

# Discrete random variable

Ex:  $S = \{HH, HT, TH, TT\}$

$x = \text{no. of H} \Rightarrow x = \{0, 1, 2\}$

$$P(x=2) = 1/4, P(x=1) = 1/2$$

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HH

↓  
HT, TH

Random variable  
is a function  
that maps number  
for sample space.

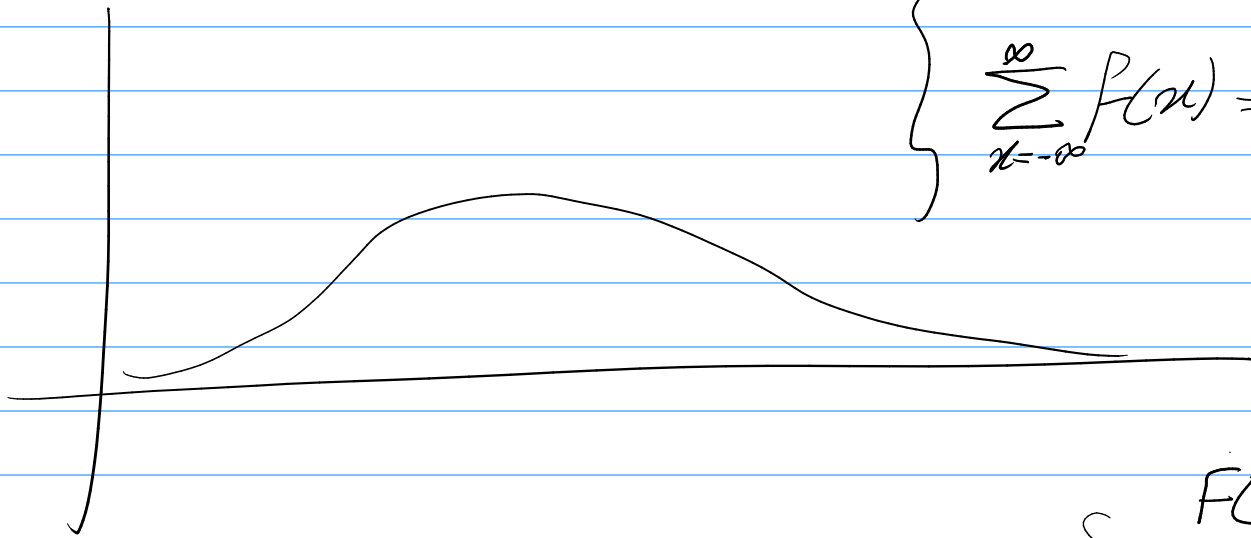
Discrete means  
countable.

PMF:  $(x, f(x))$

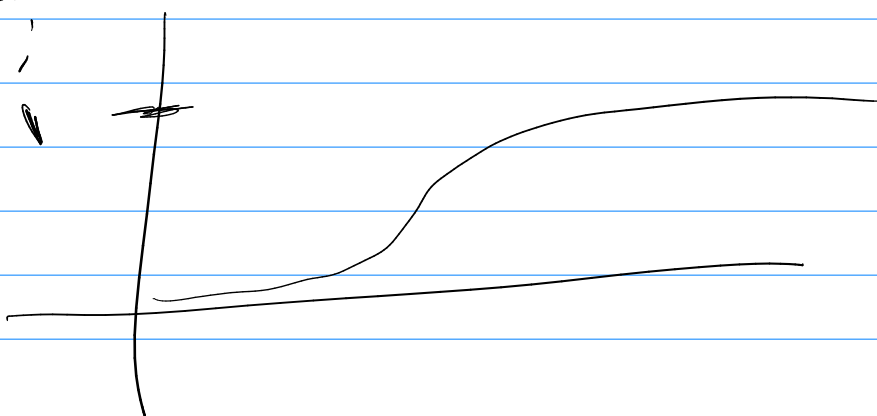
$$f(x) = P\{X=x\}$$

$$f(x) \geq 0$$

$$\sum_{x=-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) = 1$$



CDF:



$$F(x) = \sum_{t \leq x} f(t)$$

$$F(\infty) = 1$$

$$F(-\infty) = 0$$

$$F(x) \leq F(x+\epsilon)$$

$$f(x) = \Delta F(x) = F(x+\varepsilon) - F(x)$$

$$\text{Mean: } \mu = \sum x f(x) \\ E[X]$$

$$\text{Variance: } \sigma^2 = \sum (x-\mu)^2 f(x)$$

Continuous Random Variable:

$$\text{PDF: } P(a < X \leq b) = \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

$$\text{CDF: } P(X \leq x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(t) dt \\ = F(x)$$

