



Performance Modeling of Computer Systems and Networks

Prof. Vittoria de Nitto Personè

Discrete Random Variates: applications

Università degli studi di Roma Tor Vergata
Department of Civil Engineering and Computer Science Engineering

Copyright © Vittoria de Nitto Personè, 2021

<https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-nd/4.0/>



(CC BY-NC-ND 4.0)

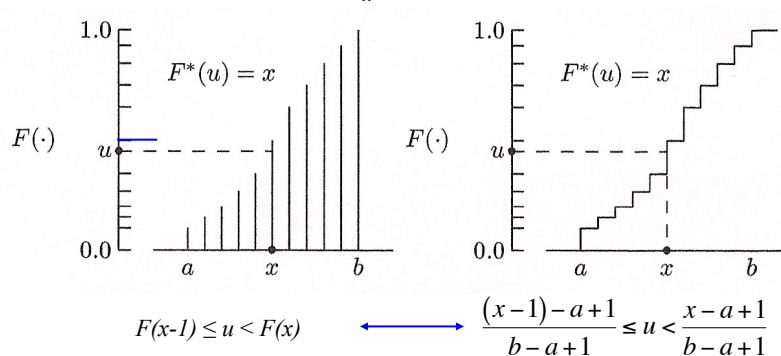
1

Discrete Simulation
Discrete RV applications

Equilillikely(a,b)

$$F(x) = \frac{x - a + 1}{b - a + 1} \quad x = a, a + 1, \dots, b$$

$$F^*(u) = \min_x \{x : u < F(x)\}$$



Prof. Vittoria de Nitto Personè

2

2

$$\frac{(x-1) - a + 1}{b - a + 1} \leq u < \frac{x - a + 1}{b - a + 1}$$

$$x - a \leq (b - a + 1)u < x - a + 1$$

$$x \leq a + (b - a + 1)u < x + 1$$

$$x = a + \lfloor (b - a + 1)u \rfloor$$

$$F^*(u) = a + \lfloor (b - a + 1)u \rfloor$$

Example: Inventory System

in program sis2, the demand per time interval is an
Equilikely(10,50) random variate

```
long Equilikely(long a, long b)
{ return (a + (long) ((b - a + 1) *
Random()));}

long GetDemand(void)
{
    return (Equilikely(10, 50)); }

...
while (index < STOP) {
    index++;
    ...
    inventory -= demand;}

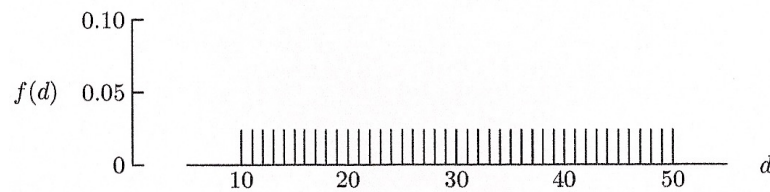
```

model 1

Discrete Simulation
Discrete RV applications

Example: Inventory System

- $\mu=30$, $\sigma = \sqrt{140} \approx 11.8$, and the demand pdf is flat



- this model is not very realistic

Prof. Vittoria de Nitto Personè

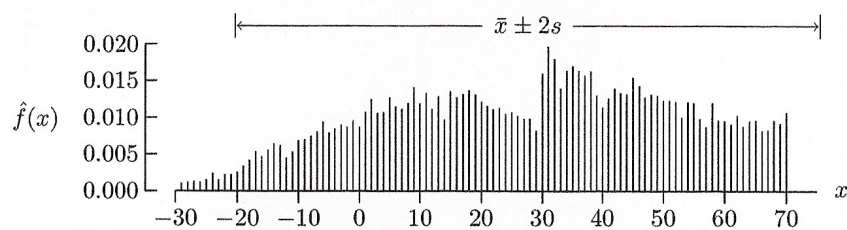
5

5

DE simulation
Discrete-Data Histograms

Example 3.1

- Using sis2mod to generate 10000 weeks of sample data, the inventory level histogram from sis2.out can be constructed (s,S)=(20,80)



- x denotes the inventory level prior to review
- $\bar{x} = 27.63$, $s = 23.98$
- about 98.5% of the data falls within $\bar{x} \pm 2s$

Equililkey(10, 50) ?

