

# SDS 383C - Statistical Modeling 1: Homework 1

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1. Prove Slutsky's theorem (the version taught in class)

**Solution:**

**Theorem 1** Let  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  and  $\{z_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  be a sequence of random variables;  $x, z$  be random variables; and  $x_0, z_0 \in \mathbb{R}$  be constants. Then,

- $x_n \xrightarrow{P} x \Rightarrow x_n \xrightarrow{D} x$ ,
- $x_n \xrightarrow{D} x_0 \Rightarrow x_n \xrightarrow{P} x_0$ ,
- $x_n \xrightarrow{D} x$  and  $z_n \xrightarrow{P} z_0 \Rightarrow$   
 $x_n + z_n \xrightarrow{D} x + z_0, x_n z_n \xrightarrow{D} x z_0, x_n / z_n \xrightarrow{D} x / z_0 (z_0 \neq 0)$

**Proof:** From the statements given to us, we can write the following.

$$F_{x_n+z_n}(t) = P[x_n + z_n \leq t, z_n \geq z_0 - \epsilon] + P[x_n + z_n \leq t, z_n < z_0 - \epsilon]$$

Let  $t$  be a point of continuity of  $F_{x+z_0}$ . Because a distribution function has at most countable many points of discontinuity, we can choose  $\epsilon$  positive for any  $t$  such that  $t + \epsilon$  are both points of continuity of  $F_{x+z_0}$ . We now get

$$F_{x_n+z_n}(t) \leq P[x_n \leq t - z_0 + \epsilon] + P[|z_n - z_0| > \epsilon]$$

Furthermore, we have

$$P[x_n \leq t - z_0 + \epsilon] = F_{x_n+z_0}(t + \epsilon)$$

Now because  $F_{x_n+z_0}(t) = P[x_n \leq t - z_0] = F_{x_n}(t - z_0)$ , we must have  $x_n + z_0 \xrightarrow{D} x + z_0$ . This leads to the following relationship,

$$\limsup_n F_{x_n+z_n}(t) \geq \lim_n F_{x_n+z_0}(t + \epsilon) + \lim_n P[|z_n - z_0| \geq \epsilon] = F_{(x+z_0)}(t + \epsilon)$$

Similarly,

$$1 - \limsup_n F_{x_n+z_n}(t) = P[x_n + z_n > t] \leq P[x_n > t - z_0 - \epsilon] + P[|z_n - z_0| > \epsilon]$$

and hence, we get

$$\liminf_n F_{x_n+z_n}(t) \geq \lim_n F_{x_n+z_0}(t - \epsilon) = F_{x+z_0}(t - \epsilon)$$

Therefore, we can say that

$$F_{x+z_0}(t - \epsilon) \leq \liminf_n F_{x_n+z_n}(t) \leq \limsup_n F_{x_n+z_n}(t) \leq F_{(x+z_0)}(t + \epsilon)$$

From the above equation, since  $\epsilon$  can reach 0 and  $F_{x+z_0}$  is continuous at  $t$ , we can conclude that  $x_n + z_n \xrightarrow{D} x + z_0$ . A simplified version of these statements is that if  $x_n$  converges in distribution to  $x$  and  $z_n$  converges in probability to  $z_0$ , then their joint vector  $(x_n, z_n)$  converges in distribution to  $(x, z_0)$ . By applying continuous mapping further, where  $g(x, y) = x + y$ , we get

$$x_n + z_n \xrightarrow{D} x + z_0$$

Furthermore, if  $g(x, y) = xy$ , we get

$$x_n z_n \xrightarrow{D} x z_0$$

And if  $g(x, y) = x/y$ ,

$$x_n/z_n \xrightarrow{D} x/z_0$$

(Source: Mathematical Statistics: Basic Ideas and Selected Topics Volume 1 by Bickel and Doksum)

2. For  $y \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$ , show that  $\mathbb{E}(y) = \text{var}(y) = \lambda$ . Method of moments suggests  $\bar{y}_n$  the sample mean, as well as  $s_n^2$ , the sample variance, could both be reasonable estimators of  $\lambda$ . Which one would you prefer? Why?

