

Lecture 9 @ unit I

⑧ Poisson Distribution:- A Random Variable 'X' is said to be a poisson random variable with parameter λ if 'X' takes the values $0, 1, 2, \dots, \infty$ with pdf.

$$P_X(X=k) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^k}{k!}, \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \infty$$

$$\text{or } P_X(n) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^n}{n!}, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \infty$$

$$\Rightarrow P_k = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^k}{k!}$$

$$\Rightarrow P_{k-1} = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^{k-1}}{(k-1)!}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{P_{k-1}}{P_k} = \frac{\frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^{k-1}}{(k-1)!}}{\frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^k}{k!}} = \frac{k}{\lambda}$$

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\Rightarrow Poisson Distribution is closely connected to the poisson binomial distribution.

\Rightarrow Poisson Distribution gives, the number of occurrences of a rare event in a large no. of trials.

Ex: (i). the number of telephone calls in an exchange over a fixed duration.

(ii) the number of winning tickets among those purchased in a large lottery

(iii) Number of printing errors in a book

\Rightarrow For all the above example enumerated outcomes is a rare one. the probability distribution of the number of such events is given by poisson distribution.

Mean and Variance of Poisson distribution!

① Mean: we know that

$$\mu = E[X] = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n \cdot P_X(n)$$

$$= \mu = E[X] = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n \cdot \frac{d^n e^{-d}}{n!}$$

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

$$= \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{d^n}{(n-1)!} \right\} e^{-d}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu = \bar{x} = \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \frac{p^{n-1}}{(1-p)^n}$$

$$= \bar{x} \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \frac{p^{n-1}}{(1-p)^n}$$

$$= \bar{x} \cdot p \cdot \bar{x}$$

$$\boxed{\mu = p}$$

(ii) Variance: σ^2

$$E[n(n-1)] = \sum_x n(n-1) P_x(n)$$

$$= \sum_x \frac{n(n-1) p^n e^{-p}}{n!}$$

$$= \sum_x \frac{n(n-1) p^n e^{-p}}{n(n-1)(n-2)!}$$

$$= p^2 e^{-p} \sum_x \frac{p^{n-2}}{(n-2)!}$$

$$= p^2 e^{-p} \times e^p$$

$$\boxed{E[n(n-1)] = p^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow E[X] = E[X(X-1)] + E[X]$$

$$= p^2 + p$$

$$= (1+p)p$$

Since

$$\sigma_n^2 = E[x^2] - \{E[x]\}^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma_n^2 = d^2 + d - 1/2$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\sigma_n^2 = d}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{SD = \sqrt{\sigma_n^2} = \sqrt{d}}$$

\Rightarrow Characteristic Function! The characteristic function of a random variable 'X' is given by:

$$\phi_n(\omega) = E[e^{j\omega n}]$$

or

$$\phi_n(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{j\omega n} f_X(n) dn$$

$$\text{where } j = \sqrt{-1} \text{ and } -\infty < \omega < \infty$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{f_X(n) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi_n(\omega) e^{-j\omega n} d\omega}$$

\Rightarrow Also n^{th} moment of 'X' of $\phi_n(\omega)$ is given by:

$$\boxed{M_n = (-j)^n \left. \frac{d^n \phi_n(\omega)}{d\omega^n} \right|_{\omega=0}}$$

Example! Calculate characteristic function and first moment of exponential density function.

Solution! we know that

$$\phi_X(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty}$$