Moment Generating Function:

$$M(t) = E\{e^{tx}\}$$

# Common Discrete Probability Distributions

## Bernoulli Trials:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} p & x=1 \\ 1-p=q & x=0 \end{cases}$$

$$\mu = p$$

$$\sigma^2 = pq$$

$$\mu = E[e^{tx}] = \sum e^{tx} f(x) = pe^t + q$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mu \Big|_{t=0} = pe^0 = p, \quad \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \mu \Big|_{t=0} = 0$$

$$\sigma^2 = p - p^2 = p(1-p) = pq \quad QED$$

## Binomial Experiment

- Independent / linear.

- Each trial should be Bernoulli trials

-  $n$  trials has the same  $p, q$

$$f(x) = \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x}$$

$$\mu = np$$

$$\sigma^2 = npq$$

$$\mu = E[e^{tx}] = E[e^{t(x_1+x_2+\dots+x_n)}]$$

$$= E[e^{tx_1}] E[e^{tx_2}] \dots$$

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

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial \mu}{\partial t} \Big|_{t=0} = np = \mu$$

# Geometric Exp.

= Bin. Exp. but with success.

$$f(x) = p(1-p)^{x-1}, \quad \mu = 1/p, \quad \sigma^2 = q/p^2$$

$$\mu = \sum e^{xt} f(x) = e^{xt} p q^{x-1} = \frac{p}{1-p} \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} q^x e^{xt} = \frac{p}{1-p} \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} (q e^t)^x$$

$$= \frac{p}{1-p} \left( \frac{1}{1-qe^t} - 1 \right)$$

$$= \frac{p}{1-p} \frac{qe^t}{1-qe^t} = \frac{pe^t}{1-qe^t}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mu = \frac{pe^t(1-qe^t) - pe^t(qe^t)}{(1-qe^t)^2}$$

$$\Big|_{t=0} = \frac{p(1-q) + pq}{(1-q)^2} = \frac{p-q+p}{(1-q)^2} = \frac{p}{(1-q)} = \frac{1}{1-q} = \frac{1}{p}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \mu}{\partial t^2} \Big|_{t=0} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \frac{pe^t - pqe^{2t} + pqe^{2t}}{(1-qe^t)^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \frac{pe^t}{(1-qe^t)^2}$$

$$= \frac{pe^t(1-qe^t)^2 + 2pe^tqe^t(1-qe^t)}{(1-qe^t)^4} = \frac{pe^t - 2pqe^{2t} + pq^2e^{2t} + 2pqe^{2t}}{(1-qe^t)^4} - 2pq^2e^{2t}$$

$$= \frac{pe^t - pq^2e^{2t}}{(1-qe^t)^4} = \frac{p - pq^2}{(1-q)^4} = \frac{p(1-q^2)}{(1-q)^4} = \frac{p(1-(1-p)^2)}{(1-p)^4}$$

$$= \frac{p^2(2-p)}{p^4} = \frac{2-p}{p^2} \Rightarrow \sigma^2 = \frac{2-p}{p^2} - \frac{1}{p^2} = \frac{1-p}{p^2} = \frac{q}{p^2}$$

Sum of Geometric Series Formula

$$S_n = a + ar + \dots + ar^{n-1}$$

$$rS_n = ar + ar^2 + \dots + ar^n$$

$$S_n - rS_n = a + ar^{n-1} \Rightarrow S_n = \frac{a(1+r^n)}{1-r}$$

$$S_{\infty} = \frac{a}{1-r} ; |r| < 1$$

## Poisson Exp.

$$f(x) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^x}{x!}, \quad \mu = \lambda, \quad \sigma^2 = \lambda$$

$$\mu = \sum \frac{e^{xt} e^{-\lambda} \lambda^x}{x!} = e^{-\lambda} \boxed{\sum (e^t \lambda)^x / x!} = e^{-\lambda} e^{\lambda e^t} = e^{\lambda(e^t - 1)}$$

Taylor Series of  $e^x$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mu|_{t=0} = \lambda e^t e^{\lambda(e^t - 1)} = \lambda$$

