

## CSE 544, Spring 2020, Probability and Statistics for Data Science

### Assignment 1: Probability Theory review

Due: 2/12, in class

(7 questions, 75 points total)

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### 1. Nerdy NBA

(Total 15 points)

In the 2019 NBA Eastern Conference semi-finals, Philadelphia 76ers (PHI) played the (eventual 2019 NBA Champion) Toronto Raptors (TOR) in a best-of-7 series where the first team to win 4 games wins the series. Assume that the outcome of each game is independent.

- (a) Assuming that either team has a win probability of 0.5, what is the probability that after the first 4 games, the teams would be tied 2-2? Clearly show all your steps. (2 points)
- (b) PHI-TOR were, in fact, tied 2-2 at the end of 4 games, making it effectively a best-of-3 for the remaining games. Assuming the either team has a 0.5 probability of winning each game, draw the decision tree for the subsequent games starting from 2-2; note that if a team ends up winning 4 games total, subsequent games will not be held. (3 points)
- (c) Using the decision tree from (b) (so starting from 2-2), compute the probability of TOR winning the series 4-3. TOR in fact did win the series 4-3 at the last second, resulting in one of the most thrilling sports moments of 2019. (1 point)
- (d) Repeat part (b), but now with the assumption that the home team has a 0.75 probability of winning the game. Game 5, 6, and 7 were held in TOR, PHI, and TOR, respectively. (3 points)
- (e) Repeat part (c), but using the decision tree of part (d) (1 point)
- (f) The frequentist interpretation of probability based on a large number  $N$  of repetitions of an experiment is  $P(A) \approx \frac{N_A}{N}$ , where  $N_A$  is the number of times  $A$  occurs and  $N$  is the total number of times the experiment is repeated. Similarly, the conditional probability  $P(B | A) \approx \frac{N_{BA}}{N_A}$ , where  $N_{BA}$  is the number of times  $B \cap A$  occurs and  $N_A$  is the number of times  $A$  occurs. Use simulations (coded in Python) to verify the results of part (a), (c) and (e). For instance, one can let  $A$  be the event that there is a tie after 4 games and  $B$  be the event that TOR wins the game 4-3. Then we can simulate "series", a sequence of games until one of the teams wins 4 games,  $N$  times. Among those  $N$  repetitions of series, one can compute  $N_A$ , the number of times there is a tie after 4 games,  $N_{BA}$ , number of times there was a tie after 4 games and TOR won 4-3. Finally, we can approximate  $P(A) \approx \frac{N_A}{N}$  and  $P(B|A) \approx \frac{N_{BA}}{N_A}$ . To verify part (e), assume that games 1 and 2 were in TOR and games 3 and 4 were in PHI. Try  $N = 10^n$  for  $n = 3, 4, 5, 6, 7$ . What do you observe as  $N$  increases?

Hint: In Python, `numpy.random.binomial(1, p)` can simulate a Bernoulli trial with probability  $p$ .



For this programming assignment, you should submit, via email, a Python script named `nba.py` to the TA Supreeth (email on class website); in the email, list all your group member names and SBU IDs. Combine the email submission with that required for Q2(b) and have the subject as "CSE 544 A1 code submission". The script should have a variable named `N`, the number of times the experiment is repeated, at the very beginning of the program so that TAs can try out different values for `N`. The program should print the results of part (a), (c) and (e) as follows:

For `N = ...`, the simulated value for part (a) is ...

For `N = ...`, the simulated value for part (c) is ...

For `N = ...`, the simulated value for part (e) is ...

You should also report the answers in your hard-copy assignment submission.