**Solution:** We are given,  $y \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$ . The PMF of this distribution is given by  $P(Y = y) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^y}{y!}$ . Now, let us find the Moment Generating Function of the Poisson Distribution.

$$\begin{aligned} M_y(t) &= \mathbb{E}(e^{ty}) \\ &= e^{t \cdot 0}(P(y = 0)) + e^{t \cdot 1}(P(y = 1)) + \dots \\ &= 1 \cdot e^\lambda + e^t \cdot e^{-\lambda} \cdot \frac{\lambda}{1!} + e^{2t} \cdot e^{-\lambda} \cdot \frac{\lambda^2}{2!} + \dots \\ &= e^{-\lambda} \cdot e^k, \text{ where } k = e^t \lambda \\ &= e^{-\lambda} e^{e^t \lambda} \\ &= e^{\lambda(e^t - 1)} \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

Using the result in (1), we can calculate the first and second order moments as follows. The first order moment can be calculated as

$$\begin{aligned} M^1(t) &= \frac{dM(t)}{dt} \\ &= \frac{d}{dt} \left[ e^{\lambda(e^t - 1)} \right] \\ &= e^{\lambda(e^t - 1)} \times (\lambda e^t) \end{aligned}$$

The second order moment can be calculated as follows.

$$\begin{aligned}
M^2(t) &= \frac{d^2 M(t)}{dt^2} \\
&= \frac{d}{dt} \left[ \frac{d}{dt} \left[ e^{\lambda(e^t-1)} \right] \right] \\
&= e^{\lambda(e^t-1)} (\lambda e^t) + (\lambda e^t) \left[ e^{\lambda(e^t-1)} \cdot \lambda e^t \right] \\
&= (e^{\lambda(e^t-1)} \lambda e^t) \left[ 1 + \lambda e^t \right]
\end{aligned}$$

Now, we can calculate the first order and second order moment values at  $t = 0$  to get  $\mathbb{E}(y)$  and  $\mathbb{E}(y^2)$  respectively. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E}(y) &= M^1(t)|_{t=0} \\
&= e^{\lambda(e^t-1)} \times (\lambda e^t) \Big|_{t=0} \\
&= e^{\lambda(e^0-1)} \times (\lambda e^0) \\
&= \lambda
\end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E}(y^2) &= M^2(t)|_{t=0} \\
&= (e^{\lambda(e^t-1)} \lambda e^t) \left[ 1 + \lambda e^t \right] \Big|_{t=0} \\
&= (e^{\lambda(e^0-1)} \lambda e^0) \left[ 1 + \lambda e^0 \right] \\
&= \lambda(1 + \lambda) = \lambda + \lambda^2
\end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

Now, we know that  $var(y) = \mathbb{E}(y^2) - (\mathbb{E}(y))^2$ . Therefore, from (2) and (3), we can write

$$var(y) = \mathbb{E}(y^2) - (\mathbb{E}(y))^2 = \lambda^2 + \lambda - \lambda^2 = \lambda \tag{4}$$

From (4), we have shown that for a poisson distribution with shape parameter  $\lambda$ ,  $\mathbb{E}(y) = var(y) = \lambda$ . We can see that by using the method of moments, both the sample mean ( $\bar{y}_n$ ) and sample variance ( $s_n^2$ ) are reasonable estimators of  $\lambda$ . In this case, we can say that the  $\mathbb{E}(y)$  is a better estimator of  $\lambda$  because we know that for any distribution,  $\mathbb{E}(y)$  is an unbiased estimate of population mean  $\mu$  (or in this case  $\lambda$ ). Also, we find that for a Poission Distribution, the sample mean is a sufficient statistic and is therefore a much better estimator for  $\lambda$ . It is also much easier to compute  $\mathbb{E}(y)$ .

3. For  $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), \dots, (x_n, y_n) \stackrel{iid}{\sim} f_{x,y}$  with finite second order moments. Show that the sample correlation coefficient  $r_n$  converges in probability to the population correlation coefficient  $\rho$ .

**Solution:** For any  $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), \dots, (x_n, y_n) \stackrel{iid}{\sim} f_{x,y}$  with finite second order moments, the sample correlation coefficient is given by

$$r_n = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})(x_i - \bar{x})}{\{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2 \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2\}^{1/2}}$$

Now, we divide and multiply  $r_n$  with  $n$ . We get,

$$r_n = \frac{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})(x_i - \bar{x})}{n}}{\left\{ \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2}{n} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{n} \right\}^{1/2}}$$

For the numerator, we have

$$N = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})(x_i - \bar{x})}{n}$$

Now, as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $N \xrightarrow{P} \sigma_{xy}$ . Similarly, we have

$$\begin{aligned} D &= \left\{ \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2}{n} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{n} \right\}^{1/2} \\ &= D_1 \times D_2 \end{aligned}$$

Where  $D_1 = \left\{ \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2}{n} \right\}^{1/2}$  and  $D_2 = \left\{ \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{n} \right\}^{1/2}$ . As  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we have  $D_1 \xrightarrow{P} \sigma_y$  and  $D_2 \xrightarrow{P} \sigma_x$ . Therefore, we can say that  $D \xrightarrow{P} \sigma_x \sigma_y$ .

