

Suppose that T has density $f(x) = C(n, m)x^n(1-x)^m \mathbf{1}_{(0,1)}(x)$ for $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$.

i. Compute $C(n, m)$

We need $f(x)$ to be a probability density function:

$$f(x) \geq 0 : \quad \text{true} \quad \forall x \in (0, 1)$$

We now need to impose that:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(x) dx = 1$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(x) dx = \int_0^1 C(n, m)x^n(1-x)^m dx$$

Using:

$$(1-x)^m = \sum_{k=0}^m \binom{m}{k} (-1)^k x^k$$

We write:

$$\begin{aligned} C(n, m) \int_0^1 \sum_{k=0}^m \binom{m}{k} (-1)^k x^{n+k} dx &= \\ &= C(n, m) \sum_{k=0}^m \binom{m}{k} (-1)^k \int_0^1 x^{n+k} dx = \\ &= C(n, m) \sum_{k=0}^m \binom{m}{k} (-1)^k \left[\frac{x^{n+k+1}}{n+k+1} \right]_0^1 dx = \\ &= C(n, m) \sum_{k=0}^m \binom{m}{k} \frac{(-1)^k}{n+k+1} \end{aligned}$$

$$C(n, m) \sum_{k=0}^m \binom{m}{k} \frac{(-1)^k}{n+k+1} = 1 \implies C(n, m) = \left[\sum_{k=0}^m \binom{m}{k} \frac{(-1)^k}{n+k+1} \right]^{-1}$$

ii. Compute the mean value of T for every n, m .

$$\mathbb{E}(X) = \int_0^1 xf(x) dx$$

Using the computations above:

$$\int_0^1 xf(x) dx = C(n, m) \sum_{k=0}^m \binom{m}{k} (-1)^k \int_0^1 x^{n+k+1} dx =$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= C(n, m) \sum_{k=0}^m \binom{m}{k} \frac{(-1)^k}{n+k+2} = \left[\sum_{k=0}^m \binom{m}{k} \frac{(-1)^k}{n+k+1} \right]^{-1} * \sum_{k=0}^m \binom{m}{k} \frac{(-1)^k}{n+k+2} \\
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\end{aligned}$$