

Model of Super Spreading Events

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Model

Let $x_t = y_t + z_t$

where

y_t = Number of infecteds not by a super-spreading event (NSSE)

$z_t = x_t - y_t$ = Number of infecteds infected by a super-spreading event (SSE)

Probability

$$P(x_t) = \sum_{y_t=0}^{x_t} P_{NSSE}(y_t) P_{SSE}(z_t)$$

where

$$i. P_{NSSE}(y_t) = \exp(-\lambda_t) \frac{\lambda_t^{y_t}}{y_t!},$$

with

$$\lambda_t = \sum_{i=1}^{t-1} y_i (\text{Gamma}((t-i); k, \theta) - \text{Gamma}((t-i-1); k, \theta))$$

$$ii. P_{SSE}(z_t) = \exp(-\lambda_t') \frac{\lambda_t'^{z_t}}{z_t!},$$

Super-spreading events

$z_t \sim \text{Poisson}(n_t \cdot \lambda_t)$ = Number of infecteds by all Super-Spreading Events at time t

$n_t \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda_t)$ = Number of super-spreaders

$s_{it} \sim \text{Poisson}(r_0 \lambda_t)$ = Number of infecteds by a super-spreader at time t

i.e.

$$z_t \sim \text{Poisson}(n_t \cdot s_{it}) = s_{1t} + s_{2t} + \dots + s_{nt} = z_t = \sum_{i=0}^{n_t} s_{it}$$

Probability(z_t)

$$P(z_t) = \sum_{n_t=0}^{\infty} \sum_{i=0}^{n_t} p(s_{it} = s_{it}) (n_t = n_t) \times p(z_t | s_{it}, n_t)$$

$$P(z_t) = \sum_{n_t=0}^{\infty} \sum_{i=0}^{n_t} \frac{1}{s_{it}!} e^{-\lambda_t \cdot r_0} (\lambda_t \cdot r_0)^{s_{it}} \times \frac{1}{n_t!} e^{-\lambda_t} \lambda_t^{n_t} \times \frac{1}{z_t!} e^{-s_{it} \cdot n_t} (s_{it} n_t)^{z_t}$$

$$p(z_t) = \sum_{n_t=0}^{\infty} p(n_t) p(z_t | n_t).$$

Poisson-Poisson compound.

Prove of Compound Poisson Distribution & Negative Binomial Equivalence

Prove z_t , the number of infecteds by all Super-Spreading Events at time t , is distributed according to a Negative Binomial Distribution

Proof

To prove this the probability generating function (PGF) of z_t , G_{z_t} , is calculated. This is the composition of the PGFs G_{nt} and G_{st} , i.e;

$$G_{z_t}(\omega) = G_{nt}(G_{st}(\omega))$$

where G_{nt} and G_{st} are the PGFs of a Poisson distribution, i.e;

$$G_{nt} = \exp(\lambda_2(\omega - 1))$$

$$G_{st} = \exp(r\theta_2 \cdot \lambda_t(\omega - 1))$$

This gives;

$$G_{z_t}(\omega) = \exp(\lambda_2(\exp(r\theta_2 \cdot \lambda_t(\omega - 1)) - 1))$$

This needs to be of the form;

$$\left(\frac{1-p}{1-p\omega} \right)^r \text{ which is the PGF of the Negative Binomial Distribution, NB}(r,p), \text{ whereby;}$$

r is the number of 'successes' i.e the number of superspreaders and p is the probability of each success.

*Prove of Poisson Compound Distribution & Negative Binomial Equivalence

Let $n_t \sim \text{Poisson}(-r \ln(1-p))$,

$$s_{it} \sim \text{Log}(p) \text{ with pmf } f(k; r, p) = \frac{-p^k}{k \ln(1-p)},$$

where

k is the number of failures (non super-spreading events).

Then the random sum;

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n_t} s_{it} \text{ is distributed according to a Negative Binomial Distribution, NB}(r, p)$$

Proof

To prove this the PGF G_{z_t} of X is calculated, the composition of G_{nt} and $G_{s_{it}}$, i.e

$$G_{z_t}(\omega) = G_{nt}(G_{s_{it}}(\omega))$$

where

$$G_{nt} = \exp(\lambda(\omega - 1))$$

$$G_{s_{it}} = \frac{\ln(1-p\omega)}{\ln(1-p)}, |\omega| < \frac{1}{p}$$

This gives;

$$\begin{aligned}
G_{zt}(\omega) &= G_{nt}(s_{i_t}(\omega)) \\
&= \exp\left(\lambda\left(\frac{\ln(1-p\omega)}{\ln(1-p)} - 1\right)\right) \\
&= \exp(-r(\ln(1-p\omega) - \ln(1-p))) \\
&= \left(\frac{1-p}{1-p\omega}\right)^r, |\omega| < \frac{1}{p} \text{ which is the PGF of the Negative Binomial Distribution;}
\end{aligned}$$