(5 points)

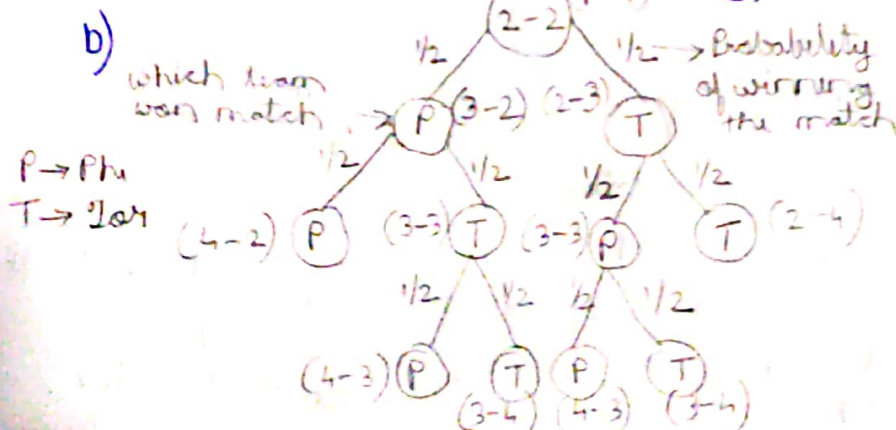
1) a) Required probability = all possible cases where matches are tied 2-2  
Total sample space.

Since the probability of each team winning a match is 0.5, the numerator is equal to all possible ways of arranging the results of 4 matches such that each team wins 2 games which can be either in the order (Phi, Phi, Tor, Tor) or (Phi, Tor, Phi, Tor) and so on.

Since there are total 2 duplicates (1 each of Tor & Phi),  
numerator =  $\frac{4!}{2! 2!} = \frac{24}{4} = 6$

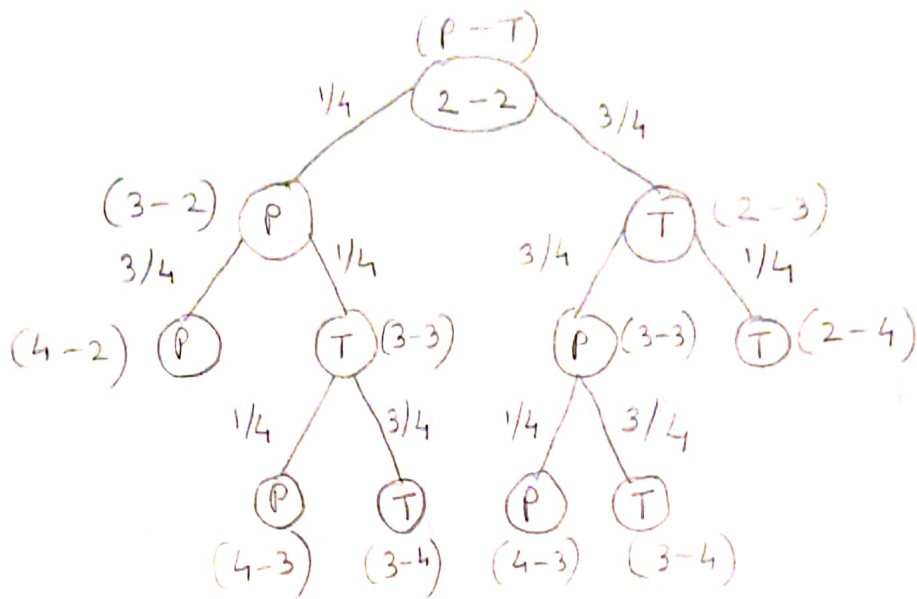
Now total sample space =  $(2)^4$  since there are 4 total matches and 2 possible outcomes - either Phi wins or Tor wins.

∴ Required probability =  $\frac{6}{(2)^4} = \frac{6}{16} = \frac{3}{8}$





d)



e)  $P(\text{Tor won series by } 4-3)$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{4} \times \frac{3}{4} + \frac{3}{4} \times \frac{3}{4} \times \frac{3}{4}$$

$$= \frac{3}{64} + \frac{27}{64}$$

$$= \frac{15}{32}$$

f) Following are the results from the Python program -

n	Part (a)	Part (c)	Part (e)
3	0.4050	0.2765	0.4711
4	0.3794	0.2533	0.4766
5	0.3759	0.2481	0.4685
6	0.3750	0.2518	0.4697
7	0.37499	0.2499	0.4689

Observation: For larger value of N, the approximation gets closer to the theoretical value. This is expected behavior as for large numbers of trials/iterations it is supposed to converge to theoretical value.

