

moment generating function: $\psi(t) = E[e^{tX}] = \int e^{tX} dF(x)$

Discrete Probability Distribution	Probability Mass Function, $p(x)$	Moment Generating Function, $\phi(t)$	Mean	Variance
Binomial with parameters n, p , $0 \leq p \leq 1$	$\binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x}$ $x = 0, 1, \dots, n$	$(pe^t + (1-p))^n$	np	$np(1-p)$
Poisson with parameter $\lambda > 0$	$e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^x}{x!}$, $x = 0, 1, 2, \dots$	$\exp\{\lambda(e^t - 1)\}$	λ	λ
Geometric with parameter $0 \leq p \leq 1$	$p(1-p)^{x-1}$, $x = 1, 2, \dots$	$\frac{pe^t}{1 - (1-p)e^t}$	$\frac{1}{p}$	$\frac{1-p}{p^2}$
Negative binomial with parameters r, p	$\binom{x-1}{r-1} p^r (1-p)^{x-r}$, $x = r, r+1, \dots$	$\left(\frac{pe^t}{1 - (1-p)e^t}\right)^r$	$\frac{r}{p}$	$\frac{r(1-p)}{p^2}$

Conditional Expectation: $P\{X = x \mid Y = y\} = \frac{P\{X=x, Y=y\}}{P\{Y=y\}}$

Exponential Distribution:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda x} & x \geq 0 \\ 0 & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$F(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(y) dy = \begin{cases} 1 - e^{-\lambda x} & x \geq 0 \\ 0 & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$E[e^{tX}] = \int_0^{\infty} e^{tx} \lambda e^{-\lambda x} dx = \frac{\lambda}{\lambda - t}$$

$$E[X] = 1/\lambda, \quad \text{Var}(X) = 1/\lambda^2$$

Lemma 1.7.1 Markov's Inequality

If X is a nonnegative random variable, then for any $a > 0$

$$P\{X \geq a\} \leq E[X]/a$$

PROPOSITION 1.7.2 Chernoff Bounds

Let X be a random variable with moment generating function $M(t) = E[e^{tX}]$. Then for $a > 0$

$$P\{X \geq a\} \leq e^{-ta} M(t) \quad \text{for all } t > 0$$

$$P\{X \leq a\} \leq e^{-ta} M(t) \quad \text{for all } t < 0.$$

PROPOSITION 1.7.3 Jensen's Inequality

If f is a convex function, then

$$E[f(X)] \geq f(E[X])$$

Poisson Process:

$$P\{N(t+s) - N(s) = n\} = e^{-\lambda t} \frac{(\lambda t)^n}{n!}, \quad n = 0, 1$$

$$P\{X_1 > t\} = P\{N(t) = 0\} = e^{-\lambda t}$$

$$S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i, \quad n \geq 1, f(t) = \lambda e^{-\lambda t} \frac{(\lambda t)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}, \quad t \geq 0$$

Nonhomogeneous Poisson Process:

$$m(t) = \int_0^t \lambda(s) ds$$

$$P\{N(t+s) - N(t) = n\} = \exp\{-(m(t+s) - m(t))\} [m(t+s) - m(t)]^n / n!, n \geq 0$$

Compound Poisson Process:

$$W = \sum_{i=1}^N X_i, E[W] = \lambda E[X] \text{ Var}(W) = \lambda E[X^2]$$

$$E[Wh(W)] = \lambda E[Xh(W+X)]$$

Conditional Poisson Process:

$$P\{\Lambda \leq x \mid N(t) = n\} = \frac{\int_0^x e^{-\lambda t} (\lambda t)^n dG(\lambda)}{\int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda t} (\lambda t)^n dG(\lambda)}$$

Markov Chain:

$$P_{ij}^{n+m} = \sum_{k=0}^\infty P_{ik}^n P_{kj}^m$$

$i \leftrightarrow j$: same class, *irreducible*: only one class

aperiodic: $d(i) = 1$

$$f_{ij}^n = P\{X_n = j, X_k \neq j, k = 1, \dots, n-1 \mid X_0 = i\}, f_{ij} = \sum_{n=1}^\infty f_{ij}^n$$

recurrent: $f_{jj} = 1 \Leftrightarrow \sum_{n=1}^\infty P_{jj}^n = \infty$ *transient*: otherwise

$$\mu_{jj} = \begin{cases} \infty & \text{if } j \text{ is transient} \\ \sum_{n=1}^\infty n f_{jj}^n & \text{if } j \text{ is recurrent.} \end{cases}$$

$$\pi_j = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P_{jj}^{nd(j)}$$

positive recurrent: $\mu_{jj} < \infty \Leftrightarrow \pi_j > 0$

null recurrent: $\mu_{jj} = \infty \Leftrightarrow \pi_j = 0$

class property: $d(i) = d(j)$, *Positive(null) recurrent*

stationary: $P_j = \sum_{i=0}^\infty P_i P_{ij}, \quad j \geq 0$

ergodic: irreducible aperiodic Markov chain, all states are positive recurrent:

$$\pi_j = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P_{ij}^n > 0$$

$$\pi_j = \sum_i \pi_i P_{ij}$$

$$\sum_j \pi_j = 1$$