

Lecture 3

Probability Distribution

Discrete Case

Definition: A r.v. Y is said to be **discrete** if it assumes only a finite or countable number of distinct values.

$$P(Y=y) = \text{probability that } Y \text{ takes value } y$$

Definition: The probability that Y takes on the value y , $P(Y=y)$, is defined as the sum of the probabilities of all points in S that are assigned the value y .

$p(y) = P(Y = y)$ is called a **probability function** for Y .

Definition: The **probability distribution** for Y can be described by a formula, table, or a graph that provides $p(y)$ for all y .

Theorem: For any discrete probability distribution, $p(y)$,

1. $0 \leq p(y) \leq 1$ for all y

2. $\sum_{y:P(Y=y) \neq 0} p(y) = 1$

Example: (#3.6) Five balls (#1, 2, 3, 4, 5) are placed in an urn. Two balls are randomly selected from the five. Find the probability distribution for

(a) the largest of 2 numbers;

(b) the sum of two numbers.

Solution: $S = \{ (1,2), (1,3), (1,4), (1,5), (2,3), (2,4), (2,5), (3,4), (3,5), (4,5) \}$
 (a) $\text{Card}(S) = \binom{5}{2} = 10$

$Y = \text{largest of 2 numbers}$

$$P(2) = \frac{1}{10}, P(3) = \frac{2}{10}, P(4) = \frac{3}{10}$$

$$P(5) = \frac{4}{10}$$

Y	2	3	4	5
P	$\frac{1}{10}$	$\frac{2}{10}$	$\frac{3}{10}$	$\frac{4}{10}$

(b) $Y = \text{sum of 2 numbers}$

Y	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
P	$\frac{1}{10}$	$\frac{1}{10}$	$\frac{2}{10}$	$\frac{2}{10}$	$\frac{2}{10}$	$\frac{1}{10}$	$\frac{1}{10}$

Expected Values

Definition: Let Y be a discrete r.v. with probability function $p(y)$.

Then the **expected value** of Y , $E(Y)$, is given by

$$E(Y) = \sum_y yp(y)$$

If $p(y)$ is an accurate characteristic of the population distribution, then $E(Y) = \mu$ is the **population mean**.

Theorem: Let Y be a discrete r.v. with probability function $p(y)$ and $g(Y)$ be a real-valued function of Y . Then the expected value of $g(Y)$ is given by

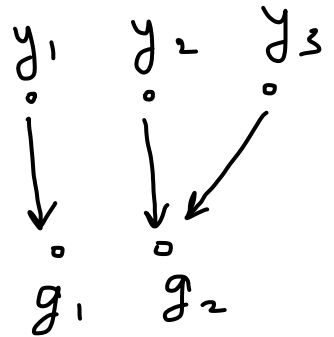
$$E[g(Y)] = \sum_y g(y)p(y).$$

Proof:

$$Y: y_1, \dots, y_n$$

$$m \leq n$$

$$g(Y): g_1, \dots, g_m$$



$$P[g(Y) = g_i] = \sum_{y_j: g(y_j) = g_i} P(y_j) = P^*(g_i)$$

$$E[g(Y)] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{i=1}^m g_i P^*(g_i) = \sum_{i=1}^m g_i \left[\sum_{y_j: g(y_j) = g_i} P(y_j) \right]$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{y_j} g_i P(y_j) = \sum_{j=1}^n g(y_j) P(y_j)$$



Definition: Let Y be a r.v. with $E(Y) = \mu$, the **variance** of a r.v. Y is given by

$$\text{Var}(Y) = E[(Y - \mu)^2]$$

The **standard deviation** of Y is the positive square root of $\text{Var}(Y)$.

σ^2 is population variance, σ is st. dev.

