

Chapter 1

Appendices

1.1 Probability Basis

1.1.1 Random Variables

Extreme Value (EV) distributions

Let $\mathbf{X} = [X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n]^T$ denote a random vector, with its smallest value denoted by X_{\min} and its largest value denoted by X_{\max} . If the distribution of \mathbf{X} is known, one can also find the distribution of X_{\min} and X_{\max} .

For the special case when X_i s are iid, one can obtain simple expressions for the distribution of X_{\min} and X_{\max} .

Let $f_X(x)$ and $F_X(x)$ denote the PDF and CDF of the X_i s, the minimum value is larger than x means that $\{X_{\min} > x\} = \{X_1 > x \cap X_2 > x \cap \dots \cap X_n > x\}$ To derive the CDF of X_{\min}

$$F_{X_{\min}}(x) = \Pr(X_{\min} \leq x) \quad (1.1)$$

$$= 1 - \Pr(X_{\min} > x) \quad (1.2)$$

$$= 1 - \Pr(X_1 > x \cap X_2 > x \cap \dots \cap X_n > x) \quad (1.3)$$

$$= 1 - \prod_{i=1}^n \Pr(X_i > x) \quad (1.4)$$

$$= 1 - [1 - F_X(x)]^n \quad (1.5)$$

The PDF of X_{\min} is

$$f_{X_{\min}}(x) = \frac{dF_{X_{\min}}(x)}{dx} \quad (1.6)$$

$$= nf_X(x)[1 - F_X(x)]^{n-1} \quad (1.7)$$

To derive the CDF of X_{\max} , we could start from the fact that $\{X_{\max} \leq x\} = \{X_1 \leq x \cap \dots \cap X_n \leq x\}$:

$$F_{X_{\max}}(x) = \Pr(X_{\max} \leq x) \quad (1.8)$$

$$= \Pr(X_1 \leq x \cap \dots \cap X_n \leq x) \quad (1.9)$$

$$= \prod_{i=1}^n \Pr(X_i \leq x) \quad (1.10)$$

$$= [F_X(x)]^n \quad (1.11)$$

The PDF of X_{\max} is

$$f_{X_{\max}}(x) = \frac{dF_X(x)}{dx} = n f_X(x) [F_X(x)]^{n-1} \quad (1.12)$$

The results can be generalized to the k^{th} largest value in \mathbf{X} denoted by Y_k : the CDF of Y_k is

$$F_{Y_k}(x) = \sum_{j=k}^n C_n^j (F_X(x))^j (1 - F_X(x))^{n-j} \quad (1.13)$$

The underlying X_i s are often unknown, and the above solutions are therefore not directly applicable. However, extreme value distributions that arise as asymptotic solutions of the above for $n \rightarrow \infty$ provide a useful model in these cases.

It can be shown that the solutions given above in Eqs Eq. 1.1, Eq. 1.6, Eq. 1.8, Eq. 1.12 converge to one of three distribution types, depending on the distribution of the X_i s.

The type I EV distribution for maxima is named Gumbel distribution.

1.1.2 Random Process

Bernoulli Process

A Bernoulli process is a finite or infinite sequence of independent random variables X_1, X_2, \dots , such that

- for each i , the value of X_i is either 0 or 1;
- for all values of i , the probability p is the same.

In other words, Bernoulli process is a sequence of independent identically distributed Bernoulli trials. The summary of Bernoulli process and its associated distributions are shown in Figure 1.2

