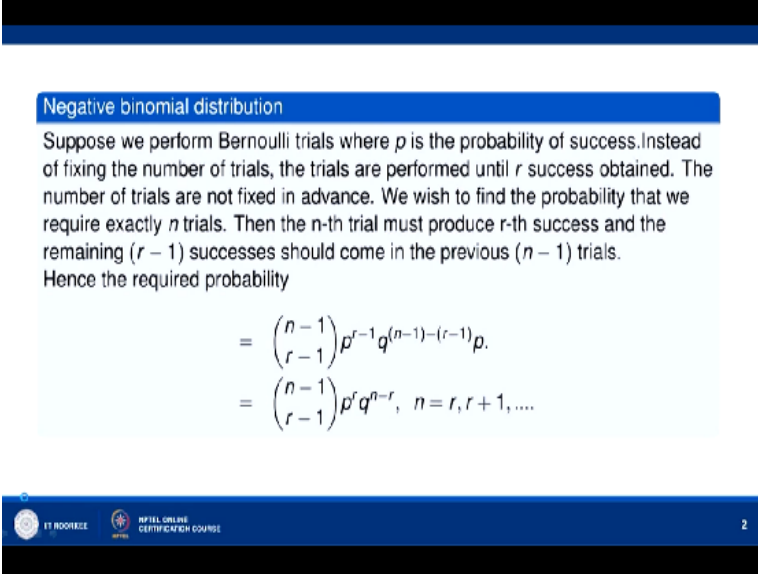


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Lecture – 47
Negative Binomial Distribution and Poisson Distribution

Hello friends. Welcome to my lecture on Negative Binomial Distribution and Poisson Distribution. First we discuss negative binomial distribution. Suppose we perform Bernoulli trials where p is the probability of success in every trial.

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Negative binomial distribution

Suppose we perform Bernoulli trials where p is the probability of success. Instead of fixing the number of trials, the trials are performed until r success obtained. The number of trials are not fixed in advance. We wish to find the probability that we require exactly n trials. Then the n -th trial must produce r -th success and the remaining $(r - 1)$ successes should come in the previous $(n - 1)$ trials. Hence the required probability

$$= \binom{n-1}{r-1} p^{r-1} q^{(n-1)-(r-1)} p.$$
$$= \binom{n-1}{r-1} p^r q^{n-r}, \quad n = r, r+1, \dots$$

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Instead of fixing the number of trials, let us assume that the trials are performed until r success are obtained, okay. The number of trials are not fixed in advance. We wish to find the probability that we require exactly n trials. Then the n -th trial must produce r -th success and the remaining $r-1$ successes should come in the previous $n-1$ trials. This means that we go on performing trials until we get the r -th success.

As soon as we get the r -th success, we stop the trials. So let us say n number of trials are performed to get the exactly r successes. Then r -th success will come in the n -th trial and $r-1$ successes should come in the previous $n-1$ trials. Hence the required probability is that ${}^{n-1}C_{r-1}p^{r-1}q^{n-1-r+1}$ to the power r by binomial distribution because $r-1$ success are obtained from $n-1$ trials.

So the probability for that will be $n-1C_{r-1}p$ to the power $r-1q$ to the power $n-1-r-1$. And r -th success comes in the n -th trial. The probability for that is p , okay. So the probability that exactly r successes are obtained in n trials where r -th success comes in the n -th trial is given by this expression. And this can be written as $n-1C_{r-1}p$ to the power r to the power $n-r$. n will take values from r onwards, $r, r+1$ and so on.

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Negative binomial distribution cont...

This is called the inverse binomial formula or "negative binomial formula".
Let X = number of trials required till the r -th success then

$$P(X = n) = \binom{n-1}{r-1} p^r q^{n-r}, \quad n = r, r+1, \dots$$

This is known as inverse binomial distribution or negative binomial distribution or Pascal distribution.
For $r = 1$, we have

$$P(X = n) = \binom{n-1}{0} p^1 q^{n-1} = p q^{n-1}, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

This distribution is called the geometric distribution.

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Now this is called the inverse binomial formula, okay. The formula that we have obtained, okay, this formula is called as the inverse binomial formula or we also call it as negative binomial formula. Let X be the number of trials required till the r -th success, okay. Let the number variable X we denote the number of trials required till the r -th success, then probability that $X=n$ is $n-1C_{r-1}p$ to the power r to the power $n-r$ as we have just now seen.

And minimum value of n will be of course r because to get r successes in n trials, n cannot be less than r , okay. So n will be greater than or equal to r . So $n=r, r+1$ and so on. This is known as inverse binomial distribution or we also call it as negative binomial distribution. It is also known as Pascal distribution, okay. In particular, if you take $r=1$, then you can see $pX=n=n-1C_0p$ to the power $1q$ to the power $n-1$.

$n-1C_0=1$, so we get pq to the power $n-1$, that means in $n-1$ trials, we do not get any success. We

get failures every time. So the probability is q to the power $n-1$. In the n -th trial, we get the success, so the probability for that is p . And therefore, it is pq to the power $n-1$. This distribution is called as geometric distribution.

