MATH 4281 Risk Theory–Ruin and Credibility

Module 1 (cont.)

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Generating Functions and Convolutions (cont.)

An Example Exercise of a Convolution

Requested last class. Consider 3 independent discrete RVs with PMFs:

$$\begin{aligned} f_1(x) &= \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4} \text{ for } x = 0, 1, 2 \\ f_2(x) &= \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \text{ for } x = 0, 2 \\ f_3(x) &= \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4} \text{ for } x = 0, 2, 4 \end{aligned}$$

Complete the following table for the PMF f_{1+2+3} and the CDF F_{1+2+3} of the sum of the three random variables.

x	$f_1(x)$	$f_2(x)$	$f_{1+2}(x)$	$f_3(x)$	$f_{1+2+3}(x)$	$F_{1+2+3}(x)$
0	1/4	1/2	1/8	1/4	1/32	1/32
1	1/2	0	–	0	–	3/32
2	1/4	1/2	–	1/2	–	7/32
3	0	0	–	0	–	–
4	0	0	–	1/4	–	–
5	0	0	0	0	–	–
6	0	0	0	0	–	–
7	0	0	0	0	–	–
8	0	0	0	0	–	–

E.g. $f_{1+2}(0) = f_1(0)f_2(0) = \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{8}$ as given.

Another Example Exercise of a Convolution

Consider independent $X, Y \sim \mathcal{U}[0,1]$. Find the pdf of $X + Y$:

The Normal MGF

A quick review of how to handle some kinds of Gaussian integrals. Note that[1]:

$$tx - \frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2} = -\frac{(x-(\mu+\sigma^2 t))^2}{2\sigma^2} + \mu t + \frac{\sigma^2 t^2}{2}$$

Then clearly for $X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$:

$$E[e^{tX}] = e^{\mu t + \frac{\sigma^2 t^2}{2}} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{(x-(\mu+\sigma^2 t))^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx \right) = e^{\mu t + \frac{\sigma^2 t^2}{2}}$$

[1] complete the square

Another IRM example

Example: Consider a portfolio of 10 contracts. The losses X_i's for these contracts are i.i.d. Normal RVs with mean 100 and variance 100. Determine the distribution of S.

Normal Approximations for the distribution of the Sum

- Assume $X_1, \cdots, X_n$ are independent and $S = X_1 + \cdots + X_n$.
- Then $E[S] = \sum_{i=1}^{n} E[X_i]$, $Var[S] = \sum_{i=1}^{n} Var[X_i]$
- When n is large (at least 30), the distribution of $\frac{S-E[S]}{\sqrt{Var(S)}}$ can be approximated by the standard normal distribution.

Theoretic Foundation of Normal Approximations

- The central limit theorem[2]:

$$\frac{S - E[S]}{\sqrt{Var(S)}} \xrightarrow{d} N(0,1)$$

- Q: why the "d" above the arrow?
- Q: How could this apply to the normal approximation to the binomial I used yesterday?
- Q: How to prove the CLT via using MGFs

[2] Theorem 3.7 of the loss models textbook

A proof of the CLT

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Frequency and Severity in the IRM

A Problem Unique to the IRM

- In the CRM we call N the "frequency distribution" and X_i the "severity".
- Recall in the IRM N is fixed at n, some number we know a priori.
- But not every individual is always claiming coverage, in fact, the opposite is true.
  $\Rightarrow$ Must be a big mass of probability at $x = 0$!
- How to handle this?

A Problem Unique to the IRM

For example consider a individual loss like so:

$$\begin{cases} Pr\,(X = 0) = 1/2, \\ f_X(x) = \frac{1}{2}\beta e^{-\beta x}, \text{ for } \beta = 0.1, \quad x > 0 \end{cases}$$

- Q: How easily can we take convolutions?
- Q: How easily can we take *n-fold* convolutions?
- Q: Mean? Var? MGFs?

How to Separate Frequency from Severity

One approach is to define $X = IB$, where:

- I is an *indicator* of claim with

$$\Pr[I = 1] = q \text{ and } \Pr[I = 0] = 1 - q$$

- B is the claim amount given $I = 1$ (i.e. given a claim occurs).

The distribution function:

Assume $\Pr[I = 1] = q$ and $\Pr[X < 0] = 0$, then for $x \geq 0$:

$$\begin{aligned}
\Pr[X \leq x] &= \Pr[X \leq x | I = 0] \Pr[I = 0] + \Pr[X \leq x | I = 1] \Pr[I = 1] \\
&= (1)(1 - q) + (q) \Pr[(1)B \leq x | I = 1] \\
&= 1 - q + q \Pr[B \leq x]
\end{aligned}$$

Moments

- The Mean[3]:

$$E[X] = E[E[X|I]] = E[X|I=1]\Pr[I=1] = qE(B),$$

- Variance[4]:

$$\begin{aligned} Var(X) &= Var(E[X|I]) + E[Var(X|I)] \\ &= [E(B)]^2\, Var(I) + qVar(B) \\ &= q(1-q)(E[B])^2 + qVar(B) \end{aligned}$$

after noting that $E[X|I] = I \cdot E[B]$, $Var(X|I) = I^2 \cdot Var(B)$.

[3]Recall the "Tower Property"

[4]The first line makes use of the "Law of Total Variance"

Generating Functions

- MGF:

$$\begin{aligned} M_X(t) &= E[e^{tX}|I=0]\Pr(I=0) + E[e^{tX}|I=1]\Pr(I=1) \\ &= 1-q+E[e^{tB}]q = 1-q+M_B(t)q \end{aligned}$$

- PGF:

$$\begin{aligned} P_X(t) &= E[t^{X}|I=0]\Pr(I=0) + E[t^{X}|I=1]\Pr(I=1) \\ &= 1-q+P_B(t)q \end{aligned}$$

Aggregate loss: $S = \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i$

- Each X_i is separated by $X_i = I_i B_i$, for $i = 1, 2, \ldots, n$
- Mean: $E[S] = \sum_{i=1}^{n} q_i \mu_i$, where $q_i = \Pr(I_i = 1)$ and $\mu_i = \mathrm{E}[B_i]$
- Variance

$$Var(S) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} [q_i \sigma_i^2 + q_i (1 - q_i) \mu_i^2]$$

  where $\sigma_i^2 = \mathrm{Var}(B_i)$
- MGF:

$$M_S(t) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} [1 - q_i + M_{B_i}(t) q_i]$$

- What is the PGF? (Exercise)

A Familiar Example

Suppose claim amount X is distributed as:

$$\begin{cases} P(X=0) = 1/2, \\ f_X(x) = \frac{1}{2}\beta e^{-\beta x}, \text{ for } \beta = 0.1, \quad x > 0 \end{cases}$$

1. Find the expected value of X.
2. Find I and B such that $X = IB$.

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Another Example

Example In an insurance portfolio, there are 15 insured. Ten of the insured persons have 0.1 probability of making a claim, and the other 5 have a 0.2 probability. All claims are independent and follow $Exp(\lambda)$ (Note: $1/\lambda$ is the mean). What is the MGF of the aggregate claims distribution?