

Homework 0: Solutions

1. $Y \sim \text{Poisson}(\mu), Z \sim \text{Geo}(p), Y \& Z : \text{indep.}$

(a) $\mathbb{P}(Y = i | Y < Z)$ for $i \geq 0$:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}(Y = i | Y < Z) &= \frac{\mathbb{P}(Y < Z | Y = i) \mathbb{P}(Y = i)}{\mathbb{P}(Y < Z)} = \frac{\mathbb{P}(Z > i) \mathbb{P}(Y = i)}{\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}(Y < Z | Y = i) \mathbb{P}(Y = i)} \\ &= \frac{(1-p)^i \times \frac{e^{-\mu} \mu^i}{i!}}{\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (1-p)^i \times \frac{e^{-\mu} \mu^i}{i!}} = \frac{((1-p)\mu)^i \times \frac{e^{-\mu}}{i!}}{e^{-\mu p}} \\ &= \frac{((1-p)\mu)^i \times e^{-(1-p)\mu}}{i!} \\ &\sim \text{Poisson}((1-p)\mu) \end{aligned}$$

(b) $\mathbb{E}[Y | Y < Z]$:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[Y | Y < Z] &= \sum_{Y=0}^{\infty} y \times \mathbb{P}(Y = y | Y < Z) \\ &\stackrel{(a)}{=} \sum_{y=0}^{\infty} y \times \frac{((1-p)\mu)^y \times e^{-(1-p)\mu}}{y!} \\ &= (1-p)\mu \end{aligned}$$

2. $X_1 \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda_1), X_2 \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda_2), Z = \min(X_1, X_2)$

Let's find the CDF of Z .

$$\begin{aligned} F_Z(z) &= \mathbb{P}(Z \leq z) = 1 - \mathbb{P}(Z > z) = 1 - \mathbb{P}(\min(X_1, X_2) > z) \\ &= 1 - \mathbb{P}(X_1 > z, X_2 > z) \stackrel{\text{indep.}}{=} 1 - \mathbb{P}(X_1 > z) \mathbb{P}(X_2 > z) \\ &= 1 - e^{-\lambda_1 z} \times e^{-\lambda_2 z} = 1 - e^{-(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)z} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_Z(z) &= F'_Z(z) = \frac{dF_Z(z)}{dz} = (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)e^{-(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)z} \\ &\sim \text{Exp}(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2) \end{aligned}$$

3. $X \& Y \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda), X \& Y : \text{indep.}, Z = |X - Y|$

$$\begin{aligned} F_Z(z) &= \mathbb{P}(Z \leq z) = \mathbb{P}(|X - Y| \leq z) \\ &= \mathbb{P}(|X - Y| \leq z | X \geq Y) \mathbb{P}(X \geq Y) + \mathbb{P}(|X - Y| \leq z | X < Y) \mathbb{P}(X < Y) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \times \mathbb{P}(X - Y \leq z | X \geq Y) + \frac{1}{2} \times \mathbb{P}(Y - X \leq z | X < Y) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}(X - Y \leq z | X \geq Y) &= \int_0^{\infty} \mathbb{P}(X - Y \leq z | X \geq Y, Y = y) f_Y(y) dy \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} \mathbb{P}(X - y \leq z | X \geq y) f_Y(y) dy \\ &\stackrel{*}{=} \int_0^{\infty} \mathbb{P}(X \leq z) f_Y(y) dy = \mathbb{P}(X \leq z) = 1 - e^{-\lambda z} \end{aligned}$$

*: Exponential distribution is memoryless.

$\mathbb{P}(X - Y \leq z | X \geq Y)$ is equal to $\mathbb{P}(Y - X \leq z | X < Y)$, so:
 $F_Z(z) = 1 - e^{-\lambda z} \rightarrow f_Z(z) = \lambda e^{-\lambda z} \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda)$

4. $X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda_1), Y \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda_2), X \& Y : \text{indep.}$
 $\mathbb{P}(X = k | X + Y = n) :$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}(X = k | X + Y = n) &= \frac{\mathbb{P}(X + Y = n | X = k) \mathbb{P}(X = k)}{\mathbb{P}(X + Y = n)} \\ &= \frac{\mathbb{P}(Y = n - k) \mathbb{P}(X = k)}{\sum_{s=0}^n \mathbb{P}(X + Y = n | X = s) \mathbb{P}(X = s)} \\ &= \frac{\frac{e^{-\lambda_2} \lambda_2^{n-k}}{(n-k)!} \times \frac{e^{-\lambda_1} \lambda_1^k}{(k)!}}{\sum_{s=0}^n \frac{1}{s!(n-s)!} e^{-\lambda_1} \lambda_1^s e^{-\lambda_2} \lambda_2^{n-s}} \\ &= \frac{\frac{\lambda_2^{n-k}}{(n-k)!} \times \frac{\lambda_1^k}{(k)!}}{\frac{1}{n!} \sum_{s=0}^n \frac{n!}{s!(n-s)!} \lambda_1^s \lambda_2^{n-s}} \\ &= \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} \frac{\lambda_1^k \lambda_2^{n-k}}{(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)^n} \\ &= \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} \frac{\lambda_1^k}{(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)^k} \frac{\lambda_2^{n-k}}{(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)^{n-k}} \\ &\sim \text{Binomial}\left(n, \frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