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Mean and variance negative binomial distribution

Mean = $\frac{r}{p}$ and variance = $\frac{r(1-p)}{p^2}$ ✓

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Mean} = E(X) &= \sum_{x=r}^{\infty} x P(X=x) = \sum_{x=r}^{\infty} x \binom{x-1}{r-1} p^r q^{x-r} = \sum_{x=r}^{\infty} x \frac{(x-1)!}{(r-1)!(x-r)!} p^r q^{x-r} \\ &= r \sum_{x=r}^{\infty} \frac{(x-1)!}{(r-1)!(x-r)!} p^r q^{x-r} = r p^r \sum_{x=r}^{\infty} \binom{x-1}{r-1} q^{x-r} = r p^r \left\{ 1 + \binom{r-1}{1} q + \binom{r-1}{2} q^2 + \dots \right\} \\ &= r p^r (1-q)^{-(r-1)} = r p^r p^{-(r-1)} = \frac{r}{p} \cdot \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

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Now let us discuss the mean and variance of the negative binomial distribution, okay. So mean or you can say expected value of the random variable X , okay =, let us say, $\sum_{x=r}^{\infty} x$ to infinity, because suppose x trials are performed, okay, to get the r successes where r -th success comes in the x -th trial, okay. Then we have $\sum_{x=r}^{\infty} x \cdot \text{probability that } X=x$, okay. So this is $\sum_{x=r}^{\infty} x \cdot \text{probability that } X=x$, okay.

Instead of n here, I am taking x . So a probability $X=x$ is $\binom{x-1}{r-1} p^r q^{x-r}$ to the power r to the power $x-r$, okay. So we have $\binom{x-1}{r-1} p^r q^{x-r}$ to the power r to the power $x-r$ and then, okay, x is there, right. So we can write it as, this is $x \cdot r$, okay, yes. So we can write it as now, let us multiply and divide by r , okay. Then we can write it as, this x can be absorbed in $x-1$ factorial. We can write it as x factorial.

We have multiplied by r and divided by r . So $r \cdot r-1$ factorial gives r factorial. Then we have $x-r$ factorial and we get p to the power r to the power $x-r$. Now this is equal to $r \cdot p$ to the power r is independent of x , so we can write it outside. $\sum_{x=r}^{\infty} x \cdot r p^r q^{x-r}$ to the power $x-r$, okay. Now this is what? $r \cdot p$ to the power r , if you expand this, when you put $x=r$, $r \cdot r$ is 1, okay. Then q

to the power $r-r$, so q to the power 0 that is 1.

So 1, then we have $x=r+1$, so $r+1Cr$, that means $r+1Cr \cdot q$ to the power $r+1-r$, so q . Then we have next term $r+2$, the next is $r+2$. We get $r+2Cr$, okay, q to the power 2, then $r+3$, okay, Crq to the power 3 and so on, okay. Or we can also write it as $r \cdot p$ to the power $r+1-r+1Crq$, then $r+2C2q$ square $r+3C3q$ cube and so on, okay. Now this is nothing but $r \cdot p$ to the power $r+1-r$ to the power $-r+1$, okay.

This is the binomial series, okay, for the expression $1-q$ to the power $-r+1$, okay. And this is valid because q is lying between 0 and 1. $p > 0$, okay. We are taking p to be greater than 0 here. So q is between 0 and 1, okay. And therefore, this binomial expansion can be written as $1-q$ to the power $-r+1$. Now $1-q=p$, okay. So we have $r \cdot p$ to the power $r \cdot p$ to the power $-r+1$ which is equal to r/p , okay. So mean of the negative binomial distribution is given by r/p . Now let us find the variance, okay. So to get the variance, we determine EX^2 square, okay.

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Variance} &= E(X^2) - (E(X))^2 \\
 E(X^2) &= \sum_{x=r}^{\infty} x^2 p(X=x) = \sum_{x=r}^{\infty} \{x(x-1) + x\} \binom{x-1}{r-1} p^r q^{x-r} \\
 &= \sum_{x=r}^{\infty} x(x-1) \frac{(x-1)!}{(r-1)!(x-r)!} p^r q^{x-r} + \sum_{x=r}^{\infty} x \binom{x-1}{r-1} p^r q^{x-r} \\
 &= r(r+1) \sum_{x=r}^{\infty} \binom{x-1}{r-1} p^r q^{x-r} + E(X) \\
 &= r(r+1) p^r \sum_{x=r}^{\infty} \binom{x-1}{r-1} q^{x-r} + \left(\frac{r}{p}\right) \\
 &= r(r+1) p^r \left[1 + \binom{r+2}{r-1} q + \binom{r+3}{r-1} q^2 + \binom{r+4}{r-1} q^3 + \dots \right] + \frac{r}{p} \\
 &= r(r+1) p^r \left[1 + \binom{r+2}{r-1} q + \binom{r+3}{r-1} q^2 + \binom{r+4}{r-1} q^3 + \dots \right] + \frac{r}{p} \\
 &= r(r+1) p^r (1-q)^{-(r+2)} + \frac{r}{p} = r(r+1) p^r p^{-r-2} + \frac{r}{p} = \frac{r(r+1)}{p^2} + \frac{r}{p} \\
 \therefore \text{Hence } \text{Var}(X) &= E(X^2) - (E(X))^2 = \frac{r(r+1)}{p^2} + \frac{r}{p} - \frac{r^2}{p^2} = \frac{r^2}{p^2} + \frac{r}{p} - \frac{r^2}{p^2} \\
 &= \frac{r}{p^2} (1-p)
 \end{aligned}$$

So variance = EX^2 square - EX whole square, okay. So EX , we have already found. It is r/p . We just need to find EX^2 square, okay. So EX^2 square similarly can be written as $\sum_{x=r}^{\infty} x^2 pX=x$, okay. So this is $\sum_{x=r}^{\infty}$ and x^2 square, let us write as $x \cdot x-1+x$, okay. And then we have, okay, we should write it as $x \cdot x-1+x$, okay. Now $pX=x$ is $n-1Cr$, this is instead of n , it is x , so $x-1Cr-1p$ to the power q to the power $x-r$, okay.