## 2. Free yourself

(Total 15 points)

In the near future, you realize that you have spent far too much money on buying and hoarding phones and decide to rid yourself of all your hoarded iPhones. Turns out you have  $n$  iPhones, with each iPhone belonging to a unique generation from iPhone 1 to iPhone  $n$ . So, to cleanse your digital life, you play a risky game. In step 1, you randomly pick an iPhone from this pile; if the selected iPhone is iPhone 1, you keep it, else you discard it. In step 2, you again randomly pick an iPhone from the remaining  $(n-1)$  iPhones and if the selected iPhone is iPhone 2, you keep it, else you discard it. You repeat this immensely satisfying exercise  $n$  times. We would like to find out, at the end of this exercise, what is the probability that you have at least one undiscarded iPhone?

(a) Solve this problem using the principle of inclusion-exclusion (PIE). For  $n$  events  $E_1, E_2, \dots, E_n$ , PIE says

$$\Pr\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i\right) = \sum_i \Pr(E_i) - \sum_{i < j} \Pr(E_i \cap E_j) + \sum_{i < j < k} \Pr(E_i \cap E_j \cap E_k) - \dots + (-1)^{n+1} \Pr(E_1 \cap \dots \cap E_n).$$

Choose the events  $E_1, E_2, \dots, E_n$  carefully so that you can obtain the required probability. (8 points)

(b) Now solve this problem via simulation (using Python). We first need to simulate a pile of  $n$  iPhones.

Let's do this using Python's `range(1, n+1)`, which returns a list of integers from 1 to  $n$ . One can then simulate the action of picking phones randomly by shuffling the list using

`random.shuffle()` and then choosing elements of the shuffled list one by one.

Write a Python script which has two variables  $n$  and  $N$  (be sure to define them at the very beginning so that TAs can play with different values) and simulate the above problem. Set  $(n, N) :=$

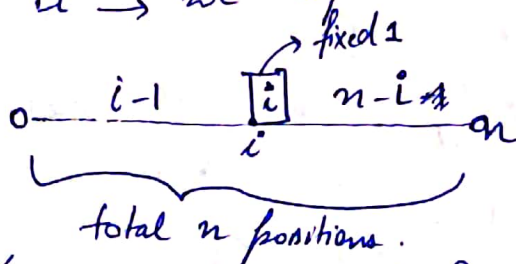
$(5, 10^2), (5, 10^3), (5, 10^4), (5, 10^5)$  and  $(n, N) := (20, 10^2), (20, 10^3), (20, 10^4), (20, 10^5)$ .

Report the answers for all of them in the hard-copy assignment submission. The program should also print the output as follows:

For  $(n, N) = (\dots)$ , the approximated value for probability is ...

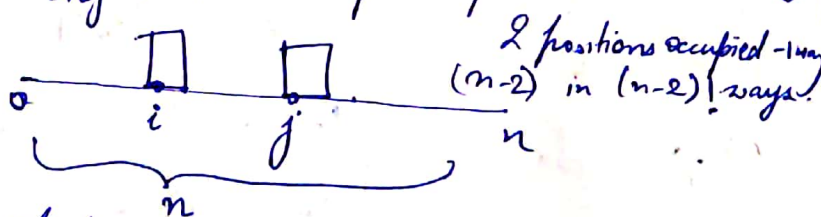
Name the script as `deck.py` and submit the file via email to the TA Supreeth. Also include all group members' names and SBU IDs in the email; send one email per group to Supreeth, containing two attachments, `nba.py` for 1(f) and `deck.py` for 2(b). Use email subject as "CSE 544 A1 code submission".

