

Lec 8

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② Binomial random variable (n, p) .

Let's say we toss a biased coin with prob of heads being p , n number of times, what is probability that you see a head k # of times

X : # heads.

X takes values in $\mathcal{X} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n\}$

H_i : event that i th toss is a head.
 $P(H_i) = p$, H_1, \dots, H_n are mutually independent.

$\Omega = \{H, T\}^n \rightarrow$ all n -length sequences with values from H, T .

$$\begin{aligned} P(X = k) &= P(\{\omega \in \Omega \mid X(\omega) = k\}) \\ &= \sum_{\omega: \# \text{heads in } \omega = k} P(\{\omega\}). \end{aligned}$$

$\omega = (H \ H \ \dots \ H)$ then

$$\begin{aligned} P(\{\omega\}) &= P(H_1 \cap H_2 \cap \dots \cap H_n) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n P(H_i) = p^n. \end{aligned}$$

Let w be a sequence with exactly k heads.

$$w = (\underbrace{H \dots H}_k \underbrace{T \dots T}_{n-k})$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(\{w\}) &= p^k (1-p)^{n-k} \\ &= P(H_1 \cap \dots \cap H_k \cap H_{k+1}^c \cap \dots \cap H_n^c) \end{aligned}$$

this is true for any w with exactly k heads.

$$P(X=k) = \sum_{w: \# \text{heads is } k} P(\{w\})$$

$$= |\{w: \text{heads as } k\}| p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$$

PMF

$$P(X=k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$$

$$E[X] = \sum_{k=0}^n k \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} a^k b^{n-k} &= (a+b)^n \\ &= (p+(1-p))^n \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^n k \frac{n!}{(n-k)! k!} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$$

$$= np \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{(n-1)!}{(n-k)! (k-1)!} p^{k-1} (1-p)^{n-k}$$

$$= np \sum_{\hat{k}=0}^{n-1} \frac{(n-1)!}{(n-1-\hat{k})! \hat{k}!} p^{\hat{k}} (1-p)^{n-1-\hat{k}}$$

$$= np (p+(1-p))^{n-1}$$

$$= np$$

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

$$E[X^2] - E[X] = \sum_{k=0}^n (k^2 - k) \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$$

$$= \sum_{k=2}^n k(k-1) \frac{n!}{(n-k)! k!} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$$

$$= n(n-1)p^2 \quad (\text{Exercise})$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = \underline{n(n-1)p^2 + np} - \underline{n^2 p^2}$$

$$= np(1-p)$$

③ Poisson Random Variable (λ). Takes values in the

set $\mathcal{X} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$, and the PMF is defined by

$$P_X(k) = P(X=k) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^k}{k!}$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^k}{k!} = e^{-\lambda} \left(1 + \frac{\lambda}{1!} + \frac{\lambda^2}{2!} + \dots \right) = e^{-\lambda} e^{\lambda} = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} E[X] &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} k \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^k}{k!} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^{(k-1)}}{(k-1)!} \lambda \\ &= \lambda \left(\sum_{\hat{k}=0}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^{\hat{k}}}{\hat{k}!} \right) \quad \hat{k} = k-1 \\ &= \lambda \end{aligned}$$

$$= E[X^2] - (E[X])^2$$

compute

$$E[x^2] - E[x] \text{ first.}$$

= 1 (Exercise).

Poisson R.V. approximates Binomial R.V.

Lemma: Let us consider $\lambda = np$ to be a constant and $n \rightarrow \infty$. Then the probability of a Binomial R.V. being equal to k \rightarrow probability of a Poisson R.V. being equal to k . $\xrightarrow{\text{converges}}$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

$$\binom{n}{k} (1-p)^{n-k} p^k \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{\lambda = np} e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!}$$

