

Statistical Data Analysis
Problem Sheet 1
(Revision and warm-up)

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$$\mathbb{E}[S_n^2] = \sigma^2 \quad (3)$$

Exercise 3 (4+5+3 Points)

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- (c) the probability of a random variable that follows the Poisson distribution for different $\lambda \in \{0.3, 2, 6\}$ for $x \leq 16$.

in Python. Attach the plots to your exercise submission.

Homework 1: Statistical Data Analysis

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Definition of expectation:

◦ Discrete: $\mathbb{E}[X] = \sum_x x \cdot \overbrace{p(x)}^{\text{pmf}}$

◦ Continuous: $\mathbb{E}[X] = \int x \cdot \overbrace{f(x)}^{\text{pdf}} dx$

a) We start from the definition of expectation:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[a + bX] &= \sum_x (a + bx) \cdot p(x) = \sum_x (a \cdot p(x) + bx \cdot p(x)) = \sum_x a \cdot p(x) + \sum_x bx \cdot p(x) \\ &= a \cdot \underbrace{\sum_x p(x)}_{=1} + b \cdot \underbrace{\sum_x x \cdot p(x)}_{\mathbb{E}[X]} = a + b \cdot \mathbb{E}[X]\end{aligned}$$

(law of total prob.)

b) $\text{Var}(X) = \mathbb{E}[X^2] - (\mathbb{E}[X])^2 \Rightarrow$

$$\begin{aligned}&= \mathbb{E}[(X - \mathbb{E}[X])^2] = \mathbb{E}[X^2 - 2X \cdot \mathbb{E}[X] + (\mathbb{E}[X])^2] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[X^2] - \mathbb{E}[2X \cdot \mathbb{E}[X]] + (\mathbb{E}[X])^2 \\ &= \mathbb{E}[X^2] - \sum_x 2 \cdot x \cdot \left(\sum_x x \cdot p(x)\right) \cdot p(x) + (\mathbb{E}[X])^2 \\ &= \mathbb{E}[X^2] - 2 \cdot \sum_x \sum_x x \cdot x \cdot p(x) \cdot p(x) + (\mathbb{E}[X])^2 \\ &= \mathbb{E}[X^2] - 2 \cdot \left(\sum_x x \cdot p(x)\right)^2 + (\mathbb{E}[X])^2 \\ &= \mathbb{E}[X^2] - 2 \cdot (\mathbb{E}[X])^2 + (\mathbb{E}[X])^2 \\ &= \mathbb{E}[X^2] - (\mathbb{E}[X])^2\end{aligned}$$

c) $\text{Var}(a + bX) = \mathbb{E}[(a + bX)^2] - (\mathbb{E}[a + bX])^2$

$$\begin{aligned}&= \mathbb{E}[a^2 + 2abX + b^2X^2] - (a + b\mathbb{E}[X])^2 \\ &= \cancel{a^2} + \cancel{2ab\mathbb{E}[X]} + b^2\mathbb{E}[X^2] - \cancel{a^2} - \cancel{2ab\mathbb{E}[X]} - b^2\mathbb{E}[X]^2 \\ &= b^2(\mathbb{E}[X^2] - \mathbb{E}[X]^2) \\ &= b^2 \cdot \text{Var}(X)\end{aligned}$$

d) $\text{Var}(a) = \mathbb{E}[(a - \mathbb{E}[a])^2] = \mathbb{E}[(a - \sum_x a \cdot p(x))^2]$

$$\begin{aligned}&= \mathbb{E}[(a - a)^2] = \mathbb{E}[0] \\ &= \sum_x 0 \cdot p(x) = 0\end{aligned}$$

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- that estimator S_n^2 is an unbiased estimator of the variance

• We start off by taking the expectation of the expression we just proved: $\mathbb{E}[S_n^2] = \sigma^2$ (3)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[S_n^2] &= \mathbb{E} \left[\frac{1}{n-1} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i^2) - n \bar{x}_n^2 \right) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{n-1} \cdot \left[\sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}[x_i^2] - n \cdot \mathbb{E}[\bar{x}_n^2] \right] \quad \begin{array}{l} \mathbb{E}[x_1] + \mathbb{E}[x_2] + \dots = \mu + \mu + \dots = n\mu \\ \times \mu = \mathbb{E}[x_i] \end{array} \\ &= \frac{1}{n-1} \left[n \cdot \mathbb{E}[x_i^2] - n \cdot \mathbb{E}[\bar{x}_n^2] \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{n-1} \left[n \cdot (\mathbb{E}[x_i^2] - \mathbb{E}[\bar{x}_n^2]) \right] \\ &= \dots \quad (*) \end{aligned}$$