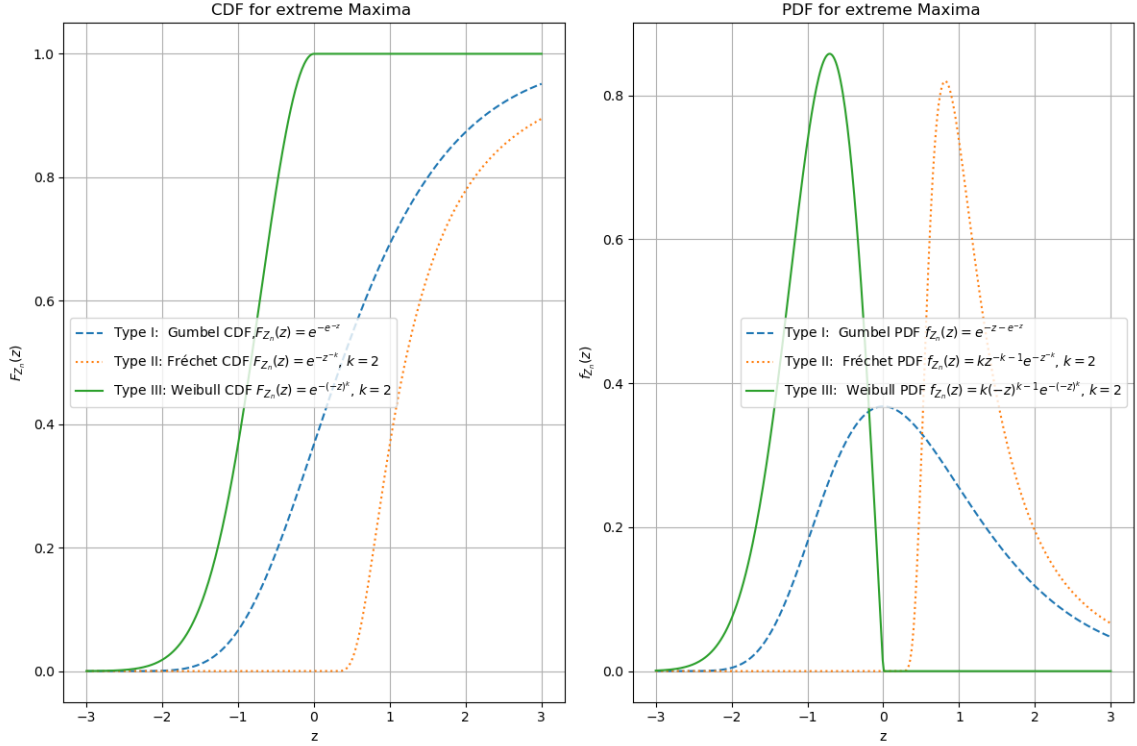


Figure 1.1: Extreme Value distribution for Maximum

Poisson Process

The homogeneous Poisson process can be defined as a counting process with rate $\lambda > 0$ and follows the three properties

- Independent occurrences: In two non-overlapping intervals, the corresponding numbers of occurrences must be statistically independent of each other
- Oribability of occurrences proportional to duration: In an interval $(t, t + \Delta t)$, the probability of exactly one occurrence is asymptotically proportional to the interval length Δt as $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$
- Occurences do not coincide: The probability of two or more occurrences within a sufficiently small interval $(t, t + \Delta t)$ must be orders of magnitude lower than the probability of one occurrence

For the homogeneous Poisson Process, the mean rate of occurrence λ is constant with time or locations, whereas for nonhomogeneous case, λ is the function of time or location.

