

Ex: If  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are independent binomial r.v.s such that

$$X_i \sim B(n_i, p), \quad i=1,2.$$

then,

$$X_1 + X_2 \sim B(\underline{n_1 + n_2}, p).$$

$$X = X_1 + X_2.$$

$$M_X(t) = E[e^{tX}] = E[e^{t(X_1 + X_2)}] = E[e^{tX_1} e^{tX_2}] = \frac{E[e^{tX_1}]}{E[e^{tX_2}]}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \# \quad E[e^{tx}] &= \sum_{x=0}^n e^{tx} n_{C_n} p^x (1-p)^{n-x} \\
 &= \sum_{x=0}^n n_{C_n} (pe^t)^x (1-p)^{n-x} \\
 &= [pe^t + 1-p]^n
 \end{aligned}$$

Note: m.g.f. identifies distribution fun<sup>y</sup> uniquely.

# Poisson Random Variable

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A r.v.  $X$ , taking on one of the values  $0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$ , is said to be a Poisson r.v. with parameter  $\lambda > 0$ , we write  $X \sim P(\lambda)$ , if its p.m.f is given by

$$P[X=i] = \begin{cases} e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^i}{i!} & , i = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

(i)  $\because \lambda > 0, \quad p_X(i) \geq 0. \quad \forall i \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}.$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(ii)} \quad \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} p_X(i) &= \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^i}{i!} = e^{-\lambda} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^i}{i!} \\ &= e^{-\lambda} e^{\lambda} \\ &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

Ex: If  $X \sim P(\lambda)$ , then

$$E[X] = \text{Var}(X) = \lambda.$$

Sol:  $E[X] = \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} x p_X(x) = \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^x}{x!} \times x$

$$= e^{-\lambda} \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^x}{(x-1)!} = \lambda e^{-\lambda} \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^{x-1}}{(x-1)!}$$

$$= \lambda e^{-\lambda} \sum_{y=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^y}{y!} = \lambda e^{-\lambda} e^{\lambda} = \lambda.$$

$$E[x^2] = \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} x^2 p_x(x) = e^{-\lambda} \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^x x^2}{x!}$$

$$= e^{-\lambda} \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} \frac{\overset{[x-1+1]}{\lambda} \lambda^x}{(x-1)!}$$

$$= \lambda e^{-\lambda} \left[ \sum_{x=2}^{\infty} \frac{(x-1) \lambda^{x-1}}{(x-1)!} + \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^{x-1}}{(x-1)!} \right]$$

$$= \lambda e^{-\lambda} [\lambda e^{-\lambda} + e^{-\lambda}] = \lambda^2 + \lambda$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = E[X^2] - (E[X])^2$$

$$= (\cancel{X^2} + \lambda) - \cancel{\lambda^2}$$

$$= \lambda$$

# Poisson as an approximation of Binomial

- ① Let  $X \sim B(n, p)$ .
- ② Assume that  $n$  is large and  $p$  is small such that  $np < \infty$ .
- ③ Define  $\lambda = np > 0$ .  
 $\Rightarrow p = \frac{\lambda}{n}$





$$P[X=i] = {}^n C_i p^i (1-p)^{n-i}$$

$$= \frac{n!}{i! (n-i)!} \left(\frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^i \left[1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right]^{n-i}$$

$$= \frac{n(n-1) \dots (n-i+1)}{n^i} \frac{\lambda^i}{i!} \left[1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right]^n \left[1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right]^{-i}$$

$$= \frac{n^i \left[1 - \frac{1}{n}\right] \left[1 - \frac{2}{n}\right] \dots \left[1 - \frac{i-1}{n}\right]}{n^i} \frac{\lambda^i}{i!} \left[1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right]^n \left[1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right]^{-i}$$

$$\rightarrow 1 \times \frac{\lambda^i}{i!} \times e^{-\lambda} \times 1 \quad \sim n \rightarrow \infty$$

Ex: Suppose that the average number of accidents occurring weekly on a particular stretch of a highway equals 3.

Calculate the probability that there is at least one accident this week.

Let  $X$  = no. of accidents occurring weekly on a particular stretch of a highway.

$$X \in \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$$

$$X \sim P(\lambda) \quad , \quad \lambda = E[X] = \text{Average/mean} \\ = 3.$$

$$p_X(x) = \begin{cases} e^{-3} \frac{3^x}{x!} & x = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

$$P[X \geq 1] = 1 - P[X = 0]$$

$$= 1 - \frac{e^{-3} 3^0}{0!}$$

$$= 1 - e^{-3} = 0.9502.$$

Ex: If the average number of claims handled daily by an insurance company is 5, what proportion of days have less than 3 claims?

