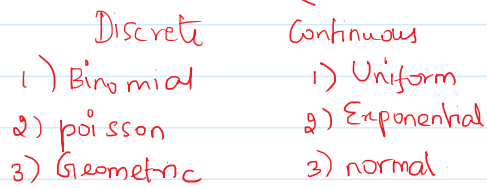


Probability Distribution

$p(x) = \text{p.m.f}$  probability mass function

$f(x) = \text{p.d.f}$  " density "

$F(x) = \text{c.d.f}$  Cumulative distribution function

Mean  $E[X] = \sum x_i p(x_i)$

Variance  $V[X] = E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2$

std deviation  $= \sqrt{\text{Var} X}$

$$\sum_i p(x_i) = 1$$

①  $E(ax+b) = aE(x) + b$

②  $\text{Var}(ax+b) = a^2 \text{Var}(x)$

Binomial distribution: p.m.f

$p = \text{success}$   
 $q = 1-p \rightarrow \text{failure}$

$$P(X=x) = p(x) = \begin{cases} \binom{n}{x} p^x q^{n-x} & x=0,1,2,\dots,n \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Mean  $= np$

Variance  $= npq$

std. Deviation  $= \sqrt{npq}$

2) Poisson Distribution: p.m.f

$$P(X=x) = \begin{cases} \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^x}{x!} & x=0,1,2,\dots \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Mean  $= E(x) = \lambda$

Variance  $= V[x] = \lambda$

3) Geometric distribution:

$$P(X=x) = (1-p)^{x-1} p = q^{x-1} \cdot p \quad x=1,2,\dots$$

Memoryless property of geometric distribution:

for  $n, m$  positive integers

If  $X$  has a geometric distribution, then for any two integers  $m \neq n$

$$P[X > m+n \mid X > m] = P[X > n]$$

4) Uniform distribution [Rectangular distribution]

$X$ -RV continuous distribution  $(a, b)$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a} & , a < x < b \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$(-a, a) \quad f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2a} & -a < x < a \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Mean} = \frac{a+b}{2}$$

$$\text{Variance} = \frac{(b-a)^2}{12}$$

5) Exponential Distribution: p.d.f

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda x} & x \geq 0, \lambda > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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

$$\text{Variance} = \frac{1}{\lambda^2}$$

$$\text{Distribution function: } F(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(x) dx$$

Memoryless property of exponential distribution:

If  $X$  is exponentially distributed, then

$$P(X > s+t \mid X > s) = P(X > t)$$

for any  $s, t \geq 0$

6) Normal Distribution:

$$\text{p.d.f} \quad f(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma \sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{x-\mu}{\sigma} \right)^2}$$

$$\text{Mean} = \mu$$

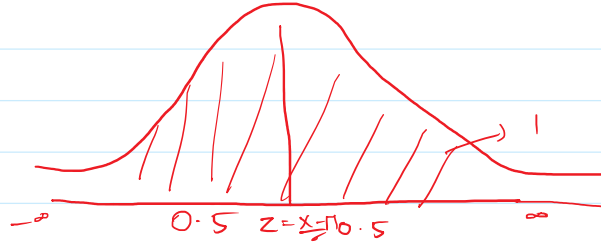
$$\text{Variance} = \sigma^2$$

Standard normal variate  $Z = \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma}$

Properties:

1. The normal distribution is a symmetrical distribution and the graph is bell shaped

2. The mean of the normal distribution lies at the centre of the normal curve



Problem 1:

The number of monthly breakdown of a Computer is a r.v having a poisson distribution with mean equal to 1.8.

Find the probability that this Computer will function for a month

- without a breakdown
- with only one breakdown
- with atleast 1 breakdown.

