

CSC 446: Assignment #1

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Problem 1

$$E[XY] = \sum_{x=-\infty}^{+\infty} \sum_{y=-\infty}^{+\infty} xy p_{X,Y}(x, y)$$

because X and Y are independent,

$$p_{X,Y}(x, y) = p_X(x)p_Y(y)$$

therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{x=-\infty}^{+\infty} \sum_{y=-\infty}^{+\infty} xy p_{X,Y}(x, y) &= \sum_{x=-\infty}^{+\infty} \sum_{y=-\infty}^{+\infty} xy p_X(x)p_Y(y) \\ &= \sum_{x=-\infty}^{+\infty} x p_X(x) \sum_{y=-\infty}^{+\infty} y p_Y(y) \\ &= E[X]E[Y] \end{aligned}$$

Problem 2

$$\begin{aligned} P(|X - \mu|^2 \geq k^2 \sigma^2) &= P((X - \mu)^2 \geq k^2 \sigma^2) \\ &\leq \frac{E[(X - \mu)^2]}{k^2 \sigma^2} \\ &= \frac{\sigma^2}{k^2 \sigma^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{k^2} \end{aligned}$$

Problem 3

(a)

$$E[R] = E[r_1 \cdot r_2 \cdot r_3 \cdot \dots \cdot r_N]$$

because r_i is i.i.d,

$$E[R] = (E[r_1])^N \tag{1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} E[r_1] &= \sum_{x=-\infty}^{+\infty} x p_X(x) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} + 2 \times \frac{1}{2} \\ &= \frac{5}{4} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore because of (1)

$$E[R] = \left(\frac{5}{4}\right)^N$$

(b)

X could be seen as doing the same experiment for N times. Therefore the relationship between X and x_i should be similar to that between Binomial and Bernoulli.

$$\begin{aligned} E[x_1] &= \sum_{x=-\infty}^{+\infty} xp_{X_1}(x) \\ &= \log \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} + \log 2 \times \frac{1}{2} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$E[X] = N \times E[x_1] = 0 \quad (2)$$

(c)

$$\text{Var}[X_i] = \text{Var}[X_1] = E[X_1^2] - (E[X_1])^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} E[X_1^2] &= \sum_{x=-\infty}^{+\infty} x^2 p_{X_1}(x) - (E[X_1])^2 \\ &= \left(\log \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 \times \frac{1}{2} + (\log 2)^2 \times \frac{1}{2} \\ &= \log^2 2 \end{aligned}$$

Because $E[X_1] = 0$, so

$$\text{Var}[X_i] = E[X_1^2] = \log^2 2$$

(d)

Because x_i are i.i.d.

So,

$$\text{Var}[X] = N \text{Var}[X_1] = N \log^2 2$$

(e)

We want to know

$$P\left(X > \left(\frac{9}{8}\right)^N\right)$$

We already know from (2) that

$$\mu = E[X] = 0$$

$$P\left(X > \left(\frac{9}{8}\right)^N\right) = P\left(X - \mu > \left(\frac{9}{8}\right)^N\right)$$

Because $X > 0$, $\mu = 0$ so $X - \mu = |X - \mu|$ So

$$\begin{aligned} P\left(X > \left(\frac{9}{8}\right)^N\right) &= P\left(|X - \mu| > \left(\frac{9}{8}\right)^N\right) \\ &\leq \frac{E((X - \mu)^2)}{\left(\frac{9}{8}\right)^{2N}} \\ &= \frac{N \log^2 2}{\left(\frac{9}{8}\right)^{2N}} \\ &= \lim_{N \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{N \log^2 2}{\left(\frac{9}{8}\right)^{2N}} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Problem 4

(a)

$$r_i = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{4} & \text{with prob } \frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{5}{4} & \text{with prob } \frac{1}{2} \\ 2 & \text{with prob } \frac{1}{4} \end{cases}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned} E[r_1] &= \sum_{x=-\infty}^{+\infty} x p_X(r) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{4} + \frac{5}{4} \times \frac{1}{2} + 2 \times \frac{1}{4} \\ &= \frac{5}{4} \end{aligned}$$

