

Lecture 13

§1 Compound Poisson Process

1. Definition: Compound Poisson distribution (复合泊松分布)

一个随机变量 X 被称为 compound Poisson random variable, 若其满足

$$X = \sum_{i=1}^N Y_i$$

其中 $N \sim \text{Poi}(\lambda)$ 为一个 Poisson random variable,

$\{Y_i, i \geq 1\}$ 为一个独立于 N 的 a family of i.i.d. random variable

注: ① 这是 random sum 的一个特例

② 由 conditioning method, 有

$$\cdot E[X] = \lambda \cdot E(Y_1)$$

$$\cdot \text{Var}[X] = \lambda E[Y_1^2]$$

证明: (利用全期望公式)

$$\cdot E[X] = E[E[X|N]] = E\left[\sum_{i=1}^N E(Y_i|N)\right] = E[N E(Y_1)] = \lambda \cdot E(Y_1)$$

$$\cdot \text{Var}[X] = E[X^2] - E[X]^2$$

$$= E[E[X^2|N]] - \lambda^2 \cdot E(Y_1)^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} E[X^2|N] &= E\left[\sum_{i=1}^N Y_i^2 + 2 \sum_{i < j} Y_i Y_j \mid N\right] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N E(Y_i^2) + 2 \sum_{i < j} E(Y_i) E(Y_j) \\ &= N E(Y_1^2) + (N^2 - N) E(Y_1)^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}[X] &= E[N E(Y_1^2) + (N^2 - N) E(Y_1)^2] - \lambda^2 \cdot E(Y_1)^2 \\ &= \lambda E(Y_1^2) + \left[\frac{\text{Var}(N)}{\lambda} + \frac{E(N)^2}{\lambda^2} - \frac{E(N)}{\lambda} \right] E(Y_1)^2 - \lambda^2 \cdot E(Y_1)^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \lambda E(Y_1^2)$$

2. Definition: Compound Poisson Process (复合泊松过程)

$\{X(t): t \geq 0\}$ 被称为 compound Poisson process, 若其满足

$$X_t = \sum_{i=1}^{N_t} Y_i, \quad t \geq 0$$

其中 N_t 为一个 Poisson process,

$\{Y_i, i \geq 1\}$ 为一个独立于 $\{N_t: t \geq 0\}$ 的 a family of i.i.d. random variable

注: ① 若 $Y_i = 1$, 则 $X_t = N_t$, 因此 Poisson process 可视为 compound Poisson process 的特例

② 对于任意 fixed time t , X_t 可视为一个 compound Poisson random variable, 有

$$\cdot E[X_t] = \lambda t \cdot E(Y_1)$$

$$\cdot \text{Var}[X_t] = \lambda t \cdot E(Y_1^2)$$

证明: (利用全方差公式)

$$X_t = \sum_{i=1}^{N_t} Y_i, \quad t \geq 0$$

$$\text{Var}[X_t] = E[\text{Var}(X_t|N_t)] + \text{Var}(E[X_t|N_t])$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= E\left[\sum_{i=1}^{N_t} \text{Var}(Y_i | N_t)\right] + \text{Var}\left(\sum_{i=1}^{N_t} E[Y_i]\right) \\
&= E[N_t \cdot \text{Var}(Y_1)] + E[Y_1]^2 \text{Var}(N_t) \\
&= \text{Var}(Y_1) \cdot \lambda t + E[Y_1]^2 \cdot \lambda t \\
&= \lambda t \cdot E[Y_1]^2
\end{aligned}$$

e.g. ▶ Suppose that buses arrive at a sporting event in accordance with a Poisson process, and suppose that the numbers of fans in each bus are assumed to be i.i.d.

Then $\{X_t, t \geq 0\}$ is a compound Poisson process, where N_t represents the number of buses arriving at the sporting event by time t , Y_i represents the number of fans in the i th bus, and $X_t = \sum_{i=1}^{N_t} Y_i$ denotes the number of fans who have arrived by time t .

e.g. ▶ Suppose customers leave a supermarket in accordance with a Poisson process. If Y_i , the amount spent by the i th customer, $i = 1, 2, \dots$, are i.i.d.

Then $\{X_t, t \geq 0\}$ is a compound Poisson process, where N_t denotes the number of customers leaving the supermarket by time t and $X_t = \sum_{i=1}^{N_t} Y_i$ denotes the total amount of money spent by time t .

例 1: Suppose that

- ▶ families migrate to an area at a Poisson rate $\lambda = 2$ per week;
- ▶ the number of people in each family is independent and takes on the values of 1, 2, 3, 4 with respective probabilities $\frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{6}$.

Question.

- 1 What is the expected value and variance of the number of individuals migrating to this area during a fixed five-week period?
- 2 Find the approximate probability that at least 240 people migrate to the area within the next 50 weeks.

① 由题可知, $X_t = \sum_{i=1}^{N_t} Y_i$

$$Y_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{w.p. } 1/6 \\ 2 & \text{w.p. } 1/3 \\ 3 & \text{w.p. } 1/3 \\ 4 & \text{w.p. } 1/6 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{则 } E[X_5] = \lambda t E[Y_i] = 2 \cdot 5 \cdot 2.5 = 25$$

$$\text{Var}(X_5) = \lambda t E[Y_i^2] = 2 \cdot 5 \cdot \frac{43}{6} = \frac{215}{3}$$

② 由 CLT, $X_{50} = \sum_{i=1}^{N_{50}} Y_i \overset{\text{approx.}}{\sim} N(E[X_{50}], \text{Var}(X_{50}))$

$$E[X_{50}] = \lambda t E[Y_i] = 2 \cdot 50 \cdot 2.5 = 250$$

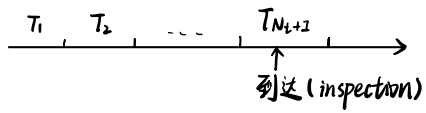
$$\text{Var}(X_{50}) = \lambda t E[Y_i^2] = 2 \cdot 50 \cdot \frac{43}{6} = \frac{2150}{3}$$

因此,

$$\frac{X_{50} - E[X_{50}]}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(X_{50})}} = \frac{X_{50} - 250}{\sqrt{2150/3}} \overset{\text{approx.}}{\sim} N(0, 1)$$

$$P(X_{50} \geq 240) \approx P(X_{50} \leq 260) \approx \Phi\left(\frac{260 - 250}{\sqrt{2150/3}}\right) \approx 0.3735 \approx 0.6456$$

注*: inspection paradox: 平均而言, 坐上的公交车总是比较“磨蹭”



令 T_i 表示 i th interarrival time

$$\begin{aligned} E[T_{N_k+1}] &= E(\text{waiting time since last arrival}) + E(\text{waiting time until next arrival}) \\ &= E(\text{waiting time since last arrival}) + 1/\lambda \\ &> \frac{1}{\lambda} \end{aligned}$$