Let  $E_i \rightarrow$  we keep the  $i^{\text{th}}$  iPhone (at step  $i$ ). (7 points)



$$P(E_i) = \frac{(n-1)!}{n!}$$

Let  $E_i E_j \rightarrow$  we keep 2 iPhones (i and j)



$$P(E_i E_j) = \frac{(n-2)!}{n!} \quad i < j$$

Generalizing,

if we keep 'k' iPhones out of  $n$ ,

$$P(E_i E_j \dots E_k) = \frac{(n-k)!}{n!} \quad i < j < \dots < k$$



Now, using the inclusion-exclusion principle:

$$P_k\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i\right) = \sum_i P_k[E_i] - \sum_{i < j} P_k[E_i \cap E_j] + \sum_{i < j < k} P_k[E_i \cap E_j \cap E_k] - \dots + \sum_{i < j < k < \dots < n} (-1)^{n+1} P_k[E_i \cap E_j \cap \dots \cap E_n]$$

$$P_k\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i\right) = {}^nC_1 \frac{(n-1)!}{n!} - {}^nC_2 \frac{(n-2)!}{n!} + {}^nC_3 \frac{(n-3)!}{n!} - \dots + (-1)^{n+1} {}^nC_n \frac{(n-n)!}{n!}$$

$$\boxed{P_k\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i\right) = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{(-1)^{k+1}}{k!}}$$

Approximating this probability for very large values of  $n$ :

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{(-1)^{k+1}}{k!} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 1 - e^{-1} = \boxed{0.632}$$

we know that:

$$e^x = \frac{x^0}{0!} + \frac{x^1}{1!} + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \dots = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^k}{k!}$$

$$\text{Let } \boxed{x = -1}$$

$$e^{-1} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{k!} = 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{k!}$$

multiplying by  $-1$  on both sides:

$$-e^{-1} = -1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{k+1}}{k!}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{k+1}}{k!} = 1 - \frac{1}{e} = \frac{e-1}{e} = \underline{0.6321}$$

$$(b) (n, N) = (5, 10^2) \Rightarrow 0.58$$

$$(5, 10^3) \Rightarrow 0.637$$

$$(5, 10^4) \Rightarrow 0.631$$

$$(5, 10^5) \Rightarrow 0.6342$$

$$(20, 10^2) \Rightarrow 0.62$$

$$(20, 10^3) \Rightarrow 0.628$$

$$(20, 10^4) \Rightarrow 0.6356$$

$$(20, 10^5) \Rightarrow 0.63304$$

### 3. Fun with Bayes

(Total 10 points)

To give yourself a break after assignment 1, you head to Atlantic City to play slots. Turns out there are only two slot machines, a Red and a Green. You somehow know that one of these machines has a 10% chance of jackpot (bad machine) and the other has 50% (good machine); unfortunately, you do not know which is which (so  $\Pr(\text{Red is bad}) = \Pr(\text{Green is bad}) = 0.5$ ). Assume each play of the machines is independent and also conditionally independent of the results of prior plays. Also assume that you are equally likely to pick the Red or Green machine at every play.

- (a) You play the Red machine and don't get a jackpot. What is the probability that Red is the bad machine? (3 points)
- (b) What is the probability that the Green machine is good given that you played the Red machine twice and won both times? (3 points)
- (c) If you play only the Red machine several times and fail to get a jackpot every time, after how many times would you be at least 95% confident that Red is bad? (4 points)

$$\rightarrow \begin{aligned} P(\text{Jackpot} | \text{Bad}) &= 0.1 & , & P(\text{No Jackpot} | \text{Bad}) = 0.9 \\ P(\text{Jackpot} | \text{Good}) &= 0.5 & , & P(\text{No Jackpot} | \text{Good}) = 0.5 \end{aligned} \quad [\text{By Bayes theorem}]$$

$$\begin{aligned} (a) \quad P(\text{Red=Bad} | \text{No Jackpot}) &= \frac{P(\text{No Jackpot} | \text{Red=Bad}) \times P(\text{Red=Bad})}{P(\text{No Jackpot} | \text{Red=Bad}) \times P(\text{Red=Bad}) + P(\text{No Jackpot} | \text{Red=Good}) \times P(\text{Red=Good})} \\ &= \frac{0.9 \times 0.5}{0.9 \times 0.5 + 0.5 \times 0.5} = \frac{9}{14} = 0.642 \end{aligned}$$

(b) To find probability that Green machine is good given that you played the Red machine twice and won both times.