Example: Given a probability distribution for Y :

y	p(y)
0	1/8
1	1/4
2	3/8
3	1/4

$$E(Y) = \sum_{y=0}^3 y P(y)$$

$$= 0 \cdot \frac{1}{8} + 1 \cdot \frac{1}{4} + 2 \cdot \frac{3}{8} + 3 \cdot \frac{1}{4} = 1.75$$

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 μ

$$\text{Var}(Y) = E[(Y - 1.75)^2]$$

$$= \sum_{y=0}^3 (y - 1.75)^2 P(y)$$

$$= (0 - 1.75)^2 \cdot \frac{1}{8} + (1 - 1.75)^2 \cdot \frac{1}{4}$$

$$+ (2 - 1.75)^2 \cdot \frac{3}{8} + (3 - 1.75)^2 \cdot \frac{1}{4}$$

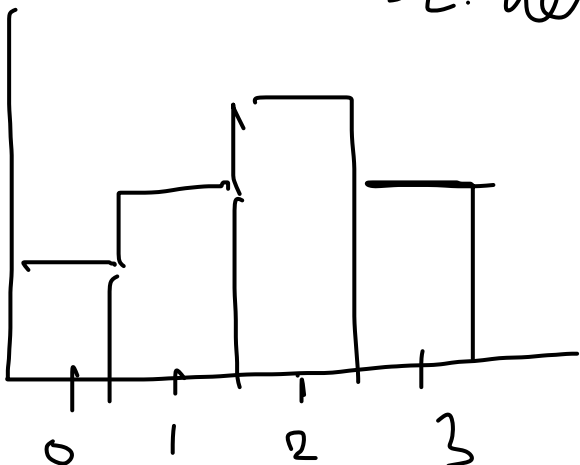
$$= 0.9375$$

$$\text{st. dev} = \sqrt{0.9375} = 0.97$$

$$(\mu \pm \sigma) = (1.75 \pm 0.97)$$

{1, 2} are in this interval

$$P(1) + P(2) = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{3}{8} = \frac{5}{8} \approx 68\%$$



Theorem: Let Y be a discrete r.v. with probability function $p(y)$.

Then

1. $E(c) = c$, c is a constant;
2. $E[cg(y)] = cE[g(Y)]$, $g(Y)$ is a function of Y ;
3. $E[g_1(Y) + \dots + g_k(Y)] = E[g_1(Y)] + \dots + E[g_k(Y)]$,
 $g_1(Y), \dots, g_k(Y)$ are functions of Y .

Proof:

$$(1) \quad E(c) = \sum_y c p(y) = c \underbrace{\sum_y p(y)}_{=1} = c$$

$$(2) \quad E(cg(Y)) = \sum c g(y) p(y) = c \sum g(y) p(y) \\ = c E(g(Y))$$

$$(3) \quad E[g_1(Y) + \dots + g_k(Y)] \\ = \sum (g_1(y) + \dots + g_k(y)) p(y) \\ = \sum_y g_1(y) p(y) + \dots + \sum_y g_k(y) p(y) \\ = E(g_1(Y)) + \dots + E(g_k(Y))$$

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Theorem: $Var(Y) = E[(Y - \mu)^2] = E(Y^2) - \mu^2$,

where $E(Y) = \mu$.

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} Var(Y) &= E[(Y - \mu)^2] \\ &= E[Y^2 - 2Y\mu + \mu^2] \\ &= E(Y^2) - 2\mu \underbrace{E(Y)}_{\mu} + \mu^2 \\ &= E(Y^2) - 2\mu^2 + \mu^2 \\ &= E(Y^2) - \mu^2 \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

Example: use previous example with $\mu = 1.75$

$$\begin{aligned} E(Y^2) &= \sum_y y^2 p(y) \\ &= 0^2 \cdot \frac{1}{8} + 1^2 \cdot \frac{1}{4} + 2^2 \cdot \frac{3}{8} + 3^2 \cdot \frac{1}{4} \\ &= \frac{1}{4} + \frac{3}{2} + \frac{9}{4} = 4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} Var(Y) &= 4 - 1.75^2 \\ &= 0.9375 \end{aligned}$$

Binomial Probability Distribution

Definition: A binomial experiment possesses the following properties:

1. It consists of a fixed number, n , of trials;
2. Each trial results in either success, S, or failure, F;
3. p is a probability of successes, $q = 1 - p$ is a probability of failure;
4. The trials are independent;
5. The r.v. of interest, Y , is the number of successes observed during the n trials.