We make use of the property of continuous mapping theorem, which states that if  $x_n \xrightarrow{P} x$ , then  $g(x_n) \xrightarrow{P} g(x)$  for  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  a sequence of random variables and  $g$  be any function with  $D_g$  points of discontinuity.

Now, we have

$$\begin{aligned} r_n &= \frac{N}{D} \\ &\xrightarrow{P} \frac{\sigma_{xy}}{\sigma_x \sigma_y} \\ &= \rho \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have shown that  $r_n \xrightarrow{P} \rho$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

4. Notations having their usual significance, for  $y_1, \dots, y_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} Ga(\alpha, \beta)$ , a method of moment estimator of  $\alpha$  is  $\hat{\alpha} = \bar{y}_n^2 / s_n^2$ . Using the multivariate delta method, show that  $SE(\hat{\alpha}) = \sqrt{2\alpha(\alpha+1)/n}$  for large values of  $n$ .

**Solution:** Method of moments gives us an estimate of  $\alpha$ , which is  $\hat{\alpha} = \bar{y}_n^2 / s_n^2$ . We also know that  $\hat{\beta} = \bar{y}_n / s_n^2$ . Let  $t_{1n} = \bar{y}_n$  and  $t_{2n} = s_n^2$ . We have proved in the class the following results.

$$\begin{aligned} var(\bar{y}_n) &= \frac{\alpha}{\beta^2 n} \\ var(s_n^2) &= \frac{6\alpha}{\beta^4 n} + \frac{2\alpha^2}{\beta^4 n} \\ cov(\bar{y}_n, s_n^2) &= \frac{2\alpha}{\beta^3 n} \end{aligned}$$

Using the conclusion from the multivariate delta method, which is stated as follows

$$\sqrt{n}\{h(\mathbf{t}_n) - h(\theta)\} \xrightarrow{D} \text{Normal}\{\mathbf{0}, h'(\theta)^T \sum h'(\theta)\}$$

Here, we have

$$\hat{\alpha}_n = \bar{y}_n^2 / s_n^2$$

$$h(t_{1n}, t_{2n}) = \frac{t_{1n}^2}{t_{2n}}$$

Now, we can calculate  $h'(\theta)$  by taking the partial derivative of  $h(t_{1n}, t_{2n})$  wrt.  $t_{1n}$  and  $t_{2n}$ . This yields.

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial t_{1n}} = \frac{2t_{1n}}{t_{2n}}$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial h}{\partial t_{1n}} \right|_{\theta} = 2\beta; \text{ Since from the result of } \hat{\beta}_n$$

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial t_{2n}} = \frac{-t_{1n}^2}{t_{2n}^2}$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial h}{\partial t_{2n}} \right|_{\theta} = -\beta^2; \text{ Since from the result of } \hat{\beta}_n$$

Therefore  $h'(\theta) = (2\beta, -\beta^2)$ . Using this result, we can calculate  $var(\bar{y}_n^2 / s_n^2)$

$$\begin{aligned} var(\bar{y}_n / s_n^2) &= h'(\theta)^T \sum h'(\theta) \\ &= (2\beta, -\beta^2) \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\alpha}{\beta^2 n} & \frac{2\alpha}{\beta^3 n} \\ \frac{2\alpha}{\beta^3 n} & \frac{6\alpha}{\beta^4 n} + \frac{2\alpha^2}{\beta^4 n} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2\beta \\ -\beta^2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{4\alpha}{\beta^2 n} - \frac{6\alpha}{\beta^2 n} - \frac{2\alpha^2}{\beta^2 n} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2\beta \\ -\beta^2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \frac{2\alpha(\alpha + 1)}{n} \end{aligned}$$

Since we are asked to find  $SE(\hat{\alpha}_n)$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} SE(\hat{\alpha}_n) &= SE(\bar{y}_n / s_n^2) \\ &= \sqrt{var(\bar{y}_n / s_n^2)} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{2\alpha(\alpha + 1)}{n}} \end{aligned}$$

5. Now fix the values of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ . For your chosen values of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , draw a random sample of size of  $n = 50$  from a  $Ga(\alpha, \beta)$  distribution. Using method of moments and assuming  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  to now be unknown, estimate  $\alpha, \beta$ . Plot the histogram of the samples, superimposed with the true density and the estimated density.