We can express $\mathbb{E}[x_i^2]$ using the variance definition: we proved in task 1b:

$$\text{Var}(x_i) = \mathbb{E}[x_i^2] - (\mathbb{E}[x_i])^2$$

We know that $\text{Var}(x_i) = \sigma$ & $\mathbb{E}(x_i) = \mu$:

$$\sigma^2 = \mathbb{E}[x_i^2] - \mu^2$$

$$\boxed{\mathbb{E}[x_i^2] = \sigma^2 + \mu^2}$$

• Similarly, for \bar{x}_n we have:

$$\text{Var}(\bar{x}_n) = \mathbb{E}[x_n^2] - (\mathbb{E}[\bar{x}_n])^2$$

$$\frac{\sigma^2}{n} = \mathbb{E}[x_n^2] - \mu^2$$

$$\mathbb{E}[x_n^2] = \frac{\sigma^2}{n} + \mu^2$$

$$(*) \dots = \frac{1}{n-1} \left[n \cdot (\sigma^2 + \mu^2) - n \left(\frac{\sigma^2}{n} + \mu^2 \right) \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{n-1} \left[n\sigma^2 + \cancel{n\mu^2} - \sigma^2 - \cancel{n\mu^2} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{\cancel{n-1}} \left[\sigma^2 (\cancel{n-1}) \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\mathbb{E}[s_n^2] = \sigma^2}$$

Task 3

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In [74]: import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
import math
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Plot

- (a) the probability of a random variable that follows the Binomial distribution $\text{Bin}(n, p)$ for different $p \in \{0.3, 0.5, 0.8\}$ and $n \in \{10, 50\}$.

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In [75]: # Set Seaborn style
sns.set(style="whitegrid")

# Define a custom color palette
custom_palette = sns.color_palette("Set2")

# Values of n and p
n_values = [10, 50]
p_values = [0.3, 0.5, 0.8]

fig, axes = plt.subplots(len(n_values), len(p_values), figsize=(12, 8), sharey=True)

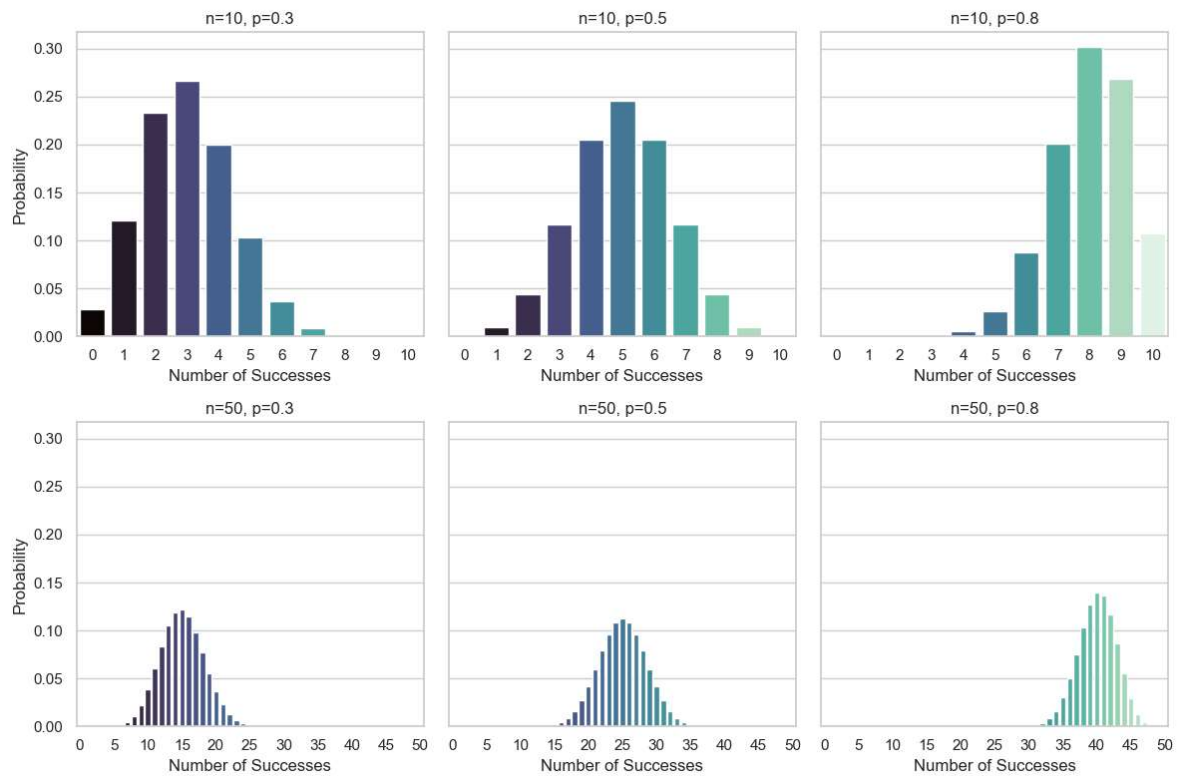
for i, n in enumerate(n_values):
    for j, p in enumerate(p_values):
        # Generate the possible outcomes (0 to n successes)
        if i == 0:
            x = np.arange(0, 11)
        else:
            x = np.arange(0, n + 1)

        # binomial formula
        probabilities = [math.comb(n, k) * (p**k) * ((1-p)**(n-k)) for k in x]

        # Create n*p subplots, one for each experiment using Seaborn
        sns.barplot(x=x, y=probabilities, ax=axes[i, j], palette='mako', hue=x,
                    axes[i, j].set_title(f'n={n}, p={p}')
                    axes[i, j].set_xlabel('Number of Successes')
                    axes[i, j].set_ylabel('Probability')

        # Adjust x-axis ticks in the second row (where n=50)
        if n == 50:
            axes[i, j].set_xticks(np.arange(0, n + 1, 5))
            axes[i, j].set_xticklabels(np.arange(0, n + 1, 5))

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
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- (b) the probability of a random variable that follows the Geometric distribution $\text{Geom}(p)$ and the corresponding cumulative distribution function F for different $p \in \{0.3, 0.5, 0.8\}$ for all $x \leq 11$.