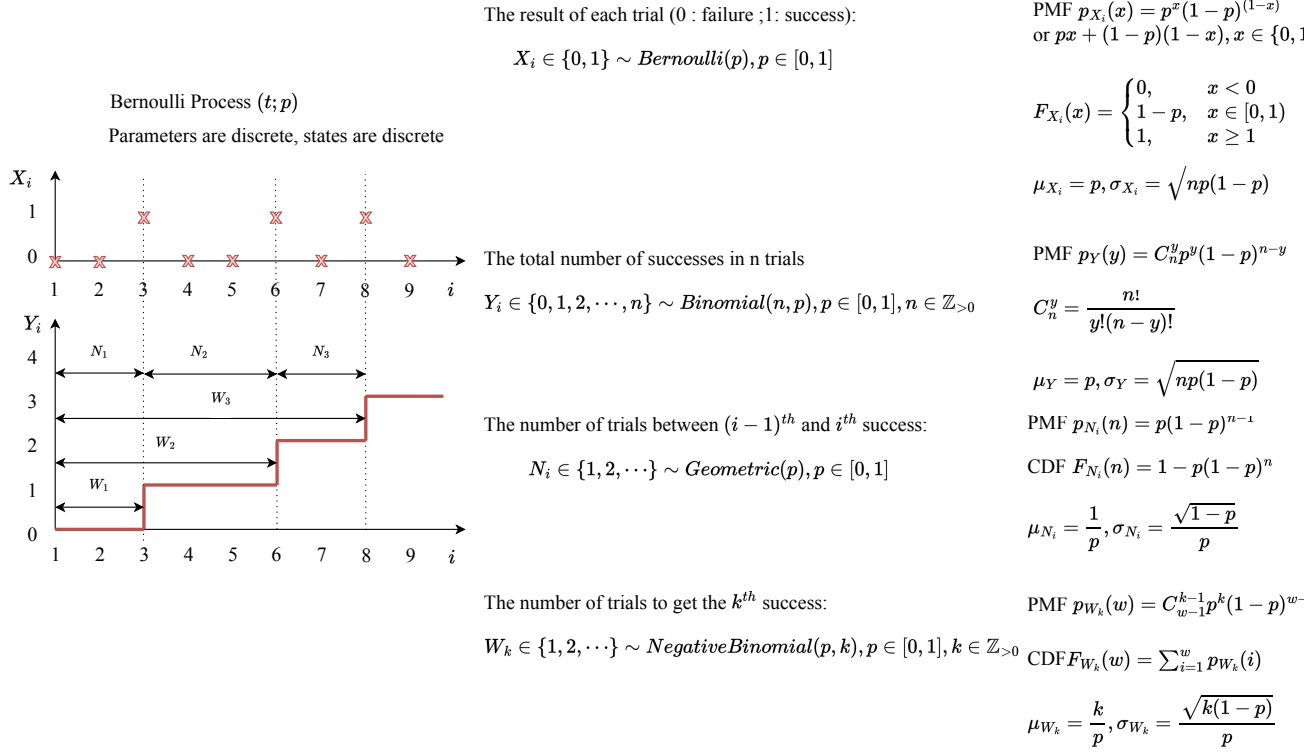


Figure 1.2: Bernoulli Process and its associated Probability Distribution

Compound Poisson Process

A compound Poisson process with rate $\gamma > 0$ and jump size distribution is a continuous-time stochastic process $\{S(t) : t \geq 0\}$ given by

$$S(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{Y(t)} X_i, \quad (1.14)$$

where the sum is by convention equal to zero as long as $Y(t) = 0$. Here $\{Y(t), t \geq 0\}$ is a Poisson process with rate γ and $\{X_i; i \geq 1\}$ are independent and identically distributed random variables with distribution function f_{X_i} , which is also independent of $\{Y(t), t \geq 0\}$. The summary of Compound Poisson Process is shown in Figure 1.4. Compound Poisson Process builds on the Poisson process by adding randomness to the event magnitudes. The Poisson process models the timing of the events, while the compound Poisson Process accounts for both the timing and the accumulated effect of events.