Repeat the above procedure  $B = 50, 500$  and  $1000$  times. Plot a histogram of  $\sqrt{n} \frac{(\hat{\alpha}_n - \alpha)}{\sqrt{2\hat{\alpha}_n(\hat{\alpha}_n + 1)}}$  for each of the above values of  $B$ . In each case, superimpose a Normal  $(0,1)$  distribution over the histogram. For your final output, provide a very brief description of what you did, the plots, the codes and your general comments, if any.

**Solution:** Using method of moments, we arrive at the estimators of  $\hat{\alpha}_n$  and  $\hat{\beta}_n$  as follows.

$$\hat{\alpha}_n = \frac{\bar{y}_n^2}{s_n^2}$$

$$\hat{\beta}_n = \frac{\bar{y}_n}{s_n^2}$$

Now, we generate a random sample from a Gamma distribution with shape  $\alpha$  and rate  $\beta$  with population size  $n = 100000$ . We assume  $\alpha = 4$  and  $\beta = 0.6$ . We first generate a sample of 50 numbers from this population. We have 3 functions in our code, namely *estimators*, *plot*, *mvd\_plotting*. The function *estimator* takes in the value of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , along with the sample size and generates a Gamma functions. Further, it estimates the value of  $\alpha$  as  $\hat{\alpha}$  and  $\beta$  as  $\hat{\beta}$  and returns these values. The *plot* function takes in these values, and generates the estimated density, actual density and a histogram of the samples. For large values of  $n$ , we find that the method of moments way of estimating the parameters  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  is pretty accurate. This can be understood from the plot below.

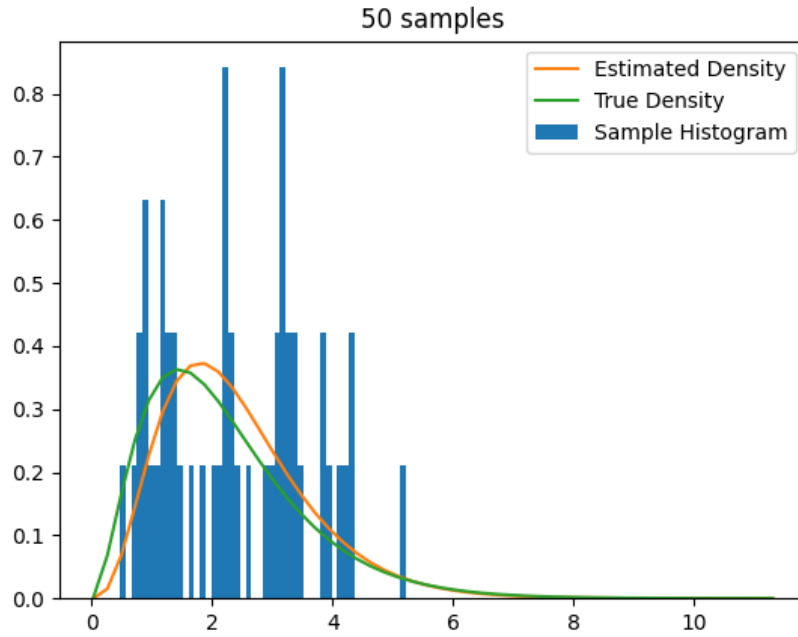


Figure 1: Estimated Density, True Density and sample histogram for a sample size of 50.

Now, we repeat the procedure of sampling from the gamma distribution and estimating  $\alpha$  for  $B = 50, 100, 500$  times. We calculate the value of  $\sqrt{n} \frac{(\hat{\alpha}_n - \alpha)}{\sqrt{2\hat{\alpha}_n(\hat{\alpha}_n + 1)}}$  and plot a histogram of it superimposed with a Normal(0,1) distribution.

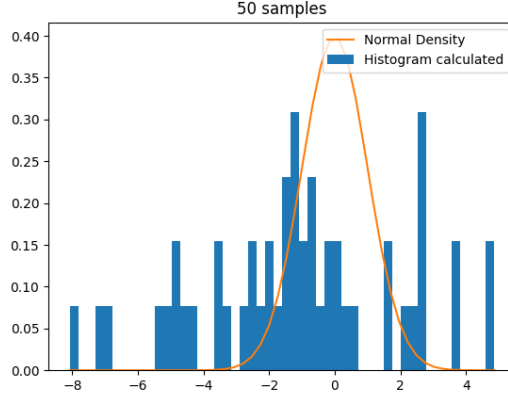


Figure 2:  $B = 50$ , plot of Normal(0,1) vs Histogram of calculated values.

