

DS 203

Assignment2

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1. Let X and Y be independent exponential random variables with respective parameters λ_1 and λ_2 . Find the distribution of the following.
 - $\min(X, Y)$
 - $\max(X, Y)$

Solution:

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \lambda_1 e^{-\lambda_1 x} & \text{if } 0 \leq x \\ 0 & \text{if otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$f_Y(y) = \begin{cases} \lambda_2 e^{-\lambda_2 y} & \text{if } 0 \leq y \\ 0 & \text{if otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$F_X(x) = \int_0^x f_X(x) dx = \int_0^x \lambda_1 e^{-\lambda_1 x} dx = 1 - e^{-\lambda_1 x}$$

$$F_Y(y) = \int_0^y f_Y(y) dy = \int_0^y \lambda_2 e^{-\lambda_2 y} dy = 1 - e^{-\lambda_2 y}$$

• Take $Z = \min(X, Y)$

$$\begin{aligned} P(\min(X, Y) > m) &= P(X > m, Y > m) \\ &= P(X > m)P(Y > m) \\ &= (1 - (1 - e^{-\lambda_1 m}))(1 - (1 - e^{-\lambda_2 m})) \\ &= e^{-(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)m} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \implies P(\min(X, Y) \leq m) &= 1 - e^{-(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)m} \\ \implies F_Z(z) &= 1 - e^{-(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)z} \\ \implies f_Z(z) &= \frac{dF}{dz} = e^{-(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)z} \end{aligned}$$

• Take $Z = \max(X, Y)$

$$\begin{aligned} P(\min(X, Y) \leq m) &= P(X \leq m, Y \leq m) \\ &= P(X \leq m)P(Y \leq m) \\ &= (1 - e^{-\lambda_1 m})(1 - e^{-\lambda_2 m}) \\ &= 1 - e^{-\lambda_1 m} - e^{-\lambda_2 m} + e^{-(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)m} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \implies F_Z(z) &= 1 - e^{-\lambda_1 z} - e^{-\lambda_2 z} + e^{-(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)z} \\ \implies f_Z(z) &= \frac{dF}{dz} = \lambda_1 e^{-\lambda_1 z} + \lambda_2 e^{-\lambda_2 z} - (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)e^{-(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)z} \end{aligned}$$

2. A bag contains 3 white, 6 red and 5 blue balls. A ball is selected at random, its color is noted and is then replaced in the bag before making the next selection. In all 6 selections are made. Let X = the number of white balls selected and Y = number of blue balls selected. Find $E[X|Y = 3]$.

Solution: $p = \frac{3}{14}$ probability of white ball chosen

$q = \frac{6}{14}$ probability of red ball chosen

$r = \frac{5}{14}$ probability of blue ball chosen

Now so there are multiple possibilities of white ball like 0,1,2,3 ball to be drawn.

Suppose k white ball are drawn so remaining $3-k$ are red ball

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(X = k|Y = 3) &= \frac{P(X = k \cap Y = 3)}{P(Y = 3)} \\
 &= \frac{\binom{6}{3}\binom{3}{k}p^k q^{3-k} r^3}{\binom{6}{3}r^3(1-r)^3} \\
 &= \frac{\binom{3}{k}3^k 6^{3-k} 14^3}{14^3 9^3} \\
 &= \binom{3}{k} \frac{2^{3-k}}{27}, \text{ for } (k = 0, 1, 2, 3)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 E(X|Y = 3) &= \sum_0^3 xP(X = k|Y = 3) \\
 &= \sum_0^3 \binom{3}{k} \frac{2^{3-k}}{27} \\
 &= \frac{(1+2)^3}{27} = 1
 \end{aligned}$$

3. If X_1 and X_2 are independent binomial random variables with respective parameters (n_1, p) and (n_2, p) . Calculate the conditional probability mass function of X_1 given that $X_1 + X_2 = m$.

