

Sum of independent random variables

If  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  are independent rvs with mfgs  $M_{x_1}(t), \dots, M_{x_n}(t)$ , then the mfg of  $X = x_1 + \dots + x_n$  is

$$M_X(t) = M_{x_1}(t) + \dots + M_{x_n}(t)$$

1) Sum of 2 independent ~~random~~ normal random variable is a normal random variable

Proof

$$\text{let } x_1 \sim N(\mu_1, \sigma_1)$$

$$x_2 \sim N(\mu_2, \sigma_2)$$

$$\text{let } X = x_1 + x_2$$

$$M_X(t) = M_{x_1}(t) \cdot M_{x_2}(t)$$

$$= e^{\mu_1 t + \frac{\sigma_1^2 t^2}{2}} \cdot e^{\mu_2 t + \frac{\sigma_2^2 t^2}{2}}$$

$$= e^{(\mu_1 + \mu_2)t + \frac{(\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2)t^2}{2}}$$

$x$  is normal with mean  $\mu_1 + \mu_2$

& variance  $\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Normal of mfg} \\ M_X(t) = e^{\mu t + \frac{\sigma^2 t^2}{2}} \end{array}$$

This is in the form of Normal of mfg



2) If  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  are <sup>independent</sup> binomial random variables with parameters  $(n_1, p), \dots, (n_k, p)$

then  $x_1 + \dots + x_n$  is binomial with parameters  $(n_1 + \dots + n_k, p)$

(Because  $p$  is a common parameter for all  $x_i$ )

Proof:

$$\text{mgf of } x = x_1 + \dots + x_n$$

mgf of Binomial

$$M_x(t) = (q + pe^t)^{n_1} \times \dots \times (q + pe^t)^{n_k} = (q + pe^t)^n$$

$$= (q + pe^t)^{n_1 + \dots + n_k}$$

3) If  $x_1, \dots, x_k$  are independent poisson random variables with parameters  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k$  then  $x_1 + \dots + x_k$  is a poisson random variable with mean  $\lambda_1 + \dots + \lambda_k$

Proof:

$$M_x(t) = e^{\lambda_1(e^t - 1)} \times \dots \times e^{\lambda_k(e^t - 1)}$$

$$= e^{(\lambda_1 + \dots + \lambda_k)(e^t - 1)}$$

$\lambda$  vals

mgf of poisson  
 $e^{\lambda(e^t - 1)}$

## ERLONG / GAMMA distribution.

ERLONG distribution

Generalization of expo distribution

While expo distribution describes the time b/w successive events, the k Erlong random variable describes the time b/w any and the kth occurrence of the event.

exponential  $x$  : Time for the next arrival  
(Time b/w one arrival & next arrival)

exponential distrib<sup>n</sup>  
describes the  
time b/w successive  
events



Erlong  $\gamma$  : Time for the  $k^{\text{th}}$  arrival

eg:

time for 4<sup>th</sup> arrival.

$\gamma$  : 4 Erlong.

Pdf

$$f(x) = \frac{\lambda e^{-\lambda x} (\lambda x)^{k-1}}{\Gamma(k)}, \quad x \geq 0$$

parameters  $\lambda$  &  $k$

When  $k=1 \rightarrow$  Erlong distribution reduces to exponential distribution with parameter  $\lambda$

Bees,

$\gamma = 1$  Erlong = exponential distribution

Mean & variance.

Mean  $E(x) = \frac{k}{\lambda}$

$\text{var}(x) = \frac{k}{\lambda^2}$

Erlong is for  $k^{\text{th}}$  arrival.

expo is for 1<sup>st</sup> arrival.

For expo distribution

$$E(x) = \frac{1}{\lambda}$$

$$\text{var}(x) = \frac{1}{\lambda^2}$$

The generalized form of Erlang dis. is called **gamma distribution**



For any real number  $r$ , a continuous r.v.,  $x$  follows gamma distribution is its pdf is given by

pdf

$$f(x) = \frac{\lambda e^{-\lambda x} (\lambda x)^{r-1}}{\Gamma(r)}, \quad x \geq 0$$

$x \sim \text{Gamma}(r, \lambda)$

Mean  $E(x) = r/\lambda$

Variance  $= r/\lambda^2$

Sum of ~~exponential~~ exponential r.v is Erlang r.v

mgf of Exponential r.v  $= \frac{\lambda}{\lambda - t}$

mgf of  $r$ -Erlang  $= \left( \frac{\lambda}{\lambda - t} \right)^r$

To find mgf of  $r$ -Erlang distribution.

pdf of  $r$ -Erlang

$$f(x) = \frac{\lambda e^{-\lambda x} (\lambda x)^{r-1}}{\Gamma(r)}, \quad x \geq 0$$

mgf  $M_x(t) = E(e^{tx})$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} e^{tx} \cdot \frac{\lambda e^{-\lambda x} (\lambda x)^{r-1}}{\Gamma(r)} dx$$



$$= \frac{\lambda^r}{\Gamma(r)} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-(\lambda-t)x} x^{r-1} dx$$

$$= \frac{\lambda^r}{\Gamma(r)} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(r)}{(\lambda-t)^r}$$

WKT

$$\int_0^{\infty} e^{-ax} x^{n-1} dx = \frac{\Gamma(n)}{a^n}$$

$$= \left( \frac{\lambda}{\lambda-t} \right)^r$$

Sum of  $r$  exponential r.v with parameter  $\lambda$   
 is  $r$ -Erlang r.v with parameter  $r$  and  $\lambda$

$$X = X_1 + \dots + X_r$$

Proof:

$$M_X(t) = M_{X_1}(t) \cdot \dots \cdot M_{X_r}(t)$$

$$= \left( \frac{\lambda}{\lambda-t} \right) \times \dots \times \left( \frac{\lambda}{\lambda-t} \right)$$

$$= \left( \frac{\lambda}{\lambda-t} \right)^r$$

$$\text{Mgf of } r\text{-Erlang} = \left( \frac{\lambda}{\lambda-t} \right)^r$$



## Joint probability distribution

When ~~an~~ 2 or more random variable defined on the ~~joint~~ same sample space.

consider,

$x \rightarrow$  height of a student

$y \rightarrow$  weight of the same student.

