

Stochastic Processes Homework 2

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Exercise 1.12

a)

We express the CDF of M_+ and fix this rv's value to be p:

$$Pr(M_{+} \leq p) = F_{M_{+}}(p) = Pr(X_{1} \leq p, ..., X_{n} \leq p) = Pr(X_{1} \leq p) \cdot ... \cdot Pr(X_{n} \leq p) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} Pr(X_{i} \leq p) = (F_{X}(p))^{n}$$

As such we have that $F_{M_+}(p) = (F_X(p))^n$

b)

Same process as above; we express the CDF of M_{-} and fix this rv's value to be m:

$$Pr(M_{-} \leq m) = F_{M_{-}}(m) = Pr(X_{1} > m, ..., X_{n} > m) = 1 - Pr(X_{1} \leq m) \cdot ... \cdot 1 - Pr(X_{n} \leq m) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} (1 - Pr(X_{i} \leq m)) = (1 - F_{X}(m))^{n}$$

As such we have that $F_{M_{-}}(m) = (1 - F_X(m))^n$

c)

Here the answer is almost already given in the hint.

$$P(M_{+} = X_{1}, R \le r | X_{1} = x) = \prod_{j=2}^{n} Pr(x - r < X_{j} \le x)$$
$$= [Pr(x - r < X_{j} \le x)]^{n-1}$$
$$= [F_{X}(x) - F_{X}(x - r)]^{n-1}$$

We then remove the conditioning by averaging over $X_1 = x$ with pdf: $f_X(x)$, using the definition of the expectation.

$$P(M_{+} = X_{1}, R \leq r) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_{X}(x) [F_{X}(x) - F_{X}(x - r)]^{n-1} dx$$

I went to office hours to ask about where the inner n comes from, although I still do not understand, since we are not differentiating? Please enlighten me.

Exercise 1.14

It is assumed that we are required to prove the rules of expectation and variance

a) - linearity of expectation

We prove this by induction assuming discrete rv, although for the continuous case we can just substitute the sums with integrals.

Base case:

$$E[X_1 + X_2] = \sum_{x_1} \sum_{x_2} (x_1 + x_2) Pr(X_1 = x_1, X_2 = x_2)$$

$$= \sum_{x_1} \sum_{x_2} x_1 Pr(X_1 = x_1, X_2 = x_2) + \sum_{x_1} \sum_{x_2} x_2 Pr(X_1 = x_1, X_2 = x_2)$$

$$= \sum_{x_1} x_1 \sum_{x_2} Pr(X_1 = x_1, X_2 = x_2) + \sum_{x_2} x_2 \sum_{x_1} Pr(X_1 = x_1, X_2 = x_2)$$

$$= \sum_{x_1} x_1 Pr(X_1 = x_1) + \sum_{x_2} x_2 Pr(X_2 = x_2) \quad \text{(marginal pmf)}$$

$$= E[X_1] + E[X_2]$$

$$= \bar{X}_1 + \bar{X}_2$$

Induction step:

Assuming that $E[X_1 + ... + X_n] = \bar{X}_1 + ... + \bar{X}_n$, we want to prove that $E[X_1 + ... + X_n + X_{n+1}] = \bar{X}_1 + ... + \bar{X}_n + \bar{X}_{n+1}$:

$$\begin{split} E\big[X_1 + \ldots + X_n + X_{n+1}\big] &= E\big[X_1 + \ldots + X_n\big] + E\big[X_{n+1}\big] \\ &= \bar{X}_1 + \ldots + \bar{X}_n + \bar{X}_{n+1} \end{split}$$

In line 1, we use the base case and assume that $X_1 + ... + X_n$ can be treated as a rv.

b) - independent multiplication

Again we prove this by induction.