Now let us write it as sum of 2 terms. $\sum_{x=r}^{\infty} x^{x+1} \frac{x-1!}{(r-1)! x-r!}$, then we have p to the power r to the power $x-r$. And the second term is for this x , so $\sum_{x=r}^{\infty} x^{x-1} C_{r-1} p$ to the power q to the power $x-r$. Now what will happen is, this $x+1 \cdot x$ can be absorbed in $x-1$ factorial and we will have $x+1$ factorial, okay. And this $r-1$ factorial, we can make it as $r+1$ factorial by multiplying and divide by $r+1$ and r , okay.

So we multiply by r and $r+1$ and divide by r and $r+1$ and then I write it as $\sum_{x=r}^{\infty} x^{x+1}$ when you multiply to $x-1$ factorial, it becomes $x+1$ factorial, r^{r+1} you multiply in the denominator, it becomes $r+1$ factorial. And this is $x-r$ factorial, so I will write it as $x+1 C_{r+1}$, okay. It can be written like this. And then p to the power q to the power $x-r$, okay. This is nothing but expectation of X , okay.

So I can write it as expectation of X . We do not have to calculate this. This we have already determined. Its value is r/p , okay. Now here what do we get? p to the power r again is independent of x . So I write it $r^{r+1} p$ to the power r , okay. And then we have $\sum_{x=r}^{\infty} x+1 C_{r+1} q$ to the power $x-r/p$ the value of EX , okay. Now this is $r^{r+1} p$ to the power r , let us say open this, expand this sum.

So put $x=r$. What we get? $r+1 C_{r+1}$, that is 1 and then q to the power $r-r$, that is equal to 1. So we have 1. Then $q x=r+1$. So you get $r+2 C_{r+1}$ and we get q to the power $r+1-r$, so q . Then $r+3 C_{r+1}$, okay, q square. Then $r+4 C_{r+1} q$ cube and so on, okay, $-r/p$. Now and C_r we know and C_{n-r} . So $r+2 C_{r+1}$ will be $r+2 C_1$. This is $r+3 C_1$. This is $r+4 C_1$. No, this is sorry, this is $r^{r+1} p$ to the power r $1+r+2 C_1 q$, then $r+3 C_2 q$ square, then $r+4 C_3 q$ cube and so on, okay, $-r/p$.

So this is $r^{r+1} p$ to the power r , and this is $1-q$ to the power $-r+2$, okay, $-r/p$. This is binomial expansion of $1-q$ to the power $-r+2$ because q is lying between 0 and 1. So it is valid. Now this is $r^{r+1} p$ to the power r p to the power $-r-2-r/p$, okay. p is $1-q$. So p to the power r gets cancelled with p to the power -4 and what we get? r^{r+1}/p square $-r/p$. So this is the value of EX square, okay.

Hence variance of $X = EX^2 - (EX)^2$ whole square $= r^2 + r/p - r^2/p$, that is the value of EX^2 square, $-$, EX is r/p , so r/p whole square, so r^2/p square, okay. Now we multiply r to $r+1$, we get $r^2 + r$. So $r^2/p + r/p - r^2/p = r/p$ square. So this gets cancelled with this and what we get here? Let us take out r/p square. Then we get $1-p$, okay, yes. So variance of $X =$, okay, $r/p \times 1-p$, okay. So this is the variance, okay. $r \times 1-p/p$ square.

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Example 1

An oil company conducts a geological study that indicates that an exploratory oil well should have 20% chance of striking oil.

(a) What is the probability that first strike comes on the third well drilled?

(b) What is the probability that third strike comes on the seventh well drilled?

(c) What is the mean and variance of the number of wells that must be drilled if the oil company wants to set three producing well?

Ans: (a) $(.80)^2 \times .20 = 0.128$ (b) $15(1 - .20)^4 (.20)^3 = 0.049$ (c) 60

Handwritten notes:
 $p = \frac{1}{5}$
 $P(X=3) = \binom{3-1}{1-1} p^1 q^{3-1} = p^1 q^2 = \frac{1}{5} \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^2 = \frac{(20)}{(5)} \left(\frac{80}{100}\right)^2 = 0.128$
 $P(X=7) = \binom{7-1}{3-1} p^3 q^{7-3} = \binom{6}{2} p^3 q^4 = 15 \times \left(\frac{20}{100}\right)^3 \left(\frac{80}{100}\right)^4 = 0.049$

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Now let us take some examples. An oil company conducts a geological study that indicates that an exploratory oil well should have 20% chance of striking oil. So p is here $1/5$, 20% means $1/5$. What is the probability that first strike comes on the third well drilled, okay? So we know that probability that $X = x = \binom{x-1}{r-1} p^r q^{x-r}$ to the power r to the power $x-r$, okay, where x is the number of wells drilled, okay.

So we want that the first strike should come in the third well drilled, that means we need to find the probability of $PX=3$, okay, in the third well, we should get the first success. So we get $3-1$, $r=1$, so $1-1$, p to the power 1 q to the power $3-1$, okay. So this is $2C0$, that means 1, we get $p \times q$ square, okay. $p=1/5$, $1=4/5$, so $4/5$ square, okay. So what we get is, you can say this is 0.20, okay, $1/5$ is 0.20 and $4/5$ is 0.80, okay.

So 0.80 square $\times 0.20$ is 0.128, okay. This is the first part. What is the probability that third strike comes on the seventh well drilled? That means we get the third success at the seventh well, okay.

