

Recall: Discrete Random variable

$X: S \rightarrow T$        $S$  - Countable set  
 $P: \mathcal{F} \rightarrow [0,1]$

$\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{P}(S)$

$P(S) = 1$  &  $\{E_k\}_{k \geq 1}$      $E_k \cap E_j = \emptyset$

$P(\bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} E_k) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} P(E_k)$

[P.m.f.]  $f_X(t) = P(X=t) \quad \forall t \in T$

[Distribution function]

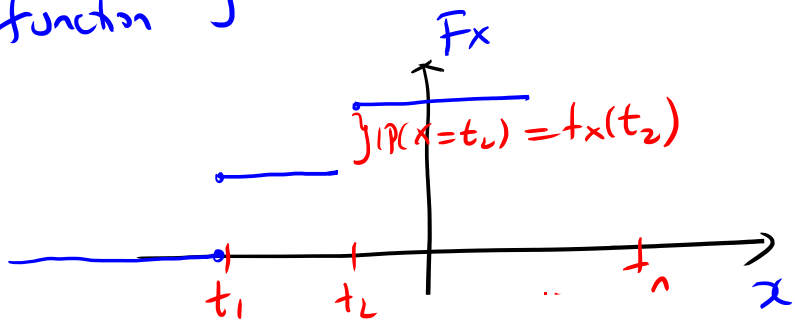
$F_X: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0,1]$

$F_X(x) = P(X \leq x)$

$= P(X^{-1}((-\infty, x]))$

$= \sum_{\substack{t \in T \\ t \leq x}} P(X=t)$

- jump discontinuities & jumps are at  $t \in T$



3.3.1. Functions of random variables [Discrete]

$X: S \rightarrow T$       discrete random variable

What is the distribution

Question 1: -  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$   
of  $Y$ ?

$Y = f(X)$

Question 2: -  $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$X_1: S \rightarrow T_1, \quad X_2: S \rightarrow T_2$

$Z = f(X_1, X_2)$       What is the distribution

of  $Z$ ?

Generalize:  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$        $X_i: S \rightarrow T_i \quad 1 \leq i \leq n$   
 $Z = f(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$       What is the

distribution of  $Z$ ?

Example 3.3.1 :  $X \sim \text{Uniform}(\{-2, -1, 0, 1, 2\})$

• pmf.  $f_X(t) = \mathbb{P}(X=t) = \frac{1}{|T|} = \frac{1}{5}$  for  $t \in \{-2, -1, 0, 1, 2\} = T$

•  $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  given by  $g(x) = x^2$ .  
 $Y = g(X)$  Distribution of  $Y$ ?

Range of  $Y$  :  $u = g(x) = \{0, 1, 4\}$  ( $\because g(x) = x^2$ )

[ $Y$  is also a Discrete random variable  $Y: S \rightarrow u$ ]

Pmf of  $Y$  :  $\mathbb{P}(Y=0) = \mathbb{P}(g(X)=0) = \mathbb{P}(X=0) = \frac{1}{5}$   
[ $g(X)=0 \Leftrightarrow X^2=0 \Leftrightarrow X=0$ ]

$\mathbb{P}(Y=1) = \mathbb{P}(g(X)=1) = \mathbb{P}(X=1 \cup X=-1)$   
[ $g(X)=1 \Leftrightarrow X^2=1 \Leftrightarrow X=-1 \text{ or } X=1$ ]

$$= \mathbb{P}(X=1) + \mathbb{P}(X=-1) = \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{5} = \frac{2}{5}$$

$\mathbb{P}(Y=4) = \mathbb{P}(g(X)=4) = \mathbb{P}(X=2 \cup X=-2)$

[ $g(X)=4 \Leftrightarrow X^2=4 \Leftrightarrow X=-2 \text{ or } X=2$ ]

$$= \mathbb{P}(X=2) + \mathbb{P}(X=-2) = \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{5} = \frac{2}{5}$$

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Example 3.3.3. Let  $X, Y \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p)$  be two independent random variables.

$$\begin{aligned}
 X: S \rightarrow \{0,1\} & & Y: S \rightarrow \{0,1\} \\
 P(X=1) = p & & P(Y=1) = p \\
 P(X=0) = 1-p & & P(Y=0) = 1-p
 \end{aligned}$$

$P(X=a, Y=b) = P(X=a) \cdot P(Y=b)$   
independence  
 $a, b \in \{0,1\}$

Consider  $h: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , given by:  $h(x,y) = x+y$

Q:  $Z = h(X,Y) = X+Y$ .  
What is the distribution of  $Z$ ?

Intuitive Answer:

$X \equiv$  # of heads in one toss of a biased coin ( $p$ )  
(independent)  
 $Y \equiv$  # of heads in one toss of a biased coin ( $p$ )  
 $Z = X+Y \equiv$  # of heads in two tosses of a biased coin ( $p$ )  
 $\therefore Z \sim \text{Binomial}(2, p)$

Answer: -  $Z = h(X,Y) = X+Y$

Range( $X$ ) =  $\{0,1\}$  = Range( $Y$ )  $\Rightarrow$  Range( $Z$ ) =  $\{0,1,2\}$   
[  $Z$  - Discrete random variable ]

$$P(Z=0) = P(h(X,Y)=0) = P(X+Y=0)$$

[  $X+Y=0 \Leftrightarrow X=0, Y=0$  ]

$$= P(X=0, Y=0) \stackrel{\text{independence}}{=} P(X=0) P(Y=0)$$

$$= (1-p)^2 \quad \text{---} \quad (*)$$

Similarly

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(Z=2) &= P(X=1, Y=1) = P(X=1) P(Y=1) \\
 &= p^2 \quad \text{---} \quad (**)
 \end{aligned}$$