Base case:

$$E[X_1 \cdot X_2] = \sum_{x_1} \sum_{x_2} (x_1 \cdot x_2) Pr(X_1 = x_1, X_2 = x_2)$$
(1)

$$= \sum_{x_1} \sum_{x_2} (x_1 \cdot x_2) Pr(X_1 = x_1) \cdot Pr(X_2 = x_2)$$
 (2)

$$= \sum_{x_1} \sum_{x_2} x_1 Pr(X_1 = x_1) \cdot x_2 Pr(X_2 = x_2)$$
(3)

$$= \sum_{x_1} x_1 Pr(X_1 = x_1) \cdot \sum_{x_2} x_2 Pr(X_2 = x_2)$$
 (4)

$$= E[X_1] \cdot E[X_2] \tag{5}$$

(2) X_1 and X_2 are independent

Induction step:

Assuming that $E[X_1 \cdot ... \cdot X_n] = \bar{X}_1 \cdot ... \cdot \bar{X}_n$, we want to prove that $E[X_1 \cdot ... \cdot X_n \cdot X_{n+1}] = \bar{X}_1 \cdot ... \cdot \bar{X}_n \cdot \bar{X}_{n+1}$:

$$E[X_1 \cdot \dots \cdot X_n \cdot X_{n+1}] = E[X_1 \cdot \dots \cdot X_n] \cdot E[X_{n+1}]$$
$$= \bar{X}_1 \cdot \dots \cdot \bar{X}_n \cdot \bar{X}_{n+1}$$

c) - independent variance

Similarly, we prove this by induction. V for variance:

Base case:

$$\begin{split} V[X_1 + X_2] &= E[(X_1 + X_2)^2] - E[X_1 + X_2]^2 \\ &= E[X_1^2 + X_2^2 + 2X_1X_2] - (E[X_1] + E[X_2])^2 \\ &= E[X_1^2] + E[X_2^2] + 2E[X_1X_2] - (E[X_1]^2 + E[X_2]^2 + 2E[X_1]E[X_2]) \\ &= E[X_1^2] + E[X_2^2] + 2E[X_1X_2] - E[X_1]^2 - E[X_2]^2 - 2E[X_1]E[X_2] \\ &= E[X_1^2] + E[X_2^2] + 2E[X_1X_2] - E[X_1]^2 - E[X_2]^2 - 2E[X_1X_2] \\ &= (E[X_1^2] - E[X_1]^2) + (E[X_2^2] - E[X_2]^2) \\ &= V[X_1] + V[X_2] \end{split}$$

Induction step:

Assuming that $V[X_1 + ... + X_n] = \bar{X}_1 + ... + \bar{X}_n$, we want to prove that $V[X_1 + ... + X_n + X_{n+1}] = \bar{X}_1 + ... + \bar{X}_n + \bar{X}_{n+1}$:

$$V[X_1 + ... + X_n + X_{n+1}] = V[X_1 + ... + X_n] + V[X_{n+1}]$$

= $\bar{X}_1 + ... + \bar{X}_n + \bar{X}_{n+1}$

In line 1, we use the base case and assume that $X_1 + ... + X_n$ can be treated as one rv.

Exercise 1.20

a)

$$E[Y] = \sum_{y\geq 0}^{\infty} Pr(Y > y)$$

$$= \sum_{y\geq 0}^{\infty} 1 - F_Y(y)$$

$$= \sum_{y\geq 0}^{\infty} 1 - \left(1 - \frac{2}{(y+1)(y+2)}\right)$$

$$= \sum_{y\geq 0}^{\infty} \frac{2}{(y+1)(y+2)}$$

$$= 2 \sum_{y\geq 0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(y+1)(y+2)}$$

Last line was checked with Wolfram Alpha¹

b)

We find the pmf of Y and use it to check for EY

$$\begin{split} p_Y(y) &= F_Y(y) - F_Y(y-1) \\ &= 1 - \frac{2}{(y+1)(y+2)} - \left(1 - \frac{2}{((y-1)+1)((y-1)+2)}\right) \\ &= \frac{2}{y(y+1)} - \frac{2}{(y+1)(y+2)} \end{split}$$

$$E[Y] = \sum_{0}^{\infty} y p_{Y}(y)$$

$$= \sum_{0}^{\infty} y \left(\frac{2}{y(y+1)} - \frac{2}{(y+1)(y+2)} \right)$$

$$= 2$$

Checked with Wolfram Alpha². Using this we set the summation starting from 1 since multiplying by zero yields zero anyways.