Examples: flipping a coin
rolling a die

Definition: A r.v. Y is said to have a **binomial distribution** based on n trials with success probability p if and only if

$$p(y) = \binom{n}{y} p^y q^{n-y}, \quad y = 0, \dots, n, \quad 0 \leq p \leq 1$$

Why?

$$S = \left\{ \underbrace{SSFFF S \dots FFS}_{n}, \dots \right\}$$

$$P(\underbrace{SSS \dots S}_{y} \underbrace{FFF \dots F}_{n-y}) = p^y (1-p)^{n-y} = p^y q^{n-y}$$

$$\binom{n}{y} = \# \text{ of } n\text{-tuples} \Rightarrow \boxed{p(y) = \binom{n}{y} p^y q^{n-y}}$$

The term '**binomial**' experiment derives from the fact that each trial results in one of two possible outcomes and that the probabilities $p(y)$ are terms of the binomial expansion:

$$(p + q)^n = \binom{n}{0} p^0 q^n + \binom{n}{1} p^1 q^{n-1} + \dots + \binom{n}{n} p^n q^0$$

$$\hookrightarrow 1 \Rightarrow \sum_{y=0}^n P(y) = 1$$

Example: A lot of 5000 electrical fuses contains 5% defectives. If a sample of 5 fuses is tested, find $P(\text{at least one is defective})$.

Solution: $P(\text{at least one}) = 1 - P(\text{none})$

$$= 1 - P(0) = 1 - \binom{5}{0} 0.05^0 \cdot 0.95^5$$

$$n = 5 \qquad = 0.226$$

$$y = 0$$

Theorem: Let $Y \sim \text{Bin}(n, p)$. Then $\mu = E(Y) = np$ and $\sigma^2 = \text{Var}(Y) = npq$.

Proof: $E(Y) = \sum_{y=0}^n y P(y) = \sum_{y=0}^n y \binom{n}{y} p^y q^{n-y}$

$$= \sum_{y=1}^n y \frac{n!}{(n-y)! y!} p^y q^{n-y} = np \sum_{y=1}^n \frac{(n-1)!}{(n-y)! (y-1)!} p^{y-1} q^{n-y}$$

$$= (z = y-1) = np \left[\sum_{z=0}^{n-1} \frac{(n-1)!}{(n-1-z)! z!} p^z q^{n-1-z} \right]$$

$= 1$ ↓ pf for Bin(n-1, p)

$$\Rightarrow E(Y) = np$$

$$\text{Var}(Y) = E(Y^2) - E(Y)^2 = E(Y^2) - (np)^2$$

$$E(Y(Y-1)) = E(Y^2 - Y) = E(Y^2) - E(Y)$$

$$E(Y^2) = E(Y(Y-1)) + E(Y)$$

$$E(Y(Y-1)) = \sum_{y=0}^n y(y-1) \binom{n}{y} p^y q^{n-y}$$

$$= \sum_{y=2}^n y(y-1) \frac{n!}{(n-y)! y!} p^y q^{n-y}$$

$$= p^2 n(n-1) \sum_{y=2}^n \frac{(n-2)!}{(n-y)! (y-2)!} p^{y-2} q^{n-y}$$

$$= (z = y-2) = p^2 n(n-1) \underbrace{\sum_{z=0}^{n-2} \frac{(n-2)!}{(n-2-z)! z!} p^z q^{n-2-z}}_{\text{Bin}(n-2, p) = 1}$$

$$E(Y^2) = p^2 n(n-1) + pn$$

$$\text{Var}(Y) = E(Y^2) - E(Y)^2$$

$$= p^2 n(n-1) + pn - (pn)^2 = -p^2 n + pn = npq$$

Example: (#3.56) An oil exploration firm is formed with enough capital to finance 10 explorations. The probability of a particular exploration being successful is 0.1. Find μ and σ^2 of the number of successful explorations.

Solution: $Y = \#$ of successful exploration

$$Y \sim \text{Bin}(10, 0.1)$$

n, p

$$E(Y) = np = 1$$

$$\text{Var}(Y) = npq = 10 \cdot 0.1 \cdot 0.9 = 0.9$$

Geometric Probability Distribution

Let Y be the number of the trial when the 1st success occurs.

$$S: E_1 = S$$

$$E_2 = FS$$

$$E_3 = FFS$$

⋮

$$E_k = \underbrace{FF \dots F}_{k-1} S$$

⋮

$$P(y) = P(Y=y) = P(\underbrace{FF \dots F}_{y-1} S) = q^{y-1} p$$

Definition: A r.v. Y is said to have a **geometric probability distribution** if and only if

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

Let's show that $\sum_y p(y) = 1$.

