

ST 421 Exam 2 Reference Sheet

*****DISCRETE RANDOM VARIABLES*****

PMF (DRV): $P(Y = y)$ CDF(DRV&CRV): $P(Y < y)$
 PDF(CRV): $P(a < Y < b) = CDF_b - CDF_a$

Binomial Dist.:

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

X = of successes in sample size n

p = probability of success

pmf: $P(X = x) = \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x}$

cdf: $P(X > x) = \sum_{i=0}^x \text{bin}(i, n, p)$

$x \in \mathbb{N}$ $0 \leq p \leq 1$

$\mu = np$ $\sigma^2 = np(1-p)$

Geometric Dist.: find first success (**memoryless**)

$X \sim g(p)$

X = trial number of 1st success

p = probability of success

pmf: $P(X = x) = (1-p)^{x-1} p$

cdf: $P(X > x) = 1 - (1-p)^x$

$x \in \mathbb{N}$ $0 \leq p \leq 1$

$\mu = \frac{1}{p}$ $\sigma^2 = \frac{1-p}{p^2}$

**special case of Negative Binomial with $r = 1$.

Hypergeometric Dist.:

$X \sim h(n, r, N)$

Population: N sample size: n

r successes $(1-r)$ failures

X : # of successes in sample size n

pmf: $P(X = x) = \frac{\binom{r}{x} \binom{N-r}{n-x}}{\binom{N}{n}}$

cdf: $P(X > x) =$

$\mu = n \frac{r}{N}$ $\sigma^2 = n \frac{r}{N} \left(1 - \frac{r}{N}\right) \left(\frac{N-n}{N-1}\right)$

**converges to Binomial as $r/N \rightarrow p$

Negative binomial Dist.: trial # of r^{th} success

$X \sim nb(r, p)$

X = trial number of r^{th} success

p = probability of success

pmf: $P(X = x) = \binom{x-1}{r-1} p^r (1-p)^{x-r}$

cdf: $P(X > x) =$

$x \in \mathbb{N}$ $0 \leq p \leq 1$

$\mu = \frac{r}{p}$ $\sigma^2 = \frac{r(1-p)}{p^2}$

Poisson Dist.: number of random occurrences in a specified unit of space or time

$X \sim \text{Poi}(\lambda)$ λ = mean process rate

pmf: $P(X = x) = \frac{\lambda^x e^{-\lambda}}{x!}$ $0 < \lambda < \infty$ $x \in \mathbb{N}$

cdf: $P(X \leq x)$ = (see table for λ)

$\mu = \lambda$ $\sigma^2 = \lambda$

**in Binomial, as $n \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow np \rightarrow \lambda$

Tchebysheff's Inequality: $P(|X - \mu| \geq k\sigma) \leq \frac{1}{k^2}$

IOW: $P((X \leq \mu - k\sigma) \cup (X \geq \mu + k\sigma)) \leq \frac{1}{k^2}$

IOW: $P(|X - \mu| \leq k\sigma) \geq 1 - \frac{1}{k^2}$

Variance: $\sigma_X^2 = E[X^2] - (E[X])^2$

$(E[X])^2 = \mu_X^2$ $E[X^2] = (\sum xp(X=x))^2$

$E[bX] = bE[X]$ $\sigma_{bX}^2 = b^2\sigma_X^2$

$E[c] = c$ $\sigma_c^2 = 0$

$E[a + bX] = a + bE[X]$ $\sigma_{a+bX}^2 = b^2\sigma_X^2$

$E[a + X] = a + E[X]$ $\sigma_{a+X}^2 = \sigma_X^2$

$E[g_1(X) + g_2(X)] = E[g_1(X)] + E[g_2(X)]$

$E[X + Y] = E[X] + E[Y]$

Moments and Moment Generating Functions

$\mu'_k = E(Y^k)$ $m(t) = E(e^{tY})$ $\mu_k = E((Y - \mu)^k)$

Find k^{th} derivative of $m(t)$ wrt t . Set $t=0$. Result is μ'_k .

