

1 Probability.

a. X, Y i.i.d. r.v. $X \perp Y$. $f_X = f_Y = f$ let $Z = \max(X, Y)$. Prove $f_Z(x) = 2f(x)P(X \leq x)$

To find pdf of Z , we can find cdf of Z first and then take the derivative of cdf to find pdf of Z .

$$\begin{aligned} F_Z(x) &= F_{\max(X, Y)}(x) \\ &= P(\max(X, Y) \leq x) \\ &= P(X \leq x, Y \leq x) \end{aligned}$$

Since X and Y are independent,

$$\begin{aligned} P(X \leq x, Y \leq x) &= P(X \leq x) \cdot P(Y \leq x) \\ &= F_X(x) \cdot F_Y(x) \end{aligned}$$

Then, take the derivative of $F_Z(x)$.

$$\begin{aligned} f_Z(x) &= \frac{d}{dx}(F_Z(x)) = \frac{d}{dx}(F_X(x) \cdot F_Y(x)) \\ &= F_X(x) \cdot f_Y(x) + f_X(x) \cdot F_Y(x) \\ &= P(X \leq x) \cdot f(x) + f(x) \cdot P(Y \leq x) \end{aligned}$$

Since X and Y have same common density function, the cumulative density function for both variables are the same. Thus, $F_X(x) = F_Y(x)$

$$P(X \leq x) = P(Y \leq x)$$

Therefore, the above calculations can be formalized by

$$\begin{aligned} f_Z(x) &= P(X \leq x)f(x) + f(x)P(X \leq x) \\ &= 2f(x)P(X \leq x) \end{aligned}$$

Q.E.D.

b. $U \sim \text{unif}(0,1)$, find dist'n of $\lfloor 100U \rfloor + 1$.

$$E(U) = \frac{1}{2}(0+1) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{Var}(U) = \frac{1}{12}(0-1)^2 = \frac{1}{12}$$

Since U is a uniform random variable in a closed interval $[0,1]$, $\lfloor 100U \rfloor$ maps the interval $[0,1]$ to $[0,100]$ as when $u=0$, $\lfloor 100u \rfloor = \lfloor 0 \rfloor = 0$; and when $u=1$, $\lfloor 100u \rfloor = \lfloor 100 \rfloor = 100$.

Adding 1 to the result maps $[0,100]$ to $[1,101]$. Therefore, the distribution of $\lfloor 100U \rfloor + 1$ is a discrete uniform distribution in the interval $[1,101]$.

Based on properties of uniform distribution,

$$E(\lfloor 100U \rfloor + 1) = \frac{1}{2}(1+101) = 51$$

$$\text{Var}(\lfloor 100U \rfloor + 1) = \frac{1}{12}(1-101)^2 = \frac{10000}{12} = \frac{2500}{3}.$$

c. $U \sim \text{unif}(0,1)$, $0 < q < 1$, $X = 1 + \lfloor \frac{\log U}{\log q} \rfloor$.

Prove $X \sim \text{Geo}(p)$, and find p .

$$E(U) = \frac{1}{2}(0+1) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{Var}(U) = \frac{1}{12}(0-1)^2 = \frac{1}{12}$$

$$F_U(x) = P(U \leq x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } x < 0 \\ x & \text{for } 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 1 & \text{for } x > 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} F_{\frac{\log U}{\log q}}(x) &= P\left(\frac{\log U}{\log q} \leq x\right) \\ &= P(\log U \leq \log q^x) \\ &= P(U \leq q^x) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{For pmf, } P(U = x) = F_U(x) - F_U(x-1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Similarly, } P\left(\frac{\log U}{\log q} = x\right) &= P(U \leq q^x) - P(U \leq q^{x-1}) \\ &= q^x - q^{x-1} = q^{x-1}(1-q), \text{ for } x > 0. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $P_{\frac{\log U}{\log q}}(x)$ follows a geometric distribution as $P(\frac{\log U}{\log q} = x) = q^{x-1}(1-q)$ is the probability mass function of a geometric distribution with parameter p by definition.

