

# Probability & Statistics for EECS: Homework #11

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## Problem 1

1. (a)

If  $X \sim \text{Geom}(p)$ , then  $P(X = k) = q^k p$  where  $q = 1 - p$ .

which means that  $p_k = P(X = x_k) = pq^k$

$$\begin{aligned}
 H(X) &= \sum_k P(X = k) \log_2 \left( \frac{1}{P(X = k)} \right) \\
 &= \sum_k p_k \log_2(p_k^{-1}) \\
 &= - \sum_k q^k p \log_2(q^k p) \\
 &= - \log_2 p \sum_k q^k p - \log_2(q) \sum_k k q^k p \\
 &= - \log_2 p \cdot 1 - \log_2(q) \cdot E(X) \\
 &= - \log_2 p - \frac{1-p}{p} \log_2(1-p)
 \end{aligned}$$

(b)

Let  $Z$  be an r.v. whose PMF is  $P(Z = p_k) = p_k$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 E(\log_2 Z) &= \sum_k p_k \log_2(p_k) \\
 &= - \sum_k p_k \log_2 \left( \frac{1}{p_k} \right) \\
 &= -H(X)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \log_2 E(Z) &= \log_2 \left( \sum_k p_k^2 \right) \\
 &= \log_2 \left( \sum_k P(X = k) \cdot P(Y = k) \right) \\
 &= \log_2 P(X = Y)
 \end{aligned}$$

Using Jensen's inequality,

$$E(\log_2 Z) \leq \log_2 E(Z)$$

Then we get that  $-H(X) \geq \log_2 P(X = Y)$  which is

$$P(X = Y) \geq 2^{-H(X)}$$

## Problem 2

1. (a)

$X \sim \text{Pois}(\lambda)$  gives  $P(X = k) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^k}{k!}$

$$\begin{aligned} P(X = k | X \geq 1) &= \frac{P(X = k)}{1 - P(X = 0)} \\ &= \frac{\frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^k}{k!}}{1 - e^{-\lambda}} \\ &= \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^k}{(1 - e^{-\lambda}) k!}, \quad k \geq 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} E[X | X \geq 1] &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k \cdot P(X = k | X \geq 1) \\ &= \frac{e^{-\lambda}}{1 - e^{-\lambda}} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k \lambda^k}{k!} \\ &= \frac{\lambda e^{-\lambda}}{1 - e^{-\lambda}} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^{k-1}}{(k-1)!} \\ &= \frac{\lambda e^{-\lambda}}{1 - e^{-\lambda}} \cdot e^{\lambda} \\ &= \frac{\lambda}{1 - e^{-\lambda}} \end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned} E[X^2 | X \geq 1] &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^2 \cdot P(X = k | X \geq 1) \\ &= \frac{e^{-\lambda}}{1 - e^{-\lambda}} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k^2 \lambda^k}{k!} \\ &= \frac{\lambda e^{-\lambda}}{1 - e^{-\lambda}} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k \lambda^{k-1}}{(k-1)!} \\ &= \frac{\lambda e^{-\lambda}}{1 - e^{-\lambda}} (e^{\lambda} + \lambda e^{\lambda}) \\ &= \frac{\lambda(\lambda + 1)}{1 - e^{-\lambda}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(X | X \geq 1) &= E[X^2 | X \geq 1] - (E[X | X \geq 1])^2 \\ &= \frac{\lambda(\lambda + 1)}{1 - e^{-\lambda}} - \left( \frac{\lambda}{1 - e^{-\lambda}} \right)^2 \\ &= \frac{\lambda(\lambda + 1)(1 - e^{-\lambda}) - \lambda^2}{(1 - e^{-\lambda})^2} \\ &= \frac{\lambda - \lambda e^{-\lambda} - \lambda^2 e^{-\lambda}}{(1 - e^{-\lambda})^2} \\ &= \frac{\lambda(1 - e^{-\lambda}(1 + \lambda))}{(1 - e^{-\lambda})^2} \end{aligned}$$

### Problem 3

1. (a)

The memoryless property of an exponential distribution means

$$P(X_1 > s + t | X_1 > s) = P(X_1 > t)$$

Therefore, the conditional expectation  $E[X_1 | X_1 > 2023]$  is:

$$\begin{aligned} E[X_1 | X_1 > 2023] &= E[X_1 - 2023 + 2023 | X_1 > 2023] \\ &= E[X_1 - 2023 | X_1 > 2023] + 2023 \\ &= E[X_1] + 2023 \\ &= 2023 + \frac{1}{\lambda_1} \end{aligned}$$

(b)

Using the memoryless property of the exponential distribution for each  $X_i$ , we have:

$$\begin{aligned} E[X_1 + X_2 + X_3 | X_1 > 2023, X_2 > 2024, X_3 > 2025] &= E[X_1 | X_1 > 2023] + E[X_2 | X_2 > 2024] + E[X_3 | X_3 > 2025] \\ &= (2023 + \frac{1}{\lambda_1}) + (2024 + \frac{1}{\lambda_2}) + (2025 + \frac{1}{\lambda_3}) \\ &= 6072 + \frac{1}{\lambda_1} + \frac{1}{\lambda_2} + \frac{1}{\lambda_3} \end{aligned}$$

## Problem 4

1. (a)

Integrating the joint PDF over  $x$ :

$$f_Y(y) = \int_{y^2}^1 6xy \, dx = 3y[x^2]_0^1 = 3y(1 - y^4)$$

For  $y \in [0, 1]$  and 0 otherwise.

