

Taylor Series

1/x = sum_{n=0}^inf x^n
e^x = sum_{n=0}^inf x^n/n!

cos x = sum_{n=0}^inf (-1)^n x^{2n}/(2n)!

sin x = sum_{n=0}^inf (-1)^n x^{2n+1}/(2n+1)!

ln(1 + x) = sum_{n=1}^inf (-1)^{n+1} x^n/n

Permutations and Combinations

P(n, k) = n!/(n-k)!

C(n, k) = n!/k!(n-k)!

Laplace Transforms

F*(s) = integral_0^inf f(t)e^{-st}dt

f(t) = integral_0^inf F*(s)e^{st}ds

Convolution Property

f(t) * g(t) = integral_0^t f(t-x)g(x)dx <-> F*(s)G*(s)

Z-Transform

Mapping of discrete function f_n into complex fuction with variable z.

F(z) = sum_{n=0}^inf f_n z^n

Probability and Conditional

P(A union B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A intersection B)

P(A|B) = P(A intersection B)/P(B)

A, B are independent if P(A, B) = P(A)P(B)

Total Probability

P(B) = sum_i P(A_i)P(B|A_i)

Bayes' Rule

P(A_i|B) = P(A_i intersection B)/P(B) = P(A_i)P(B|A_i)/sum_j P(A_j)P(B|A_j)

PMF (Probability Mass Function)

p_X(x) = P({s in Omega s.t. X(s) = x})

sum_x p_X(x) = 1

Bernoulli Random Variable

X = 1 on success, X = 0 on failure.

p(X = x) = p, if x = 1

p(X = x) = 1 - p, if x = 0

Geometric Random Variable

Counts #trials until first success.

p_X(x) = (1 - p)^{x-1}p, x = 1, 2, ...

p(X >= s + 1|X >= t) = p(X >= s)

Binomial Random Variable

Counts #success in n identical independent experiments.

p_X(x) = (n choose x)p^x(1 - p)^{n-x}, when 0 <= x <= n

p_X(x) = 0, otherwise

Poisson Random Variable

Model occurrence of event over time interval assuming event happens at rate lambda

p_X(x) = e^{-lambda} lambda^x/x!, when x = 0, 1, ...

PDF (Probability Density Function)

integral_{-inf}^inf f_X(x)dx = 1

CDF (Cumulative Distribution Function)

F_X(x) = P(X <= x)

lim_{x -> -inf} F_X(x) = 0

lim_{x -> inf} F_X(x) = 1

P(a < X <= b) = F_X(b) - F_X(a)

Uniform Distribution

f_X(x) = 1/(b-a), when a <= x <= b

f_X(x) = 0, otherwise

Exponential Distribution

Memoryless continuous distribution.

f_X(x) = lambda e^{-lambda x}, when x >= 0

F_X(x) = 1 - e^{-lambda x}, when x >= 0

F_X(x) = 0, otherwise

P(X > x) = e^{-lambda x}

Expectation

E[X] = sum_x x p(x)

E[X] = integral_{-inf}^inf x f_X(x)dx

If Y = g(X), E[Y] = sum_x g(x)p(x),

E[Y] = integral_{-inf}^inf g(x)f_X(x)dx

E[X + Y] = E[X] + E[Y]

E[aX] = aE[X]

E[XY] = E[X]E[Y], if X, Y are independent.

For X, Y with joint PMF p(x, y) or PDF

f_{X,Y}(x, y), E[XY] = sum_{(x,y)} xy p(x, y),

E[XY] = integral_{-inf}^inf integral_{-inf}^inf xy f_{X,Y}(x, y) dxdy

Conditional Expectation

X, Y are random variables,

E[Y|X] = sum_y y P(Y = y|X = x) = sum_y y p_{Y|X}(y|x),

E[Y|X] = integral_{-inf}^inf y f_{Y|X}(y|x) dy

Unconditional Expectation

E[Y] = sum_x E[Y|X] p_X(x)

E[Y] = integral_{-inf}^inf E[Y|X] f_X(x) dx

Variance

Var[X] = E[(X - E[X])^2] = sum_x (x - E[X])^2 p(x) = integral_{-inf}^inf (x - E[X])^2 f_X(x) dx

Var[X] = E[X^2] - E[X]^2

Var[X + Y] = Var[X] + Var[Y], if X, Y are independent.

Expectations and Variances

Binomial: np, np(1 - p)

Geometric: 1/p, 1/p^2

Uniform: (a+b)/2, ((b-a)^2)/12

Exponential: 1/lambda, 1/lambda^2

Poisson: lambda, lambda

Covariance: measure of joint probability

Cov(X, Y) = E[(X - E[X])(Y - E[Y])]

Cov(X, Y) = E[XY] - E[X]E[Y]

If X, Y are independent, Cov(X, Y) = 0

Correlation: scaled version of covariance

rho(X, Y) = Cov(X, Y) / sqrt(Var(X)Var(Y)), range [-1, 1]

CTMC: State transitions are permitted at arbitrary time instances. The amount of time spent in a state is exponentially distributed.