Pmf of  $Z$

$$P(Z=1) = P((X=1, Y=0) \cup (X=0, Y=1))$$

$$X+Y=1 \Leftrightarrow \{X=1, Y=0\} \text{ or } \{X=0, Y=1\}$$

$$= P(X=1, Y=0) + P(X=0, Y=1)$$

$$= P(X=1)P(Y=0) + P(X=0)P(Y=1)$$

$$= p(1-p) + (1-p)p$$

$$= 2p(1-p)$$

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Fun (\*), (\*\*), (xxx)

$$P(Z=k) = \begin{cases} p^2 & k=2 \\ 2p(1-p) & k=1 \\ (1-p)^2 & k=0 \end{cases}$$

$\therefore Z \sim \text{Binomial}(2, p)$   $\square$

Methodology used above:  $X: S \rightarrow T$   $Y: S \rightarrow U$   
 $T, U \subseteq \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$   $\in$  independent

$Z = X+Y \rightarrow \text{Range}(Z) \subseteq \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$

$n \in \text{Range}(Z)$

$$P(Z=n) = ?$$

$$Z=n \quad (\Rightarrow) \quad X+Y=n$$

$$(\Rightarrow) \quad \bigcup_{j \in \{0,1,\dots,n\}} \{X=j, Y=n-j\}$$

$$P(Z=n) = P\left(\bigcup_{j=0}^n \{X=j, Y=n-j\}\right)$$

Mutually  
exclusive

$$\leftarrow \Rightarrow \sum_{j=0}^n P(\{X=j, Y=n-j\})$$

independence  $\leftarrow \Rightarrow \sum_{j=0}^n P(X=j) P(Y=n-j)$

Convolution of  $f_X(\cdot)$  &  $f_Y(\cdot)$  :-

$$P(Z=n) = \sum_{j=0}^n P(X=j) P(Y=n-j)$$

i.e.  $f_Z(n) = \sum_{j=0}^n f_X(j) f_Y(n-j)$

Convolution :-  $f_Z^{(n)} = f_X * f_Y^{(n)} \quad n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$

Example 3.3.4 (implement above methodology)

$X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda_1)$

$$P(X=k) = \frac{e^{-\lambda_1} \lambda_1^k}{k!} \quad k \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$$

, independent,  $Y \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda_2)$

$$P(Y=k) = \frac{e^{-\lambda_2} \lambda_2^k}{k!} \quad k \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$$

(a)  $Z = X + Y$  : Find distribution of  $Z$ .

Independence

$$P(X=x, Y=y) = P(X=x) \cdot P(Y=y)$$

$$= \frac{e^{-\lambda_1} \lambda_1^x}{x!} \cdot \frac{e^{-\lambda_2} \lambda_2^y}{y!} \quad \text{--- } (**)$$

$\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$

Above  
[Methodology]

$$P(Z=n) = \sum_{j=0}^n P(X=j) P(Y=n-j)$$

$$(**) = \sum_{j=0}^n \frac{e^{-\lambda_1} \lambda_1^j}{j!} \frac{e^{-\lambda_2} \lambda_2^{n-j}}{(n-j)!}$$

$$= e^{-\lambda_1} e^{-\lambda_2} \sum_{j=0}^n \frac{\lambda_1^j}{j!} \frac{\lambda_2^{n-j}}{(n-j)!}$$

$$= \frac{e^{-(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)}}{n!} \sum_{j=0}^n \frac{n!}{j!(n-j)!} \lambda_1^j \lambda_2^{n-j}$$

$$= \frac{e^{-(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)}}{n!} \sum_{j=0}^n \binom{n}{j} \lambda_1^j \lambda_2^{n-j}$$

Binomial expansion

$$\stackrel{\leftarrow}{=} \frac{e^{-(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)}}{n!} (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)^n$$

,  $n \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, \infty\}$

$Z \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)$

Ex:

$X_i \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda_i) \quad i=0, 1, \dots, k \quad X_i - \text{independent}$

$$Z = \sum_{i=1}^k X_i$$

$$\Rightarrow Z \sim \text{Poisson}\left(\sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i\right)$$

Hint:  
Use induction

(b)

Find conditional distribution of  $X | Z$

$$Z=n; \quad Z=x+y \Rightarrow X \in \{0, 1, \dots, n\}$$

$$, n \in \mathbb{N} \quad P(X=k | Z=n) = 0 \quad k \geq n+1$$

$$P(X=k | Z=n) = \frac{P(X=k, Z=n)}{P(Z=n)} \quad k \in \{0, 1, \dots, n\}$$

$$= \frac{P(X=k, X+Y=n)}{P(Z=n)}$$

$$= \frac{P(X=k, k+Y=n)}{P(Z=n)}$$

$$= \frac{P(X=k, Y=n-k)}{P(Z=n)}$$

$$= \frac{P(X=k) P(Y=n-k)}{P(Z=n)}$$



$$= \frac{e^{-\lambda_1} \lambda_1^k}{k!} \frac{e^{-\lambda_2} \lambda_2^{n-k}}{(n-k)!}$$


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$$\frac{e^{-(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)} (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)^n}{n!}$$

$$= \frac{n!}{k! (n-k)!} \frac{\lambda_1^k \lambda_2^{n-k}}{(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)^n} - \text{⊕}$$

$$Z = X + Y \quad \begin{matrix} X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda_1) \\ Y \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda_2) \end{matrix} \Rightarrow Z \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)$$

$$X | Z=n \sim \text{Binomial}\left(n, \frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2}\right)$$

$$\therefore P(X=k | Z=n) = \binom{n}{k} \left(\frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2}\right)^k \left(1 - \frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2}\right)^{n-k}$$

$k \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n\}$

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