



Video course on
Stochastic Processes -1

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Module 1 : Probability Theory Refresher

Lecture #3
Problems in Random Variables and Distributions

This is a stochastic processes model 1 probability theory refresher. Lecture 3 problems in random variables and distributions.

Let as a first problem, X be a random variable having geometric distribution with the parameter P . Our interest is to find – our interest is to prove that probability of X is equal to n plus K given X takes the value greater than n that is same as the probability that X takes the value K for every integers N and K .

We can prove this result by starting from the left hand side that is probability of the X takes a value n plus K given X greater than n by definition. This is same as probability of X is equal to n plus K intersection X greater than n divided by probability of X greater than n . That is same as the numerator X is equal to greater than N means all possible values. N is equal to n plus K that means that the intersection is going to be probability of X takes the value, n plus K that is the denominator is probability of X is greater than n . That is same as since X is a geometric distribution with the parameter P . The probability of X equal to n plus K that is nothing but 1 minus P time P power n plus K minus 1 into P ; whereas the denominator probability of X is greater than n that means summation I is equal to n plus 1 to infinity 1 minus P power I minus 1 multiplied by P . That is same as emulator you can keep it as it is whereas the denominator since the summation I is equal to n plus K to infinity you can take P times 1 minus P power n common outside the remaining terms are 1 plus 1 minus P . The third term will be 1 minus P whole square and so on. Therefore, you can still simplify you will get one minus P power n plus K minus one divided by one minus P power n keep it as it is. This series will have the value 1 minus 1 minus P . Therefore if you further simplify you get 1 minus P power K minus 1 multiplied by P . That is nothing but probability of X is equal to K .

So this result says the probability of X equal to n plus K given X is greater than n that is same as probability of X is equal to K for all n at K . This is the important property of geometric distribution and this property is called a memoryless property.

We move into the next problem. Let X be a random variable having Gamma distribution with the parameter n , we assume that n is a positive integer and the other parameter is λ . Then the cumulative distribution function CDF of X is given by capital F of X for the random variable X that is 1 minus summation I is equal to 0 to n minus 1 λX power I $E^{-\lambda X}$ divided by I factorial. So when every X is a gamma distribution with the parameters N and λ then the CDF can be written in this form. We know that the probability density function of the Gamma distribution is $\lambda^n X^{n-1} e^{-\lambda X}$ divided by $\Gamma(n)$. Since n is a positive integer $\Gamma(n)$ is $(n-1)!$.

Now we can find out the CDF of this random variable. That is nothing but minus infinity to X the probability density function. That is same as since the F of X is this is valid for X is greater than 0 and λ is greater than 0 so this integration is valid from 0 to X $\lambda^n X^{n-1} e^{-\lambda X}$ divided by $\Gamma(n)$ dt . So now we have to integrate this one and get the expression for the CDF of the random variable X .

So what we can do make a substitution. λ times t that is same as you make it as μ . Therefore this integration becomes the integration from zero to λX $\mu^{n-1} e^{-\mu}$ divided by $\Gamma(n)$ $d\mu$. That is same as 1 minus integration goes from λX to infinity $\mu^{n-1} e^{-\mu}$ divided by $\Gamma(n)$ $d\mu$. That is same as 1 minus since the n is a positive integer $\Gamma(n)$ is $(n-1)!$. So you can take it outside. You can do this integration by parts. So you will get

$\mu^n e^{-\mu}$ divided by $(n-1)!$ between the limits λX to infinity minus integration from λX to infinity $(n-2) \mu e^{-\mu}$ divided by $(n-2)!$. So the whole thing is multiplied by $(n-1)!$.

Now you can integrate the second term again by integration by parts and when you substitute the limits for μ is infinity and as well as μ is equal to λX and then subsequently if you do the integration by parts you will get $(n-1) \lambda X e^{-\lambda X}$. Then the next term will be $(n-2) \lambda X^2 e^{-\lambda X}$ by $(n-2)!$. Similarly the other terms.

The last term will be by doing integration by parts again and again, the last term you will get $e^{-\lambda X}$ by $0!$. This we can write it in the form $1 - \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \frac{(\lambda X)^i e^{-\lambda X}}{i!}$. So here we are finding the CDF of the Gamma distribution when one of the integer is a positive integer. One of the parameters is a positive integer. This result will be useful in finding the total time spend in the queuing system. That will be discussed in the later models.