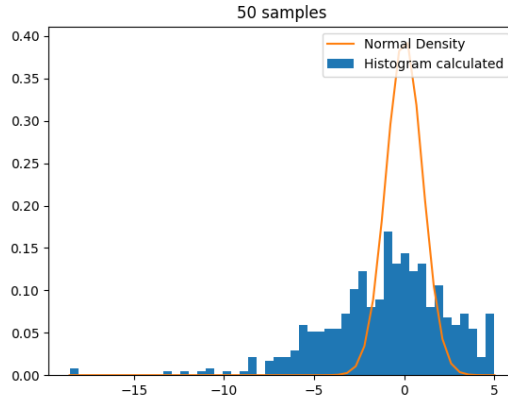


Figure 3:  $B = 500$ , plot of Normal(0,1) vs Histogram of calculated values.

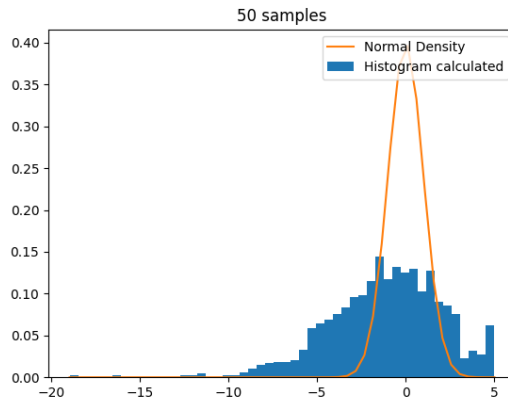


Figure 4:  $B = 1000$ , plot of Normal(0,1) vs Histogram of calculated values.

We get 3 results as illustrated above. We can thus conclude that for large values of sample numbers, the distribution of  $\sqrt{n} \frac{(\hat{\alpha}_n - \alpha)}{\sqrt{2\hat{\alpha}_n(\hat{\alpha}_n + 1)}}$  will converge to Normal(0, 1).

6. For a  $\text{Normal}(\mu, \sigma^2)$  distribution, show that the MGF is  $M(t) = \exp(\mu t + \sigma^2 t^2 / 2)$

**Solution:** We know that the PMF of a Normal distribution with mean  $\mu$  and standard deviation  $\sigma$  is given by

$$P(Y = y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(y-\mu)^2}$$

The moment generating function is given as  $M(t) = \mathbb{E}(e^{ty})$ . Therefore, we can write it as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} M(t) &= \mathbb{E}(e^{ty}) \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{ty} f(y) dy \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{ty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(y-\mu)^2} dy \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{2}\sigma}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{t(\sqrt{2}z\sigma+\mu)-z^2} dz; \text{ Substituting } \frac{y-\mu}{\sqrt{2}\sigma} = z \\ &= \frac{e^{\mu t}}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-(z-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\sigma t)^2 + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 t^2} dz \\ &= \frac{e^{\mu t + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 t^2}}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-x^2} dx; \text{ Substituting } z - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\sigma t = x \\ &= \frac{e^{(\mu t + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 t^2)} \sqrt{\pi}}{\sqrt{\pi}}; \text{ Since } \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-x^2} dx = \sqrt{\pi} \\ &= e^{(\mu t + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 t^2)} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore we have shown that for a  $\text{Normal}(\mu, \sigma^2)$  distribution, the MGF is  $M(t) = \exp(\mu t + \sigma^2 t^2 / 2)$

7. Show that a binomial random variable  $R$  with denominator  $m$  and probability  $\pi$  has a cumulant generating function  $K(t) = m \log(1 - \pi + \pi e^t)$ . Find  $\lim k(t)$  as  $m \rightarrow \infty, \pi \rightarrow 0$  in a way so that  $m\pi \rightarrow \lambda > 0$ . Show that

$$Pr(R = r) = \frac{\lambda^r}{r!} e^{-\lambda}$$

and hence establish  $R \xrightarrow{D} \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$ . Using your favorite programming language, provide a numerical illustration of the result.

**Solution:** We are given that  $R$  is a binomial random variable with denominator  $m$  and probability  $\pi$ . Therefore, we can write the probability mass function as follows.

$$Pr(R = r) = {}^m C_r \pi^r (1 - \pi)^{m-r}$$

Now, we calculate the moment generating function of this probability distribution. We



have,

$$\begin{aligned}
M(t) &= \mathbb{E}(e^{tr}) \\
&= \sum_{r=0}^m \frac{m!}{(m-r)!r!} \pi^r (1-\pi)^{m-r} \cdot e^{tr} \\
&= \sum_{r=0}^m \frac{m!}{(m-r)!r!} (\pi e^t)^r (1-\pi)^{m-r} \\
&= (1-\pi)^m + \frac{m}{1!} (1-\pi)^{m-1} (\pi e^t) + \frac{m(m-1)}{2!} (1-\pi)^{m-2} (\pi e^t)^2 + \dots + (\pi e^t)^m \\
&= [\pi e^t + (1-\pi)]^m; \text{ By using the property of binomial expansion}
\end{aligned}$$

