

3.2: Poisson distribution.

Def: A Random variable X is called a Poisson Random variable with parameter m if it has the following p.d.f

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{m^x e^{-m}}{x!} & , x=0,1,\dots \\ 0 & , \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

where $m > 0$.

Remarks:

1. $\mathcal{A} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$

X discrete random variable.

2. $f(x)$ is a p.d.f.

i. $f(x) > 0 \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{A}$

$f(x) = 0 \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{A}^*$

ii. $\sum_x f(x) = 1$

Recall: "Taylor series"

$$e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \dots = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^k}{k!}$$

Proof 4:

$$e^m = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{m^k}{k!} \Rightarrow e^m = \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \frac{m^x}{x!}$$

$$e^{-m} \cdot e^m = e^{-m} \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \frac{m^x}{x!}$$

$$1 = \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \frac{m^x}{x!} e^{-m}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} f(x) = 1$$

question: Find the m.g.f, expected value, variance and standard dev. of X .

$X \sim \text{Poisson}(m)$ // X has poisson dist with parameter m //

→ m.g.f :

$$E(e^{tx}) = \sum_x e^{tx} f(x) = \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} e^{tx} \frac{m^x e^{-m}}{x!}$$

$$= e^{-m} \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \frac{m^x e^{tx}}{x!}$$

$$= e^{-m} \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \frac{(m e^t)^x}{x!}$$

$$= e^{-m} e^{m e^t}$$

$$= e^{m(e^t - 1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow M(t) = e^{m(e^t - 1)}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

$$\Rightarrow M(t) = \exp(m(e^t - 1)), \quad t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

→ the expected value $E(e^{tx})$ converges for all $t \in \mathbb{R}$, the expected value $E(e^{tx})$ is defined a round Zero.

Hence, the mg.f exists.

→ Expected value.

$$E(x) = \mu = \bar{M}(0).$$

$$\rightarrow \bar{M}(t) = M(t) [m e^t]$$

$$\bar{M}(0) = M(0) [m e^0]$$

$$= m$$

$$\Rightarrow E(x) = \mu = m.$$

→ Variance :

$$E(x^2) = \bar{\bar{M}}(0)$$

$$\bar{\bar{M}}(t) = M(t) (M e^t) + (m e^t) \bar{M}(t)$$

$$\bar{\bar{M}}(0) = M(0) (M e^0) + (m e^0) \bar{M}(0)$$

$$\bar{\bar{M}}(0) = m + m \cdot m$$

$$\bar{\bar{M}}(0) = m + m^2$$

$$\text{so } \text{Var}(x) = \sigma^2 = E(x^2) - (E(x))^2 = m + m^2 - m^2 = m.$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Var}(x) = m.$$

→ Standard deviation :

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\text{Var}(x)} = \sqrt{m}$$

Summary: $X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$. $\lambda = m$

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

where $\lambda > 0$.

$$2. M(t) = e^{\lambda(e^t - 1)} , t \in \mathbb{R} .$$

$$3. E(X) = \lambda$$

$$4. \text{Var}(X) = \lambda^2 = \lambda$$

$$5. \sigma = \sqrt{\lambda}$$

check exp 1,2,3 .