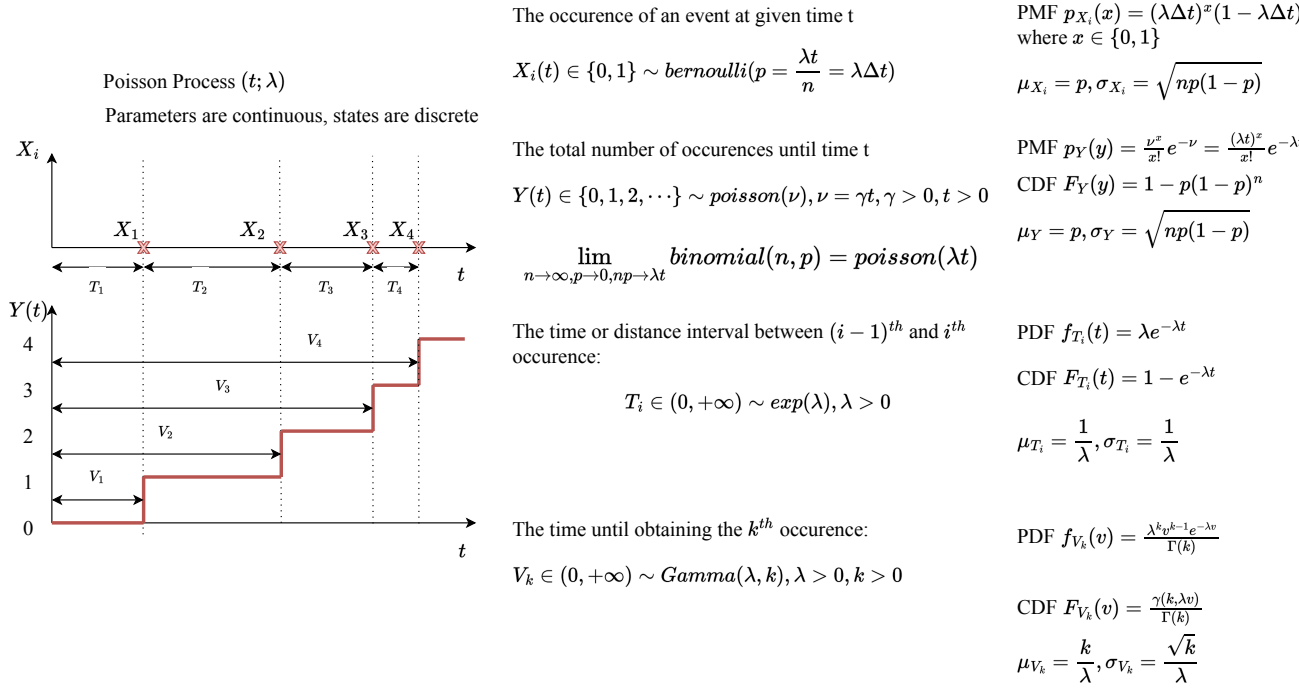


Figure 1.3: Poisson Process and its associated Probability Distribution

Gamma Process

The gamma process $\Gamma(t; \gamma, \lambda)$ is a process which measures the number of occurrences of independent gamma-distributed variables over a span of time.

The gamma distribution is a two-parameter continuous probability distributions family. The exponential, Erlang and chi-squared distributions are special cases of the gamma distributions. The two parameters are the shape parameter $\gamma > 0$ and the rate parameter $\lambda > 0$ (or equivalently the scale parameter $\theta = \frac{1}{\lambda}$). Assume the random variable $X \sim \Gamma(\gamma, \lambda)$, then the probability density function is

$$f_X(x; \gamma, \lambda) = \frac{x^{\gamma-1} e^{-\lambda x} \lambda^\gamma}{\Gamma(\gamma)}, \text{ for } x > 0 \quad (1.15)$$

The gamma function $\Gamma(\cdot)$ is the extension of factorial function to complex numbers. It is defined for all complex numbers z except non-positive integers.

$$\Gamma(z) = \begin{cases} (z-1)!, & z \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0} \\ \int_0^\infty t^{z-1} e^{-t} dt, & \mathbf{R}(z) > 0 \end{cases} \quad (1.16)$$

For the gamma process: the increment distribution is following the gamma

distribution.

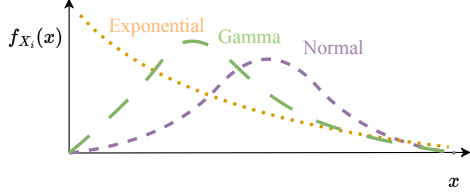
$$S(t + \Delta t) - S(t) \sim \Gamma(\gamma \Delta t, \lambda) \quad (1.17)$$

It is used to model phenomena where the cumulative total grows smoothly over time, e.g. Modelling degradation and aging in systems due to wear and tear.

In contrast the compound Poisson Process models the phenomena where discrete random events contribute to a cumulative sum, e.g. total rainfall, aggregate claims in insurance, financial losses.

The gamma process is a random process consisting of independently distributed gamma distributions where $Y(t)$ represents the number of event occurrences from time 0 to time t . The gamma distribution has shape parameter γ and rate parameter λ , often written as $\Gamma(\gamma, \lambda)$, $\gamma > 0$ and $\lambda > 0$. The gamma process is often written as $\Gamma(t; \gamma, \lambda)$ where t represents the time from 0. The process is a pure-jump increasing Levy process with intensity measure $\nu(x) = \gamma x^{-1} e^{(-\lambda x)}$ for all positive x . Thus jumps whose size lies in the interval $[x, x + dx)$ occur as a Poisson process with intensity $\nu(x) dx$. The parameter γ controls the rate of jump arrivals and the scaling parameter γ inversely controls the jump size. It is assumed the process starts from a value 0 at $t=0$, i.e. $Y(0) = 0$.

