



Tut. Session (11)  
Ch. 17: Greatest Accuracy credibility

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Suppose that  $X$  and  $Z$  are independent Poisson random variables with means  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  respectively. Let  $Y = X + Z$ . Demonstrate that  $X|Y = y$  is binomial.

Ans:

The conditional prob. mass fn of  $X$  given  $Y = y$  is

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Pr}(x|y) &= \frac{\text{Pr}(X=x, Y=y)}{\text{Pr}(Y=y)} \\ &= \frac{\text{Pr}(X=x, Z=y-x)}{\text{Pr}(Y=y)} \\ &= \frac{\frac{\lambda_1^x e^{-\lambda_1}}{x!} \frac{\lambda_2^{y-x} e^{-\lambda_2}}{(y-x)!}}{\frac{(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)^y e^{-\lambda_1 - \lambda_2}}{y!}} \\ &= \frac{y!}{x! (y-x)!} \left(\frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2}\right)^x \left(\frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2}\right)^{y-x} \end{aligned}$$

$Y = X + Z$   
 $\Rightarrow y = x + z$   
 $\Rightarrow z = y - x$

for  $x = 0, 1, 2, \dots, y$

$\therefore \text{Pr}(x|y) = \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x}, x = 0, 1, \dots, n$

where,  $n = y$ , and  $p = \frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2}$ .

That is,  $X|Y = y$  has a binomial distribution with parameters  $n = y$  and  $p = \frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2}$ . ##



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Consider a compound Poisson distribution with Poisson mean  $\lambda$ , where  $X = Y_1 + Y_2 + \dots + Y_N$ , with  $E(Y_i) = \mu_Y$  and  $\text{Var}(Y_i) = \sigma_Y^2$ . Determine the mean and Variance of  $X$ .

Ans: we have,  $X = Y_1 + Y_2 + \dots + Y_N$   
where,  $E(Y_i) = \mu_Y$ ,  $\text{Var}(Y_i) = \sigma_Y^2$ , and

$$N \sim \text{poisson}(\lambda)$$

$$\Rightarrow E(N) = \text{Var}(N) = \lambda$$

The expectation of  $E(X|N)$  is given by

$$E[E(X|N)] = E(X), \text{ see Eq. (17.3) p. 405}$$

and Variance of  $X$  is given by

$$\text{Var}(X) = E[\text{Var}(X|N)] + \text{Var}[E(X|N)], \text{ see Eq. (17.6) p. 407}$$

The mean of  $X$  is

$$\begin{aligned} E(X) &= E[E(X|N)] = E[N E(Y_i)] \\ &= E[\mu_Y N] \\ &= \mu_Y E(N) = \lambda \mu_Y \end{aligned}$$

Also, the Variance of  $X$  is

$$\text{Var}(X) = E[N \text{Var}(Y_i)] + \text{Var}[N E(Y_i)]$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= E[\sigma_Y^2 N] + \text{Var}[\mu_Y N] \\ &= \sigma_Y^2 E(N) + \mu_Y^2 \text{Var}(N) = \lambda \sigma_Y^2 + \lambda \mu_Y^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \text{Var}(X) = \lambda (\sigma_Y^2 + \mu_Y^2) = \lambda E(Y_i^2), \text{ where } \sigma_Y^2 = E(Y_i^2) - \mu_Y^2$$

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Let  $X$  and  $Y$  have joint probability distribution as given in Table 17.2.

$x$	$y$		
	0	1	2
0	0.20	0	0.10
1	0	0.15	0.25
2	0.05	0.15	0.10

Table 17.2 pb 17.4 p. 432

- Compute the marginal distributions of  $X$  and  $Y$ .
- Compute the Conditional distribution of  $X$  given  $Y=y$  for  $y=0,1,2$ .
- Compute  $E(X|y)$ ,  $E(X^2|y)$  and  $\text{Var}(X|y)$  for  $y=0,1,2$ .
- Compute  $E(X)$  and  $\text{Var}(X)$  using Equations (17.3), (17.6), and (c).

Ans:

(a) We compute the marginal distributions of  $X$  and  $Y$  as follows.

$x$	$y$			$f_X(x)$
	0	1	2	
0	0.20	0	0.10	0.30
1	0	0.15	0.25	0.40
2	0.05	0.15	0.10	0.30
$f_Y(y)$	0.25	0.30	0.45	

(b)  $f(X|Y=y)$ ,  $y=0,1,2$  ?  $f(X|Y=y) = \frac{f(x,y)}{f_Y(y)}$

$$f(X|Y=0) = \frac{0.20}{0.25} = \frac{4}{5}, \frac{0}{0.25} = 0, \frac{0.05}{0.25} = \frac{1}{5} \Rightarrow \text{sum} = 1$$

$$f(X|Y=1) = \frac{0}{0.30} = 0, \frac{0.15}{0.30} = \frac{1}{2}, \frac{0.15}{0.30} = \frac{1}{2}$$

and  $f(X|Y=2) = \frac{0.10}{0.45} = \frac{2}{9}, \frac{0.25}{0.45} = \frac{5}{9}, \frac{0.10}{0.45} = \frac{2}{9}$

(c)  $E(X|y)$ ,  $E(X^2|y)$  and  $\text{Var}(X|y)$  ???

for  $y=0,1,2$ .