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{y=1}^{\infty} p(y) &= \sum_{y=1}^{\infty} q^{y-1}p = p \sum_{y=1}^{\infty} q^{y-1} = p \sum_{y=0}^{\infty} q^y \\ \sum_{y=0}^{\infty} q^y &= (\text{geom. series}) = \frac{1}{1-q} = \frac{1}{p} \Rightarrow \sum p(y) = p \cdot \frac{1}{p} = 1 \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

Example: (#3.70) An oil prospector will drill a succession of holes in a given area to find a productive well. The probability of success is 0.2.

- What is the probability that the 3rd hole drilled is the first to yield a productive well?
- If the prospector can afford to drill at most 10 wells, what is the probability that he will fail to find a productive well?

Solution: (a) $P(Y=3) = 0.8^2 (0.2) = 0.128$

(b) $P(Y > 10) = P(\text{first 10 wells are not productive}) = 0.8^{10}$

Theorem: Let $Y \sim \text{Geom}(p)$, then

$$\mu = E(Y) = \frac{1}{p} \text{ and } \sigma^2 = \text{Var}(Y) = \frac{1-p}{p^2}$$

Proof:

$$E(Y) = \sum_{y=1}^{\infty} y p(y) = \sum_{y=1}^{\infty} y q^{y-1} p = p \sum_{y=1}^{\infty} y q^{y-1}$$

$$= p \sum_{y=1}^{\infty} \frac{d}{dq} (q^y) = p \frac{d}{dq} \left(\sum_{y=1}^{\infty} q^y \right) \quad (\ominus)$$

$$-1 + \sum_{y=0}^{\infty} q^y = \frac{1}{1-q} - 1 \Rightarrow \sum_{y=1}^{\infty} q^y = \frac{q}{1-q}$$

$$\quad (\ominus) \quad p \frac{d}{dq} \frac{q}{1-q} = p \cdot \frac{(1-q) + q}{(1-q)^2} = \frac{p}{(1-q)^2} = \frac{1}{p}$$

$$E(Y(Y-1)) = \sum_{y=1}^{\infty} y(y-1) q^{y-1} p = p q \sum_{y=1}^{\infty} y(y-1) q^{y-2}$$

$$= p q \sum_{y=2}^{\infty} \frac{d^2}{dq^2} (q^y) = p q \frac{d^2}{dq^2} \sum_{y=2}^{\infty} q^y \quad (\ominus)$$

$$-1-q + \sum_{y=0}^{\infty} q^y = \frac{1}{1-q} - 1 - q \Rightarrow \sum_{y=2}^{\infty} q^y = \frac{1}{1-q} - 1 - q$$

$$\quad (\ominus) \quad p q \frac{d}{dq} \left(\frac{1}{(1-q)^2} - 1 \right) = p q \frac{2}{(1-q)^3} = \frac{2q}{p^2}$$

$$\text{Var}(Y) = E(Y^2) - E(Y)^2 = E(Y(Y-1)) + E(Y) - E(Y)^2$$

$$= \frac{2q}{p^2} + \frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{p^2} = \frac{2q+p-1}{p^2} = \frac{q}{p^2} = \frac{1-p}{p^2}$$

Hypergeometric Probability Distribution

Suppose we have a population of N elements that possess one of two characteristics, e.g. r of them are red and $N-r$ are green.

A sample of n elements is randomly selected from the population. The r.v. of interest, Y , is the number of red elements in the sample.

Definition: A r.v. Y is said to have a **hypergeometric probability distribution** if and only if

$$p(y) = \frac{\binom{r}{y} \binom{N-r}{n-y}}{\binom{N}{n}},$$

$$y = 0, \dots, n, \quad y \leq n, \quad n - y \leq N - r$$

Theorem: If Y is a r.v. with a hypergeometric distribution, then

$$\mu = E(Y) = \frac{nr}{N} \text{ and } \sigma^2 = \text{Var}(Y) = n \left(\frac{r}{N}\right) \left(\frac{N-r}{N}\right) \left(\frac{N-n}{N-1}\right)$$

Proof: omitted

Example: (#3.102) An urn contains 10 marbles: 2 blue, 5 green, 3 red. Three marbles are to be drawn without replacement. Find $P(\text{all 3 marbles are green})$.