Now, we have the moment generating function of a binomial distribution. Using this, we can find the cumulant generating function as follows.

$$\begin{aligned}
K(t) &= \log M(t) \\
&= \log [\pi e^t + (1-\pi)]^m \\
&= m \log [\pi e^t + (1-\pi)]
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, we have shown that the cumulant generating function for a binomial distribution is given by  $m \log [\pi e^t + (1-\pi)]$ . Now, we need to find the limit as asked.

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty, \pi \rightarrow 0} K(t) = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty, \pi \rightarrow 0} m \log [\pi e^t + (1-\pi)]$$

Let us assume  $m\pi \rightarrow \lambda$ . Therefore,  $\pi = \frac{\lambda}{m}$ . Therefore, we can write

$$\begin{aligned}
\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty, \pi \rightarrow 0} K(t) &= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty, \pi \rightarrow 0} m \log \left[ \frac{\lambda}{m} e^t + \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{m}\right) \right] \\
&= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \log \left( 1 + \frac{\lambda(e^t - 1)}{m} \right)^m \\
&= \log(e^{\lambda(e^t - 1)}); \text{ Applying } \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{x}{n}\right)^n = e^x \\
&= \lambda(e^t - 1)
\end{aligned}$$

Following this, we now try to establish that  $R \xrightarrow{D} \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$

$$\begin{aligned}
P(R=r) &= \frac{m!}{(m-r)!r!} \left(\frac{\lambda}{m}\right)^r \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{m}\right)^{m-r} \\
\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} P(R=r) &= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{m!}{(m-r)!r!} \left(\frac{\lambda}{m}\right)^r \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{m}\right)^{m-r} \\
&= \frac{\lambda^r}{r!} \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{m!}{(m-r)!r!} \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{m}\right)^m \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{m}\right)^{-r} \left(\frac{1}{m}\right)^r
\end{aligned}$$

We look at each part of the limit individually. First, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{m!}{(m-r)!r!} \left(\frac{1}{m^r}\right) &= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{m(m-1)(m-2)\dots(3)(2)(1)}{(m-r)(m-r-1)(m-r-2)\dots(3)(2)(1)} \left(\frac{1}{m^r}\right) \\
&= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{m(m-1)(m-2)\dots(m-r+1)}{m^r}; \text{ Cancelling out denominator terms} \\
&= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{m}{m}\right) \left(\frac{m-1}{m}\right) \dots \left(\frac{m-r+1}{m}\right) \\
&= 1
\end{aligned}$$

Now for the second part, we have

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{m}\right)^m = e^{-\lambda}; \text{ Here, } x = -\lambda \text{ and } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{x}{n}\right) = e^x$$

Also, we have

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{m}\right)^{-r} = 1; \text{ as } \frac{\lambda}{m} \rightarrow 0$$

