

# Assignment 10

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# Problem Statement

## Papoulis Pillai Probability Random Variables and Stochastic Processes Exercise : 5-40

Let  $x$  denote the event "the number of failures that precede the  $n$ th success" so that  $x + n$  represents the total number of trials needed to generate  $n$  successes. In that case, the event  $x = k$  occurs if and only if the last trial results in a success and among the previous  $(x + n - 1)$  trials there are  $n - 1$  successes (or  $x$  failures). This gives an alternate formula for the Pascal (or negative binomial) distribution as follows:

$$P\{X = k\} = \binom{n+k-1}{k} p^n q^k = \binom{-n}{k} p^n (-q)^k, k = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad (1)$$

Find  $\Gamma_z$  and show that  $\eta_x = \frac{nq}{p}$  and  $\sigma_x^2 = \frac{nq}{p^2}$

# Pascal or Negative binomial distribution

## Pascal distribution

Pascal random variable describes the number of trials until the  $k^{\text{th}}$  success, which is why it is sometimes called the " $k^{\text{th}}$  order interarrival time for a Bernoulli process". Let  $X_k$  be a  $k^{\text{th}}$  order Pascal random variable. Then its PMF is given by

$$p_{X_k} = \binom{n+k-1}{k} p^n q^k \quad (2)$$

# Solution

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$$\Gamma(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_{X_k} z^k \quad (3)$$

From (1) and (2)

$$\Gamma(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{-n}{k} p^n (-q)^k z^k \quad (4)$$

$$= p^n \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{-n}{k} (-qz)^k \quad (5)$$

$$\implies \Gamma(z) = p^n (1 - qz)^{-n} \quad (6)$$

And We know that mean  $(\eta_X) = \Gamma'(1)$  and  $\Gamma''(1) + \eta_X = \sigma_X^2 + \eta_X^2$

From (6),

$$\Gamma'(z) = p^n(-q)(-n)(1 - qz)^{-(n+1)} \quad (7)$$

$$\implies \Gamma'(1) = p^n nq(1 - q)^{-(n+1)} \quad (8)$$

$$\implies \eta_X = \frac{nqp^n}{p^{(n+1)}} = \frac{nq}{p} \dots\dots\dots (\text{since } p + q = 1) \quad (9)$$

$$\Gamma''(z) = p^n nq(n+1)q(1 - qz)^{-(n+2)} \quad (10)$$

$$\implies \Gamma''(1) = p^n n(n+1)q^2(1 - q)^{-(n+2)} \quad (11)$$

$$= \frac{n(n+1)p^n q^2}{p^{n+2}} \quad (12)$$

$$\implies \sigma_X^2 + \eta_X^2 = \frac{n(n+1)q^2}{p^2} + \eta_X \quad (13)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma_X^2 = \frac{n(n+1)q^2}{p^2} + \frac{nq}{p} - \left(\frac{nq}{p}\right)^2 \quad (14)$$

$$= \frac{nq^2 + npq}{p^2} = \frac{nq(p+q)}{p^2} \quad (15)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma_X^2 = \frac{nq}{p^2} \quad (16)$$