Integrating the joint PDF over  $y$ :

$$f_X(x) = \int_0^{\sqrt{x}} 6xy \, dy = 3x[y^2]_0^{\sqrt{x}} = 3x^2$$

For  $x \in [0, 1]$  and 0 otherwise.

And we can find that

$$f_X(x)f_Y(y) = (3y)(3x^2) = 9x^2y \neq 6xy = f_{X,Y}(x, y)$$

Thus,  $X$  and  $Y$  are not independent.

(b)

$$E[X|Y = y] = \int_{y^2}^1 x \cdot \frac{f_{X,Y}(x, y)}{f_Y(y)} \, dx = \int_0^1 x \cdot \frac{6xy}{3y(1 - y^4)} \, dx = \frac{2(1 - y^6)}{3(1 - y^4)}$$

$$E[X^2|Y = y] = \int_{y^2}^1 x^2 \cdot \frac{6xy}{3y(1 - y^4)} \, dx = \frac{1 + y^4}{2}$$

the variance is:

$$\text{Var}[X|Y = y] = E[X^2|Y = y] - (E[X|Y = y])^2 = \frac{1 + y^4}{2} - \left( \frac{2(1 - y^6)}{3(1 - y^4)} \right)^2 = \frac{y^{12} - 9y^8 + 16y^6 - 9y^4 + 1}{18(1 - y^4)^2}$$

(c)

From (b) we can find that

$$E[X|Y] = \frac{2(1 - Y^6)}{3(1 - Y^4)}$$

$$\text{Var}[X|Y] = \frac{Y^{12} - 9Y^8 + 16Y^6 - 9Y^4 + 1}{18(1 - Y^4)^2}$$

## Problem 5

1. (a)

the sample mean of the Bernoulli trials:  $\hat{p} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N X_i$ . The variance of a Bernoulli trial is  $p(1-p)$ , and thus the variance of the sample mean  $\hat{p}$  is  $\frac{p(1-p)}{N}$ . We want to find the value of  $\varepsilon$  such that:

$$P(|\hat{p} - p| \geq \varepsilon) \leq \delta$$

Using Chebyshev's inequality, we have:

$$\delta \geq \frac{\sigma^2}{\varepsilon^2}$$

which means that

$$\delta \geq \frac{p(1-p)}{N\varepsilon^2}$$

Solve  $\varepsilon$  to find the confidence interval  $p \pm \varepsilon$ . So we get:  $\varepsilon \geq \sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{N\delta}}$

Thus the confidence interval is

$$p \in (\hat{p} - \varepsilon, \hat{p} + \varepsilon)$$

where

$$\varepsilon = \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{N\delta}}$$

(b)

The Hoeffding bound for the sum of  $N$  i.i.d. random variables  $X_i$  is:

$$P\left(\left|\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N X_i - \mu\right| \geq \varepsilon\right) \leq 2 \exp(-2N\varepsilon^2)$$

Setting  $2 \exp(-2N\varepsilon^2) = \delta$  and solving for  $\varepsilon$  gives:

$$\varepsilon = \sqrt{\frac{\ln(2/\delta)}{2N}}$$

. The confidence interval is thus:

$$p \in (\hat{p} - \varepsilon, \hat{p} + \varepsilon)$$

where

$$\varepsilon = \sqrt{\frac{\ln(2/\delta)}{2N}}$$

discuss the Impact of  $\delta$  and  $N$

For both methods, as  $\delta$  decreases, the confidence level  $1 - \delta$  increases, leading to a wider interval. As  $N$  increases, the interval narrows, indicating a more precise estimate of  $p$ .

(d)

The Chebyshev inequality does not require the underlying distribution to be known, but it often provides a looser bound than the Hoeffding bound. The Hoeffding bound gives a tighter interval but assumes that the random variables are bounded and i.i.d.

**Problem 6**

1. (a)

$$\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{1-p}$$

(b)

Suppose that we need  $X$  times for  $HH$ 

$$\begin{aligned} E(X) &= E(X|H)p + E(X|T)(1-p) \\ &= E(X|H)p + (1 + E(X))(1-p) \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} E(X|H) &= E(X|HH)p + E(X|HT)(1-p) \\ &= 2p + (2 + E(X))(1-p). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we can get

$$\begin{aligned} E(X) &= E(X|H)p + (1 + E(X))(1-p) \\ &= (2p + (2 + E(X))(1-p))p + (1 + E(X))(1-p) \end{aligned}$$

Simplify this to get  $E(X) = \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{p^2}$ 

(c)