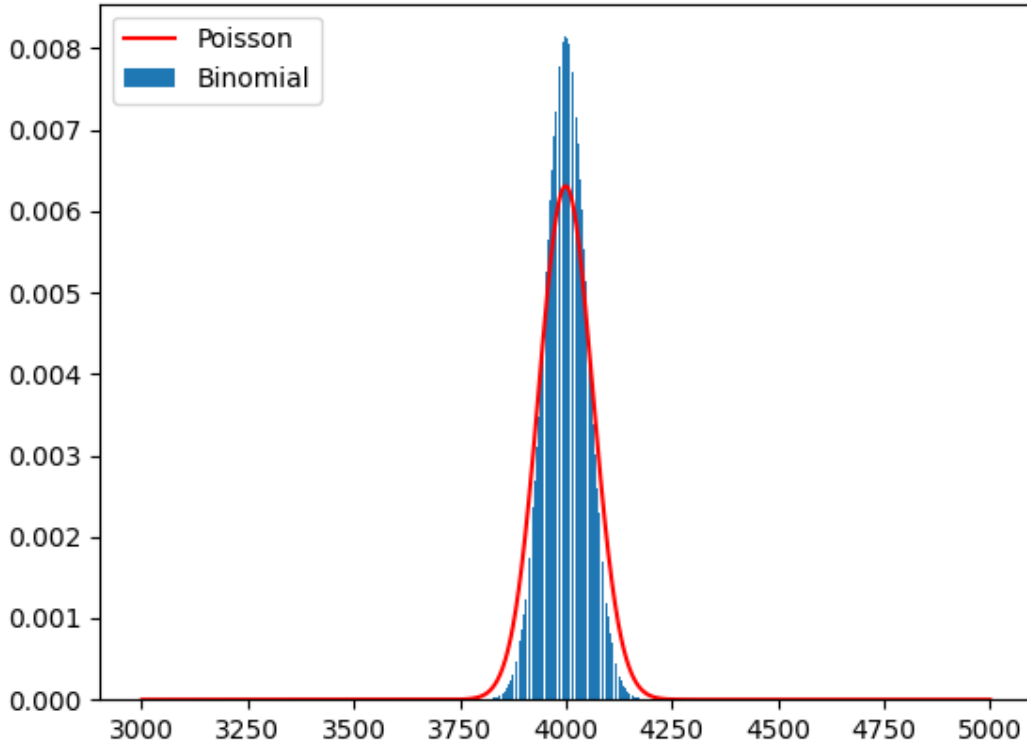
Therefore, we obtain the result,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{m!}{(m-r)!r!} \left(\frac{\lambda}{m}\right)^r \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{m}\right)^{m-r} &= \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^r}{r!} \\ \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{m!}{(m-r)!r!} \pi^r (1-\pi)^{m-r} &= \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^r}{r!} \end{aligned}$$

And we can say that

$$Pr(R = r) = \frac{\lambda^r}{r!} e^{-\lambda}$$

Graphically, we arrive at the following result. For  $m = 10000$  and  $\pi = 0.4$ , we get the following distribution



We find that as the sample size  $m$  is large, the Binomial distribution (in blue) converges to the Poisson Distribution (in red). The mean of the Poisson Distribution is  $m \times \pi = 10000 \times 0.4 = 4000$ . This is also in agreement with our mathematical derivation.

8. If  $Z \sim \text{Normal}(0, 1)$ , derive the density of  $Y = Z^2$ . Although  $Y$  is determined by  $Z$ , show that they are uncorrelated.

**Solution:** It is given that  $Z$  is Normally distributed. We can write the moment generating function of  $Z^2$  as

$$\begin{aligned}
 M_{Z^2}^t &= \mathbb{E}(tZ^2) \\
 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{tZ^2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{Z^2}{2}} dZ \\
 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{Z^2(t-\frac{1}{2})} dZ \\
 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-2t}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-2t}}} e^{\frac{-Z^2}{2(\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-2t}})^2}} dZ \\
 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-2t}}; \text{ Since this is the pdf of a normal distribution with st.dev. } \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-2t}} \text{ and mean } 0 \\
 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-2t}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Now, we know that the moment generating function for a  $\chi_k^2$  distribution with  $k$  degrees of freedom is  $(\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-2t}})^k$ . By uniqueness theorem, we can say that since  $M_{Z^2}^t = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-2t}}$ , this is the MGF of a  $\chi_1^2$  distribution with 1 degrees of freedom. Therefore,  $Y \sim \chi_1^2$

Although we have  $Y = Z^2$ , we have the following relationship for the correlation coefficient.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \rho(X, Y) &= \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\text{Var}(X)^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \text{Var}(Y)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \\
 \rho(Z, Z^2) &= \frac{\text{Cov}(Z, Z^2)}{\text{Var}(Z)^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \text{Var}(Z^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}
 \end{aligned}$$

We can calculate  $\text{Cov}(Z, Z^2)$  as follows.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Cov}(Z, Z^2) &= E(Z \cdot Z^2) - E(Z) \cdot E(Z^2) \\
 &= 0 - 0 \times 1 \\
 &= 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we can say that although  $Y = Z^2$  is determined by  $Z$ , they are uncorrelated.

9. Let  $Y = X_1 + bX_2$ , where  $X_j$  are independent normals with means  $\mu_j$  and variances  $\sigma_j^2$ . Show that conditional on  $X_2 = x$ , the distribution of  $Y$  is normal with mean  $\mu_1 + bx$  and variance  $\sigma_1^2$ . Hence establish that

$$\int \frac{1}{\sigma_1} \phi\left(\frac{y - \mu_1 - bx}{\sigma_1}\right) \frac{1}{\sigma_2} \phi\left(\frac{x - \mu_2}{\sigma_2}\right) dx = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\sigma_1^2 + b\sigma_2^2}} \phi\left(\frac{y - \mu_1 - b\mu_2}{\sqrt{\sigma_1^2 + b\sigma_2^2}}\right)$$

