

Common Problem
ex]

Easier way to do § 2.9 ex

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Fair die is rolled 3 times

Y counts the number of 5's.

Then $Y \sim \text{bin}(n=3, p=\frac{1}{6})$.

y	0	1	2	3
$P(Y)$.5787	.3472	.0694	.0046
sum	= .9999			

*a) $EY = np = 3 \frac{1}{6} = 0.5$

*b) $Var Y = np(1-p) = 3 \frac{1}{6} \frac{5}{6} = \frac{5}{12} = .41667$

i) $P(\text{none of the rolls are 5's}) = P(Y=0) = \binom{3}{0} \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^0 \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^3$
 $= \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^3 = P(0)$

ii) $P(\text{at least one roll is a 5}) = P(Y \geq 1)$

$$= P(1) + P(2) + P(3) = 1 - \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^3 = 1 - P(0)$$

iii) $P(\text{all 3 rolls are 5's}) = P(Y=3) = \binom{3}{3} \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^3 \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^0$
 $= \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^3 = P(n)$

iv) $P(\text{not all 3 rolls are 5's}) = P(Y \neq 3) =$

$$1 - P(Y=3) = P(0) + P(1) + P(2) = 1 - P(3)$$

$$= 1 - \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^3 = 1 - P(n).$$

v) $P(\text{at most one roll is a 5}) = P(Y \leq 1)$

$$= P(0) + P(1) = \binom{3}{0} \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^0 \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^3 + \binom{3}{1} \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^1 \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^2$$

$$= \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^3 + 3 \frac{1}{6} \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^2 \approx .5787 + .3472$$

$$= .9259.$$

vi) $P(\text{at least two rolls are 5's}) = P(Y \geq 2)$

$$= P(2) + P(3) = 1 - P(0) - P(1)$$

$$= 1 - .9259 = 0.0741.$$

23] p108 Common error $q = 1-p$ 14.5
is given in story problem
and student uses $Y \sim \text{bin}(n, q)$
instead of $Y \sim \text{bin}(n, p)$.

see Hw 5 H.

↑ skip ex 3.10.

END EXAM MATERIAL

§3.5 24] P115 If $W \sim \text{bin}(n, p)$, then
 W counts the number of successes
in n trials. If Y is the trial
at which the 1st success occurs,
then Y has a Geometric (p) distribution.

$$P(Y=y) = P(\text{1st } y-1 \text{ trials are F, } y\text{th S}) \\ = P(F F \dots F S) = (1-p)^{y-1} p, \quad y=1, 2, \dots$$

25] A RV Y is geometric (p) if

$$P(Y=y) = P(y) = (1-p)^{y-1} p, \quad y=1, 2, 3, \dots \\ 0 \leq p \leq 1.$$

26] p116 If $Y \sim \text{geom}(p)$, then
 $EY = \frac{1}{p}$ and $V(Y) = \frac{1-p}{p^2}$.

skip § 3.6 and § 3.7

§3.8 P131 A Poisson(λ) RV Y is used to model
the total # of occurrences of some
phenomenon in a fixed period of time
or a fixed region of space where λ is the average
value of Y . eg # telephone calls in a 5 minute interval
radioactive particles that hit a target in 3 hours.

27) know P132 A RV Y has a Poisson(λ) distribution if $p(y) = \frac{\lambda^y e^{-\lambda}}{y!}$, $y=0,1,2,\dots$ $\lambda > 0$. 48315

28) P131 Suppose that $W \sim \text{bin}(n, p)$ where n is large and p small so that $np < 7$. Then the pois ($\lambda=np$) RV Y is a good approx to W in that $p_W(w) = \binom{n}{w} p^w (1-p)^{n-w} \approx \frac{\lambda^w e^{-\lambda}}{w!} = p_Y(w)$.

29) $\sum_{y=0}^{\infty} p(y) = e^{-\lambda} \sum_{y=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^y}{y!} = e^{-\lambda} e^{\lambda} = 1$
 Taylor (or Maclaurin) series expansion for e^x , $x=\lambda$ see p 836

30) know If Y is Poisson(λ), then $E(Y) = \lambda$ and $V(Y) = \lambda$.

proof) $E(Y) = \sum_{y=0}^{\infty} y \frac{\lambda^y e^{-\lambda}}{y!} = \lambda \sum_{y=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^{y-1} e^{-\lambda}}{(y-1)!}$
 Pull out a λ and $\frac{y}{y!} = \frac{1}{(y-1)!}$

omit if running late

Take $z = y-1$, $y=0 \rightarrow z=-1$, $y=1 \rightarrow z=0$, $y=\infty \rightarrow z=\infty$
 $E(Y) = \lambda \sum_{z=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^z e^{-\lambda}}{z!} = \lambda$
 $\sum p(z) = 1$