It can be rewritten as, Red machine is bad given the conditions.

$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{Red=bad} | \text{Jackpot}) &= \frac{P(\text{Jackpot} | \text{Red=Bad}) \times P(\text{Red=Bad})}{P(\text{Jackpot} | \text{Red=Bad}) \times P(\text{Red=Bad}) + P(\text{Jackpot} | \text{Red=Good}) \times P(\text{Red=Good})} \\ &= \frac{0.1}{0.1 + 0.5} = \frac{1}{6} \end{aligned}$$

Since, the results are conditionally independent of prior plays, probability of red machine being bad and given it won the jackpot both times =  $\frac{1}{6} \times \frac{1}{6}$

$$P(\text{Green=good} | P(\text{Red=Bad and Red=Bad} | \text{Jackpot})) = \frac{1}{36}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{Red=Good and Red=Good} | \text{Jackpot}) &= (1 - \frac{1}{6}) \times (1 - \frac{1}{6}) \\ &= \frac{25}{36} \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 P(\text{Green=Good} \mid \text{Red won 1st game and Red won 2nd game}) &= \frac{P(\text{Red won 1st game and Red won 2nd game} \mid \text{Green=Good}) \times P(\text{Green=Good})}{P(\text{Red won 1st game and Red won 2nd game} \mid \text{Green=Good}) \times P(\text{Green=Good}) + P(\text{Red won 1st game and Red won 2nd game} \mid \text{Green=Bad}) \times P(\text{Green=Bad})} \\
 &= \frac{P(\text{Red=Bad and Red=Bad} \mid \text{Jackpot}) \times 0.5}{P(\text{Red=Bad and Red=Bad} \mid \text{Jackpot}) \times 0.5 + P(\text{Red=Good and Red=Good} \mid \text{Jackpot}) \times 0.5} \\
 &= \frac{(1/36) \times 0.5}{(1/36) \times 0.5 + (25/36) \times 0.5} = \boxed{\frac{1}{26}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$(c) \quad P(\text{Red=Bad} \mid \text{No Jackpot}) = \frac{9}{14} \quad [\text{from ①}]$$

$$P(\text{Red=Good} \mid \text{No Jackpot}) = 1 - \frac{9}{14} = \frac{5}{14}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(\text{Red=Bad} \mid \text{No Jackpot} \times n \text{ times}) &= \frac{P(\text{played } n \text{ times and no Jackpot} \mid \text{Red=Bad}) \times P(\text{Red=Bad})}{P(\text{played } n \text{ times and no Jackpot} \mid \text{Red=Bad}) \times P(\text{Red=Bad}) + P(\text{played } n \text{ times and no Jackpot} \mid \text{Red=Good}) \times P(\text{Red=Good})}
 \end{aligned}$$

(Since the  $n$  events are independent)

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{P(\text{no Jackpot} \mid \text{Red=Bad}) \times P(\text{no Jackpot} \mid \text{Red=Bad}) \times \dots \times P(\text{Red=Bad})}{P(\text{no Jackpot} \mid \text{Red=Bad}) \times P(\text{no Jackpot} \mid \text{Red=Bad}) \times \dots \times P(\text{Red=Bad}) + P(\text{no Jackpot} \mid \text{Red=Good}) \times P(\text{no Jackpot} \mid \text{Red=Good}) \times \dots \times P(\text{Red=Good})}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{(0.9)^n \times 0.5}{(0.9)^n \times 0.5 + (0.5)^n \times 0.5} = \frac{9^n}{9^n + 5^n} \geq 0.95$$