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In [72]: # Different probability values
p_values = [0.3, 0.5, 0.8]

fig, axes = plt.subplots(2, len(p_values), figsize=(12, 6))

for j, p in enumerate(p_values):
    # Make a list of x values, where x <= 11
    x = np.arange(1, 12)

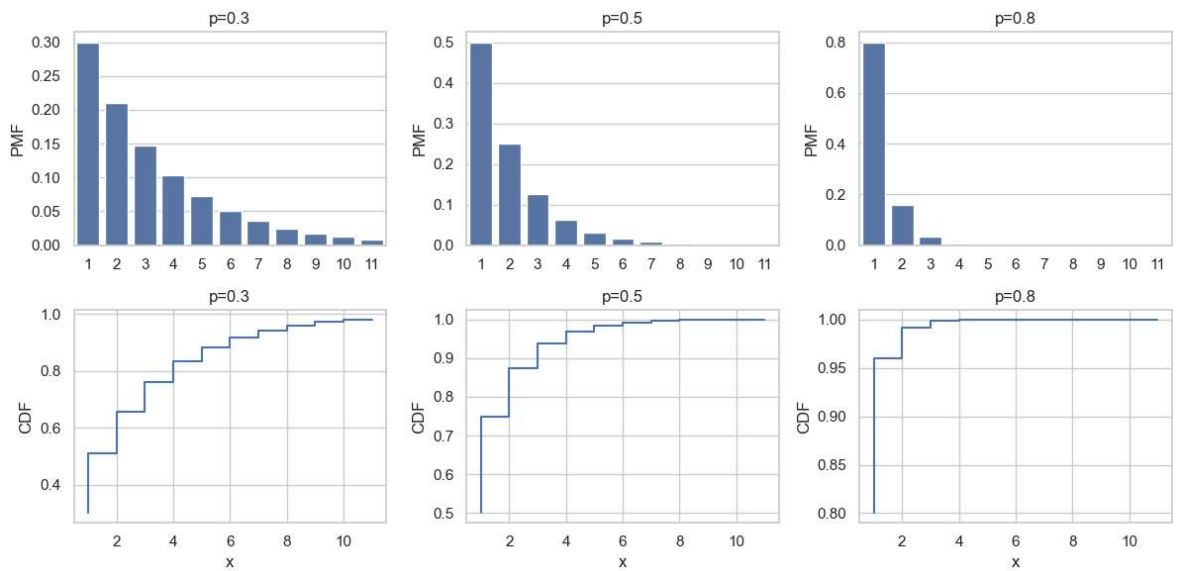
    # probability mass function for geometric distribution
    pmf = [(1-p)**(k-1) * p for k in x]
    pmf_mean = 1/p

    # cumulative distribution function for geometric distribution
    cdf = 1 - (1-p)**x

    # 3 plots for pmf, each with a different p-value
    sns.barplot(x=x, y=pmf, ax=axes[0, j], legend=False)
    axes[0, j].set_title(f'p={p}')
    axes[0, j].set_ylabel('PMF')

    # 3 plots for cdf, each with a different p-value
    sns.lineplot(x=x, y=cdf, ax=axes[1, j], drawstyle='steps-pre')
    axes[1, j].set_title(f'p={p}')
    axes[1, j].set_xlabel('x')
    axes[1, j].set_ylabel('CDF')

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(c) the probability of a random variable that follows the Poisson distribution for different $\lambda \in \{0.3, 2, 6\}$ for $x \leq 16$.

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In [79]: # Different lambda values
lambda_values = [0.3, 2, 6]

# Make a list of x values, where x<=16
x_values = np.arange(0, 17)

# Create 3 subplots, one for each lambda value
fig, axes = plt.subplots(1, len(lambda_values), figsize=(12, 4))

for i, lmbda in enumerate(lambda_values):
    # Calculate the Poisson PMF for each x value
    pmf = np.exp(-lmbda) * (lmbda**x_values) / [math.factorial(x) for x in x_val

    # Plot the PMF
    axes[i].bar(x_values, pmf, align='center', alpha=0.5, label=f'λ={lmbda}')
    axes[i].set_title(f'Poisson PMF (λ={lmbda})')
    axes[i].set_xlabel('x')
    axes[i].set_ylabel('Probability')
    axes[i].legend()

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plt.show()
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