characteristic function
pq	$\frac{q-p}{\sqrt{pq}}$	$q + pe^{it}$
$\frac{1}{12}(n^2 - 1)$	0	$\frac{e^{it}(1 - e^{in})}{n(1 - e^{it})}$
$np(1-p)$	$\frac{1-2p}{\sqrt{np(1-p)}}$	$(1-p + pe^{it})^n$
$(1-p)p^{-2}$	$\frac{2-p}{\sqrt{1-p}}$	$\frac{p}{e^{-it}-1+p}$
λ	$\lambda^{-\frac{1}{2}}$	$\exp[\lambda(e^{it}-1)]$
$n(1-p)p^{-2}$	$\frac{2-p}{\sqrt{n(1-p)}}$	$\left(\frac{p}{e^{-it}-1+p}\right)^n$
$\frac{npq(N-n)}{N-1}$	$\frac{q-p}{\sqrt{npq}} \sqrt{\frac{N-1}{N-n}} \left(\frac{N-2n}{N-2}\right)$	$\binom{N-b}{n} \frac{F(-n, -b; N-b-n+1; e^{it})}{\binom{N}{n}}$
$\frac{1}{12}(b-a)^2$	0	$\frac{e^{ibt} - e^{iat}}{it(b-a)}$
λ^{-2}	2	$\frac{\lambda}{\lambda - it}$
σ^2	0	$e^{i\mu t - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 t^2}$
$\tau\lambda^{-2}$	$2\tau^{-\frac{1}{2}}$	$\left(\frac{\lambda}{\lambda - it}\right)^\tau$
-	-	$e^{- t }$
$\frac{ab(a+b)^2}{a+b+1}$	$\frac{2(a-b)}{a+b+2}$	$M(a, a+b, it)^\dagger$
$\frac{1}{6}\pi^2$	1.29857...	$\Gamma(1-it)$
$2 - \frac{\pi}{2}$	$\frac{2\sqrt{\pi}(\pi-3)}{(4-\pi)^{3/2}}$	$1 + \sqrt{2\pi}it(1 - \Phi(-it))e^{-\frac{1}{2}t^2}^\dagger$
$2\lambda^{-2}$	0	$\frac{\lambda^2}{\lambda^2 + t^2}$

$^\dagger F(a, b; c; z)$ is Gauss's hypergeometric function and $M(a, a+b, it)$ is a confluent hypergeometric function. The $N(0, 1)$ distribution function is denoted by Φ .

SECTION 3.5: EXAMPLES OF DISCRETE VARIABLES

• Bernoulli: $X = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{prob } p \\ 0 & \text{prob } 1-p \end{cases}$ Bern(p)

• Binomial: $f(k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$ Bin(n, p)

• Poisson: $f(k) = \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} e^{-\lambda}$ Pois(λ)

• Geometric: $f(k) = p(1-p)^{k-1}$ Geo(p)

HW: do: #2 Suggested: #1, #4

Note: use distributions to model world; more we know, more hard (assuming can do the sums / integrals!)

SECTION 4.4: EXAMPLES OF CONTINUOUS VARIABLES

• Uniform: $X = \begin{cases} 1/(b-a) & a \leq x \leq b \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$ Unit(a, b)

• Exponential: $f(x) = \frac{1}{\lambda} e^{-x/\lambda}$ Exp(λ)

↳ opposite of book: book has $f(x) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x}$ with mean $1/\lambda$

• Normal: $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-(x-\mu)^2/2\sigma^2}$ N(μ, σ^2)

↳ polar coords to show integrates to 1, why take $\mu=0, \sigma=1$

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx \rightarrow I^2 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) f(y) dx dy \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{2\pi} e^{-r^2/2} r dr d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \cdot 2\pi \cdot 1 = 1 \end{aligned}$$

• Cauchy: $f(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{1}{1+x^2}$

• Weibull: $\frac{\gamma}{\alpha} \left(\frac{x-\beta}{\alpha}\right)^{\gamma-1} \exp\left(-\left(\frac{x-\beta}{\alpha}\right)^{\gamma}\right)$ rate different than book