Prof. Vittoria de Nitto Personè

6

6

model 2

Discrete Simulation
Discrete RV applications

Alternative Inventory Demand model

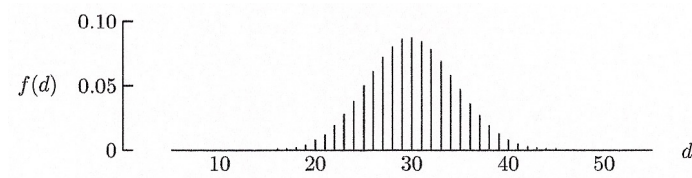
- 100 instances per time interval when demand for 1 unit may occur
- The probability of demand is 0.3 per instance (independently)

This is $\text{Binomial}(100, 0.3)$!

- the function `GetDemand` in `sis2` becomes:

```
long GetDemand(void) {
    return (Binomial(100,0.3));
}
```

- $\mu=30$, $\sigma = \sqrt{21} \approx 4.6$ and the pdf is:



Prof. Vittoria de Nitto Personè

7

7

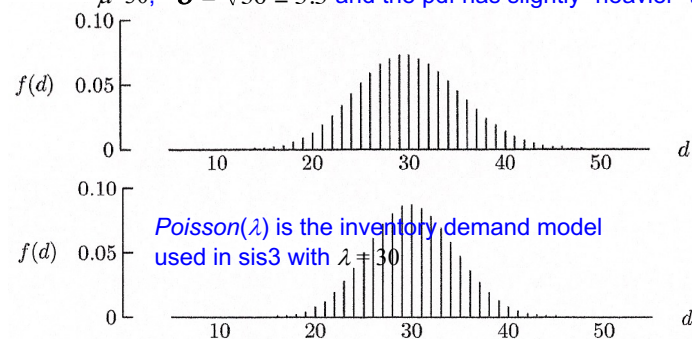
model 3

Discrete Simulation
Discrete RV applicationsA $\text{Poisson}(30)$ model

- $\text{Binomial}(n, p) \approx \text{Poisson}(np)$ for large n
- if $\text{Binomial}(100, 0.3)$ is realistic, should also consider $\text{Poisson}(30)$
- the function `GetDemand` in `sis2` would be:

```
long GetDemand(void) {
    return (Poisson(30));
}
```

- $\mu=30$, $\sigma = \sqrt{30} \approx 5.5$ and the pdf has slightly "heavier" tails:



$\text{Poisson}(\lambda)$ is the inventory demand model
used in `sis3` with $\lambda = 30$

Prof. Vittoria de Nitto Personè

8

8

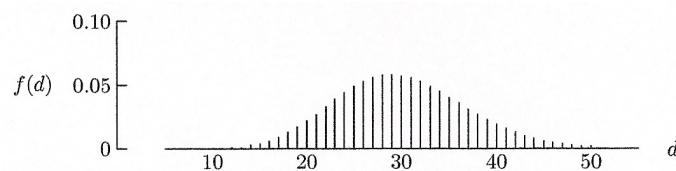
model 4

Discrete Simulation
Discrete RV applications

A Pascal(50,0.375) model

- 50 instances per time interval
- the demand per instance is *Geometric(p)* with $p=0.375$
- the function `GetDemand` in `sis2` would be:


```
long GetDemand(void) {
    return (Pascal(50,0.375));
}
```
- $\mu=30$, $\sigma = \sqrt{48} \approx 6.9$ and the pdf has heavier tails than the *Poisson(30)* pdf:



Prof. Vittoria de Nitto Personè

9

9

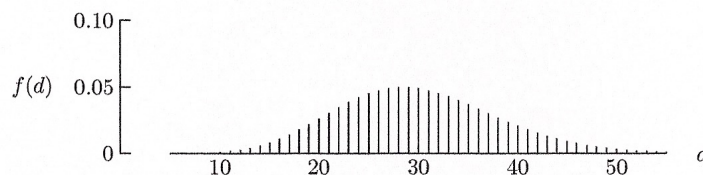
model 5

Discrete Simulation
Discrete RV applications

A compound demand model

- the number of demand instances per time interval is *Poisson(50)*
- the demand per instance is *Geometric(p)* with $p=0.375$
- the function `GetDemand` in `sis2` becomes:


```
long GetDemand(void) {
    long instances = Poisson(50.0); //must truncate to avoid 0
    return (Pascal(instances, 0.375));
}
```
- $\mu=30$, $\sigma = \sqrt{66} \approx 8.1$ and the pdf has heavier tails



