

Assignment 10

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Question

(a) Bernoulli trials : Using (7.52) We shall rederive the fundamental equation (3.13). We define the random variables $x_i = 1$ if heads shows at the i th trial and $x_i = 0$ otherwise.

(b) Poisson theorem : We shall show that if $p \ll 1$, then

$$P(x=k) \simeq \frac{e^{-np}(np)^k}{k!}$$

Equations

equation 7.52

$$\phi_z(\omega) = E(e^{j\omega(x_1 + \dots + x_n)}) = \phi_1(\omega) \dots \phi_n(\omega)$$

equation 3.13

Fundamental Theorem:

$$p_n(k) = P(A \text{ occurs } k \text{ times in any order}) = \binom{n}{k} p^k q^{n-k}$$

Solution

(a):

$$P(x_i = 1) = P(h) = p \quad (1)$$

$$P(x_i = 0) = P(t) = q \quad (2)$$

$$\phi_z(\omega) = pe^{j\omega} + q \quad (3)$$

The random variables $z=x_1+\dots+x_n$ takes the values $0,1,\dots,n$ and ($z=k$) is the event (k heads in n tossing). Furthermore,

$$\phi_z(\omega) = E(e^{j\omega k}) = \sum_{k=0}^n P(z = k)e^{j\omega k} \quad (4)$$

The random variables x_i are independent because x_i depends only on the outcomes of the i th trial and the trials are independent . Hence

$$\phi_z(\omega) = (pe^{j\omega} + q)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} p^k e^{jk\omega} q^{n-k} \quad (5)$$

concludes,

$$P(z=k) = P(k \text{ heads}) = \binom{n}{k} p^k q^{n-k}$$

(b):

Suppose that the random variables x_i are independent and each takes the value 1 and 0 with respective probabilities p_i and $q_i = 1 - p_i$. If $p_i \ll 1$, then,

$$e^{p_i(e^{j\omega} - 1)} \simeq 1 + p_i(e^{j\omega} - 1) = p_i e^{j\omega} + q_i = \phi_i(\omega) \quad (6)$$

With $z = x_1 + \dots + x_n$, it follows that

$$\phi_z(\omega) \simeq e^{p_1(e^{j\omega} - 1)} \dots e^{p_n(e^{j\omega} - 1)} = e^{a(e^{j\omega} - 1)} \quad (7)$$

Where $a = p_1 + \dots + p_n$. This leads to the conclusion that the random variables z is approximately Poisson distributed with parameter a , It can be shown that the result is exact in the limit if

$p_i \rightarrow 0$ and

$p_1 + \dots + p_n \rightarrow a$

as $n \rightarrow \infty$