↳ application: baseball (Pythagorean Paper)

HW: do: #5 Suggested: #2, #3, #4

SECTION 3.6 and 4.5: DEPENDENCE

Needed input: Cauchy - Schwarz Inequality:

$$E[XY]^2 \leq E[X]^2 E[Y]^2 \text{ or } \left(\int f g \right)^2 \leq \left(\int f^2 \right) \left(\int g^2 \right)$$

Proof: trivial if $\int f^2$ or $\int g^2$ is infinite

↳ integral proof: wlog assume $f, g \geq 0$

$$\int (af + bg)^2 dx \geq 0 \quad (\text{one of most important inequalities})$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 \leq a^2 \int f^2 + 2ab \int f g + b^2 \int g^2$$

↳ Thus, regarded as a fn of a , at most one real root as ≥ 0

Thus discriminant is non-positive

$$\hookrightarrow 4b^2 \left(\int f g \right)^2 - 4 \int f^2 b^2 \int g^2 \leq 0$$

Thus if take $b=1$ get claim

↳ similar proof in book for expected value formulation

Defn: Joint Distribution Fn $F: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow [0,1]$ of X, Y is

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

↳ discrete: joint mass fn $f(x, y) = P(X=x \text{ and } Y=y)$

Continuous: joint prob density fn $F(x, y) = \int_{-\infty}^y \int_{-\infty}^x f(u, v) du dv$

LEMMA: X, Y indep if and only if $f_{X,Y}(x, y) = f_X(x) f_Y(y)$

Proof: $\Leftarrow$ Clear as integral of products becomes prod of integrals

$\Rightarrow$ sketch:

SECTIONS 3.6 AND 4.5: DEPENDENCE (CONT)

MARGINALS FROM $f_{X,Y}$

$$f_X(x) = \sum_Y f_{X,Y}(x,y) \quad \text{or} \quad \int_{y=-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(x,y) dy$$

EX: $f(x,y) = \frac{\alpha^x \beta^y}{x! y!} e^{-(\alpha+\beta)} \quad x, y \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$

$$\hookrightarrow f_X(x) = \left(\sum_{y=0}^{\infty} \frac{\beta^y e^{-\beta}}{y!} \right) \frac{\alpha^x e^{-\alpha}}{x!} = \frac{\alpha^x e^{-\alpha}}{x!}, \text{ a Poisson}$$

$\hookrightarrow$ See X, Y both Poisson and indep

DEFN: Covariance of X and Y is $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = E[(X - \mu_X)(Y - \mu_Y)]$

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

LEMMA: • $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = E[XY] - E[X]E[Y]$ (= 0 if independent)

• $|\rho(X, Y)| \leq 1$ with equality iff $\exists a, b, c$ st $P(aX + bY = c) = 1$

Proof: first is algebra, second is Cauchy-Schwarz

$$\begin{aligned} \hookrightarrow |E[(X - \mu_X)(Y - \mu_Y)]| &= \left| \iint (x - \mu_X)(y - \mu_Y) f_{X,Y}(x,y) dx dy \right| \\ &\leq \iint |x - \mu_X| \sqrt{f_{X,Y}(x,y)} \cdot |y - \mu_Y| \sqrt{f_{X,Y}(x,y)} dx dy \\ &\leq \left[\iint (x - \mu_X)^2 f_{X,Y}(x,y) dx dy \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \left[\iint (y - \mu_Y)^2 f_{X,Y}(x,y) dx dy \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= \left[\int (x - \mu_X)^2 f_X(x) dx \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \left[\int (y - \mu_Y)^2 f_Y(y) dy \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= \text{Var}(X)^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \text{Var}(Y)^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

Important Note

$\hookrightarrow$ to use Cauchy-Schwarz, split $f_{X,Y}$ into $\sqrt{f_{X,Y}} \cdot \sqrt{f_{X,Y}}$
need so that when square have a finite integral: $\int x^2 dx$
is infinite... See this technique numerous times (Cauchy-Schwarz inequality for instance).

