

# Problem sheet 2

1) Bernoulli distribution

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

$$g_x(p, q) := \binom{n}{x} p^x q^{n-x}$$

$$x g_x(p, q) = p \frac{\partial}{\partial p} g_x(p, q)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \langle x \rangle &= \sum_{x=0}^n x g_x(p, q) \Big|_{q=1-p} = \sum_{x=0}^n p \frac{\partial}{\partial p} g_x(p, q) \Big|_{q=1-p} = p \frac{\partial}{\partial p} (p+q)^n \Big|_{q=1-p} \\ &= p n (p+q)^{n-1} \Big|_{q=1-p} = p n. \end{aligned}$$

$$x(x-1) g_x(p, q) = p^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial p^2} g_x(p, q)$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle x(x-1) \rangle = \langle x^2 - x \rangle = p^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial p^2} (p+q)^n \Big|_{q=1-p} = p^2 n(n-1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle x^2 \rangle = p^2 n(n-1) + \langle x \rangle = p^2 n^2 - p^2 n + p n$$

$$x(x-1)(x-2) g_x(p, q) = p^3 \frac{\partial^3}{\partial p^3} g_x(p, q)$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle x(x-1)(x-2) \rangle = \langle x^3 - 3x^2 + 2x \rangle = p^3 \frac{\partial^3}{\partial p^3} (p+q)^n \Big|_{q=1-p} = p^3 n(n-1)(n-2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle x^3 \rangle = p^3 n(n-1)(n-2) + 3\langle x^2 \rangle - 2\langle x \rangle$$

$$= p^3 n^3 - 3p^3 n^2 + 2p^3 n + 3p^2 n^2 - 3p^2 n + p n$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle (x - \langle x \rangle)^3 \rangle &= \langle x^3 - 3x^2 \langle x \rangle + 3x \langle x \rangle^2 - \langle x \rangle^3 \rangle = \langle x^3 \rangle - 3\langle x^2 \rangle \langle x \rangle + 2\langle x \rangle^3 = \\ &= 2p^3 n - 3p^2 n + p n = p n (1-p)(1-2p) \end{aligned}$$

$$\langle (x - \langle x \rangle)^2 \rangle = \langle x^2 \rangle - \langle x \rangle^2 = p n (1-p)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\langle (x - \langle x \rangle)^3 \rangle}{\langle (x - \langle x \rangle)^2 \rangle^{\frac{3}{2}}} = \frac{p n (1-p)(1-2p)}{(p n)^{\frac{3}{2}} (1-p)^{\frac{3}{2}}} = \frac{1-2p}{(p n)^{\frac{1}{2}} (1-p)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$$

2) Moments

$$\varphi(t) = \sum_n \langle x^n \rangle \frac{(it)^n}{n!}$$

a)  $c \sum_n \frac{(it)^n}{n!} = c \exp(it)$  always converge

b)  $\sum_n n! \frac{(it)^n}{n!} = \sum_n (it)^n$

$$\left| \frac{(it)^{n+1}}{(it)^n} \right| = |it| = |t| \rightarrow \text{the series converges for } |t| < 1$$

c)  $\sum_n c^n n! \frac{(it)^n}{n!} = \sum_n c^n (it)^n$

$$\left| \frac{(ict)^{n+1}}{(ict)^n} \right| = |ict| = |ct| \rightarrow \text{the series converges for } |ct| < 1$$

### 3) Moments of the exponential distribution

$$p(x) = e^{-x}, \quad 0 \leq x < \infty$$

$$\langle x \rangle = \int_0^{\infty} dx \, x e^{-x} = -e^{-x} x \Big|_0^{\infty} + \int_0^{\infty} e^{-x} dx$$

$$= -e^{-x} \Big|_0^{\infty} = 1 = 1! \rightarrow \text{so } \langle x^n \rangle = n! \text{ is true for } n=1.$$

Assuming that  $\langle x^n \rangle = n!$  is true for unspecified  $n$ :

$$\langle x^{n+1} \rangle = \int_0^{\infty} dx \, x^{n+1} e^{-x} = -e^{-x} x^{n+1} + (n+1) \int_0^{\infty} e^{-x} x^n =$$

$$= (n+1)! \rightarrow \text{so if } \langle x^n \rangle = n! \text{ is true for unspecified } n, \text{ it is also true for } n+1.$$

$\Rightarrow$  Induction is complete,  $\langle x^n \rangle = n!$ .

$$m(t) = \frac{1}{1-t}$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle x^n \rangle = \left. \frac{\partial^n m}{\partial t^n} \right|_{t=0} = \left. \frac{\partial^{n-1}}{\partial t^{n-1}} \left( \frac{1}{(1-t)^2} \right) \right|_{t=0} = \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right)^{n-2} \frac{2}{(1-t)^3} \Big|_{t=0} =$$

$$= \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right)^{n-1} \frac{i!}{(1-t)^{i+1}} \Big|_{t=0} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \frac{(n-1)!}{(1-t)^n} \Big|_{t=0} = \frac{n!}{(1-t)^{n+1}} \Big|_{t=0} = n!$$

#### 4) Cumulants and moments

$$\phi(t) = \sum_n \langle X^n \rangle \frac{(it)^n}{n!}, \quad K(t) = \sum_n K_n \frac{(it)^n}{n!}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \phi &= \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \exp(K(t)) = \exp(K) \left( \frac{\partial K}{\partial t} \right) = \phi \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \sum_n K_n \frac{(it)^n}{n!} \right) = \\ &= \phi(t) \sum_n K_n n i^n \frac{t^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} = \phi(t) \sum_n K_n \frac{n}{t} \frac{(it)^n}{n!} = \\ &= \sum_m \langle X^m \rangle \frac{(it)^m}{m!} \sum_n K_n \frac{n}{t} \frac{(it)^n}{n!} \quad (2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \phi = \sum_n \langle X^n \rangle \frac{n}{t} \frac{(it)^n}{n!} = \sum_n \langle X^n \rangle \frac{i^n t^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} \quad (1)$$

So, equating (1) and (2)

$$\rightarrow \sum_n \langle X^n \rangle \frac{i^n t^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} = \sum_{m, l} \frac{\langle X^m \rangle (it)^{m+l-1}}{m! (l-1)!} K_l$$

Redefine  $m+l-1 = n-1 \rightarrow m+l = n$

$\rightarrow$  For fixed  $n$ :

$$\frac{\langle X^n \rangle}{(n-1)!} i^n = \sum_{m \leq n} \langle X^m \rangle i^m K_{n-m} \frac{1}{m! (n-m-1)!}$$

$$\rightarrow \boxed{\langle X^n \rangle = \sum_{m \leq n} \langle X^m \rangle K_{n-m} \binom{n}{m} \frac{n-m}{n}}$$