$E[Y(Y-1)] = \sum_{y=0}^{\infty} y(y-1) \frac{\lambda^y e^{-\lambda}}{y!} = \lambda^2 \sum_{y=2}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^{y-2} e^{-\lambda}}{(y-2)!}$

$\stackrel{\text{trick}}{=} \lambda^2 \sum_{z=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^z e^{-\lambda}}{z!} = \lambda^2$

So $E[Y^2 - Y] = \lambda^2$ and $E Y^2 = \lambda^2 + \lambda$.

$\therefore V(Y) = E Y^2 - [E(Y)]^2 = \lambda^2 + \lambda - \lambda^2 = \lambda$

common E2 problem

ex] Suppose that Y counts the number of radioactive particles that hit a target in two minutes and that Y is Poisson with $E(Y) = 6$. a) Find the prob that the # of strikes in a future 2 minute period is greater than or equal to 10.

Soln] $\lambda = E(Y) = 6$ want $P(Y \geq 10)$.

Table 3 on p 845 gives $P(Y \leq a)$

Now $P(Y \geq 10) = 1 - P(Y \leq 9)$

λ/a	9
6	0.916

$$\text{So } P(Y \geq 10) = 1 - .916 = 0.084$$

$$\begin{aligned} * \text{ b) Find } P(Y=4) &= P(4) = \frac{\lambda^4 e^{-\lambda}}{4!} \\ &= \frac{6^4 e^{-6}}{4!} = 0.13385 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{or } P(Y=4) = P(Y \leq 4) - P(Y \leq 3)$$

table 3

λ/a	3	4
6	0.151	0.285

$$P(Y=4) = .285 - .151 = .134$$

§3.9 p 138 31] * The k th moment of Y (about the origin) is $E(Y^k)$ ($= \mu'_k$).

32] The k th central moment of Y is $E[(Y - E(Y))^k]$ ($= \mu_k$).

Note $k=2$ gives $V(Y)$.

33] p139 know The moment generating function (mgf) for a RV Y is $m(t) = E(e^{tY})$. The mgf exists if $m(t)$ is finite for $|t| \leq b$ for some $b > 0$.

34] If Y is discrete, $m(t) = \sum_{y: p(y) > 0} e^{ty} p(y)$.

35] Common Problem Given a table for $p(y)$, find $m(t) = E(e^{tY})$.

ex)

y	-1	+1
$p(y)$	0.5	0.5

$$m(t) = E(e^{tY}) = \sum_y e^{ty} p(y) = e^{-t} \cdot 0.5 + e^t \cdot 0.5$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [e^{-t} + e^t].$$

36] p139 know Let Y be a RV with mgf $m(t)$. Then $E[Y^k] = \left. \frac{d^k m(t)}{dt^k} \right|_{t=0} \equiv m^{(k)}(0)$.

37] Common Problem Given $m(t)$, use point 36 to find $E[Y]$ and $E[Y^2]$.

38] * p140 The mgf of a Poisson(λ) RV is

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

Proof) $m(t) = E e^{tY} = \sum_{y=0}^{\infty} e^{ty} \frac{\lambda^y e^{-\lambda}}{y!} = e^{-\lambda} \sum_{y=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\lambda e^t)^y}{y!}$

(Taylor series p836 with $x = \lambda e^t$)

$$\downarrow$$

$$= e^{-\lambda} e^{\lambda e^t} = e^{\lambda(e^t - 1)} \quad \forall t.$$

ex) Suppose $m(t) = e^{\lambda(e^t - 1)}$. ✓ b.c.s

Find $E(Y)$ and $V(Y)$ using the mgf.

Soln $\frac{d}{dt} m(t) = \underbrace{e^{\lambda(e^t - 1)}}_{f(t)} \underbrace{\lambda e^t}_{g(t)}$ ← use product rule for $m'(t)$
↑ chain rule $g'(t) f(t)$ ← chain rule

$[f(x)]' = g'(x) f(x)$

so $m'(0) = e^{\lambda(e^0 - 1)} \lambda e^0 = \lambda = E(Y)$

$[f(x)g(x)]' = f'(x)g(x) + f(x)g'(x)$

Now $\frac{d^2}{dt^2} m(t) = \underbrace{e^{\lambda(e^t - 1)}}_{f(t)} \underbrace{\lambda e^t}_{g(t)} \underbrace{\lambda e^t}_{g'(t)} + \underbrace{e^{\lambda(e^t - 1)}}_{f(t)} \underbrace{\lambda e^t}_{g'(t)}$
↑ product rule on $\frac{d}{dt} m(t)$

so $m''(0) = e^{\lambda(1-1)} \lambda e^0 \lambda e^0 + e^{\lambda(1-1)} \lambda e^0$
 $= \lambda^2 + \lambda$

so $\sigma^2 = E(Y^2) - (E(Y))^2 = \lambda^2 + \lambda - \lambda^2 = \lambda$
 as before.