HW do (3.6): #2, #7 do (4.5): #6
Sgg (3.6): #1, #5, #6 Sgg (4.5): #2

SECTION 3.7 and 4.6: CONDITIONAL DISTR AND CONDITIONAL EXPECTATIONS

Defn: X, Y variables on $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$

Conditional distribution fn of Y given $X=x$ is $F_{Y|X}(y|x) = P(Y \leq y | X=x)$ for any x st $P(X=x) > 0$. The conditional (prob) mass function of Y given $X=x$ is $f_{Y|X}(y|x) = P(Y=y | X=x)$.

Conditional distribution fn of Y given $X=x$ is

$$F_{Y|X}(y|x) = \int_{-\infty}^y \frac{f(x,v)}{f_X(x)} dv \quad \text{for } x \text{ st } f_X(x) > 0;$$

Sometimes denote $P(Y \leq y | X=x)$. The conditional density fn

is $f_{Y|X}(y|x) = f(x,y) / f_X(x)$ for any x st $f_X(x) > 0$.

$\hookrightarrow X, Y$ indep if $f_{Y|X} = f_{X,Y} / f_X$.

$\hookrightarrow \int y f_{Y|X}(y|x)$ is called the conditional expectation of Y given $X=x$

$\hookrightarrow$ Let $\psi(x) = E[Y | X=x]$. $\psi(X)$ is the conditional expectation of Y given X , and written $E[Y | X]$.

Thm: $E[\psi(X)] = E[Y]$

$\hookrightarrow$ Proof: $E[\psi(X)] = \int \psi(x) f_X(x) dx$

$$= \iint y f_{Y|X}(y|x) f_X(x) dx dy$$

$$= \iint y f_{X,Y}(x,y) dx dy = \int y f_Y(y) dy = E[Y]$$

$\hookrightarrow E[Y] = \sum_x \{ E[Y | X=x] P(X=x) \} = \int E[Y | X=x] f_X(x) dx$

See Example 5, page 68

Note: due to time constraints, high probability we'll skip this section

SECTION 4.7: FUNCTIONS OF RANDOM VARIABLES

As mentioned, using CDFs can easily get densities new rand vars.

Ex: X random variable with density f_X , $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ nice (say monotone increasing, and maybe differentiable). Let $Y = g(X)$.

$$\text{Then } P(Y \leq y) = P(g(X) \leq y) = P(X \leq g^{-1}(y)) = \int_{-\infty}^{g^{-1}(y)} f_X(x) dx$$

$$\text{So } P(Y \leq y) = F_X(g^{-1}(y)) - 0$$

$$\Rightarrow f_Y(y) = f_X(g^{-1}(y)) \cdot \frac{d}{dy}(g^{-1}(y)) \quad \text{b, chain rule}$$

↳ Note: do not need to know F_X

Generalization: X_1, X_2 joint density fn f_{X_1, X_2} ; let $(Y_1, Y_2) = T(X_1, X_2)$

so $T: (x_1, x_2) \rightarrow (y_1, y_2)$, have maps $y_i = y_i(x_1, x_2)$ which for nice T can be inverted to $x_i = x_i(y_1, y_2)$ with Jacobian $J = \begin{vmatrix} \partial x_1 / \partial y_1 & \partial x_2 / \partial y_1 \\ \partial x_1 / \partial y_2 & \partial x_2 / \partial y_2 \end{vmatrix}$

$$\text{Then } f_{Y_1, Y_2}(y_1, y_2) = \begin{cases} f_{X_1, X_2}(x_1(y_1, y_2), x_2(y_1, y_2)) |J(y_1, y_2)| & \text{if } (y_1, y_2) \text{ in the range of } T \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Ex: X_1, X_2 indep with density $\lambda e^{-x\lambda}$, $Y_1 = X_1 + X_2$, $Y_2 = X_1 / X_2$

$$T(x_1, x_2) = (x_1 + x_2, x_1/x_2) \quad \text{and} \quad T^{-1}(y_1, y_2) = (y_1 y_2 / (1 + y_2), y_1 / (1 + y_2))$$

$$\text{Jacobian is } -y_1 / (1 + y_2)^2$$

$$\text{Density is } f_{Y_1, Y_2}(y_1, y_2) = f_{X_1, X_2}\left(\frac{y_1 y_2}{1 + y_2}, \frac{y_1}{1 + y_2}\right) \frac{1 y_1}{(1 + y_2)^2} = \frac{\lambda^2 e^{-\lambda y_1} y_1}{(1 + y_2)^2}$$

(for $y_1, y_2 > 0$, of course!)

