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ASSIGNMENT 3

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Let X and Y be independent and identically distributed random variables with probability mass function $p(n) = 2^{-n}, n = 1, 2, ...$ Then $pr(X \ge 2Y)$ equals

2 Solution

given,

$$Pr(X = x) = 2^{-x}, x = 1, 2, ...$$
 (2.0.1)

$$Pr(Y = y) = 2^{-y}, y = 1, 2, ...$$
 (2.0.2)

We need to find $pr(X \ge 2Y)$, which is also can be written as

$$\Pr(X \ge 2Y) = \sum_{y=1}^{\infty} \Pr(X \ge 2y | Y = y)$$
 (2.0.3)

as,X and Y are independent random variables

$$\Pr(X \ge 2Y) = \sum_{y=1}^{\infty} \Pr(X \ge 2y) \Pr(Y = y) \quad (2.0.4)$$
$$= \sum_{y=1}^{\infty} (1 - \Pr(X < 2y)) \Pr(Y = y) \quad (2.0.5)$$

using (2.0.1) and (2.0.2) in (2.0.5),

$$=\sum_{y=1}^{\infty} (1 - \sum_{i=1}^{2y-1} 2^{-i})(2^{-y})$$
 (2.0.6)

$$= \sum_{y=1}^{\infty} (1 - (1 - 2^{-(2y-1)}))(2^{-y})$$
 (2.0.7)

$$=\sum_{y=1}^{\infty} 2^{-(3y-1)} \tag{2.0.8}$$

$$=\frac{2}{7}$$
 (2.0.9)

Finding the probability using cumulative distri-

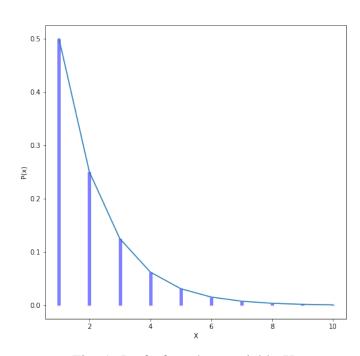


Fig. 1: Pmf of random variable X

bution, Let $F_X(x)$ be the cumulative distribution function of random variable X.

$$F_X(x) = \Pr(X < x)$$
 (2.0.10)

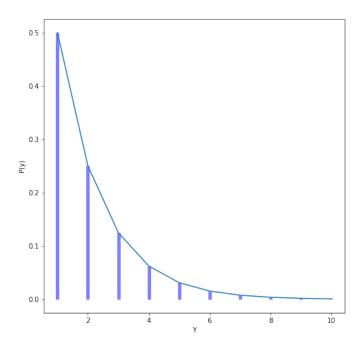


Fig. 2: Pmf of random variable Y

As it is a discrete probability distribution, $F_X(x)$ can be written as,

$$F_X(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{x-1} \Pr(X = x)$$
 (2.0.11)

using (2.0.1) in (2)

$$F_X(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{x-1} 2^{-i}$$
 (2.0.12)
= 1 - 2^{-(x-1)} (2.0.13)

Cumulative distribution function (CDF) of random variable X is given by,

$$F_X(x) = 1 - 2^{-(x-1)}, x = 1, 2, \dots$$
 (2.0.14)

We need to find $Pr(X \ge 2Y)$, which is also can be written as

$$\Pr(X \ge 2Y) = \sum_{y=1}^{\infty} \Pr(X \ge 2y | Y = y) \qquad (2.0.15)$$

As,X and Y are independent random variables

$$\Pr(X \ge 2Y) = \sum_{y=1}^{\infty} \Pr(X \ge 2y) \Pr(Y = y) \quad (2.0.16)$$
$$= \sum_{y=1}^{\infty} (1 - \Pr(X < 2y)) \Pr(Y = y) \quad (2.0.17)$$

using (2.0.2) and (2.0.14) in (2.0.17),

$$\Pr(X \ge 2Y) = \sum_{y=1}^{\infty} (1 - (1 - 2^{-(2y-1)}))(2^{-y}) \quad (2.0.18)$$
$$= \sum_{y=1}^{\infty} 2^{-(3y-1)} \quad (2.0.19)$$

$$=\frac{2}{7} \tag{2.0.20}$$

Alternative method, Let $F_Y(y)$ be the cumulative

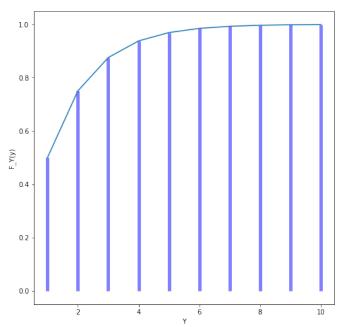


Fig. 3: cdf of random variable Y

distribution function of random variable Y.

