

1 Special Distributions

Binomial, Binomial(n, p)

$$p(k) = \begin{cases} \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}, & \text{if } k \in \{0, 1, \dots, n\} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where $\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$

$$E[X] = np$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = np(1-p)$$

Geometric, Geometric(p)

$$p(n) = \begin{cases} p(1-p)^{n-1}, & \text{if } n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$E[X] = \frac{1}{p}$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = np(1-p)$$

Negative Binomial, Negative Binomial(r, p)

$$p(n) = \begin{cases} \binom{n-1}{r-1} p^r (1-p)^{n-r}, & \text{if } n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq r} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$E[X] = \frac{r}{p}$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = \frac{r(1-p)}{p^2}$$

Poisson, Poisson(θ)

$$p(k) = \begin{cases} \frac{\theta^k e^{-\theta}}{k!}, & \text{if } k \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$E[X] = \lambda$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = \lambda$$

Poisson process with rate λ

$$N(t) \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda t)$$

Multivariate Hypergeometric

Usually occurs in situations **without replacement**.

Parameters:

- N objects
- n_i of type i , for $i \in \{1, \dots, r\}$
- Pick k objects w/o replacement
- $X_i = \#$ of objects of type i picked.

pdfs:

$$\frac{\binom{n_1}{x_1} \dots \binom{n_r}{x_r}}{\binom{N}{k}}, \quad \frac{\binom{n_1}{x_1} \dots \binom{n_{r-1}}{x_{r-1}} \binom{n_r}{k-x_1-\dots-x_{r-1}}}{\binom{N}{k}}$$

$$\frac{\binom{n_{i1}}{x_{i1}} \dots \binom{n_{id}}{x_{id}} \binom{N-n_{i1}-\dots-n_{id}}{k-x_{i1}-\dots-x_{id}}}{\binom{N}{k}}$$

Support:

- x 's $\in \{\max(0, k - (N - n's)), \dots, n's\}$
- sum of x 's $\in \{0, \dots, k\}$

Order Statistics

Assumptions: iid r.v.'s

pdfs:

$$f_{1,\dots,n}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \begin{cases} n! f(x_1) \dots f(x_n), & \text{if } x_1 < \dots < x_n \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$f_{k,\dots,n}(x_k, \dots, x_n) = n! \frac{F(x_k)^{k-1}}{(k-1)!} f(x_k) \dots f(x_n)$$

$$f_{1,\dots,r}(x_1, \dots, x_r) = n! f(x_1) \dots f(x_r) \frac{(1-F(x_r))^{n-r}}{(n-r)!}$$

$$f_{k,\dots,r}(x_k, \dots, x_r) = n! \frac{F(x_k)^{k-1}}{(k-1)!} f(x_k) \dots$$

$$f(x_r) \frac{(1-F(x_r))^{n-r}}{(n-r)!}$$

$$f_k(x) = \frac{n!}{(k-1)!(n-k)!} f(x) F(x)^{k-1} (1-F(x))^{n-k}$$

$$f_{k,r}(x_k, x_r) = n! \frac{f(x_k) F(x_k)^{k-1}}{(k-1)!} \cdot \frac{(F(x_r) - F(x_k))^{r-k-1}}{(r-k-1)!} \cdot \frac{f(x_r) (1-F(x_r))^{n-r}}{(n-r)!}$$

$$f_1(x) = n f(x) (1-F(x))^{n-1}$$

$$f_n(x) = n f(x) F(x)^{n-1}$$

Multinomial, Multinomial(n, p 's)

Usually occurs in situations **with replacement**.