Solution:

$$P(Y=3) = \frac{\binom{5}{3} \binom{5}{0}}{\binom{10}{3}}$$
$$= \frac{\frac{5!}{3!2!}}{\frac{10!}{3!7!}} = \frac{5!}{10!} \cdot \frac{3!7!}{2!} = \frac{5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}{10 \cdot 9 \cdot 8 \cdot 7 \cdot 6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} \cdot \frac{3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 \cdot 7 \cdot 6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}{2 \cdot 1} = \frac{3 \cdot 7!}{10 \cdot 9 \cdot 8 \cdot 7!} = \frac{3}{10 \cdot 9 \cdot 8} = \frac{1}{240}$$

Poisson Probability Distribution

Definition: A r.v. Y is said to have a **Poisson probability distribution** with parameter λ if and only if

$$p(y) = \frac{\lambda^y e^{-\lambda}}{y!}, \quad y = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \quad \lambda > 0$$

We can show that it is the limit of the binomial distribution, i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \binom{n}{y} p^y (1-p)^{n-y} &= \frac{\lambda^y e^{-\lambda}}{y!}, \quad \lambda = np \Rightarrow p = \frac{\lambda}{n} \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n!}{(n-y)! y!} \left(\frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^y \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^{n-y} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)\dots(n-y+1)}{y!} \left(\frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^y \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^{n-y} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\lambda^y}{y!} \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^{n-y} \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)\dots(n-y+1)}{n^y} \\ &= \frac{\lambda^y}{y!} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^n \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^{-y} \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)\dots(n-y+1)}{n \cdot n \cdot n \dots n} \\ &= \frac{\lambda^y}{y!} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^n \underbrace{\left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^{-y}}_{\rightarrow 1} \underbrace{\left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right)}_{\rightarrow 1} \underbrace{\left(1 - \frac{2}{n}\right)}_{\rightarrow 1} \dots \underbrace{\left(1 - \frac{y-1}{n}\right)}_{\rightarrow 1} \\ &= \frac{\lambda^y}{y!} \left[\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^n \right] = \frac{\lambda^y}{y!} e^{-\lambda} \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

$$\sum_{y=0}^{\infty} p(y) = \sum_{y=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^y e^{-\lambda}}{y!} = e^{-\lambda} \sum_{y=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^y}{y!} = e^{-\lambda} e^{\lambda} = 1$$

Theorem: If $Y \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$, then

$$\mu = E(Y) = \lambda \text{ and } \sigma^2 = \text{Var}(Y) = \lambda.$$

$$\boxed{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} = e^x}$$
$$= 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots = e^x$$

Proof:

$$E(Y) = \sum y P(Y) = \sum_{y=0}^{\infty} y \frac{\lambda^y e^{-\lambda}}{y!}$$
$$= \sum_{y=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^y e^{-\lambda}}{(y-1)!} = \lambda \sum_{y=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^{y-1} e^{-\lambda}}{(y-1)!}$$
$$= (\text{let } z = y-1) = \lambda \sum_{z=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^z e^{-\lambda}}{z!} = \lambda \cdot 1 = \lambda$$

$$\text{Var}(Y) = E(Y^2) - E(Y)^2 = E(Y(Y-1)) + E(Y) - E(Y)^2$$

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

$$= \lambda^2 \sum_{z=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^z e^{-\lambda}}{z!} = \lambda^2 \cdot 1 = \lambda^2$$

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



Example: (#3.122) Customers arrive at a checkout counter according to a Poisson distribution at an average of 7 per hour. During a given hour, what are the probabilities that

- (a) No more than 3 customers arrive?
- (b) At least 2 customers arrive?
- (c) Exactly 5 customers arrive?

