

Mathematical Statistics

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Notes:

- (a) The number of success in one Bernoulli experiment has Bernoulli distribution $\text{Bernoulli}(p)$.
- (b) The number of success in n independent Bernoulli experiments has Binomial distribution $b(n,p)$.

Normal Distribution

We say that a r.v. X has a normal distribution if it has p.d.f

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}, -\infty < x < \infty$$

for some fixed $\mu \in R$ and $\sigma > 0$. We denote by $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$.

If X has a normal distribution with $\mu = 0$ and $\sigma = 1$, we say that X has a standard normal distribution.

Note:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} xf(x)dx &= P(X \in (-\infty, \infty)) = P(X^{-1}(R)) = P(S) = 1 \\ \Rightarrow \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx &= 1, \text{ for } \mu \in R, \sigma > 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thm. If we let $\lambda = np$, then p.d.f of $b(n,p)$

$$f(x) = \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x} \rightarrow \frac{\lambda^x e^{-\lambda}}{x!}$$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned}
f(x) &= \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x}, \lambda = np \\
&= \frac{n!}{x!(n-x)!} \left(\frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^x \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^{n-x} \\
&= \frac{\lambda^x n(n-1)\cdots(n-(x-1))}{x! n^x} \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^n \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^{-x} \\
&= \frac{\lambda^x}{x!} \cdot 1 \cdot \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) \cdots \left(1 - \frac{x-1}{n}\right) \left(1 + \frac{-\lambda}{n}\right)^n \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^{-x} \\
&= \frac{\lambda^x}{x!} (e^{-\lambda})
\end{aligned}$$

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Def. We say that r.v. X has a Poisson distribution if it has p.d.f

$$f(x) = \frac{\lambda^x}{x!} e^{-\lambda}, x = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

We denote by $X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$.

Notes:

- (a) Binomial r.v. = number of success in n Bernoulli experiments.
- (b) X = number of success in infinite Bernoulli experiments
 $X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$

Gamma Distribution

Gamma function $\Gamma(\alpha) = \int_0^\infty x^{\alpha-1} e^{-x} dx$

Properties:

- (1) $\Gamma(\alpha) = (\alpha - 1)\Gamma(\alpha - 1)$, if $\alpha > 1$
- (2) $\Gamma(1) = \int_0^\infty e^{-x} dx = 1$
- (3) $\Gamma(n) = (n-1)\Gamma(n-1) = \dots = (n-1)(n-2)\cdots 1 \cdot \Gamma(1) = (n-1)!$
- (4) $\Gamma(\frac{1}{2}) = \sqrt{\pi}$

Def. We say that X has a Gamma distribution if it has p.d.f

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)\beta^\alpha} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-\frac{x}{\beta}}, x > 0, \text{ for some } \alpha > 0, \beta > 0$$

We denote by $X \sim \text{Gamma}(\alpha, \beta)$.

Note: $\int_0^\infty \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)\beta^\alpha} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-\frac{x}{\beta}} dx = 1, \forall \alpha > 0, \beta > 0$

If X has Gamma distribution with $\beta = 2$ and $\alpha = \frac{r}{2}$, we say that X has a chi-square distribution with degrees of freedom r . The p.d.f is

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\frac{r}{2})2^{\frac{r}{2}}}x^{\frac{r}{2}-1}e^{-\frac{x}{2}}, \quad x > 0$$

We denote by $X \sim \chi^2(r)$.

Expectation:

Let g be a real valued function on R ($g : R \rightarrow R$). The expectation of $g(X)$ is

$$E[g(X)] = \begin{cases} \sum_{allx} g(x)f(x) & , \text{ discrete r.v.} \\ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x)f(x)dx & , \text{ continuous r.v.} \end{cases}$$

Properties:

- (a) $E[aX + b] = aE[X] + b$
- (b) $E[c] = c$

The mean of r.v. X is $\mu = E[X]$.