Prof. Vittoria de Nitto Personè

10

10

model 5

Discrete Simulation
Discrete RV applications

pdf for the compound demand

- define random variables

D : the demand amount

I : the number of demand instances per time interval

$$f(d) = \Pr(D = d) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \Pr(I = i) \Pr(D = d | I = i)$$

$d = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

- to compute $f(d)$, truncate infinite sum: $0 < a \leq i \leq b$

```
/* use the library rvms */
double sum = 0.0;
for (i = a; i <= b; i++)
    sum += pdfPoisson(50.0,i) * pdfPascal(i,0.375,d);
return sum;
/* sum is f(d) */
```

Prof. Vittoria de Nitto Personè

11

11

Next-Event simulation
InvSys

Comparison of Demand Models

sis2: used an **aggregate** demand for each time interval,
generated as an *Equilikelty*(10,50) random variate

- Aggregate demand per time interval is random
- Within an interval, time between demand instances is constant
- Example: if aggregate demand is 25, inter-demand time is $1/25=0.04$
- Now (sis3) using *Exponential*($1/\lambda$) inter-demand times
 - Demand is modeled as an arrival process
 - Average demand per time interval is λ

```
double GetDemand(void)/* ----- *
                        generate the next demand instance (time) with rate 30 *
                        per time interval and exactly one unit of demand per *
                        demand instance * ----- */
{ static double time = START;
  SelectStream(0);
  time += Exponential(1.0 / 30.0);
  return (time);}
```

Prof. Vittoria de Nitto Personè

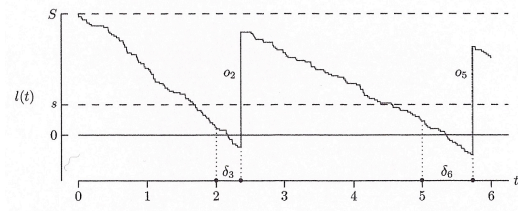
12

12

model 6

Discrete Simulation
Discrete RV applications

sis3



Program sis4

- Based on sis3 but with a more realistic inventory demand model
- The inter-demand time is an *Exponential*($1/\lambda$) random variate
- Whether or not a demand occurs at demand instances is random with probability p
- To allow for the possibility of more than 1 unit of demand, the demand amount is a *Geometric*(p) random
- Expected demand per time interval is $\frac{\lambda p}{(1-p)}$

Prof. Vittoria de Nitto Personè

13

13

model 6

Discrete Simulation
Discrete RV applications

The auto dealership

- The inventory demand model for sis4 corresponds to λ customers per week on average
- Each customer will buy
 - 0 autos with prob $(1-p)$
 - 1 auto with prob $(1-p)p$
 - 2 autos con prob $(1-p)p^2$, etc.
- with $\lambda=120$ $p=0.2$, average demand is 30

$$30.0 = \frac{\lambda p}{(1-p)} = \lambda \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} x(1-p)p^x = \underbrace{\lambda(1-p)p}_{19.2} + \underbrace{2\lambda(1-p)p^2}_{7.68} + \underbrace{3\lambda(1-p)p^3}_{2.304} + \dots$$

- $\lambda(1-p)=96.0$ customers buy 0 autos
- $\lambda(1-p)p=19.2$ customers buy 1 auto
- $\lambda(1-p)p^2=3.84$ customers buy 2 autos
- $\lambda(1-p)p^3=0.768$ customers buy 3 autos, etc.

