

Ans 1. Mathematical Finance  
Assignment 1

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Ans 1. Probability distribution:

Assuming  $P(H) = p$ ,  $P(T) = 1-p$

$X$	$P(X)$
1	$p$
2	$p(1-p)$
3	$p(1-p)^2$
$\vdots$	$\vdots$
$k$	$p(1-p)^{k-1}$

$$P(X > m+n) = p(1-p)^{m+n} (1 + (1-p) + (1-p)^2 + \dots)$$

$$P(X > n) = p(1-p)^n (1 + (1-p) + (1-p)^2 + \dots)$$

$$P(X > m) = p(1-p)^m (1 + (1-p) + (1-p)^2 + \dots)$$

$$P(X > m+n) | (X > n) = \frac{p(1-p)^{m+n} (1 + (1-p) + (1-p)^2 + \dots)}{p(1-p)^n (1 + (1-p) + (1-p)^2 + \dots)}$$

$$= (1-p)^m$$

$$P(X > m) = p(1-p)^m \times \frac{1}{1-(1-p)} = (1-p)^m$$

$\therefore P(X > m+n) | (X > n) = P(X > m)$  Hence proved.

## Mathematical Finance:

Ans2. Poisson distribution with parameter  $\lambda$  is:

$$P(X=x) = \frac{\lambda^x e^{-\lambda}}{x!},$$

$$\text{mean}(u) = E(X) = \sum_x x p(x)$$

$$= \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} x \frac{\lambda^x e^{-\lambda}}{x!}$$

$$= e^{-\lambda} \cdot \lambda \cdot \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^{x-1}}{(x-1)!}$$

$$= \lambda e^{-\lambda} \sum_{y=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^y}{y!}$$

$$= \lambda \cdot e^{-\lambda} \cdot e^{\lambda} = \lambda$$

$$\therefore \boxed{\text{Mean} = \lambda}$$

$$\text{Variance}(\sigma^2) = E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2$$

$$E(X^2) = ?, E(X) = \lambda$$

$$E(X^2) = \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^2 \lambda^x e^{-\lambda}}{x!}$$



Let's find  $E(X(X-1))$  to make things easier:

$$E(X(X-1)) = \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} x(x-1) \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^x}{x!}$$

$$= \lambda^2 e^{-\lambda} \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^{x-2}}{(x-2)!}$$

$$= \lambda^2 e^{-\lambda} \cdot e^{\lambda} = \lambda^2$$

$$E(X^2) - E(X) = \lambda^2$$

$$\therefore E(X^2) = \lambda^2 + \lambda$$

$$\therefore \text{Variance} = E(X^2) - (E(X))^2$$

$$= \cancel{\lambda^2} + \lambda - \cancel{\lambda^2} = \lambda$$

$\therefore \text{Variance} = \lambda$

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Ans 3. Let  $X \sim N(u, \sigma^2)$

$$\text{Let } Z = \frac{\cancel{X} - u}{\sigma}$$

Since  $u(X) = u$ ,  ~~$u(Z) = u(\cancel{X} - u) = 0$~~   
(mean of  $X$ ).  $\therefore u\left(\frac{X-u}{\sigma}\right) = 0$

Since  $\sigma^2(X) = \sigma^2$ ,  $\therefore \sigma^2\left(\frac{X-u}{\sigma}\right) = 1$

$\therefore Z = N(0, 1)$ , hence it is standard normal variable.