

HW9

FUNDAMENTALS OF COMPUTATIONAL MATHEMATICS

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Part 1

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The price of one share of stock in the Pilsdorff Beer Company (see Exercise 8.2.12) is given by Y_n on the n th day of the year. Finn observes that the differences $X_n = Y_{n+1} - Y_n$ appear to be independent random variables with a common distribution having mean $\mu = 0$ and variance $\sigma^2 = 1/4$. If $Y_1 = 100$, estimate the probability that Y_{365} is

$$(a) \geq 100$$

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1-pnorm((100-100)/(0.5*sqrt(365-1)))
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## [1] 0.5
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$$(b) \geq 110$$

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1-pnorm((110-100)/(0.5*sqrt(365-1)))
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## [1] 0.1472537
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$$(c) \geq 120$$

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1-pnorm((120-100)/(0.5*sqrt(365-1)))
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## [1] 0.01801584
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Part 2

Calculate the expected value and variance of the binomial distribution using the moment generating function.

Moment Generating Function

$$g(t) = \sum_{j=0}^n e^{tj} \binom{n}{j} p^j q^{n-j}$$

$$g(t) = \sum_{j=0}^n \binom{n}{j} (pe^t)^j q^{n-j}$$

$$g(t) = (pe^t + q)^n$$

Expected Value

$$\mu = g'(0) = n(p + q)^{n-1}p$$

$$\mu = g'(0) = np$$

$$\mu = np$$

Variance

$$\sigma^2 = n(n-1)p^2 + np - np^2$$

$$\sigma^2 = np(np - p) - np + 1$$

$$\sigma^2 = np(1 - p)$$

The expected value of the binomial distribution using the moment generating function is $\mu = np$ where $t = 0$ and the variance is $\sigma^2 = np(1 - p)$.

Part 3

Calculate the expected value and variance of the exponential distribution using the moment generating function.

Exponential Distribution

$$= f_X(x) - \lambda e^{-\lambda x}$$

Moment Generating Function

$$M_X(t) = \int_0^\infty e^{tx} f_X(x) d(x)$$

$$M_X(t) = g(t) = \int_0^\infty e^{tx} \lambda e^{-\lambda x} d(x)$$

$$g(t) = \frac{(\lambda e^{(t-\lambda)x})}{t - \lambda} \text{ for } t < \lambda$$

$$g(t) = \frac{\lambda}{\lambda - t}$$

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$$g'(t) = \frac{\lambda}{(\lambda - t)^2}$$

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$$g'(t) = \frac{1}{(\lambda)}$$

$$g''(t) = \frac{2\lambda}{(\lambda - t)^3}$$

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The expected value of the exponential distribution using the moment generating function is $\mu = \frac{1}{\lambda}$ and the variance is $\sigma^2 = \frac{1}{\lambda^2}$.