Prof. Vittoria de Nitto Personè

14

14

```

model 6      sis4.c
double GetDemand(long *amount)                uncoupled processes
{
    static double time = START;
    SelectStream(0);
    time += Exponential(1.0 / 120.0); /* demand instance */
    SelectStream(2);
    *amount = Geometric(0.2);           /* demand amount */
    return (time);
}

...
if (t.current == t.demand) { /* process an inventory demand */
    sum.demand += amount;
    inventory -= amount;
    t.demand = GetDemand(&amount);
}
if (t.current == t.demand) { /* process an inventory demand */
    sum.demand++;
    inventory--;
    t.demand = GetDemand();      sis3.c
}

```

Prof. Vittoria de Nitto Personè 15

15

Truncation: examples

- In the previous example, no bound on number of autos purchased
- Can be made more realistic by truncating possible values
- Start with random variable X with possible values $\mathcal{X}=\{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ and cdf $F(x)=\Pr(X \leq x)$
- want to restrict X to the finite range $0 \leq a \leq x \leq b < \infty$
- if $a > 0$, $\alpha = \Pr(X < a) = \Pr(X \leq a-1) = F(a-1)$
- $\beta = \Pr(X > b) = 1 - \Pr(X \leq b) = 1 - F(b)$
- $\Pr(a \leq X \leq b) = \Pr(X \leq b) - \Pr(X < a) = F(b) - F(a-1)$
essentially, always true iff $F(b) \cong 1.0$ and $F(a-1) \cong 0.0$

16

The auto dealership

model 5

- the number of demand instances per time interval is *Poisson*(50)
- the demand per instance is *Geometric*(p) with $p=0.375$

For the *Poisson*(50) random variable I , determine a and b so that

$$\Pr(a \leq I \leq b) \cong 1.0$$

- use $\alpha = \beta = 10^{-6}$ and `rvms`

```
a = idfPoisson(50.0,  $\alpha$ );  
b = idfPoisson(50.0, 1.0 -  $\beta$ );
```

- results: $a = 20, b = 87$

- consistent with the bounds produced by the conversion:

$$\Pr(I < 20) = \text{cdfPoisson}(50.0, 19) \cong 0.48 \times 10^{-6} < \alpha$$

$$\Pr(I > 87) = 1.0 - \text{cdfPoisson}(50.0, 87) \cong 0.75 \times 10^{-6} < \beta$$

model 5

Effects of truncation

- truncating *Poisson*(50) to the range $\{20, \dots, 87\}$ is insignificant: truncated and un-truncated random variables have (essentially) the same distribution

model 3

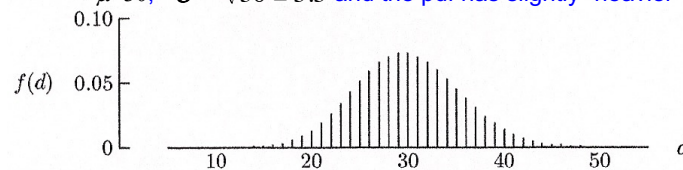
Discrete Simulation
Discrete RV applications

A Poisson(30) model

- $\text{Binomial}(n,p) \approx \text{Poisson}(np)$ for large n
- if $\text{Binomial}(100,0.3)$ is realistic, should also consider $\text{Poisson}(30)$
- the function `GetDemand` in `sis2` would be:

```
long GetDemand(void) {
    return (Poisson(30));
}
```

- $\mu=30$, $\sigma = \sqrt{30} \approx 5.5$ and the pdf has slightly "heavier" tails:



Prof. Vittoria de Nitto Personè

19

19

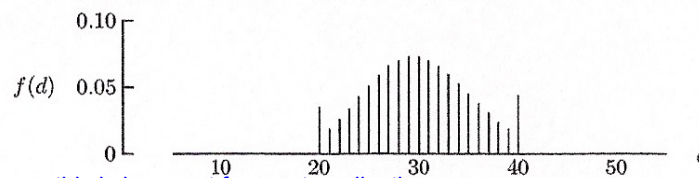
model 3

Discrete Simulation
Discrete RV applications

The auto dealership incorrect truncation

- use $\text{Poisson}(30)$ demand model in program `sis2`
- truncate the demand to the range $20 \leq d \leq 40$

```
d = Poisson(30.0);
if (d < 20)
    d = 20;
if (d > 40)
    d = 40;
return d;
```
- original left and right tails "grouped together" at 20 and 40



- this is incorrect for most applications

Prof. Vittoria de Nitto Personè

20

20

model 3

Discrete Simulation
Discrete RV applications

Truncation by cdf modification

- truncate $Poisson(30)$ to range $20 \leq d \leq 40$
- the $Poisson(30)$ pdf is:

$$f(d) = \exp(-30) \frac{30^d}{d!} \quad d = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$\Pr(20 \leq D \leq 40) = F(40) - F(19) = \sum_{d=20}^{40} f(d) \approx 0.945817$$

