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Supplemental Lecture

Ex.

You take a test 3 times, and your final score is the maximum of the 3 scores.

$$X = \max(X_1, X_2, X_3)$$

where X_i is score on test i . Let $\text{range}(X_i) = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 10\}$. Suppose each score is uniform over $\{1, \dots, 10\}$, also individual scores are independent.

Find PMF $P_X(k)$ of X .

Solution

note

$$P_{X_i}(k) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{10} & k=1, 2, \dots, 10 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

hence

$$F_{X_i}(k) = \frac{k}{10} \quad (\text{for } k=1, 2, \dots, 10)$$

i.e.

$$F_{X_i}(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x < 1 \\ \frac{\lfloor x \rfloor}{10} & \text{if } 1 \leq x \leq 10 \\ 1 & \text{if } x > 10 \end{cases}$$

Plan: 1st find CDF $F_X(k)$, then
difference it to get $P_X(k)$

$$P_X(k) = F_X(k) - F_X(k-1)$$

so

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

$$= P(X_1 \leq k, X_2 \leq k, X_3 \leq k)$$

$$= P(X_1 \leq k) \cdot P(X_2 \leq k) \cdot P(X_3 \leq k) \quad \text{by indep.}$$

$$= F_{X_1}(k) \cdot F_{X_2}(k) \cdot F_{X_3}(k)$$

$$= \left(\frac{k}{10}\right)^3$$

So

$$F_X(k) = \begin{cases} \left(\frac{k}{10}\right)^3 - \left(\frac{k-1}{10}\right)^3 & \text{if } k=1, 2, \dots, 10 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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Goal: Compare Exponential (λ) to Geometric (P).

Recall if X is Geometric (P), then

$$P_X(k) = P(1-P)^{k-1} \quad (k=1, 2, 3, \dots)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} F_X(n) &= \sum_{k=1}^n P(1-P)^{k-1} \\ &= P \cdot \frac{1 - (1-P)^n}{1 - (1-P)} \\ &= 1 - (1-P)^n \end{aligned}$$

If Y is Exponential (λ), then

$$f_Y(x) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x} \quad (\text{if } x \geq 0)$$

Thus

$$F_Y(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x \lambda e^{-\lambda t} dt$$

