

10/12 LECTURE 22. DISCRETE RV & EXPECTATIONS

Eg 22.1

I toss two indep. coins (p -biased) repeatedly until I get HT or TH.

Two coins have same value. we toss again. if they have diff. value, we stop.

$Y = 0$ if HT

$Y = 1$ if TH.

$P_Y(0) = P(\text{we end with HT})$

(count add.) $= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(\text{HT or TH in the first } n-1 \text{ tosses} \text{ \& HT in the } n^{\text{th}} \text{ toss})$

$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(\text{HT or TH})^{n-1} P(\text{HT})$ (by indep. of tosses)

(by indep.) $= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - 2pq)^{n-1} pq$ $q = 1 - p$
($p^2 + q^2 + 2pq = 1$)

$P(\text{HT}) = P(\text{coin 1 is H \& coin 2 is T}) = pq$ (indep.)
 $P(\text{HT or TH in } n \text{ tosses}) = P(\text{coin 1 = coin 2 in the first } n-1 \text{ tosses})$

so $P_Y(0) = \frac{pq}{2pq} = \frac{1}{2}$

so $P_Y(1) = \frac{1}{2} = 1 - P_Y(0)$

$Y \stackrel{d}{=} \text{Unif}\{0, 1\} \stackrel{d}{=} \text{Ber}(1/2)$ (unbiased coin!!)

Ex* Using p -biased coin, can you define $\text{Unif}\{1, \dots, R\}$ r.v.s?

$X = \# \text{ tosses before HT or TH}$

$P_X(m) = 2pq (1 - 2pq)^{m-1}$. $X \stackrel{d}{=} \text{Geom}(2pq)$

Defn 22.2. Let (X, P_X) be a discrete r.v with values in \mathbb{N}^* .

Let $f: \mathbb{N}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

Define $E[f(X)] := \sum_{x \in \mathbb{N}^*} f(x) P_X(x)$ if $\sum_{x \in \mathbb{N}^*} |f(x)| P_X(x) < \infty$

(Exp. of $f(x)$ or mean of $f(x)$ or Avg. of $f(x)$)

else $\vdash[H(x)]$ is undefined.

Recall if $\sum_{x \in \mathbb{N}^*} |g(x)| < \infty$ then $\sum_{x \in \mathbb{N}^*} g(x)$ is well-defined

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |g(n)|$$

$$\sum_{x \in \mathbb{N}^*} g(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} g(n)$$

Again given discrete r.v. X , important to compute

$E[X]$ - mean, $VAR[X] = E[X^2] - (E[X])^2$ - VARIANCE
 R^{th} moment of X - $E[X^R]$

we can describe a r.v. via its moments !!!

So $E[X]$ is well-defined if $\sum_x |x| p_X(x) = \sum_x x p_X(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n p_X(n) < \infty$,
 $\text{VAR}[X]$ is if $\sum_x x^2 p_X(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n^2 p_X(n) < \infty$

so if $E[X^k]$ is well-defined if $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^k p_X(n) < \infty$.

Ex 22.3 If $E[X^m]$ is well-defined for some $m \in \mathbb{N}$, (X is \mathbb{N}^* -valued) show that $E[X^k]$ is well-defined $\forall k \leq m$.

Eg
22.4

$X \stackrel{d}{=} \text{Geom}(p)$. $p_X(k) = p(1-p)^{k-1}$ $(k \geq 1)$. $p > 0$

$E[X]$ is well-defined if $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n p_X(n) < \infty$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n p_X(n) = p \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n (1-p)^{n-1} \stackrel{\text{check}}{=} \frac{1}{p} < \infty.$$

so $E[X]$ is well-defined & $E[X] = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n p_X(n) = \frac{1}{p}$.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n(1-p)^{n-1} = \frac{d}{dp} \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (1-p)^n \right)$$

Compute $\text{VAR}[X]$, $\mathbb{E}[X^k]$, $k \geq 2$

Ex 22.5 $X \stackrel{d}{=} \text{NBin}(r, p)$ $P_X(m) = \binom{m-1}{r-1} p^r (1-p)^{m-r}$
 — r # of tosses until r heads