 $^{^2 \}text{https://www.wolframalpha.com/input/?i=+\%5Csum_1\%5E\%7B\%5Cinfty\%7Dy\%28+-+2\%2F\%28\%281+\%2B+y\%29\%282+\%2B+y\%29\%29+\%2B+2\%2F\%28y\%28y\%281\%29\%29$

c)

We find

$$E[X|Y = y] = \sum_{x=1}^{y} x p_{X|Y}(x|y)$$
$$= \sum_{x=1}^{y} x \frac{1}{y}$$
$$= \frac{y+1}{2}$$

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

$$= \sum_{y=1}^{\infty} p_Y(y)E[X|Y=y]$$

$$= \sum_{y=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{2}{y(y+1)} - \frac{2}{(y+1)(y+2)}\right) \frac{y+1}{2}$$

$$= \sum_{y=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{y} - \frac{1}{y+2}$$

$$= 3/2$$

Using Wolfram Alpha of $E[X|Y=y]^3$ and for $E[X]^4$. Alternative method $E[X] = \sum_x x p_X(x)$ not explored.

d)

We find

$$E[Z|Y = y] = \sum_{z=1}^{y^2} z p_{Z|Y}(z|y)$$
$$= \sum_{z=1}^{y^2} z \frac{1}{y^2}$$
$$= \frac{y^2 + 1}{2}$$

Using Wolfram Alpha⁵.

$$E[Z] = E[E[Z|Y]]$$

$$= \sum_{y=1}^{\infty} p_Y(y) E[Z|Y = y]$$

$$= \sum_{y=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{2}{y(y+1)} - \frac{2}{(y+1)(y+2)}\right) \frac{y^2 + 1}{2}$$

$$= \sum_{y=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{y^2 + 1}{y(y+1)} - \frac{y^2 + 1}{(y+1)(y+2)}\right)$$

$$= \infty \text{ (sum diverges)}$$

Checked using wolfram alpha⁶

³https://www.wolframalpha.com/input/?i=%5Csum%28x%2Fy%29%2C+x%3D1+to+y

⁴https://www.wolframalpha.com/input/?i=sum+1%2Fy+-+1%2F%28y%2B2%29%2C+y%3D1+to+infinity

⁵https://www.wolframalpha.com/input/?i=sum+z%2F%28y%5E2%29%2C+z%3D1+to+y%5E2

⁶https://www.wolframalpha.com/input/?i=sum+z%2F%28y%5E2%29%2C+z%3D1+to+%28y%5E2%29

Exercise 1.28

$$F_Y(y) = Pr(Y \le y) \tag{6}$$

$$= Pr(F_X(X) < y) \tag{7}$$

$$= Pr(X < F_X^{-1}(y)) \tag{8}$$

$$=F_X(F_X^{-1}(y))\tag{9}$$

$$= y \tag{10}$$

In line 3 we make use of https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cumulative_distribution_function#Inverse_distribution_function_(quantile_function). This is the cdf of Y over the interval 0 to 1.

Exercise 1.32

a)

$$Pr(X \ge b) \le \frac{\sigma^2}{\sigma^2 + b^2}$$

$$\beta \le \frac{\sigma^2}{\sigma^2 + b^2}$$

$$\beta \le \frac{\int_{-\infty}^{b^-} x^2 f_X(x) dx + \int_b^{\infty} x^2 f_X(x) dx}{\int_{-\infty}^{b^-} x^2 f_X(x) dx + \int_b^{\infty} x^2 f_X(x) dx + b^2}$$

$$b^2 \beta \le b^2 \frac{\int_{-\infty}^{b^-} x^2 f_X(x) dx + \int_b^{\infty} x^2 f_X(x) dx}{\int_{-\infty}^{b^-} x^2 f_X(x) dx + \int_b^{\infty} x^2 f_X(x) dx + b^2}$$

b), c), d)

Not done

Exercise 1.43

We are assuming that we have to prove the Chebyshev inequality. To do this, we use the markov inequality. For non-negative rv Z_n and $\epsilon > 0$, then $P(Z_n \ge \epsilon) \le \frac{E[Z_n]}{\epsilon}$:

$$P(|Z_n - \alpha| \ge \epsilon) = P((Z_n - \alpha)^2 \ge \epsilon^2)$$

 $\le \frac{E[(x - \mu)^2]}{\epsilon^2}$

At line 1, we can treat $(Z_n - \alpha)^2$ as a non-negative rv and then apply the markov inequality.

Exercise 1.48

Not done

Exercise 8

Not done

Exercise 9

Not done

Excuse the unfinished exercises, I have not looked into the other exercises that much, since I am mostly focusing on another final project.