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Assignment 6

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Find the characteristic function of $Y = \sum_{r=1}^{n} a_r X_r$, where $a_1, a_2, ..., a_n$ are constants and $X_1, X_2, X_3, ..., X_n$ are random variables, each of which takes the values -1 and 1 with probability $\frac{1}{2}$. Taking $a_r = 2^{-r}$ for each r, show that Y converges in distribution to uniform distribution on (-1,1).

SOLUTION

Given,

$$Y = \sum_{r=1}^{n} a_r X_r \tag{0.0.1}$$

The characteristic function of a random variable Y is defined as

$$C_Y(t) = E[e^{itY}]$$
 (0.0.2)

$$\implies C_Y(t) = E[e^{it\sum_{r=1}^n a_r X_r}]$$
 (0.0.3)

$$\implies C_Y(t) = \prod_{r=1}^n E[e^{ita_r X_r}]$$
 (0.0.4)

$$\implies C_Y(t) = \prod_{r=1}^n C_{X_r}(a_r t) \qquad (0.0.5)$$

By taking $a_r = 2^{-r}$ we get,

$$C_Y(t) = \prod_{r=1}^n C_{X_r} \left(\frac{t}{2^r}\right)$$
 (0.0.6)

As random variables $X'_r s$ follow discrete uniform distribution with only two possible outcomes ($X_r = -1$ and $X_r = 1$) the characteristic equation of X_r is

$$C_{X_r}(t) = \sum_{k} e^{ikt} \Pr(X_r = k)$$
 (0.0.7)

$$\implies C_{X_r}(t) = \frac{e^{-it}}{2} + \frac{e^{it}}{2}$$
 (0.0.8)

$$\implies C_{X_r}(t) = \frac{1 + e^{2it}}{2e^{it}}$$
 (0.0.9)

$$\implies C_{X_r} \left(\frac{t}{2^r} \right) = \frac{1 + e^{2i\left(\frac{t}{2^r}\right)}}{2e^{i\left(\frac{t}{2^r}\right)}} \tag{0.0.10}$$

using (0.0.10) in (0.0.6)

$$C_Y(t) = \prod_{r=1}^{n} \left(\frac{1 + e^{2i\left(\frac{t}{2^r}\right)}}{2e^{i\left(\frac{t}{2^r}\right)}} \right)$$
 (0.0.11)

$$\implies C_Y(t) = \frac{\left(1 + e^{it}\right)\left(1 + e^{i\left(\frac{t}{2}\right)}\right)....\left(1 + e^{i\left(\frac{t}{2^{n-1}}\right)}\right)}{2^n\left(e^{i\sum_{r=1}^n\frac{t}{2^r}}\right)}$$
(0.0.12)

$$\therefore C_Y(t) = \frac{\left(e^{2it} - 1\right)}{2^n e^{it\left(\frac{2^{n+1} - 1}{2^{n+1}}\right)} \left(e^{\left(\frac{it}{2^{n-1}}\right)} - 1\right)}$$
(0.0.13)

Now consider

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} C_Y(t) \tag{0.0.14}$$

$$\implies \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{\left(e^{2it} - 1\right)}{2^n e^{it\left(\frac{2^{n+1} - 1}{2^{n+1}}\right)} \left(e^{\left(\frac{it}{2^{n-1}}\right)} - 1\right)} \tag{0.0.15}$$

We know that,

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \left(e^{\left(\frac{it}{2^{n-1}}\right)} - 1 \right) = \frac{it}{2^{n-1}} \tag{0.0.16}$$

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} e^{it \left(\frac{2^{n+1}-1}{2^{n+1}}\right)} = e^{it}$$
 (0.0.17)

Using (0.0.16) and (0.0.17) in (0.0.15)

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} C_Y(t) = \frac{\left(e^{2it} - 1\right)}{2ite^{it}}$$
 (0.0.18)

Now, let's assume that if Y follows uniform distribution on (-1,1) then it's pdf can be written as

$$f_Y(y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} & -1 \le y \le 1\\ 0 & otherwise \end{cases}$$
 (0.0.19)

And it's cdf would be

$$F_Y(y) = \begin{cases} 0 & y < -1\\ \frac{1+y}{2} & -1 \le y \le 1\\ 1 & otherwise \end{cases}$$
 (0.0.20)

It's characteristic function would be

$$C_Y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{ity} . f_Y(y) \, dy$$
 (0.0.21)

$$\implies C_Y(t) = \int_{-1}^1 e^{ity} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) dy \qquad (0.0.22)$$

$$\implies C_Y(t) = \frac{\left(e^{2it} - 1\right)}{2ite^{it}} \tag{0.0.23}$$

So from (0.0.18) and (0.0.23) we conclude that as $(n \to \infty)$ *Y* converges in distribution to uniform distribution on (-1,1).

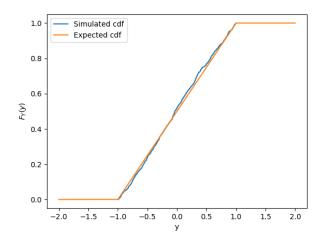


Fig. 0: Simulated vs expected cdf plot of random variable Y