

## Random variables

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- 1- Discrete random variables
- 2- Continuous random variables

① we explain first the discrete random variables  
The properties of probability distribution for discrete random variables are

- 1-  $p(x) \geq 0$
- 2-  $\sum p(x) = 1$

The distributions followed this prob. are

A- Uniform distributions.

Defn- A random variable  $X$  has a discrete uniform dist. iff (if and only if) prob. dist. is given by:-

$$p(X; k) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{k}, & x = 1, 2, 3, \dots, k \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

parameter  $\nearrow$

For example:-  $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

$$p(1) = p(2) = p(3) = \dots = p(6) = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$\text{Then } p(X; 6) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{6}, & x = 1, 2, \dots, 6 \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

Example 2: If  $K=10$  then  $X \sim U(K) \Rightarrow X \sim U(10)$

The prob. is  $p(X; 10) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{10} & X=1, 2, 3, \dots, 10 \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$

The Mean of this dist. called Expected of variable  $E(X)$  i.e. named  $\mu$  equal to  $\sum x p(x)$

Then  $E(X) = \mu = \text{mean} = \sum x p(x)$

$$E(X) = \sum_{x=1}^K x \cdot \frac{1}{K} = \frac{\sum_{x=1}^K x}{K}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(X) &= \sigma^2_X = E(X - \mu)^2 = \sum (X - \mu)^2 p(X) \\ &= \sum (X - \mu)^2 \cdot \frac{1}{K} = \frac{\sum_{x=1}^K (X - \mu)^2}{K} \end{aligned}$$

If we apply the  $E(X)$  &  $\text{Var}(X)$  for the example-1-

$$\text{imply } E(X) = \mu = \text{mean} = \sum_{x=1}^6 x p(x)$$

$$= 1 \cdot \frac{1}{6} + 2 \cdot \frac{1}{6} + 3 \cdot \frac{1}{6} + 4 \cdot \frac{1}{6} + 5 \cdot \frac{1}{6} + 6 \cdot \frac{1}{6}$$

$$= 3.5$$

or there is another formula to find  $E(X)$  &  $\text{Var}(X)$

that are  $E(X) = \frac{K+1}{2}$  ,  $\text{Var}(X) = \frac{K^2-1}{12}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{var}(X) = \sigma^2 &= \frac{\sum (X - \mu)^2}{K} = \frac{(1-3.5)^2 + (2-3.5)^2 + \dots + (6-3.5)^2}{6} \\ &= \frac{35}{12} \end{aligned}$$

$$E(x) = \mu = \text{mean} = \frac{K+1}{2} = \frac{6+1}{2} = \frac{7}{2} = 3.5$$

$$V(x) = \sigma^2 = \frac{K^2-1}{12} = \frac{6^2-1}{12} = \frac{36-1}{12} = \frac{35}{12}$$

H.w. Apply the Uniform dist. for this example

Let  $y \sim U(10)$  to find

- 1- The dist. of  $y$
- 2- The mean of  $y$
- 3- The variance of  $y$

B - Bernoulli Distributions:

Def:- A random variable  $X$  has a Bernoulli dist. if and only if its prob. dist. is given by:-

$$P(X; p) = \begin{cases} p^x (1-p)^{1-x} & x=0,1 \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

$p$  = means prob. of pass

$q = 1-p$  = means prob. of fail

To apply  $\sum P(X) = 1$  for this dist. is

$$\sum_{x=0}^1 P(X; p) = \sum_{x=0}^1 p^x (1-p)^{1-x} = (1-p) + p = 1-p+p = 1$$



$$E(x) = \text{mean} = \mu = \sum_{x=1}^n x p(x) = \sum_{x=0}^1 x p^x (1-p)^{1-x}$$

$$= p$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{var}(x) &= \sigma^2_x = E(x - \mu)^2 = E(\tilde{x} - 2x\mu + \mu^2) = E\tilde{x}^2 - 2\mu E\tilde{x} + E\mu^2 \\ &= E\tilde{x}^2 - 2\mu * \mu + E\mu^2 = E\tilde{x}^2 - \mu^2 = \sum_{x=0}^1 x^2 p^x (1-p)^{1-x} - p^2 \\ &= p - p^2 = p(1-p) = pq, \text{ where } 1-p = q \end{aligned}$$

Ex-1.  $x \sim \text{Ber}(p)$  if we have  $p = \frac{1}{2}$  then

$$x \sim \text{Ber}(\frac{1}{2}) \Rightarrow p(x; p) = p^x (1-p)^{1-x} \quad x=0, 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} p(x; \frac{1}{2}) &= (\frac{1}{2})^x (1 - \frac{1}{2})^{1-x} \quad x=0, 1 \\ &= (\frac{1}{2})^x (\frac{1}{2})^{1-x} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Mean} = E(x) = \mu = p = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{variance}(x) = \sigma^2 = \text{var}(x) = pq = (\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2}) = \frac{1}{4}$$

Hw. Find the Ber. dist for  $x \sim \text{Ber}(\frac{1}{3})$

- 1- The dist. of  $x$
- 2- The mean of  $x$
- 3- The  $\text{var}(x)$

### C- Binomial distribution:

A Bernoulli trial can result in success with prob.  $(p)$  and a failure with prob.  $q=1-p$ . Then the prob. dist. of the binomial random variable  $X$ , the number of success in  $n$  independent trials is

$$P_r(X; n, p) = \begin{cases} C_x^n p^x q^{n-x} & x=0, 1, \dots, n \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

Ex: Two coins are tossed

$$p = \{HH, HT, TH, TT\}$$

$$1- p(2H) = \frac{1}{4} = p(HH)$$

$$2- p(2T) = \frac{1}{4} = p(TT)$$

$$3- p(1H) = p(HT+TH) = \frac{1}{2}$$

To prove this example by binomial dist. we see

$$\begin{aligned} 1- p(2H) &= C_2^2 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^0 & x=0, 1, 2, \dots, n & \quad p = \frac{1}{2} \\ &= \frac{2!}{0!2!} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)(1) = \frac{1}{4} & q=1-p=1-\frac{1}{2} & \quad = \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$2- p(2T) = C_2^2 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^0 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{2!}{0!2!} (1) \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$3- p(1H) = C_1^2 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^1 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^1 = 2 \times \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Ex-2 Find the prob. of getting five heads in (12) slips of a balanced coin, using binomial dist.