$$\Rightarrow (0.95) 9^n \geq (0.95) 5^n$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{9}{5}\right)^n \geq 19$$

taking  $\log$  (base 2) both sides,

$$\log_2 \left(\frac{9}{5}\right)^n \geq \log_2 19$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Rightarrow n &\geq \frac{\log_2 19}{\log_2 (9/5)} \\
 \Rightarrow n &\geq \frac{1.278}{0.255}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow n \geq 5.0117$$

$$\boxed{n=6}$$



#### 4. The One Ring?

(Total 10 points)

Bilbo Baggins of the Shire has a ring. It is known that there are only 10,000 rings in Middle Earth. Gandalf the Wizard, however, fears that Bilbo's ring may, in fact, be the One Ring!

- (a) If the ring is the One Ring, there is a 95% chance that the owner will have an above-average lifespan. If the ring is not the One Ring, there is a 75% chance that the owner will not have an above-average lifespan. What is the probability that, given Bilbo is pushing 111 years (above-average for Hobbits), his ring is, in fact, the One Ring? (3 points)

- (b) To be absolutely sure, Gandalf administers another test and throws the ring into a fireplace. If it is the One Ring, writing will appear on it with probability 0.9; if it is not the One Ring, writing may still appear on it with probability 0.05. Given that writing appears on it, and that Bilbo has an above-average lifespan, what is the probability that this is the One Ring? Assume that the tests are independent conditioned on the ring being the One Ring, and the tests are independent conditioned on the ring not being the One Ring. Do not assume that the tests are independent. (7 points)

(a) Let  $P(OR)$  be the probability that the ring is a one ring and  $P(AA)$  be the probability that the owner will have an above-average lifespan. Now, from the information given in the question, we have:

$$P(OR) = \frac{1}{10000}, \quad P(AA|OR) = \frac{95}{100}, \quad P(\overline{AA}|\overline{OR}) = \frac{75}{100}$$

$$\text{Now, } P(\overline{OR}) = \frac{9999}{10000}, \quad P(\overline{AA}|OR) = \frac{5}{100}, \quad P(AA|\overline{OR}) = \frac{25}{100}$$

By Bayes's theorem, we have:-

$$\begin{aligned} P(OR|AA) &= \frac{P(AA|OR) \cdot P(OR)}{P(AA|OR)P(OR) + P(AA|\overline{OR}) \cdot P(\overline{OR})} \\ &= \frac{\frac{95}{100} \times \frac{1}{10000}}{\frac{95}{100} \times \frac{1}{10000} + \frac{25}{100} \times \frac{9999}{10000}} \\ &= \frac{95}{95 + 249975} = \frac{95}{250070} = 0.00037989 \\ &= 3.7989 \times 10^{-4} \end{aligned}$$

(b) Let  $P(WA)$  be the probability that the writing appears on the ring. From the question, we have:-  
 $P(WA|OR) = 0.9$ ,  $P(WA|\overline{OR}) = 0.05$ ,

Now,

$$P(\overline{WA}|OR) = 0.1, \quad P(\overline{WA}|\overline{OR}) = 0.95$$

To find:  $P(OR|WA \cap AA)$ .

By Bayes' Theorem, we have:-

$$P(OR|(WA \cap AA)) = \frac{P((WA \cap AA)|OR) \cdot P(OR)}{P((WA \cap AA)|OR) \cdot P(OR) + P((WA \cap AA)|\overline{OR}) \cdot P(\overline{OR})} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Using conditional independence, we have..