So we get probability that $X=7$ and $r=3$, okay. So we get $7-1$ $3-1$, okay, p to the power $3q$ to the power $7-3$, okay. So this is $6C2p$ cube q to the power 4 , okay. $6C2$ is 15 . p cube means 0.20 raise to the power 3 , okay. q means 0.80 raise to the power 4 , okay.

So 15×0.20^3 and 0.80 to the power 4 . So this is 0.049 , okay. So this is the answer, okay. Now what is the mean and variance of the number of the wells that must be drilled if the oil company wants to set 3 producing well, okay? So here we are given $r=3$, 3 producing well we want, okay. And for the 3 producing well, what is the mean and variance of the number of wells that must be drilled, okay?

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Handwritten mathematical derivation for the mean and variance of a binomial distribution, showing the limit as $n \rightarrow \infty$ to derive the Poisson distribution.

$$\text{Mean of } \lambda = \frac{r}{p} = \frac{3}{0.20} = 3 \times 5 = 15$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = \frac{r(1-p)}{p^2} = \frac{3(1-0.20)}{(0.20)^2} = \frac{3 \times 0.80}{(0.20)^2} = \frac{3 \times 4}{1} \times 5 = 60$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^n = e^{-\lambda}$$

$$b(x, n; p) = \frac{(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n})^{n-x} \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^x}{x!} \lambda^x \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^{n-x}$$

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$$\text{As } n \rightarrow \infty, b(x, n; p) \rightarrow \frac{1}{x!} \lambda^x e^{-\lambda} \cdot 1 = \frac{\lambda^x e^{-\lambda}}{x!}$$

So we have just now found mean, mean of X , mean of the random variable X , okay. This is equal to r/p , okay. $r=3$ because we want 3 producing well, $3/0.20$, that means $3 \times 1/5$, okay. This is 3×5 , okay. So this is 15 , okay. So mean is 15 and variance of $X = r \times 1-p/p^2$ square, okay. So we get $3 \times 1-0.20/0.20$ raise to the power 3 . So this is $3 \times 0.80/0.20$ raise to the power 3 , okay. We can write it as 3×0.80 is $4/5$, okay, and 0.20 is $1/5$, so 5 cube. So $5 \times 5 \times 5$, okay.

So what we get here? 5×5 is 25 , 25×4 is 100 , okay, means 3 , multiplied by 3 , okay. So this is $r \times 1-p/p^2$ square. What is, sorry it is not cube, it is square, okay. So we have to delete one 5 , okay and then this is 60 , okay. So $r \times 1-p/p^2$ square is $3 \times 1-0.20/0.20$ raise to the power 2 and we get $3 \times 0.80/0.20$ to the power $2 = 3 \times 4/5 \times 5/5$, that is 60 , okay. So mean is 15 , okay and variance is 60 .

That means on an average, 15 wells need to be drilled, okay, in order to have 3 producing wells, okay. So this is the question number 1.

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Example 2

A large lot of tyres contains 5% defectives. 4 tyres are to be chosen for a car



(a) Find the probability that you find two defective tyres before 4 good ones.
 (b) Find the mean and variance of the number of defective tyres you find before find 4 good tyres.

Ans: (a) 0.02036 (b) Mean = $\frac{80}{19}$ and Variance = $\frac{80}{361}$

Here $n=6$, $p=0.95$ = the prob. of a good tyre

Required prob = $\binom{6-1}{4-1} p^4 q^2 = \binom{5}{3} (0.95)^4 (0.05)^2 = 10 (0.95)^4 (0.05)^2 = 0.02036$

Mean = $\frac{r}{p} = \frac{4}{0.95} = \frac{4 \times 100}{95} = \frac{80}{19}$, Var = $\frac{r(1-p)}{p^2} = \frac{4(1-0.95)}{(0.95)^2} = \frac{4 \times 0.05}{(0.95)^2} = \frac{80}{361}$



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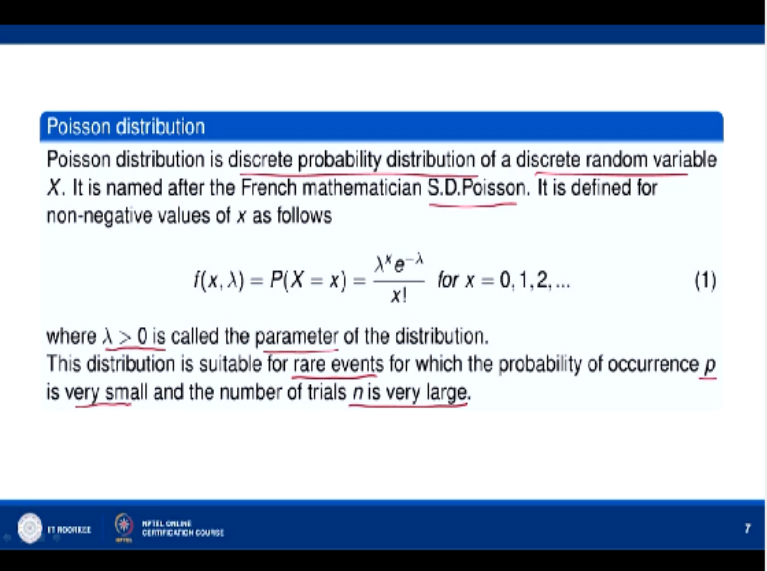
Now let us go to question number 2. A large lot of tyres contains 5% defectives, okay. So 5% defectives are there. 4 tyres are to be chosen for a car. Find the probability that we find 2 defective tyres before 4 good ones. That means the fourth good tyre must come in the 6th trial, okay. So we have here $n=6$ and $p=0.95$, okay because it contains 5% defectives. So the probability of a defective tyre is 0.05 and probability of a good tyre is 0.95.

