

SMOL REVIEW:

◦ we need the transition probability matrix $P^{(n)}$, got by doing P^n

↳ + the distribution P_n where $P_n = P_0 P^{(n)}$ → will get n probabilities

◦ steady state distribution: find it by → raise the matrix to a big #

↳ do the $P^T - I$ matrix

6.3 COUNTING PROCESS

THE BINOMIAL COUNTING PROCESS USED TO MODEL ARRIVAL

RECAP

$X \sim \text{BINOMIAL}(n, p)$ → KEYWORDS: "trials", "# of successes" / $E(X) = np$ $SD(X) = \sqrt{np(1-p)}$ / X = # of successes over a fixed # of trials

$X \sim \text{POISSON}(\lambda)$ → KEYWORDS: "POISSON", HAS TIME INTERVALS / X = # of RARE EVENTS PER TIME UNIT

$X \sim \text{GEOMETRIC}(p)$ → KEYWORDS: "UNTIL SUCCESS" → HOW MANY TIMES TILL FIRST SUCCESS? / X = # of trials until 1st success



WHAT IT IS:

◦ ASSUME THAT BERNOULLI TRIALS OCCUR AT EQUAL TIME INTERVALS, EVERY Δ MINUTES, n TRIALS OCCUR DURING TIME $t = n\Delta$ → $n = \frac{t}{\Delta}$

X represents # of successes during time t , X has a Binomial ($n = \frac{t}{\Delta}, p$)

$$E(X) = \frac{t}{\Delta} \cdot p = \# \text{ of success during time } t, SD(X) = \sqrt{np(1-p)}$$

↳ then $\frac{t}{\Delta} \cdot p = \lambda t$, there fore $P = \lambda \Delta$

λ = frequency, # of successes per time unit

Δ = time frame

p = probability of success

t = total time

◦ typically will get 2/3 of λ , Δ , or p , find the third using the formulas

↳ λ IS ALMOST ALWAYS GIVEN

MORE DEFINITIONS

NUMBER OF TRIALS
BECOMES # OF FRAMES

$Y \sim \text{Geometric}(p)$ = number of frames until next arrival

$\lambda = \frac{p}{\Delta}$ = arrival rate per time unit

$$E(Y) = \frac{1}{p}, \text{Var}(Y) = \frac{1-p}{p^2}$$

$\Delta = \frac{t}{n}$ = time frame (total # of trials = number of Δ during time t)

$T = Y\Delta$ = INTERARRIVAL TIME BETWEEN ARRIVALS (TIME BETWEEN 2 ARRIVALS)

$X(t/\Delta) =$ number of arrivals by time t / $\frac{t}{\Delta}$ total number of trials

$$\hookrightarrow E(T) = \frac{1}{\lambda}, \text{Var}(T) = \frac{1}{\lambda^2}$$

QUESTIONS SOUND LIKE:

To use Binomial counting process to model number of arrivals, where Δ needs to be small so that no more than 1 arrival during a Δ
time of arrival is important

EXAMPLES

EXAMPLE 6:

Tasks are sent to a supercomputer at an average rate of 6 tasks per minute.

Their arrivals are modeled by a Binomial counting process with 2 second frames.

a) compute the probability of more than 2 tasks sent during 10 seconds.

$$\lambda = 6/\text{minute} = \frac{6}{60}/\text{second} = 0.1/\text{second}$$

$$\Delta = 2 \text{ seconds} \quad p = \lambda \Delta = (0.1)2 = 0.2$$

$$n = \text{total time} = \frac{10}{2} + 4 \text{ frames} = 5$$

$$X = \# \text{ of arrival during } n = 5$$

$$X \sim \text{Binomial}(n=5, p=0.2)$$

$$= P(X > 2) = 1 - P(X \leq 2)$$

$$= 1 - \text{Binomcdf}(5, 0.2, 2)$$

b) Compute the probability of more than 20 tasks sent during 100 seconds. Do not use approximation.

$$\lambda = 0.1/\text{second}$$

$$p = \lambda \Delta = (0.1)2 = 0.2$$

$$n = \frac{100}{2} = 50$$

$$P(X > 20) = 1 - P(X \leq 20)$$

$$= 0.05792$$

$$\Delta = 2 \text{ seconds}$$

$$X \sim \text{Binomial}(50, .2)$$

$$= 1 - \text{BINOMIALCDF}(50, 0.2, 20)$$

$$= .000320664$$

EXAMPLE 7:

Jobs are sent to a printer at the average rate of 2 jobs per minute. Binomial counting process is used to model these jobs.

a) What frame length Δ gives the probability 0.1 of an arrival during any given frame?

$$\lambda = 2 / \text{min} \quad \Delta = \frac{P}{\lambda} = \frac{0.1}{2} = 0.05$$

$$P = 0.1$$

b) With this value of Δ , compute the expectation + standard deviation for the number of jobs sent to the printer during a 1-hour period.

$$\begin{aligned} E(X) &= \frac{T}{\Delta} \cdot P \\ &= \frac{60}{0.05} \cdot 0.1 \\ &= 120(0.1) = 120 \end{aligned} \quad \begin{aligned} SD(X) &= \sqrt{nP(1-P)} \\ &= \sqrt{1200(0.1)(0.9)} \\ &= 6\sqrt{3} = 10.39230485 \end{aligned}$$

of successes means binomial

EXAMPLE 8:

On average, every 12 seconds a customer makes a call using a certain phone card. Calls are modeled by a Binomial counting process with a 2-second frame. Find the mean + variance for the time, in seconds, between 2 consecutive calls

WE DON'T KNOW WHAT DIST. T HAS $\rightarrow T = Y\Delta$ IF HAS GEOMETRIC DIST.

BUT $\rightarrow E(T) = \frac{1}{\lambda}$, $\text{Var}(T) = \frac{1-P}{\lambda^2}$ FORMULAS GIVEN

NEED TO FIND $\lambda + P$

$\lambda = \frac{1}{12} / \text{second}$ $\Delta = 2 \text{ seconds (given)}$

$P = \lambda \Delta = \frac{1}{12} \cdot 2 = \frac{1}{6}$

$T = \text{time between 2 arrivals}$

$E(T) = \frac{1}{\lambda} = \frac{1}{1/12} = 12$

$\text{Var}(T) = \frac{(1-P)}{\lambda^2} = \frac{(1-1/6)}{(1/12)^2} = \frac{5}{6} \cdot \frac{144}{1} = \frac{720}{6} = 120$

EXAMPLE 9:

Messages arrive at a transmission center according to a binomial counting process with 30 frames per minute.

The average arrival rate is 40 messages per hour. Compute the mean + SD of the number of messages arriving between 10 am - 10:30 am

$\lambda = \frac{40}{60} = \frac{2}{3} / \text{minute}$ $P = \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{30} = \frac{2}{90} = \frac{1}{45}$

$\Delta = \frac{1}{30} \text{ minute}$ $T = 20 \text{ min (10 - 10:30 AM)}$ $n = \frac{T}{\Delta} = \frac{20}{1/30} = 900$

$E(X) = nP = 900 \cdot \frac{1}{45} = 20$

$X = \# \text{ of arrivals between 10 - 10:30}$

$SD(X) = \sqrt{nP(1-P)} = \sqrt{900(\frac{1}{45})(\frac{44}{45})} = \sqrt{\frac{176}{9}}$

$X \sim \text{BINOMIAL}(n=900, P=\frac{1}{45})$