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Question 56

Let (X, Y) have joint probability mass function

$$p_{XY}(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{e^{-2}}{x!(y-x)!} & \text{if } x = 0, 1, \dots, y; y = 0, 1, 2, \dots \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

Then which of the following statements is/are true?

- 1) $E(X|Y = 4) = 2$
- 2) The moment generating function of Y is $e^{2(e^v-1)}$ for all $v \in R$
- 3) $E(X) = 2$
- 4) The joint moment generating function of (X, Y) is $e^{-2+(1+e^u)e^v}$ for all $(u, v) \in R^2$

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Solution: Poisson distribution is defined as follows:

$$p_Y(y) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^y}{y!} \text{ where } E(Y) = \lambda \quad (2)$$

Now, the joint probability function for $0 < x < y$ can be written as:

$$p_{XY}(x, y) = \frac{e^{-2}}{x!(y-x)!} \quad (3)$$

$$= \frac{e^{-2} 2^y y!}{y! x! (y-x)! 2^y} \quad (4)$$

$$= \frac{e^{-2} 2^y}{y!} \frac{y!}{x! (y-x)! 2^y} \quad (5)$$

$$= p_Y(y) \binom{y}{x} \frac{1}{2^y} \quad (6)$$

$$= p_Y(y) p_{X|Y}(x, y) \quad (7)$$

$$\Rightarrow p_{X|Y}(x, y) = \binom{y}{x} \frac{1}{2^y} \quad (8)$$

$$1) E(X|Y = 4) = 2:$$

$$E(X|Y = 4) = \sum_x x p_{X|Y}(x, 4) \quad (9)$$

$$= \sum_{x=0}^4 x p_{X|Y}(x, 4) \quad (10)$$

$$= 0(p_{X|Y}(0, 4)) + 1(p_{X|Y}(1, 4)) + 2(p_{X|Y}(2, 4)) \quad (11)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2^4} \binom{4}{1} + 2 \times \frac{1}{2^4} \binom{4}{2} + 3 \times \frac{1}{2^4} \binom{4}{3} + 4 \times \frac{1}{2^4} \binom{4}{4} \quad (12)$$

$$= 32 \times \frac{1}{16} \quad (13)$$

$$= 2 \quad (14)$$

Hence, the given statement is true.

$$2) \text{ The moment generating function of } Y \text{ is } e^{2(e^v-1)} \text{ for all } v \in R:$$

Generally, the moment generating function for poisson distribution is given as:

$$M_Y(t) = e^{-\lambda(1-e^t)} \quad (15)$$

$$\Rightarrow M_Y(v) = e^{-2(1-e^v)} \quad (16)$$

$$= e^{2(e^v-1)} \quad (17)$$

Hence, the given statement is true.

$$3) E(X) = 2:$$

The distribution of X is now the poisson distribution with mean:

$$\mu = \frac{\lambda}{2} = \frac{2}{2} = 1 \quad (18)$$

$$\Rightarrow E(X) = 1 \quad (19)$$

Hence, the given statement is wrong.

- 4) The joint moment generating function of (X, Y) is $e^{-2+(1+e^u)e^v}$ for all $(u, v) \in R^2$:

$$M_{XY}(u, v) = E(e^{ux+vy}) \quad (20)$$

$$= \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \sum_{y=x}^{\infty} e^{ux+vy} \frac{e^{-2}}{x!(y-x)!} \quad (21)$$

$$= e^{-2} \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \frac{e^{ux}}{x!} \sum_{y=x}^{\infty} \frac{e^{vy}}{(y-x)!} \quad (22)$$

$$= e^{-2} e^{e^v} \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \frac{e^{(u+v)x}}{x!} \quad (23)$$

$$= e^{-2+e^v} e^{(u+v)x} \quad (24)$$

$$= e^{-2+(1+e^u)e^v} \quad (25)$$

Hence, the given statement is true.