Solution: For Bernoulli $P(X = i) = \binom{n}{i} p^i (1-p)^{n-i}$, for $0 \leq i \leq n$

X_1 and X_2 are independent events

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(X_1 = k|X_1 + X_2 = m) &= \frac{P(X_1 = k \cap X_1 + X_2 = m)}{P(X_1 + X_2 = m)} \\
 &= \frac{P(X_1 = k)P(X_2 = m - k)}{\binom{n_1+n_2}{m} * p^m * (1-p)^{n_1+n_2-m}} \\
 &= \frac{\binom{n_1}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n_1-k} \binom{n_2}{m-k} p^{m-k} (1-p)^{n_2-m+k}}{\binom{n_1+n_2}{m} * p^m * (1-p)^{n_1+n_2-m}} \\
 &= \frac{\binom{n_1}{k} \binom{n_2}{m-k}}{\binom{n_1+n_2}{m}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$k \leq n_1$ and also $m \leq n_1 + n_2$

for $k \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, m\}$ if $m < n_1$

for $k \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n_1\}$ if $m \geq n_1$

4. Give an example of two random variables X and Y that are uncorrelated but not independent.

Solution: We know correlation of X,Y is related as

$$\text{Corr}(X, Y) = \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(X)\text{Var}(Y)}}$$

So for uncorrelation $\text{Corr}(X, Y) = 0$

Choose $X = \text{Unif}(-1, 1)$ and $Y = X^2$ to make it dependent

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} & \text{if } -1 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{if otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cov}(X, Y) &= E(XY) - E(X)E(Y) \\ &= E(XX^2) - E(X)E(X^2) \\ &= E(X^3) - E(X)E(X^2) \\ &= \int_{-1}^1 x^3 f_X(x) dx - \int_{-1}^1 x f_X(x) dx \int_{-1}^1 x^2 f_X(x) dx \\ &= 0 - 0 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hence X and Y are uncorrelated.

They are dependent because for a particular X you have a unique and fixed Y

$$P(X = a|Y = b) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } b = a^2 \\ 0 & \text{if otherwise} \end{cases}$$

5. Suppose X is a Poisson random variable with mean λ . The parameter λ is itself a random variable whose distribution is exponential with mean 1. Show that $P\{X = n\} = \frac{1}{2^{n+1}}$.

Solution: $X \sim \text{Poi}(\lambda)$ and $\lambda \sim \text{Exp}(1)$

$$\begin{aligned} P(X = n) &= \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^n}{n!} d\lambda \\ &= \frac{\int_0^\infty e^{-2\lambda} \lambda^n d\lambda}{n!} \\ &= \frac{\frac{\Gamma(n+1)}{2^{n+1}}}{n!} = \frac{1}{2^{n+1}} \end{aligned}$$

6. Suppose X and Y have joint density function $f_{X,Y}(x, y) = c(1 + xy)$ if $2 \leq x \leq 3$ and $1 \leq y \leq 2$, and $f_{X,Y}(x, y) = 0$ otherwise.
1. Find c.
 2. Find f_X and f_Y .

Solution: We know that:

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(x,y) dx dy &= 1 \\ \int_1^2 \int_2^3 c(1+xy) dx dy &= 1 \\ \int_1^2 c(1+5y/2) dy &= 1 \\ c(1+5*3/4) &= 1 \\ \implies c &= \frac{4}{19}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}f_X(x) &= \int_1^2 \frac{4}{19}(1+xy) dy \\ &= \frac{4}{19}(1+3x/2), \forall 2 \leq x \leq 3 \\ &= 0 \text{ if otherwise}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}f_Y(y) &= \int_2^3 \frac{4}{19}(1+xy) dx \\ &= \frac{4}{19}(1+5x/2), \forall 1 \leq y \leq 2 \\ &= 0 \text{ if otherwise}\end{aligned}$$

7. An insurance company supposes that the number of accidents that each of its policyholders will have in a year is Poisson distributed, with the mean of the Poisson depending on the policyholder. If the Poisson mean of a randomly chosen policyholder has a gamma distribution with density function,

$$g(\lambda) = \lambda e^{-\lambda}, \lambda \geq 0$$

what is the probability that a randomly chosen policyholder has exactly n accidents next year?

Solution: X = no. of accidents of a particular policy holder
 $X \sim \text{Poi}(\lambda)$

$$P_X(n) = \frac{\lambda^n e^{-\lambda}}{n!}$$

$$\begin{aligned}P(X=n) &= \int_0^{\infty} \lambda e^{-\lambda} \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^n}{n!} d\lambda \\ &= \frac{\int_0^{\infty} e^{-2\lambda} \lambda^{n+1} d\lambda}{n!} \\ &= \frac{\frac{\Gamma_{n+2}}{2^{n+2}}}{n!} = \frac{n+1}{2^{n+2}}\end{aligned}$$

8. Suppose that the number of people who visit a yoga studio each day is a Poisson random variable with mean λ . Suppose further that each person who visits is, independently, female with probability p or male with probability $1 - p$. Find the joint probability that exactly n women and m men visit the academy today.