$$F_Y(y) = \Pr(Y \le y)$$
 (2.0.21)

As it is a discrete probability distribution, $F_Y(y)$ can be written as,

$$F_Y(y) = \sum_{i=1}^{y} \Pr(Y = y)$$
 (2.0.22)

using (2.0.1) in (2.0.22)

$$F_Y(y) = \sum_{i=1}^{y} 2^{-i}$$
 (2.0.23)

$$= 1 - 2^{-(y)} (2.0.24)$$

Cumulative distribution function (CDF) of random variable Y is given by,

$$F_Y(y) = 1 - 2^{-(y)}, y = 1, 2, \dots$$
 (2.0.25)

We need to find $Pr(X \ge 2Y)$, which is also can be written as

$$\Pr(X \ge 2Y) = \Pr\left(Y \le \frac{X}{2}\right) \tag{2.0.26}$$

$$\Pr(X \ge 2Y) = \sum_{y=1}^{\infty} \Pr(Y \le \frac{t}{2}) \Pr(X = t)$$
 (2.0.27)

As t can be either an even number or an odd number, equation (2.0.27) can be written as,

$$\Pr(X \ge 2Y) = \sum_{n_1=1}^{\infty} \Pr\left(Y \le \frac{2n_1}{2}\right) \Pr(X = 2n_1) + \sum_{n_2=1}^{\infty} \Pr\left(Y \le \frac{2n_2 - 1}{2}\right) \Pr(X = 2n_2 - 1)$$

$$(2.0.28)$$

$$= \sum_{n_1=1}^{\infty} \Pr(Y \le n_1) \Pr(X = 2n_1) + \sum_{n_2=1}^{\infty} \Pr\left(Y \le n_2 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \Pr(X = 2n_2 - 1)$$

$$(2.0.29)$$

as,

$$\Pr\left(Y \le 2n_2 - \frac{1}{2}\right) = \Pr\left(Y \le n_2 - 1\right) + \Pr\left(n_2 - 1 < Y \le n_2 - \frac{1}{2}\right)$$
(2.0.30)

as there is no integer in $(n_2 - 1, n_2 - \frac{1}{2}]$,

$$\Pr\left(n_2 - 1 < Y \le n_2 - \frac{1}{2}\right) = 0 \tag{2.0.31}$$

using (2.0.31) in (2.0.30),

$$\Pr\left(Y \le n_2 - \frac{1}{2}\right) = \Pr\left(Y \le n_2 - 1\right)$$
 (2.0.32)

using (2.0.32) in (2.0.29),

$$\Pr(X \ge 2Y) = \sum_{n_1=1}^{\infty} \Pr(Y \le n_1) \Pr(X = 2n_1) + \sum_{n_2=1}^{\infty} \Pr(Y \le n_2 - 1) \Pr(X = 2n_2 - 1)$$
(2.0.33)

using (2.0.25) and (2.0.1) in (2.0.33),

$$\Pr(X \ge 2Y) = \sum_{n_1=1}^{\infty} (1 - 2^{-n_1})(2^{-2n_1}) + \sum_{n_2=1}^{\infty} (1 - 2^{-(n_2-1)})(2^{-(2n_2-1)})$$

$$= \sum_{n_1=1}^{\infty} (2^{-2n_1} - 2^{-3n_1}) + \sum_{n_2=1}^{\infty} (2^{-(2n_2-1)} - 2^{-(3n_2-2)})$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{7} + \frac{2}{3} - \frac{4}{7}$$

$$= \frac{2}{7}$$
(2.0.36)
$$= \frac{2}{7}$$
(2.0.37)