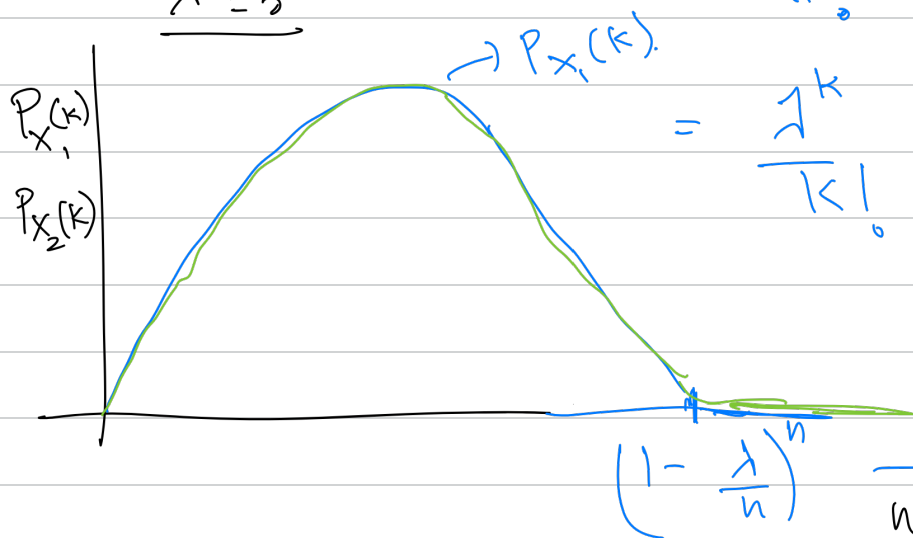
$$\frac{n!}{(n-k)! k!} (1-p)^{n-k} p^k$$

$$= \frac{n(n-1) \dots (n-k+1)}{k!} \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^{n-k} \left(\frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^k$$

$X_1 \sim \text{Binomial}(n, p)$
 $X_2 \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$

$n = 5000, p = 0.001$

$$\lambda = 5$$



$$= \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} \left[\frac{n(n-1) \dots (n-k+1)}{n \cdot n \dots n} \left(\frac{1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}}{1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}} \right)^n \right]$$

$\rightarrow 1$
as $n \rightarrow \infty$

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$$\left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{-\lambda}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^k}{k!}$$

④ Geometric R.V (p) : # times you toss a coin until you see a head.

$$P_X(k) = P(X=k) = (1-p)^{k-1} p.$$

Exercise to find $E[X]$ & $\text{Var}(X)$.

Joint Probability Mass function

$$\begin{aligned} P_{X,Y}(x,y) &= P(\{X=x\} \cap \{Y=y\}) \\ &= P(X=x, Y=y) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} X &: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ Y &: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ (X,Y) &: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\{X=x\} = \{\omega \in \Omega \mid X(\omega) = x\}$$

$$\{Y=y\} = \{\omega \in \Omega \mid Y(\omega) = y\}.$$

Finding PMF of X from joint PMF of (X,Y) .

$$\begin{aligned} P_X(x) &= P(\{X=x\}). \\ &= P(\{X=x\} \cap \Omega). \end{aligned}$$

$$\Omega = \bigcup_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} \underbrace{\{Y=y\}}_{A_y} \rightarrow \text{disjoint sets}$$

A_y and $A_{y'}$ are disjoint

$$= P(\{X=x\} \cap \bigcup_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} \{Y=y\})$$

Demorgan's law \leftarrow

$$= P\left(\bigcup_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} \{X=x\} \cap \{Y=y\}\right)$$

additivity \leftarrow

$$= \sum_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} P(\{X=x\} \cap \{Y=y\})$$

Joint PMF
Satisfies

$$\sum_x \sum_y P_{X,Y}(x,y) = 1$$

$$= \sum_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} P_{X,Y}(x,y).$$

referred to as marginalization.

$$P_Y(y) = \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}_0} P_{X,Y}(x,y).$$

Example: Joint PMF of x, y through a 2D Table

$P_{X,Y}(x,y)$ is
element in
 x th row &
 y th column
in this table

	0	$\frac{1}{20}$	$\frac{1}{20}$	$\frac{1}{20}$	1	$\frac{3}{20}$
	$\frac{1}{20}$	$\frac{2}{20}$	$\frac{3}{20}$	$\frac{1}{20}$	2	$\frac{7}{20}$
	$\frac{1}{20}$	$\frac{3}{20}$	$\frac{2}{20}$	$\frac{1}{20}$	3	$\frac{7}{20}$
	$\frac{1}{20}$	$\frac{1}{20}$	0	$\frac{1}{20}$	4	$\frac{3}{20}$
y	1	2	3	4		
$P_Y(y)$	$\frac{3}{20}$	$\frac{7}{20}$	$\frac{6}{20}$	$\frac{4}{20}$		