**Solution:** It is given that  $Y = X_1 + bX_2$ . Let us try to find the MGF of this distribution.

$$\begin{aligned}
M_Y(t) &= \mathbb{E}(e^{tY}) \\
&= \mathbb{E}(e^{t(X_1 + bX_2)}) \\
&= \mathbb{E}(e^{tX_1}) \times \mathbb{E}(e^{tbX_2}) \\
&= M_{X_1}^t \times M_{bX_2}^t \\
&= e^{\mu_1 t + \frac{\sigma_1^2 t^2}{2}} \times e^{b(\mu_2 t + \frac{\sigma_2^2 t^2}{2})} \\
&= e^{(\mu_1 + \mu_2 b)t + \frac{\sigma_1^2 + b\sigma_2^2}{2} t^2}
\end{aligned}$$

From  $M_Y^t$ , we can conclude that  $Y$  is a Normal Distribution with mean  $\mu_1 + \mu_2 b$  and variance  $\sigma_1^2 + b\sigma_2^2$ . Therefore,  $Y \sim \text{Normal}(\mu_1 + \mu_2 b, \sigma_1^2 + b\sigma_2^2)$

Although, it is given that we need to condition on  $X_2 = x$ . This implies that  $X_2$  is no longer a distribution, but rather a single value. Therefore,  $\mu_2 = x$  and  $\sigma_2 = 0$ . Substituting these values in the above equation, we get.

$$\begin{aligned}
f(Y|X_2 = x) &\sim \text{Normal}(\mu_1 + \mu_2 b, \sigma_1^2 + b\sigma_2^2) \\
&\sim \text{Normal}(\mu_1 + bx, \sigma_1^2)
\end{aligned}$$

This can also be written as

$$f_Y(y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\sigma_1^2 + b^2 \sigma_2^2}} \phi\left(\frac{y - \mu_1 - b\mu_2}{\sqrt{\sigma_1^2 + b^2 \sigma_2^2}}\right)$$

For the second part, let us assume  $h_1(X_1, X_2) = X_1 + bX_2$ , and let  $h_2(X_1, X_2) = X_2$ . Then, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
|J(X_1, X_2)|^{-1} &= \frac{\partial h_1}{\partial x_1} \frac{\partial h_2}{\partial x_2} - \frac{\partial h_1}{\partial x_2} \frac{\partial h_2}{\partial x_1} \\
&= 1 \times 1 - b \times 0 \\
&= 1
\end{aligned}$$

Using the property that random variates  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  are jointly continuous with the joint density function given by (where  $x_1 = h_1(y_1, y_2)$ , and  $x_2 = h_2(y_1, y_2)$ )

$$f_{Y_1, Y_2}(y_1, y_2) = f_{X_1, X_2}(x_1, x_2) |J(x_1, x_2)|^{-1}$$

Therefore, we get,

$$\begin{aligned}
f_{Y, X_2} &= f_{X_1, X_2} |J(x_1, x_2)|^{-1} \\
&= f_{x_1, x_2} \\
&= \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_1\sigma_2} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x_1 - \mu_1}{\sigma_1}\right)^2} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x_2 - \mu_2}{\sigma_2}\right)^2}
\end{aligned}$$

Now, we find

$$\begin{aligned}
f_{Y|X_2=x} &= \frac{f_{X_1, X_2}}{f_{X_2}} \\
&= \frac{\frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_1\sigma_2} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x_1 - \mu_1}{\sigma_1}\right)^2} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x_2 - \mu_2}{\sigma_2}\right)^2}}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_2} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x_2 - \mu_2}{\sigma_2}\right)^2}} \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_1} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{y - bx_2 - \mu_1}{\sigma_1}\right)^2} \\
&= \frac{1}{\sigma_1} \phi\left(\frac{y - \mu_1 - bx}{\sigma_1}\right)
\end{aligned}$$

And,

$$f_{X_2} = \frac{1}{\sigma_2} \phi\left(\frac{x - \mu_2}{\sigma_2}\right)$$

By law of total probability, we get

$$\int \frac{1}{\sigma_1} \phi\left(\frac{y - \mu_1 - bx}{\sigma_1}\right) \frac{1}{\sigma_2} \phi\left(\frac{x - \mu_2}{\sigma_2}\right) dx = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\sigma_1^2 + b\sigma_2^2}} \phi\left(\frac{y - \mu_1 - b\mu_2}{\sqrt{\sigma_1^2 + b\sigma_2^2}}\right)$$

10. Read pages 62-75 (Section 3.2: Normal Model) from AC Davison's Statistical Models.