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Seminar W2 - 837

Exercise 2. A user spends  $X$  minutes on a certain website, where

$$X \sim \text{Gamma}(a, b), \quad a, b > 0$$

with a mean value of 12 minutes and a standard deviation of 6 minutes. Find the probability that the user spends at most 10 minutes on the website, given that he spends at least 1 minute.

Sol.:  $E(X) = 12 \quad \sigma(X) = 6$

We want to find  $E(X)$  and  $\sigma(X)$  in terms of  $a$  and  $b$ , so that we can then find  $a$  and  $b$

Recap. If  $X \sim \text{Gamma}(a, b)$ ,  $a, b > 0$ , then its pdf is:

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(a)b^a} \cdot x^{a-1} e^{-\frac{x}{b}}$$

for  $x > 0$  (and 0 otherwise). We have:

$$\Gamma(a) = \int_0^\infty x^{a-1} e^{-x} dx, \quad a > 0$$

$$E(X) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} x \cdot f_X(x) dx$$

$$\sigma(X) = \sqrt{V(X)}$$

$$V(X) = E(X^2) - E(X)^2$$

$$E(X^2) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} x^2 \cdot f_X(x) dx$$

$$\begin{aligned} E(X) &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} x f_X(x) dx = \int_0^\infty x f_X(x) dx = \int_0^\infty x \cdot \frac{1}{\Gamma(a)b^a} \cdot x^{a-1} \cdot e^{-\frac{x}{b}} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(a)b^a} \cdot \int_0^\infty x^a e^{-\frac{x}{b}} dx \quad \frac{x}{b} = y \quad \frac{1}{\Gamma(a)b^a} \cdot \int_0^\infty (yb)^a \cdot e^{-y} \cdot b dy = \\ &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(a)b^a} \cdot b^a \cdot b \underbrace{\int_0^\infty y^a e^{-y} dy}_{\Gamma(a+1)} = \frac{b \Gamma(a+1)}{\Gamma(a)} = ab \end{aligned}$$

$$E(X^2) = \int_0^{\infty} x^2 \cdot \frac{1}{\Gamma(a) \cdot b^a} \cdot x^{a-1} \cdot e^{-\frac{x}{b}} dx =$$

$$= \frac{1}{\Gamma(a) \cdot b^a} \int_0^{\infty} x^{a+1} \cdot e^{-\frac{x}{b}} dx \stackrel{x=by}{=} \frac{1}{\Gamma(a) \cdot b^a} \cdot \int_0^{\infty} (yb)^{a+1} \cdot e^{-y} \cdot b dy =$$

$$= \frac{b^2 \cdot \Gamma(a+2)}{\Gamma(a)} = \frac{b^2 \cdot a(a+1) \Gamma(a)}{\Gamma(a)} = ab^2(a+1)$$

$$V(X) = E(X^2) - E(X)^2 = ab^2(a+1) - a^2b^2 = ab^2(a+1-a) =$$

$$= ab^2$$

$$\begin{cases} E(X) = ab = 12 \\ \sigma(X) = b\sqrt{a} = 6 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \sqrt{a} = 2 \Rightarrow a = 4, b = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow X \sim \text{Gamma}(4, 3)$$

$$\Rightarrow f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\Gamma(4) \cdot 3^4} \cdot x^3 \cdot e^{-\frac{x}{3}}, & x > 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\Gamma(4) = (4-1)! = 3! = 6$$

$$\Rightarrow f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{486} \cdot x^3 \cdot e^{-\frac{x}{3}}, & x > 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Bayes' formula:  $P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$

$$P(X \leq 10 | X \geq 1) = \frac{P((X \leq 10) \cap (X \geq 1))}{P(X \geq 1)}$$

$$F_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f_X(x) dx = P(X \leq x)$$

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the cdf

(the cumulative distribution function)

$$\begin{aligned} P(X \leq 10 | X \geq 1) &= \frac{P(1 \leq X \leq 10)}{P(X \geq 1)} = \\ &= \frac{\int_1^{10} f_X(x) dx}{1 - P(X < 1)} = \frac{\int_1^{10} f_X(x) dx}{1 - \int_{-\infty}^1 f_X(x) dx} = \frac{F_X(10) - F_X(1)}{1 - F_X(1)} \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 6. A computer is connected to 2 printers:  $P_1$  and  $P_2$ . A printing job is sent with probability 0.4 to  $P_1$  and with probability 0.6 to  $P_2$ .  $P_1$  prints an A2 poster in  $T_1$  seconds, where  $T_1$  has an exponential distribution with the mean value of 5 seconds, while  $P_2$  handles the same job in  $T_2$  seconds, where  $T_2$  has a uniform distribution on the interval  $[4, 6]$ . An A2 poster is printed by using the computer. Find the expected value of the printing time.