Soln Given mean  $= \lambda = 1.8$

Let  $x$  denote the no. of breakdowns of a Computer in a month.

$$\therefore \text{probability distribution } P(X = x) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^x}{x!} = \frac{e^{-1.8} (1.8)^x}{x!}$$

$$a) P(\text{Without breakdown}) = P(X=0) = \frac{e^{-1.8} (1.8)^0}{0!} = e^{-1.8} = 0.1653$$

$$b) P(\text{With one breakdown}) = P(X=1) = \frac{e^{-1.8} (1.8)^1}{1!} = e^{-1.8} \times 1.8 = 0.2975$$

$$c) P(\text{with atleast 1 breakdown}) = P(X \geq 1) = 1 - P(X < 1)$$

$$= 1 - P(X=0)$$

$$= 1 - 0.1652 = 0.8347$$

Problem 2:

Electric trains on a certain line run every half an hour between midnight & 11 in the morning. What is the probability that a man entering the station at a random time during this period will have to wait at least 20 minutes?

Soln. Let the r.v.  $X$  denote the waiting time (in minutes) for the next train.

Given that a man arrives at the station at random,  $X$  is distributed Uniformly on  $(0, 30)$  with

$$\text{density } f(n) = \frac{1}{30} \quad 0 < x < 30$$

$$= 0 \quad \text{otherwise}$$

Thus the probability that he has to wait for at least 20 mins

$$P(X > 20) = \int_{20}^{30} f(n) dn = \int_{20}^{30} \frac{1}{30} dn = \frac{1}{30} [n]_{20}^{30} = \frac{1}{30} [30 - 20] = \frac{1}{30} \cdot 10 = \frac{1}{3}$$

Problem 3:

The time in hours required to repair a machine is exponentially distributed with parameter  $\lambda = 1/2$ .

- 1) What is the probability that the repair time exceeds 2h.
- 2) What is the Conditional probability that a repair takes at least 1h given that its duration exceeds 9h?

Solution:  $\lambda = 1/2$

Let  $x$  denotes the time to repair the machine.

$$\text{density function } f(n) = \lambda e^{-\lambda n} = \frac{1}{2} e^{-n/2} \quad n \geq 0$$

$$1) P(X > 2) = \int_2^{\infty} f(n) dn = \int_2^{\infty} \frac{1}{2} e^{-n/2} dn = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{e^{-n/2}}{-1/2} \right]_2^{\infty}$$

$$= \left[ -e^{-n/2} \right]_2^{\infty} = e^{-1} = 1/e = 0.3679$$

$$2) P(X \geq 10 | X \geq 9) = P(X \geq 9+1 | X \geq 9) = P(X \geq 1)$$

Memorize  $P(X \geq s+t | X \geq s) = P(X \geq t)$

$$= \int_t^{\infty} f(n) dn$$

$$= \int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{2} e^{-n/2} dn$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{e^{-n/2}}{-1/2} \right]_1^{\infty}$$

$$= \left[ -e^{-n/2} \right]_1^{\infty}$$

$$= e^{-1/2} = 0.6065$$

Problem 4:

If the density function of a ctus r.v.  $X$  is given by

$$f(n) = \begin{cases} an & 0 \leq n \leq 1 \\ a & 1 \leq n \leq 2 \\ 3a - an & 2 \leq n \leq 3 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

1) Find the Value of  $a$ .

Since  $f(n)$  is a p.d.f then

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(n) dn = 1 \quad (\text{ie}) \int_0^3 f(n) dn = 1$$

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$$= \int_0^1 f(n) dn + \int_1^2 f(n) dn + \int_2^3 f(n) dn = 1$$

$$= \int_0^1 an dn + \int_1^2 a dn + \int_2^3 (3a - an) dn = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow a \left[ \frac{n^2}{2} \right]_0^1 + a \left[ n \right]_1^2 + 3a \left[ n \right]_2^3 - a \left[ \frac{n^2}{2} \right]_2^3 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a}{2} + a + \left[ 3a - \left( \frac{9a}{2} - 2a \right) \right] = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 2a = 1 \Rightarrow a = 1/2$$