

EE 325 Group 13 - Assignment 3

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1 Question 1

$F(x)$ is a valid distribution. Which of the following functions of $F(x)$ are also valid distributions. Provide a proof for your claim.

SOLUTION :

Since, $F(x)$ is a cumulative distribution function(cdf), it will have the following properties:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} F(x) = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} F(x) = 1 \quad (2)$$

$F(x)$ is a non-decreasing function in the domain of x i.e.

$$\frac{d}{dx}(F(x)) \geq 0 \quad (3)$$

(a) $aF(x) + (1 - a)F(x)$ where $0 \leq a \leq 1$.

Let us denote this distribution function as $F_1(x)$

$$\begin{aligned} F_1(x) &= aF(x) + (1 - a)F(x) \\ &= F(x) \text{ irrespective of 'a' } \end{aligned}$$

This function is the same as the initial function. Hence, it's a valid distribution by default.

(b) $F_1(X) = (F(x))^r$

This function has to satisfy the properties of a *cdf* to be a valid distribution.

For $r = 0$, $F_1(x) = 1 \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$. This doesn't satisfy $F'(-\infty) = 0$. So, we'll check for $r \neq 0$.

If $r < 0$:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} F_1(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} (F(x))^r \\ &= \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} F(x) \right)^r \\ &= (0)^r \\ &\Rightarrow \text{not defined} \end{aligned}$$

If $r > 0$:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} F_1(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} (F(x))^r \\
 &= \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} F(x) \right)^r \\
 &= 0 \\
 \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} F_1(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (F(x))^r \\
 &= \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} F(x) \right)^r \\
 &= (1)^r \\
 &= 1 \\
 \frac{d}{dx}(F_1(x)) &= \frac{d}{dx}(F(x))^r \\
 &= r(F(x))^{r-1} \frac{d}{dx}(F(x)) \\
 &\geq 0
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $F_1(x)$ is a valid distribution for $r > 0$.

We'll check the validity of the remaining two functions in a similar way.

(c) $F_1(x) = 1 - (1 - F(x))^r$

Again, $r = 0 \Rightarrow F_1(x) = 1$, not a distribution function.

If $r < 0$:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} F_1(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (1 - (1 - F(x))^r) \\
 &= 1 - \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (1 - F(x))^r \right) \\
 &= 1 - (1 - 1)^r \\
 &= 1 - (0)^r \\
 &\Rightarrow \text{not defined}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} F_1(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} (1 - (1 - F(x))^r) \\
&= 1 - \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} (1 - F(x)) \right)^r \\
&= 1 - (1 - 0)^r \\
&= 0 \\
\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} F_1(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (1 - (1 - F(x))^r) \\
&= 1 - \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (1 - F(x)) \right)^r \\
&= 1 - (1 - 1)^r \\
&= 1 \\
\frac{d}{dx}(F_1(x)) &= \frac{d}{dx}(1 - (1 - F(x))^r) \\
&= r(1 - F(x))^{r-1} \frac{d}{dx}(F(x)) \\
&\geq 0
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $F_1(x)$ is a valid distribution for $r > 0$.