Sol:  $X =$  no. of claims handled daily by an insurance company.

$$X \sim P(5), \quad p_X(x) = e^{-5} \frac{5^x}{x!}, \quad x = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$P[X < 3]$$

$$= P[X=0] + P[X=1] + P[X=2]$$

$$= e^{-s} + e^{-s} \frac{s^1}{1!} + e^{-s} \frac{s^2}{2!}$$

Ex? If  $X_1 \sim P(\lambda_1)$  &  $X_2 \sim P(\lambda_2)$ , then

$$X_1 + X_2 \sim P(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)$$

whenever  $X_1$  &  $X_2$  are independent  
r.v.

(Sol: Use moment generating function)

Ex: It has been established that the number of defective stereos produced daily at a certain plant is Poisson distributed with mean 4.

Over a 2-day span, what is the probability that the number of defective stereos does not exceed 3.



$X_1 =$  no. of defective stereos produced during the 1<sup>st</sup> day  
 $X_2 =$  no. of defective stereos produced during the 2<sup>nd</sup> day.

$$X_i \sim P(4), \quad i = 1, 2, \quad X_1 + X_2 \sim P(4 + 4 = 8)$$

$$\begin{aligned} P[X_1 + X_2 \leq 3] &= P[X_1 + X_2 = 0] + P[X_1 + X_2 = 1] + P[X_1 + X_2 = 2] \\ &\quad + P[X_1 + X_2 = 3]. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Let } Y = X_1 + X_2 \sim P(8)$$

$$p_Y(y) = \begin{cases} \frac{e^{-8} 8^y}{y!} & y = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow P[Y \leq 3] = \sum_{L=0}^3 \frac{e^{-8} 8^L}{L!}$$

# Geometric Random Variable

- # Independent trials are performed until a success occurs.
- # Each trial having probability of success is  $p$ ,  $0 < p < 1$ .
- # Let  $X =$  no. of trials required.  
 $\in \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$

$$P[X=i] = \underbrace{(1-p) \cdots (1-p)}_{[i-1]\text{-times}} \times p$$

$$= p(1-p)^{i-1}, \quad i = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} p(1-p)^{i-1} = p \left[ 1 + (1-p) + (1-p)^2 + (1-p)^3 + \dots \right]$$

$$= p \times \frac{1}{1-(1-p)} = 1$$

Def<sup>n</sup> 1:

Any r.v.  $X$  whose p.m.f. is given by

$$p_X(i) = \begin{cases} p(1-p)^{i-1} & , i=1,2,3, \dots \\ 0 & \text{ow} \end{cases}$$

is called a Geometric r.v. and we write  $X \sim \text{Geo}(p)$ .

Ex: An urn contains  $N$  white and  $M$  black balls. Balls are randomly selected, one at a time, until a black one is obtained.

If we assume that each ball is selected is replaced before the next one is drawn, what is the probability that

(a) exactly ' $n$ ' draws are needed?

(b) at least ' $k$ ' draws are needed?

let  $X$  = no. of draws needed to select a black ball.

then  $X \sim \text{Geo}\left(p = \frac{M}{M+N}\right)$

(a)  $P[X=n] = (1-p)^{n-1} p = \frac{M N^{n-1}}{(M+N)^n}$

(b)  $P[X \geq k] = (1-p)^{k-1} = 1 - P[X < k] = 1 - \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} P[X=i]$

Ex: If  $X \sim \text{Geo}(p)$ , then

$$E[X] = \frac{1}{p} \quad \& \quad \text{Var}(X) = \frac{1-p}{p^2}.$$

Sol:

$$E[X] = \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} x p_x(x)$$

$$= \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} p x (1-p)^{x-1}$$

$$= p \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} x (1-p)^{x-1} = p S$$



$$S = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n(1-p)^{n-1}$$

$$= 1 + 2(1-p) + 3(1-p)^2 + 4(1-p)^3 + \dots$$

$$(1-p)S = (1-p) + 2(1-p)^2 + 3(1-p)^3 + 4(1-p)^4 + \dots$$


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$$pS = 1 + (1-p) + (1-p)^2 + (1-p)^3 + \dots$$

$$= \frac{1}{1-(1-p)} = \frac{1}{p} \Rightarrow S = \frac{1}{p^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow E[X'] = p \times \frac{1}{p^2} = \frac{1}{p}.$$

$$\text{Var}(X') = E[X'^2] - (E[X'])^2$$

## M.G.f. of Bernoulli R.V.

$$X = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if "success"} \\ 0 & \text{if "failure"} \end{cases}$$

$$P[X=1] = p, \quad P[X=0] = 1-p.$$

$$M_X(t) = E[e^{tx}] = \sum_{x \in \{0,1\}} e^{tx} p_X(x) = [(1-p) + e^t p]$$