This is the probability of a good tyre. And we need to have 2 defective tyres before we get 4 good ones. That means when we pick the tyres, okay, we should have 2 defectives before having the fourth good one, okay. That means 2 defective and 4 good tyres means 6. So at the sixth trial, we shall have the good tyre. So this is probability, required probability is 6-1, okay, $x-1Cr-1$, $r-1$ means we have 4 good tyres, okay.

So 4-1, okay. And then p to the power 4 q to the power 2, okay. So we have $5C3$, okay. And p to the power 4 means 0.95 to the power 4, q to the power 2 means 0.05 to the power 2, okay. $5C3$ is equal to $5C2$ and $5C2$ is $\frac{5 \times 4}{2}$, so that is 10, okay. So 10×0.95 raise to the power 4 $\times 0.05$ raise to the power 2. When you multiply this, it comes out to be 0.02036, okay. Now mean. Mean = r/p , okay.

So find the mean and variance of the number of defective tyres before you find 4 good tyres, okay. So this is $4/p$, okay. $p=0.95$, okay. So $4/0.95$ means $4*100/95$, so that is $80/19$, okay. And then we have variance. $\text{Variance} = r*1-p/p$ square. So this is $r=4$, $1-p$ is $1-0.95$, $/0.95$ square. So this comes out to be $4*0.5/0.95$ square. So this is equal to $80/361$, okay. Now let us go to Poisson distribution.

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Poisson distribution

Poisson distribution is discrete probability distribution of a discrete random variable X . It is named after the French mathematician S.D.Poisson. It is defined for non-negative values of x as follows

$$f(x, \lambda) = P(X = x) = \frac{\lambda^x e^{-\lambda}}{x!} \text{ for } x = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad (1)$$

where $\lambda > 0$ is called the parameter of the distribution.
This distribution is suitable for rare events for which the probability of occurrence p is very small and the number of trials n is very large.

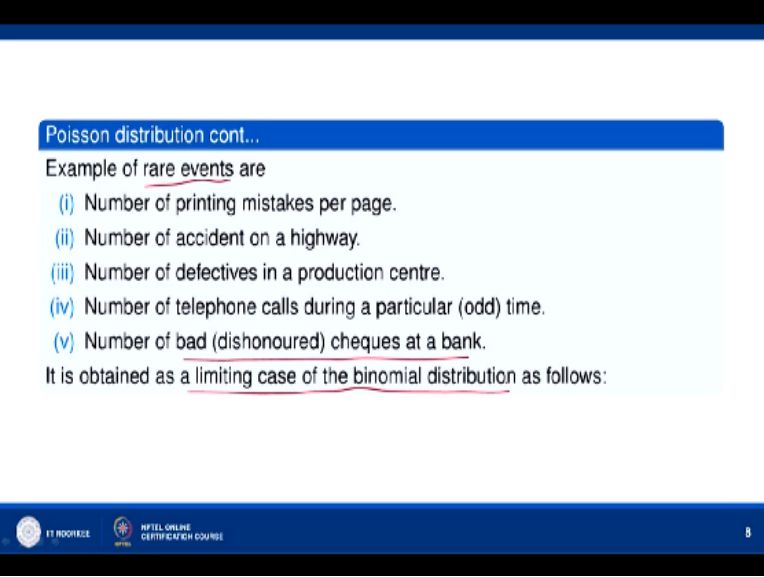
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Poisson distribution is a discrete probability distribution of a discrete random variable, okay, say X . It is named after the French mathematician S. D. Poisson. It is defined for non-negative values of x as follows. The probability that X takes the value x is λ to the power $x * e$ to the power $-\lambda / x$ factorial and x takes the values $0, 1, 2, 3$ and so on. $\lambda > 0$ is a parameter of the distribution, okay.

So for the distribution, we need to know the value of X and λ , okay. Then we get the probability of $X=x$. This distribution is suitable for rare events for which the probability of success are the probability of occurrence, p is very small and the number of trials n is very large. So we apply it in those cases, it is very useful in those cases where number of trials n is very large and p is very small. In those cases, if you apply the binomial distribution to calculate the probability, there is a lot of difficulty.

It becomes very cumbersome calculation because n is large and p is small. So calculating the probability is very laborious. So we apply this Poisson distribution. It is an approximation to the binomial distribution and it works very nicely when n is very large and p is very small. So the example of rare events are.

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Poisson distribution cont...

Example of rare events are

- (i) Number of printing mistakes per page.
- (ii) Number of accident on a highway.
- (iii) Number of defectives in a production centre.
- (iv) Number of telephone calls during a particular (odd) time.
- (v) Number of bad (dishonoured) cheques at a bank.

It is obtained as a limiting case of the binomial distribution as follows:

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Number of printing mistakes per page made by a good typist, okay. Number of accidents on a highway. Number of defectives in a production center, okay. Number of telephone calls during a particular odd time, okay. During the night like for example or early morning, the number of telephone calls are very less in comparison during the day. So number of telephone calls during a particular odd time.

Number of bad dishonoured cheques, okay, at a bank. So dishonoured cheques is a very rare event, okay. And while the number of honoured cheques is very large. So n is very large and p is very small. It is obtained as a limiting case. The Poisson distribution we shall see now is obtained as a limiting case of the binomial distribution. Let us see how we get it, okay.

