

# PROBLEM1

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Suppose  $X$  denote the number of goals scored by home team in premier league. We can assume  $X$  is a random variable. Then we have to build the probability distribution to model the probability of number of goals. Since  $X$  takes value in  $\mathbb{N} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ , we can consider the geometric progression sequence as possible candidate model, i.e.,

$$S = \{a, ar, ar^2, ar^3, \dots\}.$$

## QUESTION1

Here, we have:

$$\sum_{x=0}^{\infty} ar^x = 1$$

or:

$$a/r - 1 = 1$$

hence  $a = r-1$ . The necessary conditions are  $a > 0$  and  $r < 1$ .

**QUESTION 2 & 3** The mean is:

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} xP(X=x)$$

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} x(r-1)r^x$$

$$E[X] = (1-r)(0+r+2r^2\dots)..(i)$$

$$rE[X] = (1-r)(0+r^2+2r^3\dots)..(ii)$$

Subtracting (ii) from (i):

$$(1-r)E[X] = (1-r)(0+r^2+r^3\dots)$$

i.e:

$$E[X] = \frac{r}{1-r}$$

Also for variance, we note that the MGF of this distribution will be  $a \sum (e^t r)^x = \frac{1-r}{1-e^t r}$ . Differentiating twice we get:

$$E[X^2] = \left[ \frac{(r^2(e^t) + r(e^t))(1-r)^2}{(1-e^t r)^4} \right]_{at \ t=0}$$

$$V[X] = E[X^2] - E[X]^2$$

$$= \frac{r^2+r}{(1-r)^2} - \left( \frac{r}{1-r} \right)^2$$

$$= \frac{r}{(1-r)^2}$$

Hence both mean and variance exist. We knew this from the fact that this is a geometric distribution.

## QUESTION 4

a)  $P(X > 1) = 1 - P(X = 0) = 1 - (1-r) = 0.6$ .

$$b) P(0 < X < 4) = P(X = 1) + P(X = 2) + P(X = 3)$$

$$= (1 - r)(r + r^2 + r^3) = (1 - r)[(1 - r^4)/(1 - r) - 1] = 0.348$$

### QUESTION 5

Since we're taking an "off the shelf" model, we'll take  $\lambda = 1.5$

$$a) P(X \geq 1) = 1 - P(X = 0) = 1 - \exp(-\lambda) = 1 - 0.223 = 0.777.$$

$$b) P(0 < X < 4) = P(X = 1) + P(X = 2) + P(X = 3)$$

$$= \exp(-\lambda)(\lambda + \lambda^2/2 + \lambda^3/6) = 0.710$$

### QUESTION 6

If our model's mean is taken to be 1.5,  $r = 1.5(1 - r) \implies r = 0.6 \implies \text{var}(x) = 3.75$ , which is far off. Stats like median approximation of poisson=1 whereas median approximation of geometric is 2 (sample median is 1) convince us that poisson is a better model.

### QUESTION 7

For Geometric distribution we have:-

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}(r|x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n) &= \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - r)r^{x_i} \\ \mathcal{L}(r|x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n) &= (1 - r)[r^{x_1} \cdot r^{x_2} \cdot r^{x_3} \dots r^{x_n}] \\ \mathcal{L}(r|x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n) &= (1 - r)r^{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i} \end{aligned}$$

For Poisson distribution we have:-

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}(\lambda|x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n) &= \prod_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^{k_i}}{k_i!} \right) \\ \mathcal{L}(\lambda|x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n) &= \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^{k_1}}{k_1!} \cdot \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^{k_2}}{k_2!} \cdot \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^{k_3}}{k_3!} \dots \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^{k_n}}{k_n!} \\ \mathcal{L}(\lambda|x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n) &= \frac{e^{-n\lambda} \lambda^{\sum_{i=1}^n k_i}}{\prod_{i=1}^n k_i!} \end{aligned}$$