- compute a new truncated random variable D_t with pdf $f_t(d)$

$$f_t(d) = \frac{f(d)}{F(40) - F(19)} \quad d = 20, 21, \dots, 40$$

Prof. Vittoria de Nitto Personè

21

21

model 3

Discrete Simulation
Discrete RV applications

Truncation by cdf modification

- the corresponding truncated cdf is

$$F_t(d) = \sum_{t=20}^d f_t(t) = \frac{F(d) - F(19)}{F(40) - F(19)} \quad d = 20, 21, \dots, 40$$

- mean and standard deviation of D_t

$$\mu_t = \sum_{d=20}^{40} d f_t(d) \approx 29.841 \quad \sigma_t = \sqrt{\sum_{d=20}^{40} (d - \mu_t)^2 f_t(d)} \approx 4.720$$

- mean and standard deviation of $Poisson(30)$

$$\mu = 30.0 \quad \sigma = \sqrt{30} \approx 5.477$$

Prof. Vittoria de Nitto Personè

22

22

model 3

Discrete Simulation
Discrete RV applications

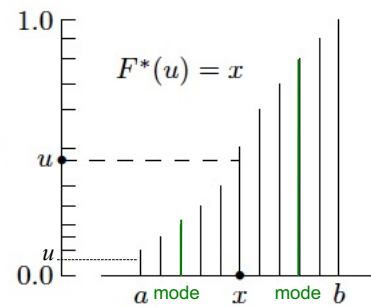
Truncation by cdf modification

- A random variate truncated to $20 \leq d \leq 40$ can be generated by inversion, using the truncated cdf $F_t(\cdot)$ and the Algorithm 2

```

u = Random();
d = 30;
if (Ft(d) <= u)
    while (Ft(d) <= u)
        d++;
else if (Ft(20) <= u)
    while (Ft(d-1) > u)
        d--;
else
    d = 20;
return d;

```



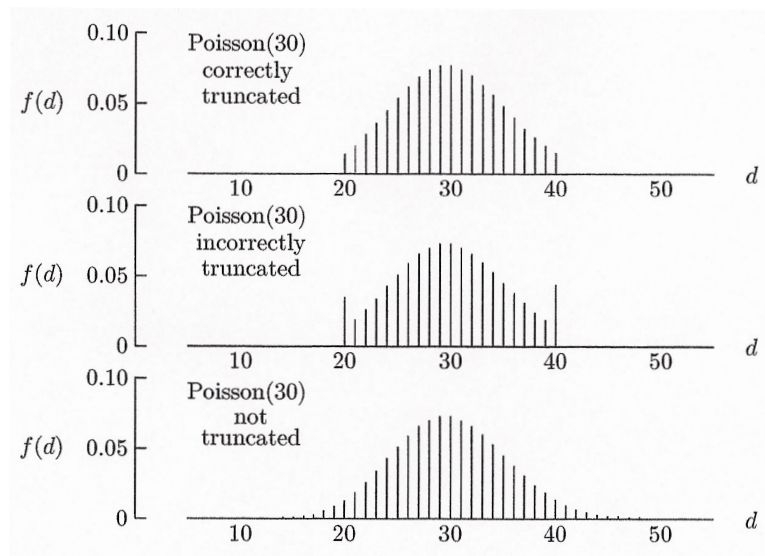
Prof. Vittoria de Nitto Personè

23

23

Discrete Simulation
Discrete RV applications

Illustration of pdfs



Prof. Vittoria de Nitto Personè

24

24

Truncation - conclusion

see the book for the following

1. the truncation by cdf modification in general
2. a different approach called *truncation by constrained inversion*
3. the simple technique *truncation by acceptance-rejection*

Important points

The modeler should be familiar with

- How these distribution arise
 - The support, χ
 - The mean, μ
 - The variance, σ^2
 - The shape of the pdf
-
- how these distributions relate to one another

Exercises

- Generating Discrete RV, use of libraries: exerc. 6.2.4
- Truncation: exerc. 6.3.1, 6.3.2