The variance of r.v. X is $\sigma^2 = Var(X) = E[(X - \mu)^2]$.

Mean and variance can be divided through moment generating function.

Def. The moment generating function of r.v. X is $M_X(t) = E[e^{tX}]$, a function of t . If there exists $\delta > 0$ such that $M_X(t)$ exists for $t \in (-\delta, \delta)$, then $D_t^k E[e^{tX}] = E[D_t^k e^{tX}]$, for all k .

Thm. $M_X^{(k)}(0) = E[X^k]$, $k = 1, 2, \dots$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} M_X(t) &= E[e^{tx}] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{tx} f(x) dx \\ M'_X(t) &= D_t \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{tx} f(x) dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (D_t e^{tx}) f(x) dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x e^{tx} f(x) dx \\ M''_X(t) &= D_t \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x e^{tx} f(x) dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x (D_t e^{tx}) f(x) dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 e^{tx} f(x) dx \\ &\vdots \\ M_X^k(t) &= D_t \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^{k-1} e^{tx} f(x) dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^{k-1} (D_t e^{tx}) f(x) dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^k e^{tx} f(x) dx \\ \Rightarrow M_X^k(0) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^k f(x) dx = E[X^k] \end{aligned}$$

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Notes:

- (1) $M'_X(0) = E[X] = \mu = \text{Mean}$
- (2) $M''_X(0) = E[X^2]$
- (3)

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Variance } \sigma^2 &= E[(X - \mu)^2] \\
&= E[X^2 - 2\mu X + \mu^2] \\
&= E[X^2] - 2\mu E[X] + E[\mu^2] \\
&= E[X^2] - \mu^2 \\
&= M''_X(0) - (M'_X(0))^2
\end{aligned}$$

If $X \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p)$, m.g.f of X is

$$\begin{aligned}
M_X(t) &= E[e^{tX}] = \sum_{x=0}^1 e^{tx} p^x (1-p)^{1-x} = (1-p) + pe^t, \quad t \in R \\
M'_X(t) &= pe^t \Rightarrow \text{Mean } \mu = E[X] = M'_X(0) = p \\
M''_X(t) &= pe^t \Rightarrow E[X^2] = M''_X(0) = p \\
&\Rightarrow \text{Variance } \sigma^2 = M''_X(0) - (M'_X(0))^2 = p^2 - p = p(1-p)
\end{aligned}$$

If $X \sim b(n, p)$, m.g.f of X is

$$\begin{aligned}
M_X(t) &= E[e^{tX}] = \sum_{x=0}^n e^{tx} \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x} \\
&= \sum_{x=0}^n \binom{n}{x} (pe^t)^x (1-p)^{n-x} \\
&= (1-p + pe^t)^n, \quad t \in R \\
M'_X(t) &= n(1-p + pe^t)^{n-1} pe^t \\
&\Rightarrow \text{Mean } \mu = E[X] = M'_X(0) = np \\
M''_X(t) &= n(n-1)(1-p + pe^t)^{n-2} (pe^t)^2 + n(1-p + pe^t)^{n-1} pe^t \\
&\Rightarrow E[X^2] = M''_X(0) = n(n-1)p^2 + np \\
&\Rightarrow \text{Variance } \sigma^2 = M''_X(0) - (M'_X(0))^2 = n(n-1)p^2 + np - (np)^2 = np(1-p)
\end{aligned}$$

Note:

Binomial expansion:

$$(a+b)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} b^k a^{n-k}, \quad \forall a, b \in R$$