$$P(WA \cap AA|OR) = P(WA|OR) \cdot P(AA|OR) \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Substituting (2) in (1), we get:

$$\begin{aligned} P(OR|WA \cap AA) &= \frac{P(WA|OR) \cdot P(AA|OR) \cdot P(OR)}{P(WA|OR) \cdot P(AA|OR) \cdot P(OR) + P(WA|\overline{OR}) \cdot P(AA|\overline{OR}) \cdot P(\overline{OR})} \\ &= \frac{0.9 \times 0.95 \times \frac{1}{10000}}{0.9 \times 0.95 \times \frac{1}{10000} + 0.05 \times 0.25 \times \frac{9999}{10000}} \\ &= \frac{0.855}{0.855 + 124.9875} = \frac{0.855}{125.8425} \\ &= 0.00679421 \end{aligned}$$



### 5. Alternative expression for expectation

(Total 5 points)

Let  $X$  be a non-negative, integer-valued RV. Prove that:

$$E[X] = \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \Pr[X > x]$$

(Hint: One approach is to consider double summations and carefully switch the summations)

To Prove:  $E[X] = \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \Pr[X > x]$

Sol<sup>n</sup>:  $\Pr(X > x) = \sum_{y=x+1}^{\infty} \Pr(X=y)$

we know that,

$$E[X] = \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} x \Pr[X=x] \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \Pr[X > x] = \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \sum_{y=x+1}^{\infty} \Pr[X=y]$$

re-writing the above eq<sup>n</sup> using indicator function  $I$

$$\sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \Pr[X > x] = \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \sum_{y=0}^{\infty} \Pr[X=y] I(y > x) \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

where,

$$\begin{aligned} I(\text{true}) &= 1 & y > x \\ I(\text{false}) &= 0 & y < x \end{aligned}$$

Now, after switching the summation in eq<sup>n</sup> (2)

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \Pr[X > x] &= \sum_{y=0}^{\infty} \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \Pr(X=y) I(x < y) \\ &= \sum_{y=0}^{\infty} \left[ \sum_{x=0}^{y-1} \Pr(X=y) I(x < y) + \sum_{x=y}^{\infty} \Pr(X=y) I(x < y) \right] \\ &= \sum_{y=0}^{\infty} \left[ \sum_{x=0}^{y-1} \Pr(X=y) \right] \\ &= \sum_{y=0}^{\infty} y \cdot \Pr(X=y) \\ &= E[X] \end{aligned}$$

Hence Proved





## 6. Poisson distribution

(Total 10 points)

The Poisson distribution,  $X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$ , is a discrete distribution with p.m.f. given by:

$$p_X(i) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^i}{i!}, i \geq 0$$

(a) Ensure that the p.m.f. adds up to 1

(2 points)

(Hint: You will need to use the infinite series expansion of an Exponential)

(b) Find  $E[X]$

(3 points)

(c) Find  $\text{Var}[X]$

(5 points)

$$(a) \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^i}{i!} = e^{-\lambda} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^i}{i!} = e^{-\lambda} \cdot e^{\lambda} = 1$$

(as  $X$  is a discrete distribution)

$$\boxed{\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^i}{i!} = 1}$$

(using the infinite series of an exponential :

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots = e^x)$$

$$(b) E[X] = \sum_i i p(i) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{i e^{-\lambda} \lambda^i}{i!}$$

(0<sup>th</sup> term is 0)  
( $i! = i(i-1)!$ )

$$E[X] = e^{-\lambda} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^i}{(i-1)!}$$

$$E[X] = \lambda \cdot e^{-\lambda} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^{i-1}}{(i-1)!}$$

$$\text{Let } t = i - 1$$

$$E[X] = \lambda \cdot e^{-\lambda} \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^t}{t!}$$

$$\left( \text{using } e^a = \sum_{y=0}^{\infty} \frac{a^y}{y!} \right)$$

$$E[X] = \lambda \cdot e^{-\lambda} \cdot e^{\lambda} = \lambda$$

$$\boxed{E[X] = \lambda} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$(c) \quad E[X(X-1)] = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} i(i-1) \frac{\lambda^i e^{-\lambda}}{i!} \quad \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{as } 0^{\text{th}} \text{ term} = 0 \\ \text{and } 1^{\text{st}} \text{ term} = 0 \\ \text{new limits: } 2 \text{ to } \infty \end{array} \right) \sum_{i=2}^{\infty}$$