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Poisson approximation to binomial

The probability of x success in n Bernoulli trials with probability of p success is given by

$$b(x; n, p) = \binom{n}{x} p^x q^{n-x}, \quad q = 1 - p, \quad x = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

When n is large and p is small but $np = \lambda$ is of moderate magnitude, we have

$$\begin{aligned} b(x; n, p) &= \frac{n!}{x!(n-x)!} \left(\frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^x \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^{n-x} \\ &= \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)\dots(n-(x-1))}{x!} \times \frac{\lambda^x}{n^x} \times \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^{n-x}. \end{aligned}$$

The probability of x successes in n Bernoulli trials with probability of success as p , okay, is given by $b(x; n, p)$. $b(x; n, p)$ denote the probability of success, probability that $X=x$, probability of X successes in n trials. So $nCx p^x q^{n-x}$ where $q=1-p$ and x takes the values $0, 1, 2, 3$ and so on up to n , okay. Now when n is large and p is small such that $np=\lambda$ is of a moderate size, okay.

Then let us see what happens to this $b(x; n, p)$. $b(x; n, p)$ can be written as n factorial over x factorial $n-x$ factorial and p can be written as λ/n , okay. $np=\lambda$ gives $p=\lambda/n$. So λ/n to the power x and q is $1-p$. So $1-\lambda/n$ to the power $n-x$. And this n factorial/ $n-x$ factorial, this gives you $n \cdot n-1 \cdot n-2 \cdot n-x-1$, remaining factors get cancelled with $n-x$ factorial. So $n \cdot n-1 \cdot n-2 \cdot n-x-1/x$ factorial, okay, $\lambda^x/n^x \cdot 1-\lambda/n$ to the power $n-x$.

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Poisson approximation to binomial cont...

Taking the limit as $n \rightarrow \infty$, we have

$$P(X = x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b(x; n, p) = \frac{\lambda^x e^{-\lambda}}{x!}.$$

Mean and variance of Poisson distribution

The Poisson distribution has the mean λ and variance $\sigma^2 = \lambda$.

Now let us see when we take the limit as n goes to infinity, this $bxnp$ tends to λ to the power $x \cdot e$ to the power $-\lambda/x$ factorial. How we get that? So this n to the power x you can divide, these are n factors, okay, 1, 2, 3, 4 and so on up to x factor. So n to the power x we can divide here.

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Poisson approximation to binomial cont...

Taking the limit as $n \rightarrow \infty$, we have

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Mean and variance of Poisson distribution

The Poisson distribution has the mean λ and variance $\sigma^2 = \lambda$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Mean} = E(X) &= \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} x P(X=x) = \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} x \frac{\lambda^x e^{-\lambda}}{x!} = e^{-\lambda} \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^x}{(x-1)!} = e^{-\lambda} \lambda \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^{x-1}}{(x-1)!} \\ &= e^{-\lambda} \lambda \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^j}{j!} = \lambda e^{-\lambda} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^j}{j!} = \lambda e^{-\lambda} e^{\lambda} = \lambda \end{aligned}$$

And this is equal to, we can do it here. $bxnp$, this is equal to, we can write as $1-1/n$ $1-2/n$ $1-x-1/n/x$ factorial, then λ to the power x and then $1-\lambda/n$ to the power $n-x$, okay. Now this is equal to, this can be written further as. Now as n goes to infinity, okay, $bxnp$ goes to, this will go to 1, this will go to 1, this will go to 1. So we will have $1/x$ factorial, then λ to the power x . It is independent of n . Then $1-\lambda/n$ to the power n will go to e to the power $-\lambda$.

We know that limit of $(1 - \lambda/n)^n$ as n goes to infinity is $e^{-\lambda}$. So this will go to $e^{-\lambda}$ and $(1 - \lambda/n)^x$ will go to 1, okay. So we get $\lambda^x e^{-\lambda} / x!$, okay. So as n goes to infinity, $b_{x,n}$ goes to, this goes to $\lambda^x e^{-\lambda} / x!$. So when n is very large, p is very small, the Poisson distribution is a good approximation of binomial distribution.

Now it has mean λ . Let us show that it has mean λ and its variance is also λ . So in the case of Poisson distribution, it turns out that mean and variance are same, okay. So $\text{mean} = EX = \sum x \cdot P(X=x)$, okay, x here takes values from 0 to infinity. So $x \cdot \text{probability that } X=x$, okay. The random variable x here which is Poisson distributed takes values from; in the case of binomial distribution, x takes the value 0, 1, 2, and so on up to n .

Now n is going to infinity. So x takes the values 0, 1, 2, 3 and so on up to infinity. So $\lambda^x e^{-\lambda} / x!$ and x varies from 0 to infinity. $e^{-\lambda}$ we can write outside, okay, because it is independent of x . And then here first term becomes 0 because when x is 0, this first term gives us 0. So x varies from 1 to infinity, okay. $\lambda^x e^{-\lambda} / x!$.

And this x I can cancel with $1x$ here in the x factorial and I get $e^{-\lambda} \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} \lambda^x / (x-1)!$. Now let us take $x-1=j$, okay. So then it is equal to $e^{-\lambda} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \lambda^{j+1} / j!$, okay. When x is 1, j is 0. And when x is infinity, j is infinity. So $\lambda^{j+1} / j!$, we can take 1 λ from here.

So $\lambda e^{-\lambda} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \lambda^j / j!$. Now this quantity, this quantity is $e^{-\lambda}$, okay. So $\lambda e^{-\lambda} e^{\lambda} = \lambda$, okay. So mean comes out to be λ like this, okay. Now let us show that variance is also λ , okay.

