

Problem 5.6

If $x \sim Mult_L(n, \pi)$, use the Poisson trick (5.44) to appropriate the mean and variance of x_1/x_2 . (Here we are assuming that $n\pi_2$ is large enough to ignore the possibility $x_2 = 0$.) Hint: In notation (5.41),

$$\frac{S1}{S2} \doteq \frac{\mu_1}{\mu_2} \left(1 + \frac{S_1 - \mu_1}{\mu_1} - \frac{S_2 - \mu_2}{\mu_2}\right).$$

$$S_l \stackrel{ind}{\sim} Poi(\mu_l), \quad l = 1, 2, \dots, L \quad (5.41)$$

$$Mult_L(N, \pi) \sim Poi(n\pi) \quad (5.44)$$

Solution Let $X = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_L) \sim Mult_L(n, \pi)$ where $\pi = (\pi_1, \pi_2, \dots, \pi_L)$ and $N \sim Poi(n)$. Then, by using Poisson trick, we can approximate $X = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_L) \sim Poi(n\pi)$. In other words, $x_i \stackrel{indep}{\sim} Poi(n\pi_i) \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, L$. Define $\mu_i = n\pi_i \forall i$. We know that $E_\pi(x_i) = n\pi_i = \mu_i$ and $Var_\pi = n\pi_i = \mu_i$. Next, we use the hint given to the problem. Then, we can calculate the mean and variance of x_1/x_2 .

First, the mean of x_1/x_2 is

$$\begin{aligned} E_\pi\left(\frac{x_1}{x_2}\right) &= E_\pi\left(\frac{\mu_1}{\mu_2}\left(1 + \frac{x_1 - \mu_1}{\mu_1} - \frac{x_2 - \mu_2}{\mu_2}\right)\right) \\ &= \frac{\mu_1}{\mu_2}\left(1 + E_\pi\left(\frac{x_1 - \mu_1}{\mu_1}\right) - E_\pi\left(\frac{x_2 - \mu_2}{\mu_2}\right)\right) \\ &= \frac{\mu_1}{\mu_2} \end{aligned}$$

Second, the variance of x_1/x_2 is

$$\begin{aligned} Var_\pi\left(\frac{x_1}{x_2}\right) &= Var_\pi\left(\frac{\mu_1}{\mu_2}\left(1 + \frac{x_1 - \mu_1}{\mu_1} - \frac{x_2 - \mu_2}{\mu_2}\right)\right) \\ &= \frac{\mu_1^2}{\mu_2^2}\left(\frac{1}{\mu_1^2}Var_\pi(x_1) + \frac{1}{\mu_2^2}Var_\pi(x_2)\right) \\ &= \frac{\mu_1^2}{\mu_2^2}\left(\frac{1}{\mu_1} + \frac{1}{\mu_2}\right) \\ &= \frac{\mu_1(\mu_1 + \mu_2)}{\mu_2^3} \end{aligned}$$

Problem 5.7

Show explicitly how the binomial density $bi(12, 0.3)$ is an exponential tilt of $bi(12, 0.6)$.

Solution Let $p, p_0 \in \mathbb{P} = \{p : 0 < p < 1\}$. The pmfs of $bi(12, p)$ and $bi(12, p_0)$ are $f_p(x) = \binom{12}{x}p^x(1-p)^{12-x}$ and $f_{p_0}(x) = \binom{12}{x}p_0^x(1-p_0)^{12-x}$. Suppose that p_0 is given. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{f_p(x)}{f_{p_0}(x)} &= \left(\frac{p}{p_0}\right)^x \left(\frac{1-p}{1-p_0}\right)^{12-x} \Leftrightarrow \\ f_p(x) &= \left(\frac{p}{p_0}\right)^x \left(\frac{1-p}{1-p_0}\right)^{12-x} f_{p_0}(x) \Leftrightarrow \\ f_p(x) &= \exp\left(x \log\left(\frac{p}{p_0}\right) + (12-x) \log\left(\frac{1-p}{1-p_0}\right)\right) f_{p_0}(x) \Leftrightarrow \\ f_p(x) &= \exp\left(x \log\left(\frac{p/(1-p)}{p_0/(1-p_0)}\right) + 12 \log\left(\frac{1-p}{1-p_0}\right)\right) f_{p_0}(x) \end{aligned}$$

We can reparametrize the parameter p to $\alpha = \frac{p}{1-p}$. Then, $f_p(x) = \exp\left(x \log\left(\frac{p/(1-p)}{p_0/(1-p_0)}\right) + 12 \log\left(\frac{1-p}{1-p_0}\right)\right) f_{p_0}(x) = \exp\left(x \log\left(\frac{\alpha}{\alpha_0}\right) - 12 \log\left(\frac{1+\alpha}{1+\alpha_0}\right)\right) f_{p_0}(x)$