

Zoo of r.v.'s

Bernoulli (p)

$Z \sim \text{Ber}(p)$
has distn of

$$Z = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{w prob } p \\ 0 & \text{w prob } 1-p \end{cases}$$

$$E(Z) = p \quad \text{Var}(Z) = p(1-p)$$

Binomial (n, p)

$X \sim \text{Bin}(n, p)$

[# of H's in n coin tosses
each w/ prob p of
coming up H's]

$$X = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n$$

$$X_i \sim \text{Ber}(p)$$

X_i 's are mutually indep.

X takes values $0, 1, 2, \dots, n$

$$\Pr(X=i) = \binom{n}{i} p^i (1-p)^{n-i}$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^n \Pr(X=i) = 1$$

$$E(X) = np$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = np(1-p)$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = \text{Var}(X_1) + \text{Var}(X_2) + \dots + \text{Var}(X_n)$$

because X_i 's are mutually indep.

Aside
Let Z is a r.v.

$$\sum_{a \in \text{Range}(Z)} \Pr(Z=a) = 1$$

C.D.F. $F_X(a) = \Pr(X \leq a)$
monotone fn from 0 to 1

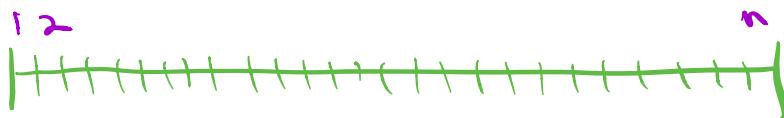
$$\text{Var}(X^2 + Y^2) = \text{Var}(X^2) + \text{Var}(Y^2)$$

X & Y are indep. $\Rightarrow X^2$ and Y^2 are indep.

Ex: sending n bit string over a network
 each bit corrupted independently with prob p .
 $\#$ corrupted bits $\sim \text{Bin}(n, p)$

$$n = 10^6 \quad p = 10^{-5} \quad \text{exp} \# \text{ corrupted bits} = 10$$

n very large $\rightarrow \infty$ np const.

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 Prob event in any given tiny interval p .
 events indep
 # events

$$\boxed{np = \lambda}$$

intervals is n

$$\Pr(X=0) = (1-p)^n$$

$$= (e^{-p})^n = e^{-pn}$$

$$= e^{-\lambda}$$

$e^{-x} = 1 - x + \frac{x^2}{2} \dots$
 if x very tiny
 $\boxed{e^{-x} \approx 1 - x}$

$$\Pr(X=1) = \binom{n}{1} p (1-p)^{n-1} = np(1-p)^{n-1} \approx npe^{-p(n-1)}$$

$$\approx npe^{-pn}$$

$$= \lambda e^{-\lambda}$$

$$\Pr(X=2) = \binom{n}{2} p^2 (1-p)^{n-2} = \frac{\lambda^2}{2!} e^{-\lambda}$$

$X \sim \text{Bin}(n, p)$:

lim $n \rightarrow \infty$ $\Pr(X=k) = \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} e^{-\lambda}$

$Z \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$ Z takes $0, 1, 2, \dots$

$$\Pr(Z=k) = e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!}$$

$$1 = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \Pr(Z=k) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!}$$
$$= e^{-\lambda} \left[\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} \right]$$

This is e^λ

$$= 1$$

$$E(Z) = \lambda$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} k \Pr(Z=k)$$
$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} k e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!}$$

$$V(Z) = \lambda$$

Events happen at
rate λ / unit time

time unit

Conditional expectation of X given event A

$$E(X|A) = \sum_{a \in \text{Range}(X)} a \boxed{\Pr(X=a|A)}$$

Law of Total Expectation.

$$E(X) = E(X|A)\Pr(A) + E(X|\bar{A})\Pr(\bar{A})$$

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$$\begin{aligned} E(X) &= \sum_{a \in \text{Range}(X)} a \underbrace{\Pr(X=x)}_{\substack{\text{Law of total prob}}} \\ E(X|A) &= \sum_{a \in \text{Range}(X)} a \left[\Pr(X=x|A)\Pr(A) + \Pr(X=x|\bar{A})\Pr(\bar{A}) \right] \end{aligned}$$