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$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Var}(X) &= E(X^2) - (E(X))^2 \\
E(X^2) &= \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} x^2 \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^x}{x!} = \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \frac{\{x(x-1) + x\} e^{-\lambda} \lambda^x}{x!} \quad x-2=j \\
&= \sum_{x=2}^{\infty} \frac{x(x-1) e^{-\lambda} \lambda^x}{x!} + E(X) \\
&= \sum_{x=2}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^x}{(x-2)!} + E(X) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^{j+2}}{j!} + E(X) \\
&= \lambda^2 e^{-\lambda} e^{\lambda} + \lambda = \lambda^2 + \lambda \\
\text{Var}(X) &= \lambda^2 + \lambda - (\lambda)^2 \\
&= \lambda
\end{aligned}$$

So to show that variance is lambda, let us write variance of $X = E(X^2) - (E(X))^2$, okay. So we need to, $E(X)$ we have already found. It is lambda. We need to find $E(X^2)$. So $E(X^2) = \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} x^2 \cdot e^{-\lambda} \lambda^x / x!$. We can write it as, first term is 0, okay. We can write it as $\sum_{x=0}^{\infty} x \cdot x-1 + x \cdot e^{-\lambda} \lambda^x / x!$, okay. x^2 let us write as $x \cdot x-1 + x$ to the power $-lambda$ lambda to the power x/x factorial.

Then we can write it as sum of 2 terms. So $\sum_{x=0}^{\infty} x \cdot x-1 \cdot e^{-\lambda} \lambda^x / x!$ to the power $-lambda \cdot lambda$ to the power x/x factorial. And the second term $\sum_{x=0}^{\infty} x \cdot e^{-\lambda} \lambda^x / x!$ to the power $-lambda$ lambda to the power x/x factorial is expectation of X which we have already got, okay. Now $x \cdot x-1$ we can cancel with $x \cdot x-1$ in x factorial and then we get here x runs from 2 to infinity because when $x=0$ or $x=1$, this term becomes 0, okay.

So e to the power $-lambda$ lambda to the power $x/x-2$ factorial we get, okay. Now putting $x-2=j$. Let us put $x-2=j$. Then this is $\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} e^{-\lambda} \lambda^{j+2} / j!$ and we get this as; $j^2 \lambda^2 e^{-\lambda} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \lambda^j / j!$, let us take common. Then $\lambda^2 e^{-\lambda} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \lambda^j / j!$ is $e^{-\lambda} e^{\lambda} \lambda^2 = \lambda^2$, okay. And here $E(X)$ is, we have already found lambda, okay.

So what do we get is? $\lambda^2 + \lambda$ we get, okay. Now variance of X we can find. So $E(X^2)$ is $\lambda^2 + \lambda$. $E(X)$ whole square is λ^2 and we get

variance as lambda. This cancels with this, okay. So in the case of Poisson distribution, the mean and variance are same.

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Example 3

Let X be the number of cars per minute passing a certain point of some road between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. on a Sunday. Assume that X has a Poisson distribution with mean 5. Find the probability of observing 3 or fewer cars during any given minute.

Ans: 0.265.


We are given $\lambda = 5$

$$P(X \leq 3) = P(X=0) + P(X=1) + P(X=2) + P(X=3)$$

$$= \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^0}{0!} + \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^1}{1!} + \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^2}{2!} + \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^3}{3!}$$

$$= e^{-5} \left(1 + 5 + \frac{5^2}{2!} + \frac{5^3}{3!} \right) = 0.265$$

$P(X=x) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^x}{x!}$


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Now let us go to this problem. Let X be the number of cars per minute passing a certain point of some road between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. on a Sunday. Assume that X has a Poisson distribution with mean 5, okay. So mean is lambda in the case of Poisson distribution. So we are given lambda=5. Find the probability of observing 3 or fewer cards during any given time, okay, during the given minute.

So X denotes the number of cars observed, okay any given minute. So this is X is 3 or fewer, less than or equal to 3, okay. So we need the probability that X is less than or equal to 3 which is probability that X takes the value 0+probability that X takes the value 1+probability that X takes the value 2+probability that X takes the value 3, okay. And probability that X takes the value $x = e^{-\lambda} \lambda^x / x!$ we know, okay.

So when x is 0, it is e to the power $-\lambda$. When $x=1$, it is λe to the power $-\lambda$. Then $x=2$ means $\lambda^2 e$ to the power $-\lambda / 2$ factorial. Then $x=3$ means $\lambda^3 e$ to the power $-\lambda / 3$ factorial. $\lambda=5$. So we get $e^{-5} (1 + 5 + 5^2 / 2! + 5^3 / 3!)$. When we calculate this, it comes out to be 0.265, okay.

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Example 4

Given that probability of an accident in an industry is 0.005 and assuming the accidents are independent.

- (i) Determine the probability that in any given period of 400 days, there will be an accident one day.
- (ii) What is the probability that there are at most three days with an accident?

Ans: (i) $2e^{-2} = 0.271$ (ii) 0.857.

Thus, $\lambda = np = 0.005 \times 400 = \frac{5}{1000} \times 400 = 2$ Let X denote the number of days with an accident

$$P(X=x) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^x}{x!}$$
$$P(X=1) = \lambda e^{-\lambda} = 2 e^{-2} = 0.271$$
$$P(X \leq 3) = \sum_{x=0}^3 \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^x}{x!} = \sum_{x=0}^3 \frac{e^{-2} 2^x}{x!} = 0.857$$



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Now let us go to next question. Given that probability of an accident in an industry is 0.005, okay. So p here is 0.005. Assuming that the accidents are independent, determine the probability that in any given period of 400 days, there will be an accident one day, okay. So number of days, okay, $n=400$, okay. So $n=400$ gives $\lambda=np$, thus λ we know $\lambda=np$, okay. So 0.005×400 which means that this is $5/1000 \times 400$.