For DRV: $E[e^{ty}] = \sum e^{ty} p(y)$. For CRV: $E[e^{ty}] = \int e^{ty} p(y)$

EXDRV: $m(t)_{\text{Poisson}} = \sum e^{ty} \frac{\lambda^y e^{-\lambda}}{y!} = \sum \frac{(e^t \lambda)^y e^{-\lambda}}{y!} =$

$e^{-\lambda} \sum \frac{(e^t \lambda)^y}{y!} = e^{-\lambda} e^{\lambda e^t} \sum \frac{(e^t \lambda)^y e^{-\lambda e^t}}{y!} = e^{\lambda(e^t - 1)}$...

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

$m^{(1)}(t)_{\text{Poisson}} = \frac{d}{dt} (e^{\lambda(e^t - 1)}) = (e^{\lambda(e^t - 1)})(e^t \lambda)|_{t=0} = \lambda$

$m^{(2)}(t)_{\text{Poisson}} = \frac{d}{dt} ((e^{\lambda(e^t - 1)})(e^t \lambda))$

$= (e^{\lambda(e^t - 1)})(e^t \lambda)^2 + (e^{\lambda(e^t - 1)})(e^t \lambda)|_{t=0} = \lambda^2 + \lambda$

EXCRV:

*****CONTINUOUS RANDOM VARIABLES*****

CDF: $F(X) = P(X \leq x)$

Properties of CDF: $\lim_{y \rightarrow -\infty} F(y) = F(-\infty) = 0,$

$\lim_{y \rightarrow +\infty} F(y) = F(+\infty) = 1,$ $F(y)$ non-decreasing ie

$y_1 < y_2 \Rightarrow F(y_1) < F(y_2),$ F : right continuous

PDF: $f(y) = \frac{dF(y)}{dy} = F'(y),$ hence, $CDF = \int_{-\infty}^y f(t) dt,$ and

$P(a \leq Y \leq b) = \int_a^b f(t) dt$ Properties of PDF:

$f(y)$: nonnegative for all $y, \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(t) dt = 1$

Quantile: $Q_{0.5}$ =median, $Q_{0.25}$ =1st quantile=25th percentile

Expectation and Variance of a Cont. Rand. Var.

$E[Y] = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} y f(y) dy$ $E[Y^2] = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} y^2 f(y) dy$

$V[Y] = E[Y^2] - (E[Y])^2 = E[(Y - E[Y])^2] = \sigma_Y^2$

Uniform Dist.: $Y \sim U(\theta_1, \theta_2)$

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$$f(y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\theta_2 - \theta_1} & \theta_1 \leq y \leq \theta_2 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases} \quad E[Y] = \frac{\theta_1 + \theta_2}{2}$$

$$F(y) = \begin{cases} 1 & y > \theta_2 \\ \frac{y - \theta_1}{\theta_2 - \theta_1} & \theta_1 \leq y \leq \theta_2 \\ 0 & y \leq \theta_1 \end{cases} \quad V[Y] = \frac{(\theta_2 - \theta_1)^2}{12}$$

Normal Dist.: $Y \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$

$$f(y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{(y-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}, -\infty < y < \infty, \text{ and } \sigma > 0$$

Properties of normal pdf: symmetric, bell-shaped, centered at μ . Also, if $-\infty < \mu < \infty$, and $0 < \sigma^2$, then

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-\frac{(y-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} dy = \sqrt{2\pi}\sigma, \quad E[Y] = \mu, \quad V[Y] = \sigma^2$$

Standard Normal Dist.: $Z \sim N(0,1)$

CDF of $Z \sim N(0,1)$: $\Phi(z)$

Standardization of Normal variables: If $Y \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$, then

$$Z = \frac{Y - \mu}{\sigma} \sim N(0,1)$$

Percentile and Percentage points of $N(0,1)$:

Empirical Rule for Standard Normal Dist.:

