

1. Moment Generating Function  $M_X(t) = E(e^{tx})$   
 continuous:  $M_X(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{tx} P_X(x) dx$   
 discrete:  $M_X(t) = \sum e^{tx} P_X(x)$   
 $\frac{dM_X(t)}{dt} = E(\frac{d}{dt} e^{tx}) = E(xe^{tx}) \Rightarrow M_X^{(n)}(t) = E(x^n e^{tx})$   
 Properties:

- (a)  $M_X(t) = (1 - p + pe^t)^n$  for binomial(n,p)  
 (b)  $M_X(t) = E(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n t^n}{n!})$  according to Taylor Series  
 $M_X'(t) = E(0 + x + x^2 t + \frac{x^3 t^2}{2!} + \dots) = E(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{n+1} t^n}{n!})$   
 $\Rightarrow M_X^{(k)}(t) = E(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{n+k} t^n}{n!})$   
 (c)  $M_X^{(n)}(0) = E(X^n)$   
 $\Rightarrow \text{VAR}[X] = E[X^2] - E^2[X] = M_X''(0) - [M_X'(0)]^2$   
 (d)  $M_X(t) = M_Y(t) \Rightarrow XY$  has same distribution  
 (e)  $M_X(0) = 1$   
 (f)  $M_{ax+b}(t) = M_X(at)e^{bt}$  Proof:  
 $M_{ax+b}(t) = E(e^{t(ax+b)}) = E(e^{axt} e^{bt}) = E(e^{axt}) e^{bt} = M_X(at)e^{bt}$   
 (g)  $M_{X+Y}(bt) = M_X(t)M_Y(t)$  ( $X, Y$  independent)

2. Gama Function  $\Gamma(n) = \int_0^{\infty} u^{n-1} e^{-u} du = (n-1)!$

Proof:

1.  $\int_0^{\infty} e^{-x} dx = -e^{-x}|_0^{\infty} = 1$   
 2.  $\Gamma(n) = -\int_0^{\infty} x^{n-1} d e^{-x}$   
 $= -(x^{n-1} e^{-x})|_0^{\infty} - \int_0^{\infty} e^{-x} (n-1) x^{n-2} dx$   
 $= 0 + \int_0^{\infty} e^{-x} (n-1) x^{n-2} dx$   
 $= (n-1) \int_0^{\infty} e^{-x} x^{n-2} dx$   
 $= (n-1) \Gamma(n-1)$

Use Induction to prove the formula

3. Basic probability property

- (a) Basic Properties  
 1.  $P(E) = \frac{n(E)}{n(S)} \in [0, 1]$   
 2.  $P(\phi) = 0$   
 3.  $A \subseteq B, P(A) \leq P(B)$   
 4.  $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$   
 (b) Conditional Probability and Bayes Theorem  
 1.  $P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$   
 2.  $P(A|B) = \frac{P(B|A)P(A)}{P(B)} = \frac{P(B|A)P(A)}{P(B|A)P(A) + P(B|A')P(A')}$   
 (c) PDF and CDF  
 PDF: probability distribution function  $\Rightarrow P_X(x)$   
 CDF: cumulative distribution function  $\Rightarrow F_X(x) = \phi_X(x) = N_X(x) = P(X < x)$   
 (d) Expectation  
 1.  $E(X) = \sum x P_X(x)$  or  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x P_X(x)$   
 2.  $E(c) = c$   
 3.  $E(aX) = aE(X)$   
 4.  $E(X + Y) = E(X) + E(Y)$   
 5.  $E(X) = M_X'(0)$   
 (e) Variance and Standard Deviation  
 1.  $\text{VAR}(X) = E(X^2) - E^2(X) = \sum [(x - E(X))]^2 P_X(x) = E[(x - \mu)^2] = \sigma^2$   
 2.  $\text{VAR}(c) = 0$   
 3.  $\text{VAR}(aX) = a^2 \text{VAR}(x)$   
 4.  $\text{VAR}(X \pm Y) = \text{VAR}(X) + \text{VAR}(Y) \pm 2\text{COV}(x, y)$ ,  
 $\text{COV}(x, y) = E(XY) - E(X)E(Y)$

- (f) z-score  
 $Z = \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma}$ , measures the distance of x from expected value in standard units.