Compound Poisson Process
($t; \lambda, f_X$)
Parameters are continuous, states are discrete



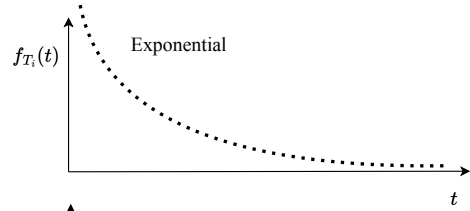
The magnitude of i^{th} event
 $X_i \in (0, +\infty)$ could follow any specified distribution,
e.g. continuous dist.: normal, gamma (exponential is a
special case of gamma distribution); or discrete dist.

If X_i is gamma distribution with shape parameter a
and rate parameter b

$$X_i \in (0, +\infty) \sim \Gamma(a, b), a > 0, b > 0$$

PDF: $f_X(x) = \frac{x^{a-1}e^{-x/b}}{b^a\Gamma(a)}$
CDF: regularized incomplete gamma
function $F_X(x) = \frac{\gamma(a, x/b)}{\Gamma(a)}$
lower incomplete gamma function
 $\gamma(a, x/b) = \int_0^{x/b} t^{a-1}e^{-t}dt$
gamma function
 $\Gamma(a) = \int_0^\infty t^{a-1}e^{-t}dt$

$$\mu_X = ab, \sigma_X = \sqrt{ab}$$



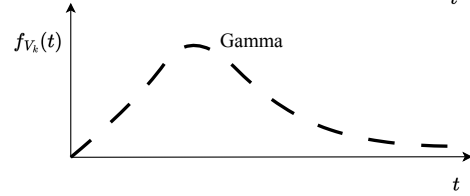
The time or distance between $(i-1)^{th}$ and i^{th} success:

$$T_i \in (0, +\infty) \sim \exp(\lambda), \lambda > 0$$

$$\text{PDF } f_{T_i}(t) = \lambda e^{-\lambda t}$$

$$\text{CDF } F_{T_i}(t) = 1 - e^{-\lambda t}$$

$$\mu_{T_i} = \frac{1}{\lambda}, \sigma_{T_i} = \frac{1}{\lambda}$$



The time until obtaining the k^{th} success: Erlang dist.

$$V_k \in (0, +\infty) \sim \Gamma(k, \lambda), \lambda > 0, k = 1, 2, \dots$$

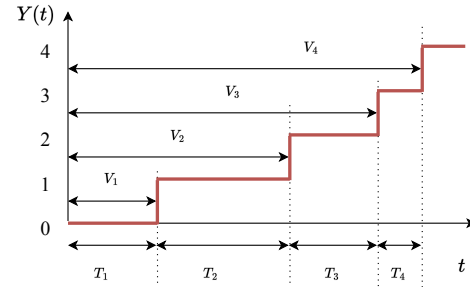
$$\text{PDF } f_{V_k}(t) = \frac{\lambda^k t^{k-1} e^{-\lambda t}}{\Gamma(k)} = \frac{\lambda^k t^{k-1} e^{-\lambda t}}{(k-1)!}$$

$$\text{CDF } F_{V_k}(t) = \frac{\gamma(k, \lambda t)}{\Gamma(k)} = \frac{\int_0^{\lambda t} \tau^{k-1} e^{-\tau} d\tau}{(k-1)!}$$

In numpy

`V_k = np.random.gamma(shape=k, scale=1/lambda)`

$$\mu_{V_k} = \frac{k}{\lambda}, \sigma_{V_k} = \frac{\sqrt{k}}{\lambda}$$



The total number of successes until time t

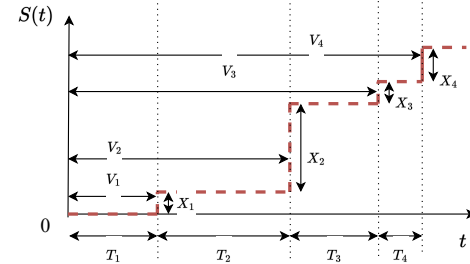
$$Y(t) \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots\} \sim \text{poisson}(\nu), \nu = \lambda t, \lambda > 0, t > 0$$

