## 1. Moment Generating Function

 $M_X(t) = E(e^{tx})$ 

Properties:

(a) 
$$M_x^{(n)}(0) = E(X^n)$$

(b) 
$$M_x(t) = M_v(t) \Rightarrow XY$$
 has same distribution

(c) 
$$M_x(0) = 1$$

(d) 
$$M_{ax+b}(t) = M_x(at)e^{bt}$$

(e) 
$$M_{X+Y}(t) = M_X(t)M_Y(t)$$
 ( $X, Y$  independent)

2. Gama Function 
$$\Gamma(n) = \int_0^\infty u^{n-1} e^{-u} du = (n-1)!$$
 
$$\Gamma(n) = (n-1)\Gamma(n-1)$$
 
$$\int_0^1 x^{\alpha-1} (1-x)^{\beta-1} dx = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)}$$

#### 3. Basic probability property

## (a) Conditional Probability and Bayles Theorem

1. 
$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$$
  
2.  $P(A|B) = \frac{P(B|A)P(A)}{P(B)} = \frac{P(B|A)P(A)}{P(B|A)P(A) + P(B|A')P(A')}$ 

## (b) Expectation

1. 
$$E(X) = \sum x P_X(x)$$
 or  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_X(x)$ 

2. 
$$E(c) = c$$

3. 
$$E(aX) = aE(X)$$

4. 
$$E(X + Y) = E(X) + E(Y)$$

5. 
$$E(X) = M'_X(0)$$

## (c) Variance and Standard Deviation

1. 
$$VAR(X) = E(X^2) - E^2(X) = \sum [(x - E(X)]P_X(x) = E[(x - \mu)^2] = \sigma^2$$
  
2.  $VAR(c) = 0$ 

3. 
$$VAR(aX) = a^2 VAR(x)$$

4. 
$$VAR(X \pm Y) = VAR(X) + VAR(Y) \pm 2COV(x,y)$$
,  $COV(x,y) = E(XY) - E(X)E(Y)$ 

## (d) z-score

 $Z = \frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}$ , measures the distance of x from expected

#### 4. Discrete Distributions

## (a) Binomial Distribution

Note as 
$$X \sim B(n, p)$$
  
 $P_X(x) = \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x}$ 

$$M_X(t) = (1 - p + pe^t)^n, E(X) = np, VAR(X) = np(1 - p)$$

#### (b) Hyper Geometric Distribution

Note as  $X \sim H(N, n, r)$ , N:total size, n:total pick, r:size of special subgroup

$$P_X(x) = \frac{\binom{r}{x}\binom{N-r}{n-x}}{\binom{N}{n}}$$

$$E(X) = n \frac{r}{N}, VAR(X) = n \frac{r}{N} (1 - \frac{r}{N})(\frac{N-n}{N-1})$$

## (c) Poisson Process

$$P_X(x) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^x}{x!}$$
,  $E(X) = \lambda$ ,  $VAR(X) = \lambda$   
 $\lambda$ : average arrival in given time or space

When  $\lambda = np < 10$ , poisson approximates Binomial.

#### (d) Geometric Distribution

## i. X is the r.v of number of total trials (x includes the first success)

$$P_X(x) = (1-p)^{x-1}p, x = 1, 2, 3...$$
  
 $E(X) = 1/p, VAR(X) = \frac{1-p}{p^2}$ 

## ii. X is the r.v of number of failed trials (x excludes the first success)

$$P_X(x) = (1-p)^x p, x = 0, 1, 2, ...$$
  
 $M_X(t) = \frac{p}{1-e^t(1-p)}, E(X) = \frac{1-p}{p}, VAR(X) = \frac{1-p}{p^2}$ 

## (e) Negative Binomial Distribution

X is the r.v of number of trials need to observe the  $r^{th}$  success in a sequence of Bernoulli trails where p is the success probability.

$$P_X(x) = {x-1 \choose r-1} p^r (1-p)^{x-r}, x = r, r+1, r+2...$$

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

Alternatively, X is the r.v of failures before the  $r^{th}$ 

Success.  

$$P_X(x) = {x+r-1 \choose r-1} p^r (1-p)^x, x = 0, 1, 2...$$
  
 $M_X(t) = (\frac{1-p}{1-pe^t})^r, E(X) = \frac{r(1-p)}{p}, VAR(X) = \frac{r(1-p)}{p^2}$ 

# 5. Chebychev's Theorem

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

#### 6. Continuous Distributions

## (a) Uniform(rectangle) Distribution

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{b-a}, \ (a \le x \le b); F_X(x) = \frac{x-a}{b-a}, \ a \le x \le b$$

$$E(X) = \frac{a+b}{2}, VAR(X) = \frac{(b-a)^2}{12}$$

## (b) Exponential Distribution

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\theta}e^{-\frac{x}{\theta}}, (x \ge 0); F_X(x) = 1 - e^{-\frac{x}{\theta}}, x \ge 0$$
  
 $M_X(t) = \frac{1}{1-\theta t}, E(X) = \theta, VAR(X) = \theta^2$   
Note as  $X \sim exp(\theta)$ , In terms of  $\lambda$ :  $\lambda = \frac{1}{\theta}$ 