(d) $F_1(x) = F(x) + (1 - F(x)) \log(1 - F(x))$

$$\begin{aligned}
\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} F_1(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} [F(x) + (1 - F(x)) \log(1 - F(x))] \\
&= \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} F(x) + \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} [(1 - F(x)) \log(1 - F(x))] \\
&\text{(Let, } F(x) = t) \\
&= 0 + \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} [(1 - t) \log(1 - t)] \\
&= 0 + 0 \\
&= 0 \\
\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} F_1(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} [F(x) + (1 - F(x)) \log(1 - F(x))] \\
&= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} F(x) + \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} [(1 - F(x)) \log(1 - F(x))] \\
&\text{(Let, } F(x) = t) \\
&= 1 + \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} [(1 - t) \log(1 - t)] \\
&= 1 + 0 \\
&= 1
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{d}{dx}(F_1(x)) &= \frac{d}{dx}[F(x) + (1 - F(x)) \log(1 - F(x))] \\
&= \frac{d}{dx}(F(x)) + \left(-\frac{d}{dx}(\log(1 - F(x))) \right) + \frac{-(1 - F(x))}{1 - F(x)} \left(\frac{d}{dx}F(x) \right) \\
&= -\frac{d}{dx}(F(x)) \log(1 - F(x))
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{d}{dx}(F(x)) &\geq 0 \text{ and } \log(1 - F(x)) \leq 0 \text{ since } F(x) \in [0, 1] \\
&\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx}(F_1(x)) \geq 0
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $F_1(x)$ is a valid distribution.

2 Question 2

There are two urns—A containing n black balls and B containing n brown balls. At each step, one ball is chosen at random from both urns and swapped, i.e., the one from A is put into B and vice versa. Let X_m be the number of black balls in urn A after m steps. Observe that this determines the state of the system after m steps, i.e., knowing X_m describes the composition of both the urns. Obtain the pmf of X_m . This is a model for diffusion

SOLUTION :

3 Question 3

Recall the ‘capture-release-recapture’ problem: Catch m fish, mark them and release them back into the lake. Allow the fish to mix well and then you catch m fish. Of these p are those that were marked before. Assume that the actual fish population in the lake is n and has not changed between the catches. Let $P_{m,p}(n)$ be the probability of the event (for a fixed p re-catches out of m) coming from n fish in the lake. Generate a plot for $P_{m,p}(n)$ as a function of n for the following values of m and p : $m = 100$ and $p = 10, 20, 50, 75$. For each of these p , use the plots to estimate (educated guess) the actual value of n . Call these four estimates n_1, n_2, n_3, n_4 .

SOLUTION :

4 Question 5

A fair die is rolled $6n$ times. Let ρ_n be the probability that there n 6s in the $6n$ rolls. Is ρ_n a monotonic function. Prove your statement.

SOLUTION :

Let A be the event where a die is rolled and the outcome is 6.

$$P(A) = \frac{1}{6} = \alpha$$

and

$$P(\bar{A}) = \frac{5}{6} = 1 - \alpha$$

Let B be the event where there are n 6s are in $6n$ rolls. The probability of event B is given by the binomial distribution :

$$\begin{aligned} P(B) &= \binom{6n}{n} \times P(A)^n \times P(\bar{A})^{6n-n} \\ \rho_n &= \frac{6n!}{5n! \times n!} \times \alpha^n \times (1 - \alpha)^{5n} \\ &= \frac{6n!}{5n! \times n!} \times \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^n \times \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^{5n} \\ &= \frac{6n!}{5n! \times n!} \times \frac{(5)^{5n}}{(6)^{6n}} \end{aligned}$$

For proving that ρ_n is a monotonic function:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\rho_{n+1}}{\rho_n} &= \frac{\frac{(6(n+1))!}{(5(n+1))! \times (n+1)!} \times \frac{5^{5(n+1)}}{6^{6(n+1)}}}{\frac{6n!}{5n! \times n!} \times \frac{5^{5n}}{6^{6n}}} \\ &= \frac{(6n+6)(6n+5)(6n+4)(6n+3)(6n+2)(6n+1)}{(5n+5)(5n+4)(5n+3)(5n+2)(5n+1)(n+1)} \times \frac{5^5}{6^6} \\ &= \frac{(n+\frac{5}{6})(n+\frac{4}{6})(n+\frac{3}{6})(n+\frac{2}{6})(n+\frac{1}{6})}{(n+\frac{5}{5})(n+\frac{4}{5})(n+\frac{3}{5})(n+\frac{2}{5})(n+\frac{1}{5})} \\ &< 1 \end{aligned} \quad (\forall n \geq 1)$$

Hence ρ_n is a monotonically decreasing function.