Moreover, when we take lower bound of $\frac{\log U}{\log q}$, we shift the range of $\frac{\log U}{\log q}$ to positive integers greater than or equal to $\lfloor \frac{\log U}{\log q} \rfloor$. When we add 1 to $\lfloor \frac{\log U}{\log q} \rfloor$, we further shift the set of random variable one unit to the positive side. The shift itself makes no difference to the type of distribution, so $X = 1 + \lfloor \frac{\log U}{\log q} \rfloor$ follows a geometric distribution with the geometric parameter equaling q .

2. Bayes rule.

Bayes' Rule:

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(B|A) \cdot P(A)}{P(B)}$$

(a) $n=2$

By Bayes' Rule,

$$P(N=1 | Z=0.05) = \frac{P(Z=0.05 | N=1) P(N=1)}{P(Z=0.05)}$$

For $P(Z=0.05)$, it means the probability of having all N iid uniform RV $\{X_i\}_{i=1, \dots, N}$ greater than 0.05.

Simply considering $N=1$:

$$\begin{aligned} P(Z=0.05 | N=1) &= P(X > 0.05) \\ &= 1 - P(X \leq 0.05) \end{aligned}$$

By cumulative density function of uniform distribution,

$$F(x) = P(X \leq x) = \begin{cases} x & \text{for } 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{for } x < 0 \\ 1 & \text{for } x > 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } P(Z=0.05 | N=1) = 1 - 0.05 = 0.95$$

Then, for $P(Z=0.05)$, we can use law of total probability.

$$\text{When } n=2, \quad P(N=1) = P(N=2) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(Z=0.05) &= P(Z=0.05 | N=1) + P(Z=0.05 | N=2) \\ &= 0.95 + P(Z=0.05 | N=2). \end{aligned}$$

When there are 2 R.V.s generated from $\text{unif}_2(0,1)$.

$$P(Z=0.05 | N=2) = P(X_1 > 0.05 \text{ and } X_2 > 0.05).$$

Since X_1 and X_2 are independent and identical R.V.s.

$$\begin{aligned} &= P(X_1 > 0.05) \cdot P(X_2 > 0.05) \\ &= (1 - P(X \leq 0.05))^2 \\ &= 0.95^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Thus, } P(Z=0.05) = 0.95 + 0.95^2$$

$$\text{Above all, } P(N=1 | Z=0.05) = \frac{0.95 \cdot \frac{1}{2}}{(0.95 + 0.95^2)} = 0.2564$$

(b) $n = 10$.

Similarly,

By Bayes' Rule,

$$P(N=1 | Z=0.05) = \frac{P(Z=0.05 | N=1) P(N=1)}{P(Z=0.05)}$$

In this case, still, $P(Z=0.05 | N=1) = 0.95$

$$P(N=1) = P(N=10) = 0.5.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{However, } P(Z=0.05) &= P(Z=0.05 | N=1) + P(Z=0.05 | N=10) \\ &= 0.95 + P(Z=0.05 | N=10) \end{aligned}$$

Considering the second term:

$$P(Z=0.05 | N=10) = P(X_1 > 0.05, X_2 > 0.05, \dots, X_{10} > 0.05)$$

Due to the reason that X_i from $i=1$ to 10 are all iid,

$$= \prod_{i=1}^{10} P(X_i > 0.05)$$

$$= \prod_{i=1}^{10} (1 - P(X_i \leq 0.05))$$

Still, by cdf of uniform distribution,

$$= \prod_{i=1}^{10} (1 - 0.05)$$

$$= 0.95^{10}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } P(Z=0.05) = 0.95 + 0.95^{10}.$$

$$\text{In summary, } P(N=1 | Z=0.05) = \frac{0.95 \cdot 0.5}{0.95 + 0.95^{10}}$$

$$= \frac{0.5}{1 + 0.95^9}$$

$$\approx 0.3067$$