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \mu|_{t=0} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \lambda e^t e^{\lambda(e^t - 1)} = \lambda e^t e^{\lambda(e^t - 1)} + \lambda^2 e^{2t} e^{\lambda(e^t - 1)} = \lambda + \lambda^2$$

$$\sigma^2 = \lambda + \lambda^2 - \lambda^2 = \lambda$$

## Continuous Uniform Distribution.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1/(B-A), & [A, B] \\ 0, & \text{or} \end{cases}$$

$$\mu = \frac{A+B}{2}, \quad \sigma^2 = \frac{(B-A)^2}{12}$$

$$\mu = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{xt} \frac{dx}{B-A} = \frac{1}{B-A} \int_A^B e^{xt} dx = \left[ \frac{e^{xt}}{t} \right]_A^B = \frac{e^{Bt} - e^{At}}{t(B-A)}$$

# Continuous Exponential Distribution

Time until first Poisson event.  $T < t \Rightarrow 1 - e^{-\lambda t}$

$$f(n) = e^{-\lambda t} (\lambda t)^n / n! \quad \text{let } n = \quad F(t) := \text{CDF}$$

$$P(T \geq t) = P(X=0) = e^{-\lambda t}, \quad P(T \leq t) = 1 - e^{-\lambda t}$$

$$PDF = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (1 - e^{-\lambda t}) = \lambda e^{-\lambda t} \Rightarrow f(t) = \lambda e^{-\lambda t}$$

$$\int_0^{\infty} f(t) dt = [-e^{-\lambda t}]_0^{\infty} = 1$$

$$\mu = E[t] = \int_0^{\infty} t \lambda e^{-\lambda t} dt = \lambda \int_0^{\infty} t e^{-\lambda t} dt$$

$$= -\frac{t}{\lambda} e^{-\lambda t} - \frac{e^{-\lambda t}}{\lambda^2} \Big|_0^{\infty}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\lambda}$$

	D	I
+	t	$e^{-\lambda t}$
-	1	$e^{-\lambda t} / \lambda$
+	0	$e^{-\lambda t} / \lambda^2$

$$E[t^2] = \int_0^{\infty} \lambda t^2 e^{-\lambda t} dt =$$

$$= \left[ -t^2 e^{-\lambda t} - \frac{2t e^{-\lambda t}}{\lambda} - \frac{2e^{-\lambda t}}{\lambda^2} \right]_0^{\infty}$$

$$= \frac{2}{\lambda^2}$$

	D	I
+	t <sup>2</sup>	$e^{-\lambda t}$
-	2t	$-e^{-\lambda t} / \lambda$
+	2	$e^{-\lambda t} / \lambda^2$
-	0	$-e^{-\lambda t} / \lambda^3$

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{2}{\lambda^2} - \frac{1}{\lambda^2} = \frac{1}{\lambda^2}$$

$$M(k) = E[e^{tk}] = \int_0^{\infty} \lambda e^{tk} e^{-\lambda t} dt = \lambda \int_0^{\infty} e^{t(k-\lambda)} dt = \frac{\lambda}{k-\lambda} e^{t(k-\lambda)} \Big|_0^{\infty}$$

$$k < \lambda \Rightarrow k - \lambda < 0 \Rightarrow \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} e^{t(k-\lambda)} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\lambda}{k-\lambda} e^{t(k-\lambda)} \Big|_0^{\infty} = -\frac{\lambda}{k-\lambda} = \frac{\lambda}{\lambda-k}$$

### Example

In a large corporate computer network, user log-ons to the system can be modeled as a Poisson process with a mean of  $\mu = 30$  log-ons per hour.

$$\lambda = \frac{\mu}{t} = \frac{1}{2}$$

- 1 What is the probability that there are no log-ons in an interval of 6 minutes?  $P(X=0) \Big|_{t=6} = e^{-\lambda t} = e^{-3}$
- 2 What is the probability that there are five log-ons in an interval of 6 minutes?  $P(X=5) \Big|_{t=6} = e^{-\lambda t} (\lambda t)^5 / 5! = \frac{81}{40} e^{-3} = 0.1008$
- 3 What is the probability that the time until the next log-on is between 2 and 3 minutes?  $P(X=0 | 2 < T < 3) = e^{-\lambda \cdot 2} - e^{-\lambda \cdot 3} = 0.1447$
- 4 Determine the interval of time such that the probability that no log-on occurs in this interval is 0.9.
- 5 If no log-ons occurred during the last 10 minutes, what is the probability that next log-on occurs within the coming 3 minutes?

$$4) P(X=0 | T \geq t') = 0.9$$

$$1 - (1 - e^{-\lambda t'}) = 0.9 \Rightarrow t' = -\ln 0.9 / \lambda = -2 \ln 0.9 = 0.2107$$

$$5) P(X=0 | T_1 < 10, T_2 > 3) =$$