$(\mu \pm \sigma)$ contains approx. 68% of the measurements

$$(\mu \pm 2\sigma): 95\% \quad (\mu \pm 3\sigma): 99.7\%$$

$$(\mu + \sigma): 34\% \quad (\mu - \sigma): 34\%$$

$$(\mu + 2\sigma): 47.5\% \quad (\mu - 2\sigma): 47.5\%$$

$$(\mu + 3\sigma): 49.85\% \quad (\mu - 3\sigma): 49.85\%$$

Approximating the Binomial with the Normal

If $Y \sim \text{Bin}(n, p)$ with $np > 10$ and $n(1-p) > 10 \Rightarrow$

$$P(Y \leq y) \approx P\left(Z \leq \frac{(y + .5) - np}{\sqrt{np(1-p)}}\right), (Z \sim N(0,1))$$

The Gamma Family of Distributions:

Gamma function (for $\alpha > 0$): $\Gamma(\alpha) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-x} dx$

Properties of Gf: For $n \in \mathbb{N}_+$: $\Gamma(n) = (n-1)!$

For any $\alpha > 0$: $\Gamma(\alpha) = (\alpha-1)\Gamma(\alpha-1)$

$$\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \sqrt{\pi} \quad \Gamma(1) = 0! = 1$$

Gamma Dist.: $Y \sim \text{Gamma}(\alpha, \beta)$ $0 < y < +\infty$

$$f(y) = \begin{cases} \frac{y^{\alpha-1} e^{-\frac{y}{\beta}}}{\beta^\alpha \Gamma(\alpha)} & y > 0, \text{ where} \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

$0 < \alpha < +\infty$ (controls the shape of the distribution), and

$0 < \beta < +\infty$ (controls the scale of the distr.)

Properties of $Y \sim \text{Gamma}(\alpha, \beta)$: $E[Y] = \alpha\beta$

$$V[Y] = \alpha\beta^2 \quad \text{mgf: } m(t) = E[e^{ty}] = (1 - \beta t)^{-\alpha}$$

Exponential Dist. (sp case of Gamma): $Y \sim \text{Exp}(\beta)$

Gamma, with $\alpha = 1$ ($Y \sim \text{Gamma}(1, \beta)$)

$$\text{PDF: } f(y) = \frac{1}{\beta} e^{-\frac{y}{\beta}}, y > 0, \beta > 0$$

$$E[Y] = \beta \quad \text{CDF: } F(y) = P(Y \leq y) = 1 - e^{-\frac{y}{\beta}}$$

$V[Y] = \beta^2$ memoryless, asymmetric

Chi-Square Dist. (sp case of Gamma): $Y \sim \mathcal{X}(v)$

Gamma, with $\alpha = \frac{v}{2}, \beta = 2 \rightarrow$ ChiSq with v deg of fr

$v \in \mathbb{N}_+$ $0 < y < +\infty$ Properties of ChiSq:

$$f(y) = \frac{1}{2^{\frac{v}{2}} \Gamma\left(\frac{v}{2}\right)} y^{\frac{v}{2}-1} e^{-\frac{y}{2}} \quad E[Y] = v \quad V[Y] = 2v$$

Beta Dist.: $Y \sim \text{beta}(\alpha, \beta)$ $0 < y < 1$

Complete Beta function:

$$B(\alpha, \beta) = \int_0^1 y^{\alpha-1} (1-y)^{\beta-1} dy = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)}$$

$$B(r+1, n-r+1) = \frac{1}{(n+1)\binom{n}{r}} \quad B(.5, .5) = \pi$$

$$\text{pdf: } f(y) = \frac{y^{\alpha-1} (1-y)^{\beta-1}}{B(\alpha, \beta)} \text{ for } 0 \leq y \leq 1 (0 \text{ else})$$

$$\mu = \frac{\alpha}{\alpha+\beta} \sigma^2 = \frac{\alpha\beta}{(\alpha+\beta)^2(\alpha+\beta+1)} \quad \text{mgf: dne}$$

converges to U as $a, b \rightarrow 1$ [$\text{beta}(1,1) = U(0,1)$]

$\alpha = \beta$: symmetric

$\alpha < \beta$: right-skewed

$\alpha > \beta$: left-skewed