Sol<sup>n</sup>:  $pr(x; n, p) = C_x^n p^x (1-p)^{n-x} \quad x=0, 1, \dots, 15$

$n=12, x=5, p=\frac{1}{2}=0.5 \quad q=1-p=1-\frac{1}{2}=\frac{1}{2}$

$$pr(5; 12, \frac{1}{2}) = C_5^{12} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^5 (1-p)^{12-5}$$

$$= C_5^{12} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^5 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^7 = \frac{12!}{5! 7!} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^5 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^7$$

if  $x=0$  i.e. no heads then  $= 0.19$

$$p(\text{No heads}) = pr(0; 12, \frac{1}{2}) = C_0^{12} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^0 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{12}$$

$$1 \times 1 \times \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{12} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{12} = \frac{1}{4096} = 0.0002$$

H.w. ① if  $x \sim \text{bin}(20, \frac{1}{5})$  find the prob. dist. of binomial for  $x$

Theorem The mean or  $E(x)$  or  $M$  for Binomial is

$$E(x) = M = \text{mean} = np$$

and  $\text{var}(x) = \sigma^2 x = npq = np(1-p)$

H.w. ② Find the  $E(x)$  and  $\text{var}(x)$  if for the  $y \sim \text{bin}(10, \frac{1}{4})$  and find the dist. of  $y$



## D- poisson distribution:

Def:- A random variable  $X$  has a poisson distribution if and only if prob. dist. is given by:-

$$Pr(X; \lambda) = \begin{cases} \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^x}{x!} & x=0, 1, 2, \dots \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{The mean} = E(X) = M = \lambda$$

$$\text{varian}(X) = \sigma_X^2 = M = \lambda$$

Ex:- The number of cars abandoned weekly on a certain highway has a poisson dist. with  $\lambda = 2.2$  in given week, what is the prob. that.

- 1- No, cars abandoned?
- 2- exactly one car is abandoned?
- 3- at most  $\epsilon$   $\epsilon$   $\epsilon$   $\epsilon$  ?
- 4- at least  $\epsilon$   $\epsilon$   $\epsilon$   $\epsilon$  ?

sol 
$$p(X; \lambda) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^x}{x!}, \quad x=0, 1, 2, \dots$$

- 1-  $p(X=0, \lambda=2.2) = \frac{e^{-2.2} 2.2^0}{0!} = e^{-2.2} = 0.1108$
- 2-  $p(X=1, \lambda=2.2) = \frac{e^{-2.2} 2.2^1}{1!} = (2.2)(e^{-2.2}) = 0.2438$
- 3-  $p(X \leq 1, \lambda=2.2) = p(X=1) + p(X=0)$   
 $= 0.2438 + 0.1108 = 0.3546$
- 4-  $p(X \geq 1) = p(X=1) + p(X=2) + \dots$   
 $= 1 - p(X < 1) = 1 - p(X=0) = 1 - 0.1108 = 0.8892$

$$\text{Mean} = E(X) = M = \lambda = 2.2$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = \sigma_x^2 = M = \lambda = 2.2$$

H.w. if  $X \sim \text{Poi}(\lambda)$ , Find the

- 1- Dist. of  $X$
- 2- The mean of  $X$
- 3- The variance of  $X$

Ex Geometric distribution:

Def:- A random variable  $X$  has a geometric dist. and it is referred to as a geometric random variable, if and only if its prob. dist. is given by

$$G(X; \theta) = \theta(1-\theta)^{X-1} \quad X=1, 2, \dots$$

Ex:- In a certain manufacturing process it is known that in the average for every 100 items is defective. What is the prob. that the fifth item expected is the first defective item found.

Sol<sup>n</sup> Using by geometric dist. with  $X=5$

$$g(5, 0.01) = (0.01)(0.99)^{5-1} \quad \theta = \frac{1}{100} = 0.01$$

$$= 0.0096$$

Theorem The mean and variance of the random variables of the geometric dist. are.



$$\mu = \text{mean} = E(X) = \frac{1}{p}$$

$$\text{var}(X) = \sigma_X^2 = \frac{1-p}{p^2} = \frac{q}{p^2}$$

$$\text{or } f(X; p) = p(1-p)^X \quad X=0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$= p q^X \quad \text{where } q=1-p$$

$$\text{Then } X \sim G(0)$$

$$\text{or } X \sim G(p)$$

Ex  $X \sim G(0.4)$ , find the list of  $X$

= mean of  $X$

= var of  $X$

$$1- f(X; p) = p(1-p)^{X-1}$$

$$= 0.4(0.6)^{X-1} \quad X=1, 2, \dots$$

$$2- \text{Mean} = E(X) = \mu = \frac{1}{p} = \frac{1}{0.4} = 2.5$$

$$3- \text{Variance} = \sigma_X^2 = \frac{q}{p^2} = \frac{0.6}{(0.4)^2} = 3.75$$