

Lecture 9

CDF

$F(x) = P(X \leq x)$, as a function of real x

$$P(a < X < b) = F(b) - F(a)$$

Properties of CDF

1. increasing
2. right continuous
3. $F(x) \rightarrow 0$ as $x \rightarrow -\infty$, $F(x) \rightarrow 1$ as $x \rightarrow \infty$

This is "only if"

Independence of r.v.s

X, Y are independent r.v.s if $P(X \leq x, Y \leq y) = P(X \leq x)P(Y \leq y)$ for all x, y

Discrete case : $P(X = x, Y = y) = P(X = x)P(Y = y)$

Average(Means, Expected Values)

Example

1,2,3,4,5,6, $\rightarrow 1+2+\dots+6 / 6 = 3.5$

1,1,1,1,1,3,3,5

two ways:

1. add, divide
1. $5/8 * 1 + 2/8 * 3 + 1/8 * 5$

Average of a discrete r.v.s

$$E(X) = \sum xP(X = x)$$

summed over x with $P(X = x) > 0$

$X \sim \text{Bern}(p)$

$$E(x) = 1P(X = 1) + 0P(X = 0) = p$$

$X = 1$ if A occurs, 0 otherwise (indicator r.v.s)

Then $E(x) = P(A)$ **fundamental bridge** between E and P

$X \sim \text{Bin}(n, p)$

$$E(X) = \sum_{k=0}^n k \binom{n}{k} p^k q^{n-k}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sum_{k=1}^n n \binom{n-1}{k-1} p^k q^{n-k} \\
&= np \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n-1}{k-1} p^{k-1} q^{n-k} \\
&= np \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \binom{n-1}{j} p^j q^{n-j-1} \\
&= np
\end{aligned}$$

Linearity

1. $E(X + Y) = E(X) + E(Y)$ even if X, Y are dependent
2. $E(cX) = cE(X)$

Redo Bin

$E(X) = np$ by linearity since $X = x_1 + \dots + x_n$

Ex. 5 Card hand, $X = \#aces$ let X_j be indicator of j th card being as ace, $1 \leq j \leq 5$

$$\begin{aligned}
E(X) &= (\text{indicator})E(X_1 + \dots + X_5) = (\text{linearity})E(X_1) + \dots + E(X_5) = (\text{symmetry})5E(X_1) \\
&= (\text{fundamental bridge})5P(\text{1st card ace}) = 5/13
\end{aligned}$$

even though X_j 's are dependent

This gives expected value of any Hypergeometric

Geometric

$Geom(p)$: independent $Bern(p)$ trials, count # failures before 1st success.

Let $X \sim Geom(p)$, $q = 1 - p$

PMF:

$$P(X = k) = q^k p \text{ valid since } \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p q^k = p/1 - q = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned}
E(x) &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} k p q^k \\
&= p \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k q^k \\
&= q/p
\end{aligned}$$

E(X) Story Proof:

Let $c = E(X)$,

$$\begin{aligned}
c &= 0 * p + (1 + c)q \\
&= q + cq \Rightarrow c = q/p
\end{aligned}$$