$$\lim_{y \rightarrow \infty, p \rightarrow 0, yp \rightarrow \lambda t} \text{binomial}(y, p) = \text{poisson}(\lambda t)$$

$$\text{PMF } p_Y(y) = \frac{\nu^y}{y!} e^{-\nu} = \frac{(\lambda t)^y}{y!} e^{-\lambda t}$$

$$\text{CDF } F_Y(y) = 1 - p(1-p)^y$$

$$\mu_Y = \nu = \lambda t, \sigma_Y = \sqrt{\nu} = \sqrt{\lambda t}$$



The accumulated total amount until time t

$$S(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{Y(t)} X_i \in (0, +\infty) \sim \text{CPP}(t; \nu, F_X(x)), \nu = \lambda t, \lambda > 0, t > 0$$

$$\mathbb{E}[S(t)] = \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[S(t)|Y(t)]] = \mathbb{E}[Y(t)\mathbb{E}[X_i]] = \lambda t \mathbb{E}[X_i]$$

$$\mathbb{D}[S(t)] = \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{D}[S(t)|Y(t)]] + \mathbb{D}[\mathbb{E}[S(t)|Y(t)]] = \mathbb{E}[\sigma_X^2 Y(t)] + \mathbb{D}[\mu_X Y(t)] = \sigma_X^2 \mu_Y + \mu_X^2 \sigma_Y^2 = \lambda t$$

$$S|_{Y(t)=y} = \sum_{i=1}^y X_i \sim \Gamma(ya, b) \quad f_{S|Y=y}(x) = (f_X * \dots * f_X)(x) = \frac{b^{ya} x^{ya-1} e^{-bx}}{\Gamma(ya)}$$

$$f_S(x) = \sum_{y=0}^{\infty} p_Y(y) f_{S|Y=y}(x) = e^{-\lambda t} + \sum_{y=1}^{\infty} \frac{(\lambda t)^y}{y!} e^{-\lambda t} \frac{b^{ya} x^{ya-1} e^{-bx}}{\Gamma(ya)} = e^{-\lambda t} + \sum_{y=1}^{\infty} \frac{(\lambda t)^y b^{ya} x^{ya-1}}{y! \Gamma(ya)} e^{-bx}$$

$$W(x, z) = \sum_{y=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^y}{y! \Gamma(ya)} \quad f_S(x) = e^{-\lambda t} + \frac{e^{-\lambda t - bx}}{x} \sum_{y=1}^{\infty} \frac{(\lambda t (bx)^a)^y}{y! \Gamma(ya)} = e^{-\lambda t} + \frac{e^{-\lambda t - bx}}{x} W(\lambda t (bx)^a)$$

$$F_S(s) = \int_0^s f_S(x) dx = e^{-\lambda t} + \int_0^s \frac{e^{-\lambda t - bx}}{x} \sum_{y=1}^{\infty} \frac{(\lambda t (bx)^a)^y}{y! \Gamma(ya)} dx$$

Figure 1.4: Compound Process Process and its associated Probability Distribution

Gamma Process $\Gamma(t; \gamma, \lambda)$

Parameters are continuous, states are continuous. $S(t)$ is continuous (no jump)

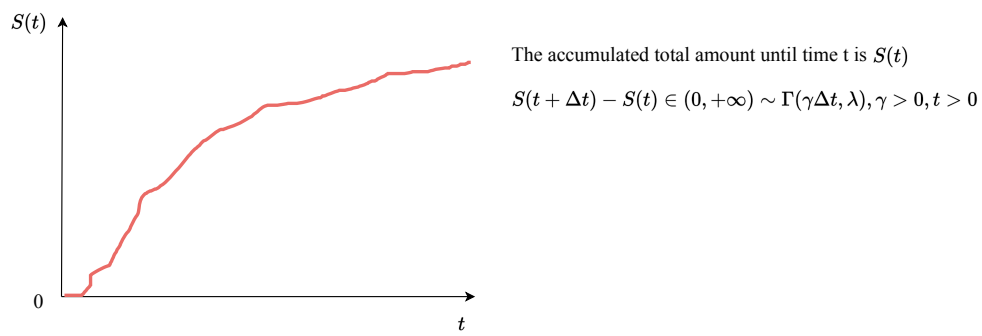


Figure 1.5: Gamma Process and its associated Probability Distribution