Parameters:

- n number of trials (in \mathbb{Z})
- p_1, \dots, p_r event probabilities ($\sum p_i = 1$)

pdf:

$$p(x) = \begin{cases} \binom{n}{x_1, \dots, x_r} p_1^{x_1} \dots p_r^{x_r}, & \text{if } x\text{'s} \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \text{ \& } \sum_{i=1}^r x_i = n \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where $\binom{n}{x_1, \dots, x_r} = \frac{n!}{x_1! \dots x_r!}$

Exponential, Exp(λ)

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda x}, & \text{if } x \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$E[X] = \frac{1}{\lambda}$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = \frac{1}{\lambda^2}$$

Uniform, Uniform(a, b)

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a}, & \text{if } x \in [a, b] \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$E[X] = \frac{a+b}{2}$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = \frac{(b-a)^2}{12}$$

Standard Uniform, Uniform($0, 1$)

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x \in [0, 1] \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Normal, $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma \sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma} \right)^2}, \quad \text{for } x \in \mathbb{R}$$

Standard Normal, $N(0, 1)$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}, \quad \text{for } x \in \mathbb{R}$$

Gamma, Gamma(r, λ)

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\lambda^r}{\Gamma(r)} x^{r-1} e^{-\lambda x}, & \text{if } x \in \mathbb{R}_{>0} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where

$$\Gamma(r) = \int_0^\infty y^{r-1} e^{-y} dy, \quad \text{for } r > 0,$$

$$\Gamma(0) = 1,$$

$$\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \sqrt{\pi},$$

$$\Gamma(r) = (r-1)\Gamma(r-1), \quad r \in \mathbb{R}_{>0},$$

$$\Gamma(r) = (r-1)!, \quad r \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0},$$

$$E[X^k] = \frac{(r+k-1) \dots r}{\lambda^k},$$

$$E[X] = \frac{r}{\lambda},$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = \frac{r}{\lambda^2}$$

Chi-squared, $\chi_n^2 \sim \text{Gamma}\left(\frac{n}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right)$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}} \frac{x^{\frac{n}{2}-1} e^{-\frac{x}{2}}}{\Gamma\left(\frac{n}{2}\right)}, & \text{if } x \in \mathbb{R}_{>0} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Beta, Beta(α, β)

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^{\alpha-1} (1-x)^{\beta-1}}{B(\alpha, \beta)}, & \text{if } x \in (0, 1) \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where

$$B(\alpha, \beta) = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)} = \int_0^1 v^{\alpha-1} (1-v)^{\beta-1} dv$$

Relationships between distributions

- $X \sim N(0, 1) \implies X^2 \sim \text{Gamma}\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right) \sim \chi_1^2$
- $X_j \sim \text{Gamma}(r_j, \lambda) \implies \sum X_j \sim \text{Gamma}\left(\sum r_j, \lambda\right)$
- The above two points imply that $\sum X_j^2 \sim \chi_n^2$
- $X_i \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda) \implies \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \sim \text{Gamma}(n, \lambda)$

2 Independence

If X_1, \dots, X_n are mutually independent, then

- so are $g_1(X_1), \dots, g_n(X_n)$
- the joint pdfs and cdfs are the product of the marginals
- with LOTUS, expectation of product is product of expectations

3 Transformation of Multiple Random Variables

Let $h : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ be cont. diff. and **one-to-one (injective/invertible)** with a cont. diff. inverse.

We want to find $\mathbf{Y} = (h\text{'s})^T$.

$$f_Y(y_1, \dots, y_n) = f(g_1(y_1, \dots, y_n), \dots, g_n(y_1, \dots, y_n)) \left| J_g(y_1, \dots, y_n) \right|$$

where

$$J_g(y_1, \dots, y_n) = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial g_1}{\partial y_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial g_1}{\partial y_n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial g_n}{\partial y_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial g_n}{\partial y_n} \end{vmatrix}$$

Note the support of its joint pdf.

4 Expectation

- The expectation of a random vector is the random vector of expectations.
- **LOTUS**

5 Sample Mean and Sample Variance

Let Z 's be i.i.d. r.v.'s \w w common mean μ and variance σ^2 . Define the *sample mean* and *sample variance* by

$$\bar{Z} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Z_i$$

$$S^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (Z_i - \bar{Z})^2$$

Then the expectation of these ... things are what you would expect.

6 Other Useful Formulas

$$\sum_{k=0}^\infty x^k = \frac{1}{1-x}, \quad \text{if } |x| < 1$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} x^k y^{n-k} = (x+y)^n$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^\infty \binom{k+r-1}{r-1} x^k = \frac{1}{(1-x)^r}$$

$$e^x = \sum_{k=0}^\infty \frac{x^k}{k!}$$

$$\frac{4}{3} \pi r^3$$