$f_{xy}(x, y) \rightarrow$  joint pdf

WKT

$$F(x) = P[X \leq x]$$

$P_{xy}(x, y) = P[X = x, Y = y] \rightarrow$  joint pmf

$F_{xy}(x, y) = P[X \leq x, Y \leq y] \rightarrow$  joint cdf.

The individual random variable.

The individual prob distri of  $x$  &  $y$  are called marginal distributions denoted by  $f_x(x), f_y(y)$

Marginal distributions of  $x$  and  $y$

Let  $P_{xy}(x, y)$  be the joint prob of  $x$  and  $y$ , then marginal distribution of  $x$

$$P_x(x) = \sum_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} P_{xy}(x, y)$$

$$P_y(y) = \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} P_{xy}(x, y)$$



Eg:

2 dice are rolled. Let  $x$  denotes max of the 2 throws,  $y$  denotes the no. of times an even no. appears. Find the joint pmf of  $x$  and  $y$ . Also find the marginal distribution of  $x$  &  $y$ .

$$y = \{0, 1, 2\}$$

$$x = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$$

$$X = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$$

$x \backslash y$		0	1	2	Pdf	$(x, y)$
(1,1)	1	$\frac{1}{36}$	0	0	$\frac{1}{36}$ $P_x(1)$	
(1,2) (2,1) (2,2)	2	0	$\frac{2}{36}$	$\frac{1}{36}$	$\frac{3}{36}$ $P_x(2)$	$x \Rightarrow$ max of 2 throws $y \Rightarrow$ no. of times an even no. appears
(3,1) (3,2) (1,3) (2,2) (2,3)	3	$\frac{3}{36}$	$\frac{2}{36}$	0	$\frac{5}{36}$ $P_x(3)$	
(4,1) (1,4) (1,4) (2,4) (2,4) (2,2) (2,2)	4	0	$\frac{4}{36}$	$\frac{3}{36}$	$\frac{7}{36}$ $P_x(4)$	
	5	$\frac{5}{36}$	$\frac{4}{36}$	0	$\frac{9}{36}$ $P_x(5)$	
1,	6	0	$\frac{6}{36}$	$\frac{5}{36}$	$\frac{11}{36}$ $P_x(6)$	
		$\frac{9}{36}$ $P_y(0)$	$\frac{15}{36}$ $P_y(1)$	$\frac{9}{36}$ $P_y(2)$	1	

This is the joint pmf of  $x, y$ .

pdf here is the marginal probability distribution of  $x$

$P_y(0), P_y(1), P_y(2)$  is the marginal distribution of  $y$



Marginal distribution of  $x$

$x$	1	2	3	4	5	6
$P_x(x)$	$\frac{1}{36}$	$\frac{3}{36}$	$\frac{5}{36}$	$\frac{7}{36}$	$\frac{9}{36}$	$\frac{11}{36}$

Marginal distribution of  $y$

$y$	0	1	2
$P_y(y)$	$\frac{9}{36}$	$\frac{18}{36}$	$\frac{9}{36}$

Properties of joint pmf/pdf.

Pmf

$$\rightarrow P_{xy}(x, y) \geq 0$$

$$\rightarrow \sum_{x \in S} \sum_{y \in T} P_{xy}(x, y) = 1$$

pdf

$$\rightarrow f_{xy}(x, y) \geq 0$$

$$\rightarrow \int \int f_{xy}(x, y) dy dx = 1$$

If  $f_{xy}(x, y)$  is the joint pdf of  $x$  &  $y$  then

$$\text{marginal distribution of } x : f_x(x) = \int f(x, y) dy$$

$$\text{marginal distribution of } y : f_y(y) = \int f(x, y) dx$$

Note

If  $x$  &  $y$  are independent rv

$$f(x, y) = f_x(x) f_y(y)$$



Conditional probability

Conditional distribution of  $Y$  given  $X = x$

For 2 events  $A, B$

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}, \quad P(B) \neq 0$$

For 2 random variable  $X$  &  $Y$  with joint pmf/pdf  $f(x, y)$ , the conditional distribution of  $Y$  given  $X = x$  is given by

$$f_{Y|X=x}(y|x) = \frac{f(x, y)}{f_X(x)}, \quad f_X(x) \neq 0$$

function of  $y$

Conditional expectation & variance

The conditional expectation of  $Y$  given  $X = x$  is

given by

if  $X$  &  $Y$  are discrete

$$E[Y|X=x] = \sum_{y \in Y} y \cdot f_{Y|X}(y|x)$$

value  
sum of the  
random variable  
and conditional  
probability

if  $X$  &  $Y$  are continuous

$$E[Y|X=x] = \int y f_{Y|X}(y|x) dy$$