$$= -e^{-\lambda t} \Big|_0^x$$

$$= -(e^{-\lambda x} - 1)$$

$$= 1 - e^{-\lambda x} \quad (\text{if } x \geq 0)$$

To compare F_X to F_Y , let $\delta > 0$ be a positive real number satisfying

$$\boxed{e^{-\lambda z} = 1-p} \quad (\text{i.e. } p = 1 - e^{-\lambda z})$$

$$\therefore -\lambda z = \ln(1-p)$$

$$\therefore z = \frac{-\ln(1-p)}{\lambda}$$

For this value of z we have

$$(e^{-\lambda z})^n = (1-p)^n$$

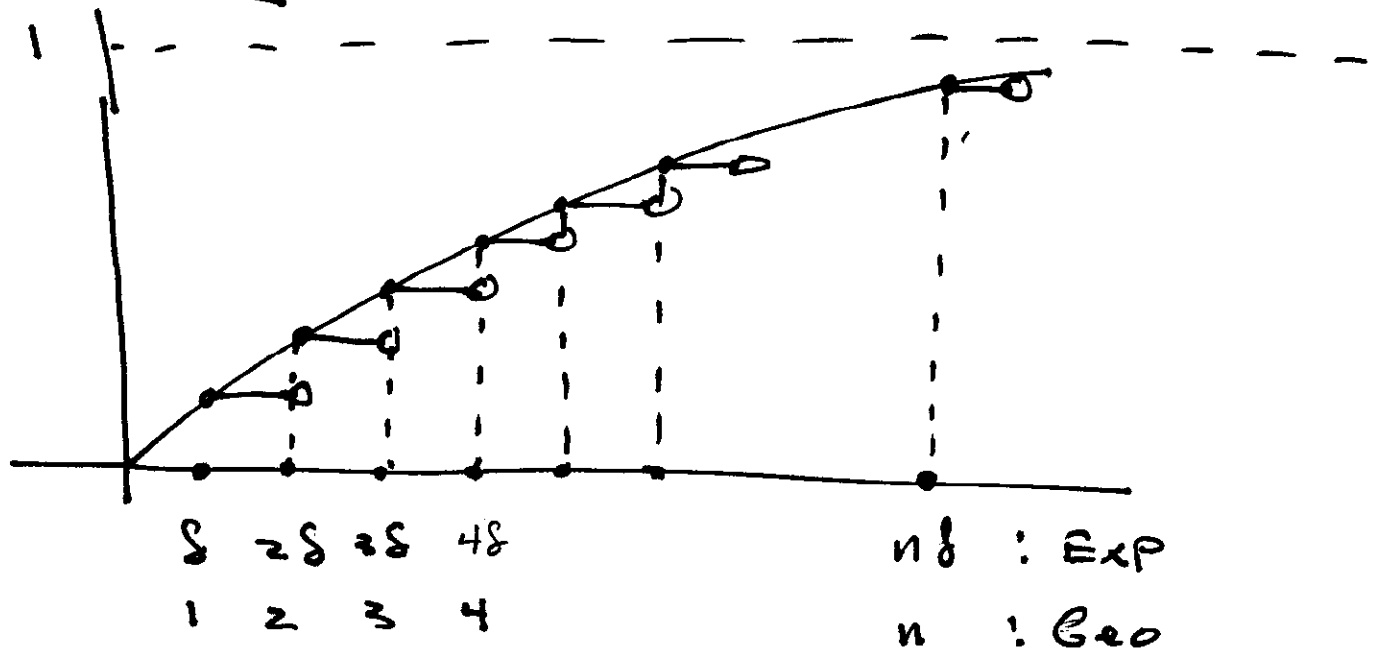
$$1 - e^{-\lambda z n} = 1 - (1-p)^n$$

Thus

$$F_Y(zn) = F_X(n)$$

↑
takes
place
of x

Graphing both



3.3 Normal Random Variables

Let X be a r.v. with PDF

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi} \cdot \sigma} \cdot e^{\frac{-(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

We call X Normal (or Gaussian) with Parameters μ, σ .

It can be shown that

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x) dx = 1$$

One can also show

$$E[X] = \mu$$

and

$$\text{Var}(X) = \sigma^2$$

$$\therefore \sqrt{\text{Var}(X)} = \sigma$$

A normal random variable
is called standard normal
iff $\mu=0, \sigma=1$

Theorem

→ If X is Normal (μ, σ) , and
 if $a \neq 0$, and b are constants,
 then

$$Y = aX + b$$

is Normal with $E[Y] = a\mu + b$
 and Variance $\text{Var}(Y) = a^2\sigma^2$,
 i.e. Y is Normal $(a\mu + b, |a|\sigma)$.

Proof

assume $a > 0$. (exercise: $a < 0$),

Then

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$$\begin{aligned}F_Y(y) &= P(Y \leq y) \\&= P(aX + b \leq y) \\&= P\left(X \leq \frac{y-b}{a}\right)\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore F_Y(y) = F_X\left(\frac{y-b}{a}\right)$$

$\downarrow \frac{d}{dy}$

$$f_Y(y) = f_X\left(\frac{y-b}{a}\right) \cdot \frac{1}{a}$$

$$= \frac{1}{a} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi} \cdot \sigma} \cdot e^{-\frac{\left(\frac{y-b}{a} - \mu\right)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi} \cdot (a\sigma)} \cdot e^{-\frac{\left(\frac{y-b-a\mu}{a}\right)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi} (a\sigma)} \cdot e^{-\frac{(y-(a\mu+b))^2}{(a\sigma)^2}}}$$

Thus Y is Normal $(a\mu + b, a\sigma)$



Exercise: do case $a < 0$.