For similar reason as in problem #3,

$$E[R] = \left(\frac{5}{4}\right)^N$$

(c)

$$\begin{aligned}
 E(x_1) &= \log\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \times \frac{1}{4} + \log\left(\frac{5}{4}\right) \times \frac{1}{2} + \log(2) \times \frac{1}{4} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \log\left(\frac{5}{4}\right)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 E(X) &= N \times \frac{1}{2} \log\left(\frac{5}{4}\right) \\
 &= \frac{N}{2} \log\left(\frac{5}{4}\right)
 \end{aligned}$$

(d)

$$Var[X_i] = Var[X_1] = E[X_1^2] - (E[X_1])^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 E[X_1^2] &= \sum_{x_1=-\infty}^{+\infty} x_1^2 p_{X_1}(x_1) \\
 &= \log^2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \times \frac{1}{4} + \log^2\left(\frac{5}{4}\right) \times \frac{1}{2} + \log^2(2) \times \frac{1}{4} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \log^2(2) + \frac{1}{2} \log^2\left(\frac{5}{4}\right)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 Var[X_i] &= \frac{1}{2} \log^2(2) + \frac{1}{2} \log^2\left(\frac{5}{4}\right) - \left(\frac{1}{2} \log\left(\frac{5}{4}\right)\right)^2 \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \log^2(2) + \frac{1}{4} \log^2\left(\frac{5}{4}\right)
 \end{aligned}$$

(e)

$$Var[X] = N \left(\frac{1}{2} \log^2(2) + \frac{1}{4} \log^2\left(\frac{5}{4}\right) \right)$$

(f)

$$P\left(X < \left(\frac{9}{8}\right)^N\right) = 1 - P\left(X \geq \left(\frac{9}{8}\right)^N\right)$$

From the right hand side part,

$$\begin{aligned} P\left(X \geq \left(\frac{9}{8}\right)^N\right) &= P\left(|X - \mu|^2 \geq \left(\left(\frac{9}{8}\right)^N - \mu\right)^2\right) \\ &\leq \frac{E(|X - \mu|^2) = \text{Var}(X)}{\left(\left(\frac{9}{8}\right)^N - \mu\right)^2} \\ &= \frac{N\left(\frac{1}{2}\log^2(2) + \frac{1}{4}\log^2\left(\frac{5}{4}\right)\right)}{\left(\left(\frac{9}{8}\right)^N - \frac{N}{2}\log\left(\frac{5}{4}\right)\right)^2} \\ &= \frac{\frac{1}{2}\log^2(2) + \frac{1}{4}\log^2\left(\frac{5}{4}\right)}{\frac{\left(\frac{9}{8}\right)^N}{N} + \frac{1}{4}\frac{\log^2\left(\frac{5}{4}\right)}{\left(\frac{9}{8}\right)^N} - \log^2\left(\frac{5}{4}\right)} \\ \lim_{N \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\frac{1}{2}\log^2(2) + \frac{1}{4}\log^2\left(\frac{5}{4}\right)}{\frac{\left(\frac{9}{8}\right)^N}{N} + \frac{1}{4}\frac{\log^2\left(\frac{5}{4}\right)}{\left(\frac{9}{8}\right)^N} - \log^2\left(\frac{5}{4}\right)} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

So when $N \rightarrow +\infty$

$$P\left(X \geq \left(\frac{9}{8}\right)^N\right) = P\left(|X - \mu|^2 \geq \left(\left(\frac{9}{8}\right)^N - \mu\right)^2\right) = 0$$

So

$$P\left(X < \left(\frac{9}{8}\right)^N\right) = 1$$

(g)

For these two methods, their $E[R]$ are the same. But the variance of problem #4 is less than that of problem #3.

$$\begin{aligned} N\log^2 2 - N\left(\frac{1}{2}\log^2 2 + \frac{1}{4}\log^2\left(\frac{5}{4}\right)\right) &= \frac{N}{2}\log^2 2 - \frac{N}{4}\log^2\left(\frac{5}{4}\right) \\ &\geq \frac{N}{4}\log^2 2 - \frac{N}{4}\log^2\left(\frac{5}{4}\right) \\ &> 0 \end{aligned}$$

This means if we choose the second method, we are more likely to be close to expectation. Therefore I will choose the latter one.