If $X \sim Poisson(\lambda)$, m.g.f of X is

$$\begin{aligned}
M_X(t) &= E[e^{tX}] = \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} e^{tx} \frac{\lambda^x e^{-\lambda}}{x!} = e^{-\lambda} \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\lambda e^t)^x}{x!} = e^{-\lambda} e^{\lambda e^t} = e^{\lambda(e^t - 1)}, \quad \forall t \in R \\
M'_X(t) &= \lambda e^t e^{\lambda(e^t - 1)} \\
&\Rightarrow Mean \mu = E[X] = M'_X(0) = \lambda \\
M''_X(t) &= \lambda e^t e^{\lambda(e^t - 1)} + \lambda^2 e^{2t} e^{\lambda(e^t - 1)} \\
&\Rightarrow E[X^2] = M''_X(0) = \lambda + \lambda^2 \\
&\Rightarrow Variance \sigma^2 = M''_X(0) - (M'_X(0))^2 = \lambda + \lambda^2 - \lambda^2 = \lambda
\end{aligned}$$

Note:

$$e^a = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{a^k}{k!}, \quad \forall a \in R$$

If $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$, m.g.f of X is

$$\begin{aligned}
M_X(t) &= E[e^{tX}] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{tx} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2 - 2\sigma^2 tx}{2\sigma^2}} dx \\
&= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{x^2 - 2\mu x - 2\sigma^2 tx + \mu^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx \\
&= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{x^2 - 2(\mu + \sigma^2 t)x - \mu^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx \\
&= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{(x - (\mu + \sigma^2 t))^2 - \frac{\mu^2}{2\sigma^2} + \frac{(\mu + \sigma^2 t)^2}{2\sigma^2}}{2\sigma^2}} dx \\
&= e^{-\frac{\mu^2}{2\sigma^2}} e^{\frac{(\mu + \sigma^2 t)^2}{2\sigma^2}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{(x - (\mu + \sigma^2 t))^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx \\
&= e^{-\frac{\mu^2}{2\sigma^2}} e^{\frac{\mu^2 + 2\mu\sigma^2 t + \sigma^4 t^2}{2\sigma^2}} \\
&= e^{\mu t + \frac{\sigma^2}{2} t^2}, \quad t \in R \\
M'_X(t) &= (\mu + \sigma^2 t) e^{\mu t + \frac{\sigma^2}{2} t^2} \\
&\Rightarrow Mean E[X] = M'_X(0) = \mu \\
M''_X(t) &= \sigma^2 e^{\mu t + \frac{\sigma^2}{2} t^2} + (\mu + \sigma^2 t)^2 e^{\mu t + \frac{\sigma^2}{2} t^2} \\
&\Rightarrow E[X^2] = M''_X(0) = \sigma^2 + \mu^2 \\
&\Rightarrow Variance Var(X) = M''_X(0) - (M'_X(0))^2 = \sigma^2 + \mu^2 - \mu^2 = \sigma^2
\end{aligned}$$

If $X \sim Gamma(\alpha, \beta)$, m.g.f of X is

$$\begin{aligned}
M_X(t) &= E[e^{tX}] = \int_0^\infty e^{tx} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)\beta^\alpha} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-\frac{x}{\beta}} dx = \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)\beta^\alpha} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-\frac{(1-\beta t)x}{\beta}} dx \\
&= (1 - \beta t)^{-\alpha} \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)(\frac{\beta}{1-\beta t})^\alpha} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-\frac{x}{1-\beta t}} dx \\
&= (1 - \beta t)^{-\alpha}, \quad t < \frac{1}{\beta} \\
&\because \frac{\beta}{1 - \beta t} > 0 \Rightarrow 1 - \beta t > 0 \Rightarrow t < \frac{1}{\beta} \\
M'_X(t) &= \alpha(1 - \beta t)^{-\alpha-1}\beta \\
&\Rightarrow Mean \mu = E[X] = M'_X(0) = \alpha\beta \\
M''_X(t) &= \alpha(\alpha+1)(1 - \beta t)^{-\alpha-2}\beta^2 \\
&\Rightarrow E[X^2] = M''_X(0) = \alpha(\alpha+1)\beta^2 \\
&\Rightarrow Variance \sigma^2 = M''_X(0) - (M'_X(0))^2 = \alpha(\alpha+1)\beta^2 - (\alpha\beta)^2 = \alpha\beta^2
\end{aligned}$$