5. Mean and Variance of random variables

(a) $\phi(u) = \exp(-5u^2 + 2ju)$

We know that $m_n = \frac{1}{j^n} \phi^{(n)}(u)|_{u=0}$ So:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[X] &= \frac{1}{j} \frac{d\phi(ju)}{du} \Big|_{u=0} \\ &= \frac{1}{j} (-10u + 2j) \exp(-5u^2 + 2ju) \Big|_{u=0} \\ &= 2. \\ \mathbb{E}[X^2] &= \frac{1}{j^2} \frac{d^2\phi(ju)}{du^2} \Big|_{u=0} \\ &= \left(10 \exp(-5u^2 + 2ju) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - (-10u + 2j)(-10u + 2j) \exp(-5u^2 + 2ju) \right) \Big|_{u=0} \\ &= 14. \\ \text{Var}(X) &= \mathbb{E}[X^2] - \mathbb{E}^2[X] \\ &= 10. \end{aligned}$$

In fact this is the characteristic function of a Gaussian $N(2, 10)$ random variable. (b)

$$\phi(u) = \frac{\exp(ju) - 1}{ju}$$

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \left. \frac{1}{j} \frac{d\phi(ju)}{du} \right|_{u=0} = \left. \frac{1 - ue^{ju} - j(e^{ju} - 1)}{j(-u^2)} \right|_{u=0}$$

We should calculate limit:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - ue^{ju} - j(e^{ju} - 1)}{j(-u^2)} \stackrel{\text{L'Hopital}}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - e^{ju} - jue^{ju} + e^{ju}}{j(-2u)} = \frac{1}{2}.$$

$$\mathbb{E}[X^2] = \left. \frac{1}{j^2} \frac{d^2\phi(ju)}{du^2} \right|_{u=0} = \left. \frac{-ju^2e^{ju} - 2ue^{ju} - 2je^{ju} + 2}{u^3} \right|_{u=0}$$

We should calculate limit:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-ju^2e^{ju} - 2ue^{ju} - 2je^{ju} + 2}{u^3} \stackrel{\text{L'Hopital}}{=} \frac{-j2ue^{ju} + u^2e^{ju} - 2e^{ju} - 2jue^{ju} + 2e^{ju}}{3u^2} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = \mathbb{E}[X^2] - \mathbb{E}^2[X] = \frac{1}{12}$$

In fact, this is the characteristic function of a uniform $U[0, 1]$ random variable.

6. X, Y, Z are random variables with finite expectations. $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ and $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

(iv) $\mathbb{E}[X|Y] = \mathbb{E}[X]$:

$$\mathbb{E}[X|Y] = \sum_x x\mathbb{P}(X = x|Y) \stackrel{\text{indep.}}{=} \sum_x x\mathbb{P}(X = x) = \mathbb{E}[X]$$

(v) $\mathbb{E}[X] = \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[X|Z]]$:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[X|Z]] &= \mathbb{E}\left[\sum_x x\mathbb{P}(X = x|Z)\right] = \sum_z \left(\sum_x x\mathbb{P}(X = x|Z = z)\right)\mathbb{P}(Z = z) \\ &= \sum_x x \left(\sum_z \mathbb{P}(X = x|Z = z)\mathbb{P}(Z = z)\right) = \sum_x x\mathbb{P}(X = x) = \mathbb{E}[X] \end{aligned}$$

(vi) $\mathbb{E}[Xg(Y)|Y] = g(Y)\mathbb{E}[X|Y]$:

$\mathbb{E}[Xg(Y)|Y]$, itself is a random variable. And Y is a discrete random variable, so Assume $Y = y$:

$$\mathbb{E}[Xg(Y)|Y = y] = \mathbb{E}[Xg(y)|Y = y] \stackrel{*}{=} g(y)\mathbb{E}[X|Y = y] \text{ for all } y$$

*: Given $Y = y$, $g(Y)$ is determined. According to (ii) with $a=g(y)$ and $b=0$, the result is obtained.

So $\mathbb{E}[Xg(Y)|Y] = g(Y)\mathbb{E}[X|Y]$

(vii) $\mathbb{E}[X|Y, g(Y)] = \mathbb{E}[X|Y]$:

$\mathbb{E}[X|Y, g(Y)]$, itself is a random variable, and Y is a discrete random variable. Then given

$Y = y$:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[X|Y = y, g(Y) = g(y)] &= \sum_x x \mathbb{P}(X = x|Y = y, g(Y) = g(y)) \\ &= \sum_x x \frac{\mathbb{P}(X = x \cap Y = y \cap g(Y) = g(y))}{\mathbb{P}(Y = y, g(Y) = g(y))} \\ &\stackrel{*}{=} \sum_x x \frac{\mathbb{P}(g(Y) = g(y)|X = x, Y = y) \mathbb{P}(X = x \cap Y = y)}{\mathbb{P}(Y = y)} \\ &\stackrel{**}{=} \sum_x x \frac{\mathbb{P}(X = x \cap Y = y)}{\mathbb{P}(Y = y)} \\ &= \sum_x x \mathbb{P}(X = x|Y = y) = \mathbb{E}[X|Y = y] \text{ for all } y\end{aligned}$$

*: $\mathbb{P}(Y = y, g(Y) = g(y)) = \mathbb{P}(Y = y)$

** : $\mathbb{P}(g(Y) = g(y)|X = x, Y = y) = \mathbb{P}(g(Y) = g(y)|Y = y) = 1$

So $\mathbb{E}[X|Y, g(Y)] = \mathbb{E}[X|Y]$