$$E(X|Y=0) = 0\left(\frac{4}{5}\right) + 1(0) + 2\left(\frac{1}{5}\right) = \frac{2}{5}$$

$$E(X|Y=1) = 0(0) + 1\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + 2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$E(X|Y=2) = 0\left(\frac{2}{9}\right) + 1\left(\frac{5}{9}\right) + 2\left(\frac{2}{9}\right) = 1$$

$\rightarrow E(X|y)$

$$E(X^2|Y=0) = 0^2\left(\frac{4}{5}\right) + 1^2(0) + 2^2\left(\frac{1}{5}\right) = \frac{4}{5}$$

$$E(X^2|Y=1) = 0^2(0) + 1^2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + 2^2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{5}{2}$$

$$E(X^2|Y=2) = 0^2\left(\frac{2}{9}\right) + 1^2\left(\frac{5}{9}\right) + 2^2\left(\frac{2}{9}\right) = \frac{13}{9}$$

$$\text{Var}(X|Y=0) = \frac{4}{5} - \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^2 = \frac{16}{25}$$

$$\text{Var}(X|Y=1) = \frac{5}{2} - \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\text{Var}(X|Y=2) = \frac{13}{9} - 1^2 = \frac{4}{9}$$

(d)  $E(X)$  and  $\text{Var}(X)$  ??

$$E(X) = E[E(X|Y)]$$

$$= \sum_y E(X|Y) f(y)$$

$$\therefore E(X) = \frac{2}{5}(0.25) + \frac{3}{2}(0.30) + 1(0.45) = 1$$

$$\text{Also, } \text{Var}(X) = E[\text{Var}(X|Y)] + \text{Var}[E(X|Y)]$$

$$E[\text{Var}(X|Y)] = \sum_y \text{Var}(X|Y) f(y)$$

$$= \frac{16}{25}(0.25) + \frac{1}{4}(0.30) + \frac{4}{9}(0.45) = 0.435$$

$$\text{Var}[E(X|Y)] = E\{[E(X|Y)]^2\} - \{E[E(X|Y)]\}^2$$

$$= E\{[E(X|Y)]^2\} - [E(X)]^2$$

$$= \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^2(0.25) + \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2(0.30) + 1^2(0.45) - 1^2$$

$$= 0.165$$

$$\therefore \text{Var}(X) = 0.435 + 0.165 = 0.6$$

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Suppose that  $\Theta$  has pdf  $\pi(\theta)$ ,  $\theta > 0$ , and  $\Theta_1$  has pdf  $\pi_1(\theta) = \pi(\theta - \alpha)$ ,  $\theta > \alpha > 0$ . If, given  $\Theta_1$ ,  $X$  is poisson distributed with mean  $\Theta_1$ , show that  $X$  has the same distribution as  $Y + Z$ , where  $Y$  and  $Z$  are independent,  $Y$  is poisson distributed with mean  $\alpha$ , and  $Z | \Theta$  is poisson distributed with mean  $\Theta$ .

Ans: we have,

$\Theta \rightarrow$  pdf  $\pi(\theta)$ ,  $\theta > 0$ ,  $\Theta_1 \rightarrow$  pdf  $\pi_1(\theta) = \pi(\theta - \alpha)$

$X | \Theta_1 \sim \text{poisson}(\Theta_1)$ ,  $Y \sim \text{poisson}(\alpha)$

and  $Z | \Theta \sim \text{poisson}(\Theta)$

$$\Rightarrow f_X(x) = \int \frac{e^{-\theta} \theta^x}{x!} \pi(\theta - \alpha) d\theta, \quad \theta > \alpha > 0$$

$$f_Y(y) = \frac{e^{-\alpha} \alpha^y}{y!}, \quad \alpha > 0$$

$$\text{and } f_Z(z) = \int \frac{e^{-\theta} \theta^z}{z!} \pi(\theta) d\theta, \quad \theta > 0$$

Let  $W = Y + Z$ , then

$$f_W(w) = \sum_{y=0}^w f_Y(y) f_Z(w-y)$$

$$= \sum_{y=0}^w \frac{e^{-\alpha} \alpha^y}{y!} \int \frac{e^{-\theta} \theta^{w-y}}{(w-y)!} \pi(\theta) d\theta$$

$$= \int \frac{e^{-(\alpha+\theta)} (\alpha+\theta)^w}{w!} \sum_{y=0}^w \binom{w}{y} \left(\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+\theta}\right)^y \left(\frac{\theta}{\alpha+\theta}\right)^{w-y} \pi(\theta) d\theta$$

$$\therefore f_W(w) = \int \frac{e^{-(\alpha+\theta)} (\alpha+\theta)^w}{w!} \pi(\theta) d\theta$$

$$\text{where } \sum_{y=0}^w \binom{w}{y} \left(\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+\theta}\right)^y \left(\frac{\theta}{\alpha+\theta}\right)^{w-y} = \left[\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+\theta} + \frac{\theta}{\alpha+\theta}\right]^w = 1$$

let  $r = \alpha + \theta$

$$\therefore f_W(w) = \int \frac{e^{-r} r^w}{w!} \pi(r - \alpha) dr = f_X(x). \quad \#$$

Note that  $\sum_{r=0}^n \binom{n}{r} a^r b^{n-r} = (a+b)^n$  Binomial formula