

From previous class:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \star P_D(d) &= \sum_{x \in \text{supp}(x)} p_x^{\text{old}}(x) p_y^{\text{old}}(d-x) \mathbb{1}_{d-x \in \text{supp}(y)} \\
 &= \sum_{x \in \{0,1,\dots\}} e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^x}{x!} \frac{e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^{x-d}}{(x-d)!}}{\frac{(x-d)!}{(x-d)!}} \mathbb{1}_{\substack{d-x \in \{0,1,\dots\} \\ x-d \in \{0,1,\dots\} \\ x \in \{d, d+1, d+2, \dots\}}} \\
 &= e^{-2\lambda} \sum_{x \in \{0,1,\dots\}} \frac{\lambda^x}{x!} \frac{\lambda^{x-d}}{(x-d)!} \mathbb{1}_{x \in \{d, d+1, \dots\}} \\
 &= e^{-2\lambda} \begin{cases} d > 0: \sum_{x \in \{d, d+1, \dots\}} \frac{\lambda^{2x-d}}{x! (x-d)!} \\ d \leq 0: \sum_{x \in \{0,1,\dots\}} \frac{\lambda^{2x-d}}{x! (x-d)!} \end{cases}
 \end{aligned}$$

let $x' = x - d \Rightarrow x = x' + d$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= e^{-2\lambda} \begin{cases} d > 0: \sum_{x' \in \{0,1,\dots\}} \frac{\lambda^{2(x'+d)-d}}{(x'+d)! (x'+d-d)!} = \sum_{x' \in \{0,1,\dots\}} \frac{\lambda^{2x'+d}}{(x'+d)! x'!} \\ d \leq 0: \sum_{x' \in \{0,1,\dots\}} \frac{\lambda^{2x'+d}}{x'! (x'+d)!} = \sum_{x' \in \{0,1,\dots\}} \frac{\lambda^{2x'+d}}{x'! (x+|d|)!} \end{cases} \Rightarrow d = |d|
 \end{aligned}$$

let $d' = -d = |d|$

$$I_{|d|}(2\lambda) = \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \frac{\left(\frac{2\lambda}{2}\right)^{2x+|d|}}{x! (x+|d|)!} \rightarrow \text{Modified Bessel Function of the first kind.}$$

$$\star e^{-2\lambda} I_{|d|}(2\lambda) \mathbb{1}_{d \in \mathbb{Z}} = \text{Skellam}(\lambda, \lambda) \text{ discovered in 1946}$$

It's used to model point spreads in sports games, photo noise, etc..

$$\begin{aligned}
 X_1, X_2 &\stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} \text{Poisson}(\lambda) \Rightarrow T = X_1 + X_2 \sim \text{Poisson}(2\lambda) \\
 P_{X_1|T}(x, t) &= \frac{P_{X_1, T}(x, t)}{P_T(t)} = \frac{P_{X_1, X_2}(x, t-x)}{P_T(t)} = \frac{P_{X_1}(x) P_{X_2}(t-x)}{P_T(t)} \\
 &= \frac{e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^x}{x!} e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^{t-x}}{(t-x)!}}{e^{-2\lambda} \frac{(2\lambda)^t}{t!}} = \frac{t!}{x! (t-x)!} \frac{\lambda^t}{(2\lambda)^t} = \binom{t}{x} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^t = \text{Bin}(t, \frac{1}{2})
 \end{aligned}$$

$$B_1, B_2, \dots \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} \text{Bern}(p)$$

$$X_1 \sim \text{Geom}(p) := (1-p)^x p \mathbb{1}_{x \in \{0,1,\dots\}}$$

$$\text{if } x=7, X_1 > 7 \Rightarrow X_1 \in \{8, 9, 10, \dots\}$$

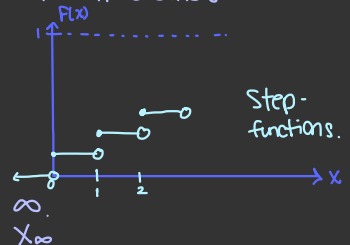
$$F_X(x) := P(X_1 \leq x) = 1 - P(X_1 > x) = 1 - (1-p)^{x+1}$$



Let there be n experiments in each second (time unit). x is in seconds...

$$p_{X_n}(x) = (1-p)^{nx} p \mathbb{1}_{x \in \{0, \frac{1}{n}, \frac{2}{n}, \dots, 1, 1+\frac{1}{n}, \dots\}}$$

$$F_X(x) = 1 - (1-p)^{nx+1}$$



Let's put infinite experiments into every second (time unit). this is the limit as n goes to positive ∞ .