Solution: X = no. of male visiting yoga studio each day

Y = no. of female visiting yoga studio each day

$X + Y \sim \text{Poi}(\lambda)$

$$\begin{aligned} P(X = m, Y = n) &= P(X + Y = m + n)P(X = m)P(Y = n) \\ &= \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^{m+n}}{(m+n)!} * p^n * (1-p)^m \end{aligned}$$

9. Let X_1, X_2, X_3 are RVs and a, b, c, d are constants. Show that

- $\text{Cov}(aX_1 + b, cX_2 + b) = ac\text{Cov}(X_1, X_2)$
- $\text{Cov}(X_1 + X_2, X_3) = \text{Cov}(X_1, X_3) + \text{Cov}(X_2, X_3)$

Solution: We know $E(aX + b) = aE(X) + b$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cov}(aX_1 + b, cX_2 + b) &= E((aX_1 + b)(cX_2 + b)) \\ &\quad - E(aX_1 + b)E(cX_2 + b) \\ &= E(acX_1X_2 + abX_1 + bcX_2 + b^2) \\ &\quad - (aE(X_1) + b)(cE(X_2) + b) \\ &= acE(X_1X_2) + abE(X_1) + bcE(X_2) + b^2 \\ &\quad - acE(X_1)E(X_2) - abE(X_1) - bcE(X_2) - b^2 \\ &= acE(X_1X_2) - acE(X_1)E(X_2) \\ &= ac(E(X_1X_2) - E(X_1)E(X_2)) \\ &= ac\text{Cov}(X_1, X_2) \end{aligned}$$

Hence proved

We know that $E(X+Y) = E(X) + E(Y)$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cov}(X_1 + X_2, X_3) &= E((X_1 + X_2)X_3) - E(X_1 + X_2)E(X_3) \\ &= E(X_1X_3 + X_2X_3) - (E(X_1) + E(X_2))E(X_3) \\ &= E(X_1X_3) + E(X_2X_3) - E(X_1)E(X_3) - E(X_2)E(X_3) \\ &= E(X_1X_3) - E(X_1)E(X_3) + E(X_2X_3) - E(X_2)E(X_3) \\ &= \text{Cov}(X_1, X_3) + \text{Cov}(X_2, X_3) \end{aligned}$$

Hence proved

10. You are given $n = 100$ i.i.d. samples generated from a random experiment. Let the estimate of mean from these samples is $\hat{\mu} = 0.45$. We know that true mean lies somewhere around $\hat{\mu}$ and we would like to find an interval (around $\hat{\mu}$) such that the true value lies in the interval with probability at least 0.95.
- What would be your (confidence) interval? Specify the method you used to come up with the interval.

- If you want the your confidence interval to shrink by half, how many more samples would you need? (the estimate could be different now)

Solution: Take μ to be the actual mean

$$P(|\mu - \hat{\mu}| \leq \epsilon) \geq 0.95$$

We know that $P(|\mu - \hat{\mu}| > \epsilon) \leq \delta$, where $\delta = 2e^{-n\epsilon^2}$
Consider the marginal case,

$$\begin{aligned} P(|\mu - \hat{\mu}| > \epsilon) &= \delta \\ P(|\mu - \hat{\mu}| \leq \epsilon) &= 1 - \delta \\ \implies 1 - \delta &\geq 0.95 \\ \implies 0.05 &\geq 2e^{-100\epsilon^2} \\ \implies \epsilon &\geq \sqrt{\frac{-\ln(0.025)}{100}} \\ \implies \epsilon &\geq 0.1921 \end{aligned}$$

So confidence interval (CI) = $[0.45 - 0.1921, 0.45 + 0.1921] = [0.2579, 0.6421]$

To make the interval half $\epsilon' = \frac{\epsilon}{2}$ and $\delta' = \delta$

$$\begin{aligned} \delta' &= \delta \\ 2e^{-n'\epsilon'^2} &= 2e^{-n\epsilon^2} \\ n'\epsilon'^2 &= n\epsilon^2 \\ n' &= n \frac{\epsilon^2}{\epsilon'^2} \\ n' &= 100 * 4 = 400 \end{aligned}$$

So we need 300 more samples to shrink the CI by half