39)* The mgf of a bin (n, p) RV is $m(t) = [pe^t + (1-p)]^n \quad \forall t$.

proof $m(t) = \sum_{i=0}^n e^{ti} \binom{n}{i} p^i (1-p)^{n-i}$

$= \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (pe^t)^i (1-p)^{n-i}$

$= [pe^t + (1-p)]^n$
 (binomial theorem p 45 with $x=1-p, y=pe^t$)

40) P141 Suppose that W and Y are 2 RV's with $m_W(t) = m_Y(t) \quad \forall |t| < b$ for some $b > 0$. Then W and Y have the same prob dist

4.1) P146 * Tchebysheff's Theorem.

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Let Y be a RV with $E(Y) = \mu$ and $V(Y) = \sigma^2$

If $k > 0$, then $P(|Y - \mu| < k\sigma) \geq 1 - \frac{1}{k^2}$,

or $P(|Y - \mu| \geq k\sigma) \leq \frac{1}{k^2}$.

Note: σ is a measure of spread

Tchebysheff
 $P(|Y - \mu| < 2\sigma) \geq .75$

Empirical (68-95-99.7)
 $\approx .95$

$P(|Y - \mu| < 3\sigma) \geq 8/9 \approx .889$

$\approx .997$

any dist with

$V(Y) < \infty$

bell shaped

ch4 1) P158 know Let Y be any RV.

The distribution function of Y is $F(y) = P(Y \leq y)$
 for $-\infty < y < \infty$.

Note) If Y is discrete with probability function $p(x)$,
 then $F(y) = \sum_{\{x: p(x) > 0 \text{ and } x \leq y\}}$

2) * P160 If $F(y)$ is a dist fn, then

d(1) $F(-\infty) = \lim_{y \rightarrow -\infty} F(y) = 0$

d(2) $F(\infty) = \lim_{y \rightarrow \infty} F(y) = 1$

d(3) $F(y)$ is a nondecreasing function of y :

if $y_1 < y_2$, then $F(y_1) \leq F(y_2)$.

not in book

d(4) $F(y)$ is right continuous: $\lim_{y \downarrow y_0} F(y) = F(y_0)$ for any y_0 .

Note if $A = \{Y < y_1\}$ and $B = \{Y < y_2\}$

and $y_1 < y_2$, then $A \subseteq B$.

Also $\{Y \leq y_1\} \equiv \{\omega \in S \mid Y(\omega) \leq y_1\}$.

$F(y)$ is a step fn if Y is discrete

$F(y)$ for Y continuous

3) know P160 The RV Y is continuous if the df $F(y)$ is continuous for $-\infty < y < \infty$.

4) p161 know Let $F(y)$ be the df of continuous Y and suppose $f(y) = \frac{dF(y)}{dy}$ wherever the derivative exists. Then $f(y)$ is called the probability density function (pdf) of Y . (Assumption $\frac{dF}{dy}$ exists and is continuous except for at most a finite # of points in any finite interval.)

5) know $F(y) = \int_{-\infty}^y f(t) dt$

6) p 162 If $f(y)$ is a pdf, then
 pdf 1) $f(y) \geq 0 \quad \forall y \in (-\infty, \infty) = \mathbb{R}$
 pdf 2) $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(y) dy = 1$.

7) * P165 If Y has pdf $f(y)$ and $a \leq b$, then $P(a \leq Y \leq b) = \int_a^b f(y) dy = F(b) - F(a)$.

\leq means \leq or $<$

For a discrete RV W ,
 $P(a < W \leq b) = F(b) - F(a)$ since $F(a) = P(W \leq a)$.
 If Y is a continuous RV, then $F(a) = P[Y \leq a] = P[Y < a]$ since $P(Y = a) = 0$.

8) Common Problem a) Find $f(y)$ from $F(y)$.
 b) Find $F(y)$ from $f(y)$.
 c) Told $f(y) = c g(y)$, Find c .