#### 4. Discrete Distributions

- (a) Binomial Distribution  
 DEF: n time Bernoulli trials combined. probability of success and fail is (p, 1-p). Probability of success remains the same through the trials. X is the r.v of success times.  
 Note as  $B(n, p)$   
 $P_X(x) = \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x}$   
 $M_X(t) = (1 - p + pe^t)^n$   
 $E(X) = np, \text{VAR}(X) = np(1-p)$   
 (b) Hyper Geometric Distribution  
 DEF: A sample of size n taken from a finite population of size N. The population has a subgroup of size  $r \geq n$  that is of interest. x is the number of members of the subgroup taken.  
 Note as  $H(N, n, r)$   
 $P_X(x) = \frac{\binom{r}{x} \binom{N-r}{n-x}}{\binom{N}{n}}$   
 $E(X) = n \frac{r}{N}$   
 $\text{VAR}(X) = n \frac{r}{N} (1 - \frac{r}{N}) (\frac{N-n}{N-1})$   
 When  $x \rightarrow \infty, H(N, n, r) \rightarrow B(n, \frac{r}{N})$ . H samples without replacement while B samples with replacement.  
 (c) Poisson Process  
 DEF: model the number of random occurrence of some phenomenon in specific unit of space or time.  
 $P_X(x) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^x}{x!}$   
 $\lambda$ : average arrival in given time or space  
 $E(X) = \lambda, \text{VAR}(X) = \lambda$   
 Poisson simulates Binomial when n is large. usually when  $\lambda = np < 10$ , we use poisson as an approximation of Binomial.  
 (d) Geometric Distribution DEF: number of trials to get the first success in a sequence of Bernoulli trials where p is the success probability.  
 i. X is the r.v of number of total trials (x includes the first success)  
 $P_X(x) = (1-p)^{x-1} p, x = 1, 2, 3, \dots$   
 $E(X) = 1/p, \text{VAR}(X) = \frac{1-p}{p^2}$   
 ii. X is the r.v of number of failed trials (x excludes the first success)  
 $P_X(x) = (1-p)^x p, x = 0, 1, 2, \dots$   
 $M_X(t) = \frac{p}{1 - e^t(1-p)}$   
 $E(X) = \frac{1-p}{p}, \text{VAR}(X) = \frac{1-p}{p^2}$   
 (e) Negative Binomial Distribution  
 DEF: X is the r.v of number of trials need to observe the  $r^{th}$  success in a sequence of Bernoulli trials where p is the success probability.  
 $P_X(x) = \binom{x-1}{r-1} p^r (1-p)^{x-r}, x = r, r+1, r+2, \dots$   
 $M_X(t) = (\frac{p}{1 - e^t(1-p)})^r$   
 $E(X) = \frac{r}{p}, \text{VAR}(X) = \frac{r(1-p)}{p^2}$   
 Alternatively, X is the r.v of failures before the  $r^{th}$  success:  
 $P_X(x) = \binom{x+r-1}{r-1} p^r (1-p)^x, x = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

$$M_X(t) = \left(\frac{1-p}{1-pe^t}\right)^r$$

$$E(X) = \frac{r(1-p)}{p}, \text{VAR}(X) = \frac{r(1-p)}{p^2}$$

## 5. Chebychev's Theorem

$$P(\mu - k\sigma \leq x \leq \mu + k\sigma) \geq 1 - \frac{1}{k^2}$$

## 6. Continuous Random Variable

### (a) Basic Properties

1.  $pdf : f_X(x) \geq 0$
2.  $cdf : F_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x)dx$
3.  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x)dx = 1$

### (b) Mean, Medium and Variance

$$\text{mean: } \mu = E(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_X(x)dx$$

$$\text{medium m: solve function } \int_{-\infty}^m f_X(x)dx = \frac{1}{2}$$

Variance:

$$\text{VAR}(X) = E(X^2) - E^2(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} [x - E(X)] f_X(x)dx$$