And $p \rightarrow 0$ but $\lambda = np \Rightarrow p = \frac{\lambda}{n}$ a la Poisson.

$$\begin{aligned}
 p_{x_{\infty}}(x) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^{nx} \mathbb{1}_{x \in \{0, \frac{1}{n}, \dots\}} \\
 &= \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^n\right)^x \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\lambda}{n} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{1}_{x \in \{0, \frac{1}{n}, \dots\}} \\
 &= e^{-\lambda x}(0) \mathbb{1}_{x \in \{0, \infty\}} \rightarrow \text{Supp}[X_{\infty}] = [0, \infty) \\
 &= 0 \quad \forall x
 \end{aligned}$$

This is not a PMF b/c $\sum_{x \in \text{Supp}[X_{\infty}]} p_{x_{\infty}}(x) = 0 \neq 1$

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_{x_{\infty}}(x) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| - \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^{nx+1} \right| = \left| - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^{nx} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right) \right| = (1 - e^{-\lambda x}) \mathbb{1}_{x \in [0, \infty)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Is this limiting CDF a legal CDF? If so, it must satisfy three conditions:

(1) limit as x goes to negative infinity is zero.

(2) limit as x goes to positive infinity is one.

(3) increasing function i.e. its derivative is ≥ 0

$$\rightarrow (1) \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} (1 - e^{-\lambda x}) \mathbb{1}_{x \in [0, \infty)} = 0 \quad \text{since } \lambda > 0$$

$$(2) \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (1 - e^{-\lambda x}) \mathbb{1}_{x \in [0, \infty)} = 1 - \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{e^{\lambda x}} \stackrel{!}{=} 1$$

$$(3) \frac{d}{dx} [(1 - e^{-\lambda x}) \mathbb{1}_{x \in [0, \infty)}] = \lambda e^{-\lambda x} \mathbb{1}_{x \in [0, \infty)}$$

$\Rightarrow F_{x_{\infty}}$ is a valid CDF... but of what? A continuous r.v.

A continuous r.v. X has $\text{supp}[X] \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ but $|\text{supp}[X]| = |\mathbb{R}|$, this size is known as "uncountable infinity" or the "size of the continuum". They also have no PMF, the $P(X=x)$ is always zero for every x . But they have a CDF. And the derivative of the CDF is a very useful function, so it gets a special name which is the "probability density function", or just "density" (PDF) denoted f :

$$f(x) := F'(x), \quad P(X \in (a, b)) = \underbrace{P(X \leq b)}_{F(b)} - \underbrace{P(X \leq a)}_{F(a)} = \int_a^b f(x) dx$$



Fundamental Thm of Calc.

$$f(x) \geq 0 \quad \forall x \text{ (property of CDF)} \Leftrightarrow \text{Supp}[X] = \{x \mid f(x) > 0\}$$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x) dx = 1, \quad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = \underbrace{F(\infty)}_1 - \underbrace{F(-\infty)}_0 = 1 \text{ (properties of CDF)}$$

$$\vec{X} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_k \end{bmatrix} \sim f_{\vec{X}}(x) = \underset{\substack{\downarrow \\ \text{if } x_1, \dots, x_k \\ \text{independent}}}{f_{x_1}(x_1) \cdots f_{x_k}(x_k)} = \underset{\substack{\downarrow \\ \text{identically} \\ \text{dist.}}}{f(x_1) \cdots f(x_k)}$$

all components
Continuous

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} \cdots \int_{\mathbb{R}} \underbrace{f_{\vec{X}}(x)}_{\text{joint PDF}} dx_1 \cdots dx_k = 1$$

$$\text{If } k=2 \rightarrow P(\vec{X} \in A) = \iint_A f_{\vec{X}}(\vec{x}) dx_1 dx_2$$

$$X \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda) := \underbrace{\lambda e^{-\lambda x}}_{f(x)} \mathbb{1}_{x \in (0, \infty)} \xrightarrow{\text{supp}} \text{Exponential R.V.}$$

$$\lambda \in (0, \infty)$$