State Transition Probability:

p_{ij}(t) = P(X(tau + t) = j | X(tau) = i)

Chapman-Kolmogorov Equation:

p_{ij}(s + t) = sum_k p_{ik}(s)p_{kj}(t)

Transition Probability H(t): H(t) = {p_{ij}(t)}

H(s + t) = H(s)H(t)

H(t + Delta t) = H(t)H(Delta t)

H(t + Delta t) = H(t)[H(Delta t) - I]

dH(t)/dt = H(t) lim_{Delta t -> 0} [H(Delta t) - I]/Delta t

Q = lim_{Delta t -> 0} [H(Delta t) - I]/Delta t

dH(t)/dt = H(t)Q

Transition Rate Matrix: Q, infinitesimal generator of H(t). H(t) = e^{Qt}.

Diagonal elements <= 0. q_{ii} = lim_{Delta t -> 0} [(p_{ii}(Delta t) - 1)/Delta t].

Off-diagonal elements >= 0.

q_{ij} = lim_{Delta t -> 0} [(p_{ij}(Delta t) - 0)/Delta t], for i != j.

In each row, sum of off-diagonal = magnitude of

diagonal: q_{ii} = - sum_{i != j} q_{ij}

State Probabilities:

pi(t) = pi(0)H(t), pi(t) = pi(0)e^{Qt}

Stationary Distribution: piQ = 0, sum_j pi_j = 1

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Q1: A given program has an execution time that is uniformly distributed between 10 and 20 seconds.

The number of interrupts that occur during execution is a Poisson random variable with parameter t where t is the program execution time. The probability distribution of the number of interrupts is therefore P(N = k) = (lambda t)k e^{-lambda t}.

(a) What is E[N|T = t], where N is the number of interrupts the program experiences, and T is the running time of the program.

E[N|T = t] = lambda t, since for fixed running time, the number of interrupts is a Poisson random variable with mean lambda t.

(b) Find the expected number of interrupts the

program experiences during a randomly selected execution.

E[N] = integral_{10}^{20} E[N|T = t] f_T(t) dt = integral_{10}^{20} (lambda t/10) dt = 15 lambda

Q2: Suppose that you made a webpage and you are collecting the statistics from the visitors. There are m types of visitors. Each visit is equally likely to be any of the m types. Find the expected number of visitors needed in order to have at least one of each type. Hint: Let X denote the number of visitors needed. It is useful to represent X by X = sum_{i=1}^m X_i where each X_i is a geometric random variable.

Suppose the current visitor pool contains i different types. Let X_i denote the number of additional visitors needed until it contains i + 1 types. The X_i is are independent geometric random variables with parameter (m - i)/m, i = 0, 1, ..., m - 1. E[X] = E[sum_{i=1}^m X_i] = sum_{i=1}^m E[X_i] = sum_{i=1}^m m/(m - i)

Q3: A Markov chain {X_n, n >= 0} with states 0, 1, 2, has the transition probability matrix

[1/2, 1/3, 1/6; 0, 3/4, 1/4; 1/2, 0, 1/2] If P[X_0 = 0] = P[X_0 = 1] = 1, find

the state probability vector P[X_3 = 2].

Cubing the transition probability matrix, we obtain

P^3 = [13/36, 11/54, 47/108; 9/12, 27/2, 27/13; 5/12, 9/2, 36/36]

P[X_3 = 2] = 1/4 * 47/108 + 1/4 * 11/27 + 1/2 * 13/36

Q4: A workstation tries to transmit frames through Ethernet. Suppose that whether or not collision occurs in the current transmission depends on the result of the last two trans- missions the workstation had. That is, suppose that if collisions have occurred in both of the past two transmissions, then with probability 0.7 a collision will occur in the current transmission; if a collision occurs in last transmission but not the transmission before the last one, then a collision will occur in the current transmission with probability 0.5; if a collision occurred in the transmission before the last one but not the last one, then one will occur in the current transmission with probability 0.4; if there have been no collision in the past two transmissions, then a collision will occur in the current transmission with probability 0.2. (Hint: Note that the state description needs to include status of last two transmissions).

(b) Find the transition probability matrix.

P = [0.7, 0, 0.3, 0; 0.5, 0, 0.5, 0; 0, 0.4, 0, 0.6; 0, 0.2, 0, 0.8]

(c) What fraction of frames suffer a collision?

Solve pi = piP to obtain the stationary state probabilities. Then the fraction of frames suffering a collision is pi_0 + pi_2 (or pi_0 + pi_1).