

Assignment 7

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Question : A random variable x has a geometric distribution if

$$P(x = k) = pq^k \quad k = 0, 1, \dots \quad p + q = 1$$

Find $\Gamma(z)$ and show that $\eta_x = \frac{q}{p}$, $\sigma_y^2 = \frac{q}{p^2}$

Solution :

We already know

$$p + q = 1 \quad (1)$$

$$\Gamma(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} pq^k z^k \quad (2)$$

from (1)

$$= \frac{p}{1 - qz} \quad (3)$$

Now ,

$$\Gamma'(z) = \frac{pq}{(1 - qz)^2} \quad (4)$$

and

$$\Gamma''(z) = \frac{2pq^2}{(1 - qz)^3} \quad (5)$$

And

$$\Gamma'(1) = \frac{pq}{(1 - q)^2} = \frac{q}{p} = \eta_x \quad (6)$$

and

$$\Gamma''(1) = \frac{2pq^2}{(1 - q)^3} = \frac{2q^2}{p^2} = m_2 - m_1 \quad (7)$$

Then

$$\sigma^2 = m_2 - (m_1)^2 \quad (8)$$

$$= \frac{2q^2}{p^2} + m_1 - (m_1)^2 \quad (9)$$

$$= \frac{q}{p^2} \quad (10)$$

$$\therefore \sigma_y^2 = \frac{q}{p^2} \text{ and } \eta_x = \frac{q}{p}$$