

Slide 10. Another Example that $P(S)=1$ for continuous case.

X is a R.V. w/ pdf

$$f_x(x) = \begin{cases} (e+e^{-1})^{-1}(x+1)e^x, & -1 < x < 1 \\ 0 & \text{o/w.} \end{cases}$$

Show that $f_x(x)$ is a p.d.f.

$$\text{sol). } \int_{-1}^1 f_x(x) dx = \int_{-1}^1 (e+e^{-1})^{-1}(x+1)e^x dx$$

$$= (e+e^{-1})^{-1} \underbrace{\int_{-1}^1 x e^x dx}_{\downarrow} + (e+e^{-1})^{-1} \int_{-1}^1 e^x dx.$$

* Use Integration by part.

$$\int_a^b f(x) g'(x) dx = f(x) g(x) \Big|_a^b - \int_a^b f'(x) g(x) dx$$

$$\int_{-1}^1 x e^x dx = x e^x \Big|_{-1}^1 - \int_{-1}^1 e^x dx$$

$$= (e+e^{-1}) - e^x \Big|_{-1}^1 = 2e^{-1}.$$

$$= (e+e^{-1})^{-1} \cdot 2e^{-1} + (e+e^{-1})^{-1} (e - e^{-1})$$

$$= (e+e^{-1})^{-1} \{ 2e^{-1} + (e - e^{-1}) \}$$

$$= 1.$$

Slide 14 Binomial Coefficients. Exercise 1.27-(b)

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Show that $\sum_{k=1}^n k \binom{n}{k} = n 2^{n-1}$.

So 1) Let $r = k-1$, then $k = r+1$.

$$\text{Then } \sum_{r=0}^{n-1} (r+1) \binom{n}{r+1} = \sum_{r=0}^{n-1} (r+1) \frac{n!}{(n-r-1)!(r+1)!}$$

$$= n \sum_{r=0}^{n-1} \frac{(n-1)!}{(n-1-r)! r!}$$

$$= n 2^{n-1} \sum_{r=0}^{n-1} \frac{(n-1)!}{(n-1-r)! r!} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^r \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1-r}$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\text{p.m.f. of Binomial } ((n-1), \frac{1}{2})}$

$$= n 2^{n-1}$$

Exercise 1.28

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1. Show that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n!}{n^{n+(1/2)} e^{-n}} = C$, C is a constant.

Sol). Let $a_n = \log \left[\frac{n!}{n^{n+(1/2)} e^{-n}} \right]$

Then $a_n = \log n! - \left\{ (n + \frac{1}{2}) \log n - n \right\}$

$a_{n+1} = \log(n+1)! - \left\{ (n + \frac{3}{2}) \log(n+1) - (n+1) \right\}$

$\Rightarrow a_n - a_{n+1} = -\log(n+1) - n(\log n - \log(n+1)) + \frac{3}{2} \log(n+1) - \frac{1}{2} \log n - 1$

$= (\frac{1}{2} + n) \log(n+1) - (\frac{1}{2} + n) \log n - 1 = (\frac{1}{2} + n) \log(1 + \frac{1}{n}) - 1$

$a_n - a_{n+1}$ decreases as n increases, and $a_1 - a_2 = \frac{3}{2} \log 2 - 1 > 0$ (1)

We will show $0 < a_n - a_{n+1}$.

Now, consider $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (a_k - a_{k+1}) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \{ (a_1 - a_2) + (a_2 - a_3) + \dots + (a_N - a_{N+1}) \}$

$= a_1 - \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} a_{N+1} = 1 - \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} a_{N+1}$ (2)

From the Taylor expansion of $\log(1+x)$, we have

* $f(x) = f(a) + \frac{f'(a)(x-a)}{1!} + \frac{f''(a)(x-a)^2}{2!} + \frac{f'''(a)(x-a)^3}{3!} + \frac{f^{(4)}(a)(x-a)^4}{4!} + \dots$

here $f(x) = \log(1+x)$ and $a=0$

$\Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{1}{1+x}$, $f'(a) = 1$, $f''(x) = -(1+x)^{-2}$, $f''(a) = -1$

$f'''(x) = 2(1+x)^{-3}$, $f'''(a) = 2$, $f^{(4)}(x) = -3 \cdot 2(1+x)^{-4}$, $f^{(4)}(a) = -3$

$\Rightarrow \log(1+x) = x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} + \dots$

$\Rightarrow \log(1+x) > x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4}$

$a_n - a_{n+1} = (\frac{1}{2} + n) \log(1 + \frac{1}{n}) - 1$

Lower bound

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$$= \left(\frac{1}{2} + n \right) \left(\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{2n^2} + \frac{1}{3n^3} - \frac{1}{4n^4} + \dots \right) - 1$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{2n} + 1 - \frac{1}{4n^2} - \frac{1}{2n} + \frac{1}{6n^3} + \frac{1}{3n^2} - \frac{1}{8n^4} - \frac{1}{4n^5} + \dots \right) - 1$$

$$= \frac{1}{12n^2} + o\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right) \quad \text{little o, "smaller than } \frac{1}{n^2} \text{"}$$

$$\text{Then } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n - a_{n-1}) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{12n^2} + o\left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}\right)$$

→ Converges to a constant C_1 .

$$\text{Thus } a_1 - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = C_1$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = a_1 - C_1 = 1 - C_1, \text{ converges to a constant.}$$

$$\text{Then } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n!}{n^{(1/n)} e^{-n}} = C_2, \text{ where } C_2 = e^{1-C_1}.$$

$$* \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} = \frac{\pi^2}{6} \quad (\text{Basel Problem})$$

$$* \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \left(\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{8}\right) + \dots$$

$$> 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \left(\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{8}\right) + \dots$$

$$= 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} + \dots$$

→ diverges.

As the lower bound diverges, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$ diverges.

Exercise 1.55. T has pdf $f_T(t) = \frac{1}{1.5} e^{-t/(1.5)}$, $t > 0$. (5)

$V = 5$ if $T < 3$ and $V = 2T$ if o/w.

Find cdf of V .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{sol) } P(V=5) &= P(T < 3) = \int_0^3 \frac{1}{1.5} e^{-t/(1.5)} dt \\ &= -e^{-t/(1.5)} \Big|_0^3 \\ &= 1 - e^{-2} \end{aligned}$$

Note that the above quantity is, in fact, held for $5 \leq V < 6$.

For $V \geq 6$, $V = 2T$, therefore

$$\begin{aligned} P(V \leq v) &= P(2T \leq v) = P(T \leq v/2) \\ &= \int_0^{v/2} \frac{1}{1.5} e^{-t/(1.5)} dt \\ &= -e^{-t/(1.5)} \Big|_0^{v/2} = 1 - e^{-v/3}, \quad 6 \leq v. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Thus, } P(V \leq v) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } -\infty < v < 5 \\ 1 - e^{-2} & \text{for } 5 \leq v < 6 \\ 1 - e^{-v/3} & \text{for } 6 \leq v. \end{cases}$$