$$E[X(X-1)] = \sum_{i=2}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^2 e^{-\lambda} \lambda^{i-2}}{(i-2)!} \quad \left( i! = i(i-1)(i-2)! \right)$$

$$E[X(X-1)] = \lambda^2 \cdot e^{-\lambda} \sum_{i=2}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^{i-2}}{(i-2)!}$$

$$\text{Let } t = i - 2$$

$$E[X(X-1)] = \lambda^2 e^{-\lambda} \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^t}{t!} = \lambda^2 e^{-\lambda} \cdot e^{\lambda}$$

$$\boxed{E[X(X-1)] = \lambda^2} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

from (1) & (2):

$$\text{Var}(X) = E[X^2] - E[X]^2 = \lambda^2 + \lambda - \lambda^2 \Rightarrow \boxed{\text{Var}(X) = \lambda}$$

$$E[X^2 - X] = E[X^2] - E[X] = \lambda^2 \Rightarrow \boxed{E[X^2] = \lambda^2 + \lambda}$$



### 7. Pareto distribution

(Total 10 points)

The Pareto distribution,  $X \sim \text{Pareto}(\alpha)$ ,  $1 < \alpha < 2$ , is a continuous distribution with p.d.f. given by:

$$f_X(x) = \alpha x^{-\alpha-1}, x \geq 1$$

(a) Ensure that the p.d.f. integrates to 1

(2 points)

(b) Find  $E[X]$

(3 points)

(c) Find  $\text{Var}[X]$

(5 points)

$$X \sim \text{Pareto}(\alpha)$$

Given  $\rightarrow 1 < \alpha < 2$  is a continuous distribution with pdf

$$f_X(x) = \alpha x^{-\alpha-1}, x \geq 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} (a) \quad &= \int_1^{\infty} f_X(x) dx = \int_1^{\infty} \alpha x^{-\alpha-1} dx \\ &= \frac{\alpha x^{-\alpha}}{-\alpha} \Big|_1^{\infty} = x^{-\alpha} \Big|_1^{\infty} \\ &= \boxed{1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (b) \quad E[X] &= \int_1^{\infty} x f_X(x) dx = \int_1^{\infty} x \alpha x^{-\alpha-1} dx \\ &= \int_1^{\infty} \alpha x^{-\alpha} dx = \frac{\alpha x^{-\alpha+1}}{-\alpha+1} \Big|_1^{\infty} \\ &= \frac{\alpha x^{-\alpha+1}}{\alpha-1} \Big|_1^{\infty} \\ &= \boxed{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha-1}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (c) \quad \text{Var}[X] &= E[X^2] - (E[X])^2 \\ (E[X])^2 &= \left(\frac{\alpha}{\alpha-1}\right)^2 \\ E[X^2] &= \int_1^{\infty} x^2 f_X(x) dx \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \int_1^{\infty} x^2 \cdot \alpha x^{-\alpha-1} dx \\
&= \int_1^{\infty} \alpha x^{-\alpha+1} dx \\
&= \alpha \left[ \frac{x^{-\alpha+2}}{-\alpha+2} \right]_1^{\infty} \\
&= \alpha \left( \frac{x^{2-\alpha}}{\alpha-2} \right) \Big|_1^{\infty}
\end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Given,  $1 < \alpha < 2$ ,  
 So, ~~for~~ when we substitute  $x = \infty$ , it becomes  
 $(\infty)^{2-\alpha} \rightarrow \alpha < 2 \Rightarrow 2-\alpha$  will range from 0 to 1  $\rightarrow +\infty$   
 $\rightarrow$  So, this value will reach  $\infty$ .

$$= \boxed{\infty}$$

Therefore, variance is  $\infty$ , as second moment is  $\infty$  for  
 given range of  $\alpha$ .