Solution: $Y \sim \text{Poisson}(7)$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a)} \quad P(Y \leq 3) &= P(0) + P(1) + P(2) + P(3) \\ &= \frac{7^0 e^{-7}}{0!} + \frac{7^1 e^{-7}}{1!} + \frac{7^2 e^{-7}}{2!} + \frac{7^3 e^{-7}}{3!} \\ &= 0.0818 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(b)} \quad P(Y \geq 2) &= 1 - P(Y \leq 1) \\ &= 1 - P(0) - P(1) = 0.9927 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(c)} \quad P(Y=5) &= P(5) = \frac{7^5 e^{-7}}{5!} \\ &= 0.1277 \end{aligned}$$

Moments and Moment-Generating Functions

Definition: The k^{th} **moment** of a r.v. Y taken about its mean, or the k^{th} **central moment** of Y , is defined to be $E[(Y - \mu)^k]$ and denoted by μ_k .

Note: $\sigma^2 = \mu_2$.

$$\boxed{\mu_k = E(Y^k)} \quad \begin{array}{l} E(Y) = \mu \\ E(Y^2) \\ \vdots \end{array}$$

Definition: The **moment-generating function** (mgf), $m(t)$, for a r.v. Y is defined to be $m(t) = E(e^{tY})$.

We say that an mgf for Y exists if there is $b > 0$ such that

$m(t) < \infty$ for $|t| \leq b$.

$$e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots$$

$$e^{tY} = 1 + tY + \frac{(tY)^2}{2!} + \frac{(tY)^3}{3!} + \dots$$

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

$$= \sum_y \left[1 + ty + \frac{(ty)^2}{2!} + \frac{(ty)^3}{3!} + \dots \right] p(y)$$

$$= \sum \left[p(y) + ty p(y) + \frac{(ty)^2}{2!} p(y) + \dots \right]$$

$$= \sum p(y) + t \sum y p(y) + \frac{t^2}{2!} \sum y^2 p(y) + \dots$$

$$= \left(1 + tE(Y) + \frac{t^2}{2!} E(Y^2) + \dots \right)$$

→ function of all moments

Theorem: If $m(t)$ exists, then for any $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

$$\frac{d^k m(t)}{dt^k} \Big|_{t=0} = m^{(k)}(0) = \mu'_k = E(Y^k)$$

Proof:

$$m(t) = 1 + t M_1 + \frac{t^2}{2!} M_2 + \frac{t^3}{3!} M_3 + \dots$$

$$m'(t) = M_1 + \frac{2t}{2!} M_2 + \frac{3t^2}{3!} M_3 + \dots$$

$$m'(0) = M_1 = E(Y)$$

$$m''(t) = M_2 + \frac{2t}{2!} M_3 + \dots$$

$$m''(0) = M_2 = E(Y^2)$$



Example: Find the mgf for $Y \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$.

Solution:

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

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

$$E(Y) = m'(0) = e^{\lambda(e^t - 1)} \cdot \lambda e^t \Big|_{t=0} = \lambda$$

Example: (#3.155) Let $m(t) = \frac{1}{6}e^t + \frac{2}{6}e^{2t} + \frac{3}{6}e^{3t}$. Find

- (a) $E(Y)$;
- (b) $\text{Var}(Y)$;
- (c) Distribution of Y .

Solution:

$$(a) E(Y) = m'(0) = \frac{1}{6}e^t + \frac{2}{6}e^{2t} \cdot 2 + \frac{3}{6}e^{3t} \cdot 3 \Big|_{t=0}$$
$$= \frac{1}{6} + \frac{4}{6} + \frac{9}{6} = \frac{7}{3}$$

$$(b) \text{Var}(Y) = E(Y^2) - E(Y)^2 = 6 - \frac{49}{9} = \frac{5}{9}$$

$$E(Y^2) = m''(0) = \frac{1}{6}e^t + \frac{2}{6}e^{2t} \cdot 4 + \frac{3}{6}e^{3t} \cdot 9 \Big|_{t=0}$$
$$= \frac{1}{6} + \frac{8}{6} + \frac{27}{6} = 6$$

$$(c) m(t) = E(e^{tY}) = \sum e^{ty} p(y)$$
$$= e^{ty_1} p(y_1) + e^{ty_2} p(y_2) + \dots$$

$Y:$	1	2	3
	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{2}{6}$	$\frac{3}{6}$

$$E(Y) = 1 \cdot \frac{1}{6} + 2 \cdot \frac{2}{6} + 3 \cdot \frac{3}{6} = \frac{7}{3}$$