Sol. :  $T_1 \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda)$  ,  $E(T_1) = \frac{1}{\lambda} \Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{1}{5}$

$$f_{T_1}(x) = \begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda x}, & x \geq 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{5} e^{-\frac{1}{5}x}, & x \geq 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$T_2 \sim U(4, 6)$$

$$f_{T_2}(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{6-4}, & x \in [4, 6] \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}, & x \in [4, 6] \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$X = \text{"printing time"}$ ,  $f_X = ?$ ,  $E(X) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} f_X(x) dx = ?$

$$F_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f_X(x) dx = P(X \leq x)$$

$$P(X \leq x) = P((X \leq x) \cap \underbrace{(we\ used\ P_1)}_{A_1}) +$$

$$+ P(\underbrace{(X \leq x) \cap (we\ used\ P_2)}_{A_2}) = P(X \leq x | A_1) \cdot P(A_1) +$$

$$+ P(X \leq x | A_2) \cdot P(A_2).$$

$$P(X \leq x | A_1) = P(T_1 \leq x) = F_{T_1}(x)$$

$$P(X \leq x | A_2) = P(T_2 \leq x) = F_{T_2}(x)$$

$$P(A_1) = 0.4 \quad P(A_2) = 0.6$$

$$F_X(x) = P(X \leq x) = P(X \leq x | A_1) \cdot P(A_1) + P(X \leq x | A_2) \cdot P(A_2) =$$

$$= P(T_1 \leq x) \cdot 0.4 + P(T_2 \leq x) \cdot 0.6$$

$$= F_{T_1}(x) \cdot 0.4 + F_{T_2}(x) \cdot 0.6$$

We differentiate:

$$f_X(x) = f_{T_1}(x) \cdot 0.4 + f_{T_2}(x) \cdot 0.6$$

$$f_{T_1}(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{5} e^{-\frac{1}{5}x}, & x \geq 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$f_{T_2}(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}, & x \in [3, 6] \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x < 0 \\ 0.4 \cdot \frac{1}{5} \cdot e^{-\frac{1}{5}x}, & x \in [0, 4) \\ 0.4 \cdot \frac{1}{5} e^{-\frac{1}{5}x} + 0.6 \cdot \frac{1}{2}, & x \in [4, 6] \\ 0.4 \cdot \frac{1}{5} \cdot e^{-\frac{1}{5}x}, & x \in (6, \infty) \end{cases}$$

$$E(X) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} f_X(x) dx$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 E(X) &= \int_{-\infty}^0 \underbrace{f_X(x)}_0 dx + \int_0^4 f_X(x) dx + \int_4^6 f_X(x) dx + \int_6^{\infty} f_X(x) dx = \\
 &= \int_0^4 (0.4) \cdot \frac{1}{5} \cdot e^{-\frac{1}{5}x} dx + \int_4^6 \left( (0.4) \cdot \frac{1}{5} \cdot e^{-\frac{1}{5}x} + (0.6) \cdot \frac{1}{2} \right) dx + \\
 &\quad + \int_6^{\infty} (0.4) \cdot \frac{1}{5} \cdot e^{-\frac{1}{5}x} dx = \int_0^{\infty} (0.4) \cdot \frac{1}{5} \cdot e^{-\frac{1}{5}x} dx + \int_4^6 \frac{0.6}{2} dx \\
 &= 0.08 \cdot \left( -5e^{-\frac{1}{5}x} \right) \Big|_0^{\infty} + (0.3) (6-4) = \\
 &= (0.08) \cdot 5 + 0.6 = 1
 \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 5. We consider the following game: two dice are rolled  $n$  times, where  $n$  is a positive integer.

- (a) Find the probability that the sum of the two dice is a prime number 3 times out of 9 throws.
- (b) Find the probability of getting the first double after 5 throws.

Sol. :  $X =$  "no° of points on the first die"

$Y =$  "no° of points on the second die"

$$X, Y \sim \mathcal{U}(\{1, 6\})$$

We have to find  $P(X+Y = \text{prime})$

$$(X+Y = \text{prime}) = (X+Y = 2) \cup (X+Y = 3) \cup (X+Y = 5) \cup (X+Y = 7) \cup (X+Y = 11)$$

$$P(X+Y=2) = \frac{1}{36}$$

$$P(X+Y=3) = \frac{2}{36}$$

$$P(X+Y=5) = \frac{4}{36}$$

$$P(X+Y=7) = \frac{6}{36}$$

$$P(X+Y=11) = \frac{2}{36}$$

$$\Rightarrow P(X+Y = \text{prime}) = \frac{1}{36} + \frac{2}{36} + \frac{4}{36} + \frac{6}{36} + \frac{2}{36} = \frac{15}{36}$$

Bernoulli trial = throwing the dice  
 success = getting a sum that is a prime number

$$\Rightarrow p = \frac{15}{36}, \quad n = 9, \quad Z = X+Y \sim B(9, \frac{15}{36})$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{we need to find } P(Z=3)$$

$$Z = \binom{9}{k} \cdot \left(\frac{15}{36}\right)^k \cdot \left(\frac{21}{36}\right)^{9-k}$$

$$\Rightarrow P(Z=3) = \binom{9}{3} \cdot \frac{15^3 \cdot 21^6}{36^9} = 7 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot \frac{15^3 \cdot 21^6}{36^9}$$

$$\approx 0.23947$$

(b)  $U$  = no. of throws before the first double

$$U \sim \text{Geo}(p_2), \quad p_2 = P(\text{"you get a double"}) = \frac{6}{36} = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$P(U=5) = ?$$

$$U \left( \begin{matrix} k \\ p_2 q_2^k \end{matrix} \right) \Rightarrow U \left( \frac{1}{6} \cdot \left( \frac{5}{6} \right)^k \right)$$

$$P(U=5) = \frac{1}{6} \cdot \left( \frac{5}{6} \right)^5 \approx 0.066$$