So it is 2, okay. So now what is the probability that there are at most 3 days, okay, before that determine the probability that in any given period of 4000 days, there will be an accident one day, okay. So probability that $X=1$, okay. There will be an accident one day. Now $\lambda=2$, so probability that $X=1$, probability that $X=x$ is e to the power $-\lambda$ λ to the power x/x factorial. x here denotes the number of accidents, okay.

So the probability that $X=1$ means $\lambda \cdot e$ to the power $-\lambda$. $\lambda=2$, so we get $2 \cdot e$ to the power -2 . And this is 0.271. Now what is the probability that there are at most 3 days with an accident, okay? So probability that X is less than or equal to 3, okay. Number of days with an accident, X denotes number of days. Here let X denote the number of days with an accident, okay.

So here there must be at most 3 days with an accident. So this is PX less than or equal to 3. So $PX=$, this is $\sum_{x=0}^3 e$ to the power $-\lambda$ λ to the power x/x factorial, okay. So

$\lambda=2$, okay. So $\sum_{x=0}^3 e^{-2} 2^x / x!$. And when you put the values of $x = 0, 1, 2, 3$, okay and find this sum, it is 0.857 we get, okay.




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Example 5

A manufacturer of cotter pins knows that 5% of his product is defective. Pins are sold in boxes of 100. He guarantees that not more than 10 pins will be defective. Determine the probability that a box will fail to meet the guarantee.

Ans: 0.0137.

$$\begin{aligned}
 p &= 0.05, n = 100, \lambda = 5 = np \\
 P(X > 10) &= \sum_{x=10}^{\infty} P(X=x) = 1 - \sum_{x=0}^{10} P(X=x) = 1 - \sum_{x=0}^{10} \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^x}{x!} \\
 &= 1 - \sum_{x=0}^{10} \frac{e^{-5} 5^x}{x!} = 0.0137
 \end{aligned}$$

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Now we go to this question. A manufacturer of cotter pins knows that 5% of his product is defective. So p is $5/100$ that is 0.05, okay. Pins are sold in boxes of 100. So $n=100$ and which means $\lambda=5$, okay, $n \cdot p$. he guarantees that not more than 10 pins will be defective. Determine the probability that a box will fail to meet the guarantee. The box will fail to meet the guarantee if the number of pins are more than 10, okay.

So let X denote the number of pins in a box, then probability that $X > 10$, okay, required probability is that X must be greater than 10 and this is nothing but $\sum_{x=10}^{\infty} P(X=x)$, okay. So this can also be written as $1 - \sum_{x=0}^{10} P(X=x)$ because the total probability is 1, okay. So $1 - \sum_{x=0}^{10} P(X=x)$ is $e^{-\lambda} \lambda^x / x!$ because the total probability is 1, okay. So $1 - \sum_{x=0}^{10} e^{-\lambda} \lambda^x / x!$ is equal to $1 - \sum_{x=0}^{10} e^{-\lambda} \lambda^x / x!$, okay, 5 to the power x/x factorial. When we calculate this, it comes out to be 0.0137, okay.

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Example 6

On an average, 1.3 gamma particles per millisecond come out of radioactive substance, determine

- (i) mean,
- (ii) variance,
- (iii) probability of more than one gamma particle emanate from the substance.

Ans: (i) 1.3 (ii) 1.3 (iii) $1 - e^{-1.3} 2.3 = 0.727$

Let X denote the no. of gamma particles
then mean $\mu = \lambda = 1.3$
 $\text{var}(X) = \lambda = 1.3$
$$P(X > 1) = 1 - [P(X=0) + P(X=1)] = 1 - [e^{-\lambda} + \lambda e^{-\lambda}] = 1 - e^{-\lambda}(1 + \lambda) = 1 - e^{-1.3}(2.3)$$

Now this is our last example. On an average, 1.3 gamma particles per millisecond come out of radioactive substance, determine mean, variance, probability of more than 1 gamma particle emanate, okay. So let X denote the number of gamma particles emanating from the substance, okay. Particles, then mean, mean of the Poisson distribution is equal to lambda. So $\mu = \lambda$ and we are given that on average, 1.3 gamma particles emanate per millisecond.

So $\lambda = 1.3$ and variance is also equal to lambda, okay. So variance is also 1.3, okay in the case of Poisson distribution. Now probability of more than 1 gamma particle emanating from the substance we have to find. So probability that $X > 1$ which is what we need to find. This is $1 - \text{probability that } X=0 - \text{probability that } X=1$, okay, X is more than 1. So $X=0$ and $X=1$, okay. We need to subtract. Probability of more than 1 gamma particle, okay. So this is $P, 1 - P, X=0$, so e to the power -lambda and then lambda e to the power -lambda, okay.

So $1 - e^{-\lambda} - \lambda e^{-\lambda}$ we will get. This is $1 - e^{-1.3} 2.3$, okay. So the answer will be here, for the probability of more than 1 gamma particle emanating from the radioactive substance, probability should be, of $X > 1$. And for that we need to subtract the probability of $X=0$ and probability of $X=1$ from 1 which means that it has $1 - 1.3 e^{-1.3}$. So this value is the answer of the third part of this question, okay. So with that I would like to end my lecture. Thank you very much for your attention.