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n \binom{n-1}{r-1} p^r (1-p)^{n-r} &= p^r \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n \binom{n-1}{r-1} (1-p)^{n-r} \\
 &= r p^r \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \binom{n}{r} (1-p)^{n-r} \\
 &= \frac{r}{p} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \binom{n}{r} p^{r+1} (1-p)^{n-r} \\
 &= \frac{r}{p} < \infty.
 \end{aligned}$$

(pmf of another NBin)

And so $E[X] = \frac{r}{p}$ (Avg. waiting for r heads

$\text{VAR}[X], E[X^k] = ? \quad k \geq 2.$ = Avg. waiting for 1st head + ... + ... (rth head)

Eg 22.6

Let us take a queue. (Q at a bus-stop, railway station) or internet servers

Customers arrive in the Q at rate λ , $\lambda \in (0, \infty)$

(1) Avg. # of customers arriving btw $[t, t+s] = \lambda s$

(2) No two customers arrive close to each other.

↳ # of customers arriving in $[t, t+s] \in \{0, 1\}$ if s is very small

(3) Customers arrive indep.

i.e., # in $[a, b]$ & # in $[c, d]$ are indep. if $[a, b] \cap [c, d] = \emptyset$

$P(\# \text{ in } [a, b] = k, \# \text{ in } [c, d] = j) = P(\# \text{ in } [a, b] = k) P(\# \text{ in } [c, d] = j) \quad \forall k, j$

For eg. $a = 9 \text{ AM}$, $b = 10 \text{ AM}$, $c = 11 \text{ AM}$, $d = 12 \text{ AM}$

in 9-10 AM doesn't affect # in 11-12 AM.

Fix to $N(t) = \# \text{ customers arriving by time } t$
 $= \# \text{ in } [0, t].$

So $N(t)$ is a R.V. taking values in \mathbb{N}^*

What is a good pmf for $N(t)$? $P_X(k) = ? \quad X = N(t)$

let n be large.

$$0 \quad \lambda_n \quad \lambda_n \quad \lambda_n \quad \lambda_n \quad \dots \quad \lambda_n t \quad ; \quad t \in \mathbb{N}$$

$Y_i = \#$ of customers arriving in interval $[\frac{i-1}{n}, \frac{i}{n}]$ $i \leq tn$

$\#$ of intervals $= tn$. since $t \in \mathbb{N}$.

All intervals are eq. length.

By (2), $Y_i \in \{0, 1\}$ two customers can't arrive in $[\frac{i-1}{n}, \frac{i}{n}]$.

By (4), $E[Y_i] = \frac{\lambda}{n} \Rightarrow Y_i \stackrel{d}{=} \text{Ber}(\frac{\lambda}{n})$ in any i

As if each interval, we are tossing a coin with prob. $\frac{\lambda}{n}$.

(5) \Rightarrow coin tosses are indep.

$N(t) \approx \#$ of heads in tn many coin-tosses
with prob. $\frac{\lambda}{n}$

Fix k
 $P(N(t) = k) \approx P(X_n = k)$ [think what happens if $t \notin \mathbb{N}$]

$$= \binom{nt}{k} \left(\frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^k \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^{nt-k} = a_n$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \frac{(nt)!}{(nt-k)!} \frac{1}{n^k} \underbrace{\left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^n}_\downarrow e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} \underbrace{\frac{1}{\left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^k}}_{\rightarrow 1 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty}$$

$$\approx \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} e^{-\lambda t}$$

$$\frac{(nt)!}{(nt-k)!} \frac{1}{n^k}$$

$$\approx \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} e^{-\lambda t}$$

$$\frac{nt (nt-1) \dots (nt-k+1)}{n \cdot n \cdot \dots \cdot n}$$

$$\approx \frac{(\lambda t)^k}{k!} e^{-\lambda t}$$

$$\frac{1}{\lambda t} \left(1 - \frac{1}{nt}\right) \left(1 - \frac{2}{nt}\right) \dots \left(1 - \frac{k-1}{nt}\right)$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{(\lambda t)^k}{k!} e^{-\lambda t}$$

$$P(N(t) = k) = \frac{(\lambda t)^k}{k!} e^{-\lambda t}, \quad k \geq 0$$

$$p_X(k) = \frac{(\lambda t)^k}{k!} e^{-\lambda t}, \quad \text{Check this is a pmf}$$

& X is called Poisson (λt) r.v.. Ex. $E[X]$, $\text{VAR}[X]$.