## (c) Gamma Distribution

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(n)\theta^n} x^{n-1} e^{-\frac{x}{\theta}}, x \ge 0$$

$$M_X(t) = \frac{1}{(1-\theta t)^n}, E(X) = n\theta, VAR(X) = n\theta^2$$
In terms of  $\alpha, \beta : \alpha = n, \beta = \frac{1}{\theta}$ 

# (d) Normal Distribution

$$\begin{split} f_X(x) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}, E(X) = \mu, VAR(X) = \sigma^2 \\ M_X(t) &= e^{\mu t + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 t^2} \end{split}$$

## (e) Log-normal Distribution:

$$Y = e^{X}, X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^{2}), f_{Y}(y) = \frac{1}{\sigma y \sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} (\frac{\ln y - \mu}{\sigma})^{2}}, y \ge 0$$

$$E(Y) = e^{\mu + \frac{\sigma^{2}}{2}}, VAR(Y) = e^{2\mu + \sigma^{2}} (e^{\sigma^{2}} - 1)$$

## (f) Pareto Distribution:

$$\begin{split} f_X(x) &= \frac{k}{\beta} (\frac{\beta}{x})^{k+1}, F_X(x) = 1 - (\frac{\beta}{x})^k, k > 2, x \ge \beta > 0 \\ E(X) &= \frac{k\beta^2}{k-1}, VAR(X) = \frac{k\beta^2}{k-2} - (\frac{k\beta}{k-1})^2 \\ \text{In terms of } \alpha, \beta \colon \alpha = k, \beta = \beta \end{split}$$

## (g) Weibull Distribution:

$$\begin{split} f_X(x) &= k\lambda x^{k-1}e^{-\lambda kx^k}, F_X(x) = 1 - e^{-\lambda kx^k} \\ E(X) &= \frac{\Gamma(1+\frac{1}{k})}{\lambda^{\frac{1}{k}}}, VAR(X) = \frac{1}{\lambda^{\frac{2}{k}}}[\Gamma(1+\frac{2}{k}) - \Gamma^2(1+\frac{1}{k})] \\ \text{in terms of } \alpha, \beta : k = \alpha, \lambda = \beta \\ \text{Note: } \Gamma(\frac{1}{2}) &= \sqrt{\pi} \end{split}$$

## (h) Beta Distribution

$$f_X(x) = \frac{\Gamma(a+b)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)} x^{a-1} (1-x)^{b-1}, x \in (0,1), a > 0, b > 0$$

$$E(X) = \frac{a}{a+b}, VAR(X) = \frac{ab}{(a+b)^2(a+b+1)}$$

(i) Chi-Square Distribution

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$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{2^{\frac{k}{2}}\Gamma(\frac{k}{2})} x^{\frac{k}{2}-1}e^{-\frac{x}{2}}, x > 0$$

$$E(X) = k, VAR(X) = 2k, M_X(t) = \frac{1}{(1-2t)^{\frac{k}{2}}}$$
Special case of Gamma Dist. of  $\alpha = \frac{k}{2}$ ,  $\beta = 2$ 

 $\chi^2 = \sum_{i=1}^k Z_i^2$  (sum of k squared standard normal)

## 7. Central Limit Theorem

Let  $\{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n\}$  be the indep. r.v. with same distribution and mean  $\mu$  and std. deviation  $\sigma$ . If n is large  $n \ge 30$ ,  $S = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n \Rightarrow S \sim N(n\mu, n\sigma^2)$   $\mathbf{OR} \ S' = \frac{X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n}{n} \Rightarrow S \sim N(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{n})$ 

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# 8. Finding PDF for Y = g(X)

If g(X) is strictly increasing or decreasing

$$f_Y(y) = f_X(h(y)) \cdot |h'(y)|, h(y) = g^{-1}(x)$$

## 9. Multivariable Distributions

(a) Marginal Distribution

$$p_X(x) = \sum_{y} p(x,y), \ p_Y(y) = \sum_{x} p(x,y)$$
  
$$f_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p(x,y)dy, \ f_Y(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p(x,y)dx$$

(b) Conditional Distribution

$$P(X = x | Y = y) = \frac{p(x,y)}{p_Y(y)}, \ P(Y = y | X = x) = \frac{p(x,y)}{p_X(x)}$$

$$f(x | Y = y) = f(x | y) = \frac{f(x,y)}{f_Y(y)}$$

$$f(y | X = x) = f(y | x) = \frac{f(x,y)}{f_X(x)}$$

(c) Conditional Expected Value

$$E(y|X = x) = \sum_{y}^{1} y \cdot p(y|x), \ E(x|Y = y) = \sum_{x} x \cdot p(x|y)$$

$$E(y|X = x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y \cdot f(y|x) dy$$

$$E(x|Y = y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \cdot f(x|y) dx$$

(d) Independence

$$p(x,y) = p_X(x) \cdot p_Y(y)$$
  
 
$$f(x|y) = f_X(x), \ f(y|x) = f_Y(y)$$