↳ factors as $g(y_1) h(y_2)$ so indep

↳ Read Example (9) on pg 111

HW: do: #2
sugg: #8, #11

SECTIONS 3.8 and 4.8: SUMS OF RANDOM VARIABLES

Convolution: $(f * g)(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) g(x-t) dt$

↳ If X, Y indep with densities f, g then $f_{X+Y} = f * g$

Example: $X_i \sim \text{Unif}(0,1)$ then $X_1 + X_2$ has density

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) f(x-t) dt \text{ with } f(u) = \begin{cases} 1 & 0 \leq u \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$= \int_0^1 f(x-t) dt; \text{ clearly } 0 \text{ unless } 0 \leq x \leq 2$$

↳ if $x \geq 1$, have $\int_{x-1}^1 1 dt = 2-x$

if $0 \leq x \leq 1$ have $\int_0^x 1 dt = x$



↳ note curve is symm about $x=1$.

LEMMA: CONVOLUTION PROPERTIES

$$f * g = g * f$$

$$\widehat{f * g} = \widehat{f} \cdot \widehat{g}, \text{ where } \widehat{f}(\xi) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{-2\pi i x \xi} dx \text{ is the Fourier Transform}$$

$$f * \delta = f \text{ where } \delta \text{ is the Dirac Delta Function!}$$

$$f * (g * h) = (f * g) * h$$

Ex: $X_1, X_2 \sim \text{Pois}(\lambda_1)$ and $\text{Pois}(\lambda_2)$. Then if $X = X_1 + X_2$, density is

$$\sum_n f_{X_1}(n) f_{X_2}(x-n) = \sum_n \frac{\lambda_1^n e^{-\lambda_1}}{n!} \cdot \frac{\lambda_2^{x-n} e^{-\lambda_2}}{(x-n)!}$$

$$= \frac{1}{x!} \left[\sum_{0 \leq n \leq x} \binom{x}{n} \lambda_1^n \lambda_2^{x-n} \right] e^{-(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)}$$

$$= \frac{(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)^x e^{-(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)}}{x!} \sim \text{Pois}(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)$$

↳ note how easy proofs are with generating fns

Hw: do (3.8) #4, #5 do (4.8) #1, #4

Supp (3.8) #3, #6 Supp (4.8) #2, #5

SECTION 4.10: DISTRIBUTIONS ARISING FROM NORMAL

• Sample mean: $\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$

• Sample variance: $S^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2$

↳ Note divide by $n-1$ not n

↳ Can't compute sample variance if $n=1$, so reasonable

Thm: X_1, X_2 independent $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$, then $\bar{X}$ and S^2 are indep, with $\bar{X} \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2/n)$ and $(n-1)S^2 \sim \chi^2(n-1)$

↳ here $\chi^2(d)$ has density $\frac{1}{2^{d/2} \Gamma(d/2)} x^{d/2-1} e^{-x/2}$

with $\Gamma(t) = \int_0^\infty x^{t-1} e^{-x} dx$

↳ Call this a χ^2 distribution with d degrees of freedom

HW: do #1, Show if $X \sim N(0,1)$ then X^2 is $\chi^2(1)$

PROBLEMS

Section 3.11: do #1a, #7, #9, #13, #14, #21, ~~#29~~ #30, #33
need prereq: §3.2 §3.5 §3.1 §3.3, §3.6 §3.5, 3.8 §3.7 §3.7 §3.8
Suggested: #2, #4, #10, #11, #17, #18, #22, #25

Section 4.14: do: #12, #16, #35
needed prereq: §4.4, 4.10 §4.4, 4.10
Suggested: #18, #21, #27, #28, #35, #44, #45